

J&K UT Masters Athletics Championship 2025-26 concludes

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JAMMU: J&K UT Masters Athletics Championship 2025-26 was held at University of Jammu, Synthetic Athletic track, organised by J&K UT Masters Athletics Association under the aegis of J&K Sports Council in collaboration with Directorate of Sports & Physical Education University of Jammu. On the valedictory function, Ravi Singh (Former Divisional Officer JKSSC) was the Chief Guest and B.R Chandan (Chairman) & Abdul Queem (President) was the Special Guests and Tarseem Basotra (General Secretary) & Rampaul Kapoor (Organizing Secretary) who felicitated the winners with merit certificates and medals. The Championship was conducted by expert panel of Coaches S. Gurcharan Singh, Harsimran Singh, Parveen Singh, Rakesh Chark, Gurdev Kour, Gyan Kour, Gurbachan Singh, Nitin Saini, Sahil Sharma, Monika, Kundan & Inran.

RESULT:
EVENT- 10,000 mtr Age group - 35+ MEN Ravi Singh Jassal (Gold), Sarfraz - (Silver), Parveen Manhas - (Bronze) Age group - 40+ MEN Ankur Basotra (Gold), Age group - 45+ ME Abhishek Sharma - (Gold), Age group - 50+ MEN Ajay Gandotra - (Gold) Age group - 55+ MEN Ajay Kumar Uttam - (Gold), Age group - 60+ MEN Sham Suri - (Gold), Bachan Lal - (Silver) Age group - 60+ MEN Tilak Raj - (Gold), A.K. Dutta - (Silver) Age group - 40+ WOMEN Shahida Parveen - (Gold) Age group - 45+ WOMEN Anuradha - (Gold) Age group - 50+ WOMEN Bhavna Slathia - (Gold) Age group - 60+ WOMEN Rekha Katoch - (Gold) EVENT- 3,000 mtr WALK Age group - 45+ MEN Abhishek Sharma - (Gold),



Organisers along with winners posing for photograph.

Rishikesh Pankaj - (Silver) Pankaj Sharma - (Bronze) Age group - 60+ MEN Ravinder Singh - (Gold) Vinay Sharma - (Silver) Sham Suri - (Bronze) Age group - 35+ WOMEN Avneet Kaur - (Gold) Age group - 45+ WOMEN Shobna - (Gold) Age group - 50+ WOMEN Bhavna Slathia - (Gold) Age group - 65+ WOMEN Sudesh Basotra - (Gold) EVENT- 5,000 mtr Age group - 35+ MEN Ravi Singh Jassal - (Gold) Kawal Singh - (Silver) Age group - 40+ MEN Mangat Singh - (Gold) Age group - 50+ MEN Manjeet Singh - (Gold) Age group - 60+ MEN Dr. Sanjeev Mohan - (Gold) Anil Katoch - (Silver) Age group - 65+ MEN Tilak Raj - (Gold) Age group - 70+ MEN Govind Singh - (Gold) Age group - 75+ MEN Captain J C Sharma - (Gold) EVENT- 800 mtr Age group - 35+ MEN Mukesh Kumar - (Gold), Kawal Singh - (Silver) Age group - 40+ MEN Sandeep Sharma - (Gold) Age group - 45+ MEN Shafat Ul Bashair - (Gold), Pankaj Sharma - (Silver) Age group - 55+ MEN Rakesh Kumar - (Gold), Ajay Kumar Uttam - (Silver) Age group - 60+ MEN Ajay Gadotra - (Gold), Sanjeev Mohan - (Silver), Anil Katoch - (Bronze) Age group - 40+

WOMEN Shivali Verma - (Gold) Age group - 45+ WOMEN Lokendra - (Gold), Deep Mala - (Silver) Age group - 60+ WOMEN Rekha Katoch - (Gold) EVENT- 400 mtr Age group - 35+ MEN Anil Singh - (Gold) Age group - 40+ MEN Lal Singh - (Gold) Age group - 50+ MEN Bachan Lal - (Gold) Age group - 55+ MEN Rakesh Kumar - (Gold), Rajinder Katoch - (Silver) Age group - 60+ MEN Yashpal Sharma - (Gold) Age group - 65+ MEN A.K. Dutta - (Gold) Age group - 35+ WOMEN Neha Sandgal - (Gold) Age group - 40+ WOMEN Shivali Verma - (Gold) Age group - 45+ WOMEN Deep Mala - (Gold) Age group - 70+ WOMEN Kanta Butyal - (Gold) EVENT- 200 mtr Age group - 35+ MEN Danish Yousaf - (Gold) Dalip Sharma - (Silver) Age group - 40+ MEN Tahir Mir - (Gold), Sandeep Sharma - (Silver), Ankur Basotra - (Bronze) Age group - 45+ MEN Kewal Krishan - (Gold), Dilawar Khan - (Silver), Rishikesh Pankaj - (Bronze), Age group - 55+ MEN Yashpal Sharma - (Gold) Age group - 60+ MEN Yashpal Sharma - (Gold), Surajmani Sharma - (Silver) Age group - 70+ MEN Captain JC Sharma - (Gold) Age group - 35+ WOMEN Auneet

Kaur - (Gold) Age group - 40+ WOMEN Shahida Parveen - (Gold), Lokendra - (Silver) Age group - 45+ WOMEN Shobna - (Gold) Age group - 50+ WOMEN Pushpavathi JP - (Gold) Age group - 65+ WOMEN Sandeep Kaur - (Gold) Age group - 70+ WOMEN Kanta Butyal - (Gold) EVENT- 200 mtr Age group - 35+ MEN Danish Yousaf - (Gold), Dalip Sharma - (Silver), Age group - 40+ MEN Tahir Mir - (Gold), Harish Sharma - (Silver), Mangat Singh - (Bronze) Age group - 45+ MEN Reyaz Ahmed - (Gold), Jagdeep Kumar - (Silver), Santosh Kumar Sinha - (Bronze) Age group - 55+ MEN, Pankaj Ahmed - (Gold), Rajinder Katoch - (Silver), Yashpal Sharma - (Bronze), Age group - 60+ MEN Rakesh Sambhal - (Gold), Suraj Mani Sharma - (Silver) Age group - 65+ MEN Madan Lal - (Gold), Age group - 70+ MEN Govind Singh - (Gold), Age group - 45+ WOMEN Anuradha - (Gold), EVENT- Long Jump, Age group - 35+ MEN Anil Singh - (Gold), Imran Ahmed - (Silver) Age group - 40+ MEN Kundan Lal - (Gold), Age group - 45+ MEN Santosh Kumar Sinha - (Gold), Age group - 60+ MEN Rishi Choudhary - (Gold) Age group

14th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship

Haryana Cricket Academy beat KGF XI, reach into Semi-Finals



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KATHUA: In furtherance and ongoing its knockout basis match of 14th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship 2025-26, 3rd Quarter final match was played at Sports Stadium Kathua which attracts a large number of gathering of general public.

Today third quarter final match was played between KGF XI vs Haryana Cricket Academy team in which KGF XI team won the toss and chose to bat first. While batting first, the team set a total of 95 runs in 20 Overs and gets all out in which Ragabav Scored 25 runs in 19 balls with 01 boundary alongwith 02 sixers and Akash Tomar scored 15 runs of 22 balls with the help of 02 boundaries. While chasing a target of 95 runs Haryana Cricket Academy team easily chase down the given target and scored 95 runs at the loss of 02 wickets in 9.4 overs in which only Ashwani Chhillar was top scorer who scored 41 runs in 23 balls with 03 boundaries and 03 sixer and Aryan scored 28 runs in 21 balls with the help of 03 boundaries and 01 sixer. Thus, Haryana CA team won this knockout basis match by 08 Wickets and was the third team to reach into Semi Final whereas Ashwani Chhillar was declared as Man of the Match for his brilliant performance while scoring 41 runs off 23 balls with the help of 03 boundaries alongwith 03 sixers.

Jammu hosts open prize money Chess tourney from Jan 28

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JAMMU: All Jammu and Kashmir Chess Association (AJKCA) shall hold Open prize (Rs one lakh) money Chess Tournament at IDPS School, Sunjwan, here from January 28. The entries for this three-day event shall close on January 20. However, the entries can be submitted with Binchu Pathania (90866-12069) on or before the last date. The event is meant only for the players belong to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir; a handout issued by the AJKCA here today informed.

National Kalarippayattu League from Jan 17

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JAMMU: The National Kalarippayattu League shall be organised from January 17 at Thiruvananthapuram as part of various initiatives of the Central Government to provide a nationwide platform for the promotion and development of the ancient martial art of Kalarippayattu.

In addition to its inclusion in prestigious events, such as the National Games and the Khelo India Youth Games, the proposed League aims to further strengthening the presence of Kalarippayattu at the National level.

The League is being conducted under the banner of Indian Kalarippayattu Federation (IKF), which is recognized by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). For the past one month, League-related training programs have been successfully conducted across 16 states.

The competition will feature eight major Kalarippayattu events, with participation from boys and girls in the Under-18 category.

A total of eight athletes, selected based on their performance in state-level competitions, will earn the opportunity to participate in the League matches. Children aged between 14 years and 18 years are only eligible for this prestigious event.



The Sports Authority of India (SAI) will award prize money, certificates, and medals to the top three performers in each event. The League is scheduled to be held on January 17 and January 18 at SAI LNCP, Thiruvananthapuram. Preparations for the event are in their final stages under the guidance of Dr. Ambu R. Nair, secretary general of the Indian Kalarippayattu Federation. The League will be formally inaugurated by the Union Minister for Sports on January 17 at 10:00 am.

Royal Goodwill CC and Valley Stars Ganderbal storm into finals of BIG JKPL 2025-26

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JAMMU: High-voltage action marked the semi-final stage of the HexaMed BIG Jammu Kashmir Premier League (BIG JKPL) 2025-26, organised by 92.7 BIG FM, as Royal Goodwill Cricket Club and Valley Stars Ganderbal registered contrasting yet emphatic victories to book their places in the grand final at the University of Jammu Ground. A huge crowd witnessed the semi-final matches, with cricket enthusiasts thronging the venue and creating an electrifying atmosphere throughout the day. The league is being conducted with the support of HexaMed Diagnostics as the Title Partner, CT University as the Powered By Partner, Kanwal Spices and Oxford Hospital as the Associate Partners, JK Sports Time as the Live Streaming Partner, and Pepsi as the Beverage Partner.



In the first semi-final, Royal Goodwill Cricket Club displayed exceptional resilience to edge past Sultan Warriors Baramulla by 11 runs in a nail-biting encounter. After winning the toss and opting to bat first, Royal Goodwill struggled against disciplined bowling and were bowled out for 104 runs in 18.2 overs.

Intiyaz Lefty stood tall under pressure, scoring a crucial 45 runs off 38 balls, including four boundaries and three sixes, to give his side a fighting total. Defending the modest target, Royal Goodwill produced a remarkable bowling performance. Gowher Leggy emerged as the game-changer, returning impressive figures of 3 wickets for 16 runs in 4

overs, earning him the Player of the Match award. He was ably supported by Rithik Singh (2/18), Rouf Bashir (2/9) and Jehangir Lone (2/10), who maintained relentless pressure on the batting side.

In reply, Sultan Warriors Baramulla were bundled out for 93 runs in 18.5 overs. Asim Bashir (20) and Arjun Singh (16) offered brief resistance, but the disciplined bowling attack ensured Royal Goodwill sealed a thrilling victory to secure their spot in the final.

The second semi-final witnessed a dominant all-round display by Valley Stars Ganderbal, who out-classed Tiles and Bath Cricket Club. Batting first, Valley Stars posted 129/9 in 20 overs, with skipper Nadeem Dar leading from the front with a composed 46 off 44 balls*, while Danish Muzaffar contributed 34 runs.

In response, Tiles and Bath CC collapsed under sustained bowling pressure and were bowled out for just 67 runs in 12.1 overs. Samar spearheaded the bowling attack with 4 wickets for 17 runs, while Bhagmender Lather delivered an impactful spell, claiming 3 wickets for 18 runs. For his decisive performance, Bhagmender Lather was adjudged the Man of the Match.

Also present on the occasion were Mr. Vikrant Sharma, Cluster Head North, 92.7 BIG FM, RJ Jubie, Morning Show Host, along with Ahmed Ikhlaq and Sahil Choudhary, who expressed gratitude to the officials, media, sponsors and spectators for their continued support.

With both finalists decided, the BIG JKPL 2025-26 now heads towards an exciting climax, promising a thrilling finale for cricket lovers across the region.

Intellectual Civil Society delegation from Ladakh calls on LG Kavinder



Delegation members calling on LG Kavinder Gupta.

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NEW DELHI: A delegation of the Intellectual Civil Society from Ladakh, comprising prominent business leaders and professionals, called on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Shri Kavinder Gupta Ji, in New Delhi. The meeting witnessed an extensive and constructive discussion on investment prospects, tourism expansion, sustainable industries, innovation-led entrepreneurship, and long-term socio-economic development opportunities in Leh and Ladakh.

The delegation placed on record its deep appreciation for the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for transformative decisions that have opened Leh and Ladakh to the rest of the world. Members acknowledged that these bold reforms have catalysed tourism, infrastructure development, business confidence, social initiatives, and CSR opportunities, positioning Ladakh as a safe, progressive,

and attractive destination for national and global stakeholders.

The delegation was led by its Chairman, S. S. Sodhi, and included Pankul Rathore, associated with an Indian no-waste-to-energy enterprise; Karan Sethi, Managing Partner, N.D. Radha Kishan & Co., a legacy transport company; Shiv Kant Khajuria, Managing Director, EEE Electric Car Company. All members of the delegation expressed a strong commitment to contributing to Ladakh's growth story through sustainable business practices, innovation, and responsible investment.

The delegation also appreciated the proactive role played by the local administration and the police department in maintaining peace, law and order, and a secure environment, which has been instrumental in promoting tourism and encouraging investment in Leh and Ladakh. In this context, the delegation warmly welcomed the newly appointed Director General of Police, Shri Mukesh Singh, describing

him as a dynamic, humble, and upright officer. Members expressed confidence that under his leadership, policing in Ladakh would further strengthen public trust, safety, and the region's image as a safe tourism destination.

The delegation conveyed heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Hon'ble Union Home Minister for their discerning choice of dedicated and capable officers, whose leadership is playing a pivotal role in shaping Leh and Ladakh into a peaceful, secure, and development-oriented region. During the interaction, S. S. Sodhi especially commended the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor for the progressive and inclusive sports policies introduced in recent years. He noted that these initiatives would significantly benefit students, sportspersons, schools, and emerging talent across Leh and Ladakh, fostering discipline, excellence, and national integration among youth. The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed the administration's commitment to transparent governance, investor-friendly policies, youth empowerment, innovation, sports development, and holistic socio-economic progress in the region. The meeting concluded on an optimistic note, with the delegation reaffirming its resolve to actively contribute to nation-building and to support initiatives that promote peace, prosperity, and inclusive growth in Leh and Ladakh.

Poonch Warriors wins District Hockey trophy



Organisers along with winner team posing with trophy.

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POONCH: Poonch Warriors Hockey Club clinched the District Poonch Hockey Championship which held under the banner of Hockey J&K and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at Astro turf Stadium, here today. In the title clash, Poonch Warriors defeated Poonch XI 4-3. Jagmeet scored two goals and Gamanpreet and Mohd Altamash one each for the winning side. From Poonch XI, Mannu, Kavleen and Matinderpal were the scorers.

In the final, Khalil Bandy, District Social Welfare Officer Poonch was the chief guest, who along with guest of honour, Mohd Qasim, DYSSO, Poonch presented the title trophies and other individual prizes. While congratulating

Hockey J&K for holding the event, the chief guest assured all possible support for the uplift of game of Hockey in Poonch.

Among other prominent present were Nirdosh kumar, Ravinder Singh, Varinder Singh, Kewal Suri, Mukesh Kumar, Tanveer Dar, Prof Nitin Sharma, Ajit Verma, Matinderpal Singh, Pawan Kumar and Manjeet Singh. The technical panel in the final comprised Harmik Singh, Vikas Sharma, Sunil Raina, Kavaldeep Singh, Navjot Singh, Jaspreet Kour, Saval Ahmed and Mohd Shoket. The championship held under the overall supervision of organising secretary, Sanjeev Sharma and Gurdeep Singh Sangral, president as also Taran Singh, general secretary Hockey J&K.

Sat, Priya felicitate Rollball World Cup gold medallists

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JAMMU: Sat Sharma CA, President, J&K BJP, and Rajya Sabha MP, accompanied by BJP J&K Vice President Priya Sethi, Anita Gandotra and Sunita Sareen on Monday felicitated the winners of the 7th Rollball World Cup at the BJP Headquarters in Jammu.

The felicitating ceremony was held to honour the outstanding achievement Hiteswar Singh and Suvidha Sarin at the 7th Roll Ball World Cup, held from December 14 to 18, 2025, in Dubai, where the Indian team brought laurels to the nation.

Representing India, Hiteswar Singh and Suvidha Sarin, who competed in the Men's and Women's categories respectively clinched gold medals in their respective events, bringing immense pride and laurels to the Jammu and Kashmir.

Congratulating Hiteswar Singh and Suvidha Sarin on their remarkable achievement, Sat Sharma CA praised their dedication, discipline, and hard work, stating that their achievement has made not only Jammu and Kashmir but the entire country proud.

He said that such international victories reflect the immense sporting potential of India's youth and inspire aspiring athletes, especially young girls, to pursue sports with determination. "Hiteswar and Suvidha gold medals are matter of



MP Sat Sharma CA felicitating winners of 7th Rollball World Cup at BJP Headquarters in Jammu.

pride for the nation. Their success shows that with commitment and the right support, our athletes can excel on the global stage," Sat Sharma said.

He further emphasized that the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has taken several initiatives to promote sports, including Khelo India and improved infrastructure, which are providing new opportunities to sportspersons across the country.

BJP J&K Vice President Priya Sethi also lauded Hiteswar and Suvidha for their remarkable performance and perseverance. She said that the victory of the Indian Roll Ball Team sends a strong message about the growing participation and success of women in sports.

"Suvidha has become a role model for young girls. Her achievement proves that women can excel in every field when given equal opportunities and encouragement."

Priya Sethi stated, "J&K youth possess exceptional talent and the ability to compete at any national and international level. With the right platform, encouragement and institutional support, they can excel and bring glory to the region," She said.

She added that achievements like these serve as an inspiration for young athletes and strengthen Jammu and Kashmir's presence on the global sports map. She added that the BJP remains committed to supporting sportspersons from Jammu and Kashmir and ensuring better facilities and platforms for nurturing talent.

Hiteswar and Suvidha expressed their gratitude to the BJP leadership for the honour and thanked her coaches, teammates, and family for their constant support. The event concluded with words of encouragement for young athletes to strive for excellence and bring further glory to the nation.