District Open Table Tennis Championship concludes



MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia with other officials and winner students at prize distribution ceremony.

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Three-days long District Open Table Championship, organized by the District Table Tennis Association Udhampur under the aegis of J&K Table Tennis Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, concluded with enthusiasm and participation from across the

The championship, held

to encourage budding talent and promote the sport in Udhampur, saw players competing fiercely in various categories.

The closing ceremony was graced by MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia as the Chief Guest, who emphasized the importance of sports in building a disciplined and healthy society. SHO Udhampur Purab Singh, attended the event as the Guest of Honor.

In a remarkable show of encouragement for young table tennis enthusiasts, MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia aimed at providing better facilities for training and improving the skills of local players.

Addressing the players, he urged them to pursue their passion for the sport with dedication and highlighted the government's focus on promoting sports

The event showcased exciting matches and remarkable performances, making it a memorable occasion for players and spectators alike. Tarun General Secretary expressed his gratitude towards all the guests & players. He said that District Table Tennis Association Udhampur continues its commitment to fostering sportsmanship

nities for local athletes to shine on bigger platforms, he added Final results:

In under 11 boys, Sukant Ganotra beat Unnat Magotra by 3-2 set. In under 13 girls, Prisha Sharma beat Adhira Singh by 3-2 set score. In under 17 boys, Ujjwal Verma beat Viren Thakur by 3-0 set. In women senior, Kajal Devi beat Adhira Singh by 3-1 set. In men senior final, Madhav

Sharma beat Sourav

In the end, prizes were

Sharma by 3-2 set.

distributed among players. Among others were present Vinod Baru (President), Rahul Magotra (General Secretary Beopar Mandal), Akash Sharma, Prikshit Khajuria, Ankit Sharma Coach TT, Sunny Sharma, Achat Magotra, Akhil Bandral, Sahil Malgotra, Maninder Singh, Deepak Sharma and Subash Singh.

J&K Tennis Cricket team departs for IFFAG National Tournament in Goa

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Tennis Cricket Team was officially dispatched today to compete in the prestigious IFFAG National Tournament 2025, to be held in Goa from November 4-6. The tournament will showcase elite teams from across India in a highly anticipated national competition.

Under the strategic leadership of Coach Sunil Kumar, the team is fully prepared to represent Jammu & Kashmir on the national stage. The squad features Sharon as Captain and Manik as Vice Captain, alongside team members Sahil, Tayyab, Amit, Rahu, OM, Manjeet, Atish, Ricky, and Sanjeev.

In a formal send-off ceremony, Tarun Uppal, Chairman of Nirbhay Bharat Foundation, addressed the team and provided words of



Chairman NBF, Tarun Uppal with team.

encouragement.

He urged the athletes to compete with discipline and dedication while serving as ambassadors for the sporting culture of Jammu & Kashmir.

Uppal emphasized the crit-

a drug-free, healthy society and fostering regional progress. Coach Kumar expressed

strong confidence in the team's capabilities, noting their exceptional preparation and commitment to

Wushu Ranking Tournament for 20th Asian Games commences



Dignitaries inaugurating wushu match

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JAMMU: The Wushu Ranking Tournament for the upcoming 20th Asian Games 2026 began on Monday at the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, showcasing an exciting display of skill, strength, and determination from athletes across the country.

100 athletes,

from various states, participated in the pre-quarterfinals, quarterfinals, and semifinals held

Several promising junior athletes delivered outstanding performances, defeating higher-ranked players and signaling the rise of new talent in Indian Wushu.

The Wushu Association including the top 8 ranked of India (WAI) plans to

shortlist 15 probables under the Target Olympic Podium (TOPS) Scheme and select four athletes for

the National Coaching

Camp to be conducted at a

Sports Authority of India

Centre.

Additionally, Association will propose a 60-day foreign exposure camp in China, expected to begin in mid-December 2025. The tournament was

inaugurated by Vijay Saraf, Secretary General. WAI, in the presence of Suhel Ahmed, CEO, WAI, and Kuldeep Handoo, Chief Coach and Selector.

Handoo thanked the Association for choosing Jammu & Kashmir as the venue for this prestigious national event.

According to Handoo, the national coaching camp is proposed to commence on 15th November 2025. Based on the athletes' performances and Selection Committee's recommendations, the top performers will retained, while underperformers may be replaced by new talent to strengthen India's national squad.

Notably, the Selection Committee conducted physical fitness tests of all participating athletes yesterday at the University of

MIET Jammu clinches Inter-Collegiate Football (Men) C'ship trophy



MIET Jammu receiving Inter-Collegiate Football (Men) C'ship trophy.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, organized the Inter-Collegiate Football (Men) Tournament for the session 2025-26.

The tournament witnessed spirited participation, exceptional performances, and exemplary sportsmanship from student-athletes representing various affiliated colleges under the University of Football

Tournament 2025-26 at the University Football Ground. The event witnessed an atmosphere of intense excitement, competitive spirit, and remarkable sportsmanship among the participating teams. In a thrilling final encounter, MIET Jammu emerged as champions, defeating GDC Udhampur by 3-2 goals in a closely contested match that kept the spectators on the edge of their seats. Earlier in the tournament, $_{
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Jammu, while Jammu registered a narrow 2-1 victory over GDC Kathua to reach the finals. Earlier in the tournament, GDC Udhampur had

defeated the PG Deptt. JU by 4-3, while MIET Jammu registered a narrow 2-1 victory over GDC Kathua to secure their place in the final. The third place was claimed by the PG Deptt. JU who beat GDC Kathua by 2-1 goals.

The matches were officiated by Rahul Sharma, Menia, Dheerai Bahadur, Kartik, Shivam

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Gupta, Ramesh Chander, and Gagan Kumar, who ensured smooth conduct, fair play, and adherence to the rules and regulations of the game.

The tournament was organized under the overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU, whose dedicated team played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful conduct of the event with a strong emphasis on discipline, fair play, and organizational excellence

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38th Jammu District Kho-Kho Championship begins

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JAMMU: The 38th Jammu Kho-Kho District Championship 2025 commenced on Monday with enthusiasm at the Green Play Field, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, featuring spirited participation from 27 teams representing various schools and clubs across the district.

The three-day tournament was inaugurated by Jagdish Raj, Managing Director, Diagnostic & Imaging Centre, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He was accompanied by Special Invitees Ajay Gupta Chief Coach and Manager KK Haku Stadium and Anil Sharma Manager Green Play Field Jammu.

In his welcome address. Amrinderpal Singh, General Secretary, Jammu and Kho-Kho Kashmir (JKKKA), Association extended his best wishes to all participants and commended the organizing team for their efforts in promoting Kho-Kho at the grassroots



Jagdish Raj, MD Tawi Diagnostic & Imaging Centre interacting with players.

Secretary, JKKKA, also greeted the players, delegates, and officials present at the venue. The first day of the champi-

onship witnessed several exciting and competitive matches across different categories.

In the Under-14 Boys division, Model Academy defeated APS Jammu Cantt by 4 APS Jammu Cantt won against APS Akhnoor by 2 points, while IDPS Jammu beat Shiksha Niketan by 2 points.

In the Under-18 Girls category, APS Akhnoor overcame APS Jammu Cantt, while New National School Miran Sahib defeated Oriental Academy by 1 inning and 3 points, and SAI Club edged

inning. For the Under-18 Boys, Model Academy Jammu outplayed Jammu Sanskriti School by 14 points, and NIS Club beat Parivartan Club by 1 inning and 1 point.

All matches were officiated by a technical panel comprising Dheeraj Sharma, Sahil Dev Singh, Sandeep Singh, Yogesh Kumar, and

NIS Club by 1 point and 1 points. In Under-14 Girls, Satish inspects departmental offices on opening day of Darbar Move



Sports Minister Satish Sharma conducting inspection of the offices.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the first day of opening of the Darbar Move at Civil Secretariat here, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma on Monday conducted comprehensive inspection of all the offices functioning under his Ministry.

The Minister, accompanied by senior officers of the concerned departments, visited various sections and reviewed the working of the administrative units including the offices of FCS&CA, IT, Transport, and Youth Services & Sports. He took stock of the arrangements made for the smooth

conduct of official business in the Secretariat and assessed the readiness of staff and infrastructure following the shift to the winter capital

During the inspection, Satish Sharma interacted with officers and employees, enquired about their requirements, and instructed them to maintain the highest standards of discipline, punctuality, and efficiency. He emphasized on the importance of citizen-centric approach in governance, stating that our focus must always remain on prompt service delivery, accountability, and transparency in every aspect of administration.

He further directed the departmental

heads to ensure effective coordination between field offices and the Secretariat so that public grievances are addressed in a time-bound manner.

The Minister also reviewed key ongoing initiatives under each department, particularly digital service expansion under the IT Department, consumer protection measures under FCS&CA, road safety awareness campaigns under the Transport Department, and sports development programs being implemented across Jammu and Kashmir. Highlighting the government's commitment to responsive and efficient administration, Satish Sharma said that the reopening of the Secretariat marks the beginning of another productive session of governance aimed at accelerating the pace of public welfare and infrastructure development. He called upon all officers to rededicate themselves to the mission of good governance and ensure that every government initiative reaches the grassroots level effectively.

The Minister expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made in various offices and assured that all necessary support will be extended to further strengthen departmental functioning.

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