

Jammu District Athletics Championship concludes

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JAMMU: Jammu District Athletics Championship organised by Jammu District Athletics Association under the aegis of J&K Amateur Athletics Association, J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association in U-14, U-16, U-18, U-20, open categories for both boys & girls concluded on Sunday.

About 200 athletes of different schools and institutions of Jammu district participated in the Championship.

In the valedictory function, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest and SSP Shaheen Wahid and Harinder Pal Singh were the Guests of Honour. Also present were Ravinder Singh (Babbi), Sr. Vice President J&K Athletics Association.

They awarded the winners certificate and medals in presence of Seema Kharyal, Jaissica Kour and Mukesh Sharma.

Earlier, President and Secretary General of Jammu District Athletics Association welcomed Chief Guest and distinguished dignitaries and briefed them about the further Athletic



Winner athletes posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

activities. Championship was conducted by expert panel of coaches Chamel Singh, Gurcharan Singh, Harvinder Singh, Gurbachan Singh, Amardeep Singh, Narinder Singh, Monika Chalotra, Mandeep Kour, Bhushan Kumar, Pankaj Kumar, Nitin Saini, Sahil Sharma and Aryaaveer Singh.

FINAL RESULTS
BOYS U-14 60 mtrs:
Yuvraj Singh, 1st. Suryavansh, 2nd and Gurveer Singh, 3rd. 600 mtrs: Summar Choudhary, 1st, Mohd.Irfan, 2nd and Rudraksh Khanna, 3rd. U-16 60 mtrs: Jaskirit Singh, 1st, Anubhav Angral, 2nd and Ashmeet Angral, 3rd. 600 mtrs: Vansh Kumar, 1st, Shahidali, 2nd and

Jogesh Majotra, 3rd. Long Jump: Anubhav Angral, 1st, Jaskirat Singh, 2nd and Ashmeet Angral, 3rd. Shot Put: Aman Khajuria, 1st, Vishavpratap Singh, 2nd and Gaurav Sharma, 3rd. U-18 100 mtrs: Akshay Sharma, 1st, Rajveer, 2nd and Ranvir Singh, 3rd. 200 mtrs: Akshay Sharma, 1st, Eklove Sharma, 2nd and Rajveer, 3rd. 400 mtrs: Arun Choudhary, 1st, Sunil Sharma, 2nd and Himanshu Kumar, 3rd. 100 mtrs: Arun Choudhary, 1st, Sameer Choudhary, 2nd and Sumit Sharma, 3rd. Long Jump: Rahul Sharma, 1st, Rajdeep Singh, 2nd, Anish Singh, 3rd. Shot Put: Sujal Chib, 1st, Paramveer Singh, 2nd and Ankush Sharma, 3rd. U-20 100 mtrs: Abhi Kumar, 1st, Varun Sharma, 2nd and

Sumet Bhagat, 3rd. 200 mtrs: Varun Sharma, 1st, Abhi Kumar, 2nd and Sumet, 3rd. 400 mtrs: Sahil Kumar, 1st, Savit Kumar, 2nd and Mukanandan, 3rd. 1500 mtrs: Pratap Singh, 1st, Aditiya Singh, 2nd and Vishal Kumar, 3rd. Long Jump: Suraj Kumar, 1st, Savit Kumar, 2nd and Sourav Choudhary, 3rd. **GIRLS U-14 60 mtrs:** Bhumika Jamwal, 1st, Harmandeep Kour, 2nd and Aradhiya Gupta, 3rd. 600 mtrs: Aradhiya Gupta, 1st, Simrah Noorain, 2nd and Dameen Khan, 3rd. U-16 60 mtrs: Akshara Sharma, 1st, Afsana Altaf, 2nd and Shravya Sharma, 3rd. 600 mtrs: Akshara Sharma, 1st, Shravya Sharma, 2nd and Afsana Altaf, 3rd. Shot Put: Tanisha Rajput, 1st,

Harkirat Kour, 2nd and Supali Kalotra, 3rd. U-18 100 mtrs: Gulnaz Kour, 1st, Sukhmeet Kour, 2nd and Suman Devi, 3rd. 200 mtrs: Gulnaz Kour, 1st, Suhani Sharma, 2nd and Taranpreet Kour, 3rd. Long Jump: Sukhmeet, 1st, Sanjana, 2nd and Rhythm Sharma, 3rd. Shot Put: Sanjana, 1st, Surbhi, 2nd and Ashika, 3rd.

MEN Open 100 mtrs: Shawn Daniel, 1st, Gulshan Kumar, 2nd and Ajay Singh, 3rd. 200 mtrs: Ankush Magotra, 1st, Shawn Daniel, 2nd and Ghansham, 3rd. 400 mtrs: Ankush Magotra, 1st, Ghansham, 2nd and Rahul Kumar, 3rd. 800 mtrs: Anil Singh, 1st, Sahil Choudhary, 2nd and Hamid Firdoos, 3rd. 1500 mtrs: Bharat Kumar, 1st, Vishal Chib, 2nd and Ganesh Sharma, 3rd. 500 mtrs: Narinder Singh, 1st, Vinay Khajuria, 2nd and Vishal Chib, 3rd. Long Jump: Rahul Kumar, 1st, Varun Verma, 2nd and Mohd.Anwar, 3rd. Shot Put: Abhishek Padha, 1st, Jagmeet Singh, 2nd and Mohd.Latif, 3rd.

WOMEN Open 100 mtrs: Suvridha Sarin, 1st, Nazia Bibi, 2nd and Poonam Kumari, 3rd. 400 mtrs: Shamshad Bano, 1st, Nazia Bibi, 2nd and Suvridha, 3rd.

City's basketball athletes to get a chance to excel in first Uprising Basketball League-U League in India

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SRINAGAR: City eagers both in men and women categories can dribble against the basketball players across the country at U-League, India's first uprising league in Indian Basketball history which is slated to schedule in February 2023.

The U League will be a dynamic developmental basketball league dedicated to nurturing emerging talents and fostering the next generation of basketball stars. Apart from Srinagar, 15 others men's team would be competing against Kanpur, Raipur, Banaras, Gurugram, Aizawl, Ranchi, Bhopal, Noida, Cuttack, Nagpada, Pondicherry, Patna, Vizag, Dehradun, and Bhillwara in men's category while a total of six women's teams will be based out of Ludhiana, Vadodara, Indore, Jaipur, Kochi, and Hyderabad.



The league will compete in an exciting league format, promising intense matchups and showcasing the raw talent that our league aims to nurture.

U League is set to redefine the landscape of developmental basketball, providing a platform where aspiring athletes can hone their skills, showcase their talents, and pursue their dreams of professional basketball careers. With a commitment to excellence, inclu-

sivity, and player development, league aims to create a breeding ground for the future leaders of the sport.

The U League prioritizes the holistic development of players, offering comprehensive training programs, mentorship opportunities, and a supportive environment to help basketball athletes reach their full potential.

Sunny Bhandarkar, CEO, Elite Pro Basketball said, "Rather than nourishing only 50 odd basketball athletes, Elite Pro Basketball aims to create over 700+ jobs through EPBL, EWPBL, and the U League in the next 3 months, creating the biggest ecosystem in Indian Pro Basketball. We will create employment opportunities for players, coaches, physical trainers, management personnel, interns and many more related to Basketball in India."

Vicky Akash XI Pathankot, Stadium XI Kathua win in 12th Police Martyr's North Zone T-20

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KATHUA: Vicky Akash XI Pathankot and Stadium XI Kathua defeated opponent teams in the ongoing 12th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Tournament, organized jointly by District Police Kathua and Shaheed Welfare Committee at Sports Stadium Kathua, here Sunday.

In first match of the day, Vicky Akash 11 Pathankot outplayed SPJ Gurgaon by five wickets. Batting first, SPJ Gurgaon scored 170 runs for the loss of six wickets in 20 overs. Ankit Narwal was the top scorer with 89 runs off 62 balls with the help of nine boundaries and five sixes and Surinder Dahiya scored 31 runs off 25 balls with two boundaries and a six. In reply, Vicky Akash XI Pathankot easily chased the target making



Chief Guest presenting Man of the Match award to a player.

171 runs for the loss of five wickets. Navneet Virk with his splendid batting scored 92 runs off 49 deliveries studded with eight boundaries and seven sixes for which he was declared as Man of the Match.

In another match, Stadium XI Kathua defeated JKP Kathua by six wickets. JKP Kathua, batting first after winning the toss, scored 71 runs for the loss of ten wickets in 11.1 overs. Arnav was

the top scorer with 41 runs off 32 deliveries with eight boundaries. While chasing a target, Stadium 11 Kathua made 72 runs in 6.5 overs for the loss of four wickets. Kannu, who did splendid bowling spell of 03 overs in which he took four wickets besides scoring winning knock of 41 runs off 15 balls with the help of five boundaries and three sixes, was declared as Man of the Match.

St. Xavier Convent School celebrates Annual Day for Senior wing

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JAMMU: St. Xavier Convent celebrated its 26th Annual Day for Senior wing on Saturday. The chief guests for the event were Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director of School Education and Mumtaz Ahmed SSP and Guests of Honour were S.M Gill Ex MLC and Vijay Kumar St. Paul's Church among other dignitaries present were Director ER H.R. Padha, Principal Pankaj Vihans Padha, Vice-Principal Mridhu Padha, faculty, press, parents and students.

The programme commenced with a prayer fol-



Chief Guest and faculty at Annual Day celebration.

lowed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief guests and Guests of Honour. The Principal shared the school's achievement through the Annual Report.

Randhir Salathia, a senior faculty member, delivered a speech highlighting tremendous progress of the school in various fields. The prize, certificates

and medals were distributed to the toppers in academics and in sports by the Chief Guests. Illustrious Alumni of the School were also appreciated and rewarded.

Various breathtaking performances by the students showing cultural diversity yet unity in India. The chief guests applauded the efforts of the management and teachers for the continuous excellent performances of the students in academic as well as cultural activities. The vote of thanks was presented by the Vice-Principal Mridhu Padha.

Sanda events mark day-2 of Wushu meet

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JAMMU: Sanda events of equipped demonstrations by Sub-junior and Junior boys and girls marked the day-two of the ongoing 17th J&K Wushu Championship, organised by Wushu Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Bhagwati Nagar Indoor Complex, here today. Clad in traditional attire, young Wushu trainees from different districts of the Union Territory demonstrated their skills to excel in different age and weight categories.

The five-day competition shall conclude on February 26 with the holding of valedictory function at the same venue.

The day also witnessed visit of member J&K Sports Council, Rajiv Sharma to encouraged the young participants. Also present were Haneef Choudhary, Chief Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council; Sharat Chander Singh (DySP).

The visiting guests were introduced with the budding talent of the UT by Kuldeep Handoo.

The Results: **BOYS:** Under-9: Below 28 kg: Eisa Iqbal, Shopian, Ist; Rehneel, Kathua, 2nd; Naveed Fiyaz, Budgam and Kamakesh, Jammu, 3rd. 32 kg: Ahsan Zahoor, Bandipora, Ist; Zyan Ahmad, Kishtwar, 2nd;



Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Mohd Amaan, Kishtwar and Aashisva, 3rd. Open: Shazaib Malik, Budgam, Ist; Harsh, Jammu, 2nd; Arsh Arora, Jammu and

Animesh, Jammu, 3rd. Under-12: 20 kg: Aarnav, Udhampur, Ist; Rohit, Jammu, 2nd; Arman, Jammu and Arav,

Jammu, 3rd. 24 kg: Mohammad Anas, Srinagar, Ist; Shah Faisal, Handwara, 2nd; Shunain, Srinagar and

Rayan, Srinagar, 3rd. 28 kg: Chitvam, Jammu, Ist; Gaurav, Udhampur, 2nd; Abdullah, Srinagar and Ashtisham, Handwara, 3rd. 32 Kg: Ahsan Ul Haq, Shopian, Ist; Haider Mushtaq, Baramulla, 2nd; Asim Bilal, Srinagar and Sakshdeep, Samba, 3rd. 44 Kg: Adnan Yaseen, Shopian, Ist; Aman Sadiq, Baramulla, 2nd; Zeeshan Showkat, Poonch and Umar Hayat, Poonch, 3rd. Under-14 year: 20 Kg: Balvinder Kumar, Jammu, Ist; Dakish Raina, Anantnag, 2nd; Danish Maqbool, Jammu, 3rd. 24 Kg: Ninad Sartaj, Anantnag, Ist; Tarun, Kathua, 2nd; Aditya, Jammu and

Reyansh Rajput, Jammu, 3rd. 28 kg: Deepak Kumar, Reasi, Ist; Aditya Manhas, Jammu, 2nd; Uttakarsh, Udhampur and Furkaan Wani, Handwara, 3rd. 32 Kg: Suryaveer, Samba, Ist; Haider Mushtaq, Baramulla, 2nd; Ayush Singh, Jammu and Numan Masrat, Ganderbal, 3rd.

GIRLS: Under-9: 28 kg: Parisa Jafar, Kishtwar, Ist; Hiyashvi, Jammu, 2nd; Rudrakshi Bhadwal, Kathua and Fareen Hilal, Jammu, 3rd. 32 kg: Atifa Batool, Samba, Ist; Noran, Srinagar, 2nd; Ritika Rajput, Jammu and Shambhavi Sharma, Jammu, 3rd. Open:

Vasudha Sharma, Jammu, Ist; Harshita Atri, Jammu, 2nd; Avika, Jammu and Haya Idrees, Srinagar, 3rd. Under-12 year: 24 kg: Baisa, Shopian, Ist; Aqsha, Kupwara, 2nd; Roshni, Akhnoor and Lakshmi, Jammu, 3rd. 28 kg: Geenakshi, Samba, Ist; Fatima, Srinagar, 2nd; Siddhi, Jammu and Misti Kumari, Jammu, 3rd. Below 36 kg: Sofia Hilal, Handwara, Ist; Mehrin Zaud, Ganderbal, 2nd; Fatima Nisar, Kulgam and Zeenat Fatima, Samba, 3rd. 40 Kg: Umar Ali Sofi, Bandipora, Ist; Safullah Riyaz, Budgam, 2nd; Wakas Hafeez, Bandipora and Mohd Adnan, Bandipora, 3rd.

Educational institutions celebrate Christmas

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JAMMU: Christmas was celebrated with great pomp and show by various educational institutions in Jammu.



Shiksha Niketan School students and faculty at Christmas celebration.

Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, organized Christmas Carnival in the school premises. The function was conducted by the Higher Secondary Wing of the School.

The Programme was inaugurated by Sonali Sharma, Prosecuting Officer and Lt. Sudanshu Sharma along with the Principal Rameshwar Mengi, the Directors Rakshan Mengi, Rishheek Mengi, the headmaster, the incharges and the staff members of the respective wings.

Various Programs were organized one after the other by the students of 11th and 12th class which included Carol Singing, Cultural items like Garba, Bhanga and Pop Dance.

Sonali Sharma encouraged and motivated the students for their future endeavours. Lt. Sudanshu Sharma praised the students for organising such function which promote universal brotherhood.

As per the celebration, the school organized an array of stalls with a variety of spicy and savoury mouth-watering food items. There were many games stalls for the entertainment of the students.

The event was coordinated by Commerce Incharge Sachin Mehta under the supervision of Higher Secondary Incharge Sudesh Rana. The programme ended with the cake-cutting ceremony.



Vishwa Bharati School students celebrating Christmas.

Vishwa Bharati Senior Secondary School Akalpur Morh, celebrated Christmas by organizing a programme in school ground. Students presented beautiful dance and song items concerning Christmas. The tiny toddlers of pre-primary wing presented a wonderful tableau costuming as Santa Claus and fairies.

The festival of Christmas was celebrated at Humanity Public School. A special assembly was organised by the students of 10th class. Program began with lighting of candles by the Principal of the school, Gaurav Charak, Vice-Principal, Anku Charak along with the Incharges of different wings



HPS faculty and students at Christmas celebration.

Akashdeep Raina (Senior Incharge), Keshav Raj Sharma (Incharge Hr. Sec. Wing), Namrata Sharma (Incharge High Wing), Vandana Sharma (Incharge Primary-Wing), Aparna Billowria (Incharge Pre-Primary Wing), Er. Varinder Kumar (IT Incharge), Meenu Khajuria (Activity Incharge) & Mahan Singh (Sports Incharge).

The programme continued by beautiful Rhymes presented by Aradhiya, Danish, Afreen, Pallavi and Navya delivered their speeches on Christmas Day under the guidance of Music teachers, Rajan Kumar and Kumar Abhilash. tiny toddlers of U.K.G performed a mesmerizing dance under the guidance of the Dance teacher, Taruna Mehra. Students of class 5th Ansh & Khushal were dressed as Santa Claus.

The whole programme was beautifully hosted by the girls of class 10th Mansi & Yojana.

Gaurav Charak and Anku Charak wished the Merry Christmas to all the Incharges, Staff members & the students of the school.

Lord Shiva Day Boarding High School Ghou- Manhasan Jammu celebrated Veer Bal Divas and Christmas in the school premises to pay homage to the sacrifices of the four Sahibzaadas, four sons of Guru Govind Singh ji.

The event started with the singing Shabad. Eshmeet Kour of

class 3rd gave introduction of four Sahibzaadas, Samardeep Singh of class 9th, Sanjamdeep Kour of class 9th and Damandeep Kour of class 7th sang a song.

School also organised a programme to celebrate Christmas Day. The entire school was decorated with flowers, lights, posters and balloons.

All the students and the faculty members were very excited and full of enthusiasm for the celebration. The ceremony began with prayer at 10 a.m. after that various programs were organised. Students of class 1st Samayra, Aradhiya, Eva, Ruhi, Prachi, Taniya, Neharika, Dharika, Devyanshi, Nabhanaya, Raghav, Keshav, Honey, Jattin, Krishmesh and Abhimanyu presented dances on jingle bell and Om Sai Ram.



Lord Shiva School students and faculty at Christmas celebration.

Students of class 2nd and 3rd Swara, Epshita, Kavya, Prachi, Nishi, Diyanish, Naman, Nushant, Eshmeet, Ami and Manya presented dances on Balle Balle. There was a beautiful performance from class 9th students along with their talented teacher Poonam, Chairman Ashok K. Magotra told how students can make their career bright and achieve their goals.

He also thanked every student who make the school campus beautiful and attractive.