

# Tamil Nadu emerges overall Champion at 42nd Jr National Tennikoit Championship

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JAMMU: The five day 42nd Junior (Boys & Girls) National Tennikoit Championship concluded on Sunday at Green Field, Gandhi Nagar, with Tamil Nadu lifting the overall championship trophy after a series of outstanding performances.

The championship brought together around 550 players and officials from 23 States and UTs, making it one of the largest and most competitive national Tennikoit events held in Jammu in recent years.

The closing ceremony was graced by Minister for Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma and Advisor to Chief Minister of Nasir Aslam Wani, who attended as the chief guests. They



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma speaking at closing ceremony.

felicitated the winning teams during the medal ceremony held soon after the final matches.

Speaking on the occasion, Satish Sharma congratulated all the participants and particularly lauded Tamil Nadu for emerging as overall champion. He said, "These young athletes sym-

bolize the strength, discipline and promise of India's sporting future.

"J&K is proud to host national events that promote excellence while spreading the message of health, peace and harmony across the region. The government will continue to ensure world-class facilities and opportu-

nities for our athletes to excel," maintained the Minister.

Nasir Aslam Wani, in his address, praised the championship's high standard of play and the determination shown by the young players from across the country. He remarked, "This event reflects the expanding sports culture in India and the passion that drives our youth. J&K has once again proven itself as an efficient, warm and capable host for national sporting championships. The performance and discipline displayed here will inspire many more young athletes."

The ceremony was also attended Jewal Vasra, Chairperson, Tennikoit Federation of India, who attended as Guest of Honour. Expressing grati-

tude, she said, "The Jammu & Kashmir administration has been an exceptional host. Their support, hospitality and seamless arrangements ensured that this championship became a memorable experience for every athlete, coach and official."

Senior officials from the Tennikoit Federation of India and the J&K Sports Council were present at the closing ceremony, commending the energy, skill and sportsmanship displayed throughout the event.

With the successful conclusion of this national championship, J&K continues to strengthen its position as a leading centre for major sporting events, offering the young athletes a vibrant platform to perform and progress.

# Garhi School girls win Kabaddi trophy



MLA Pawan Gupta with winner team and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Garhi won the 2nd Girls Kabaddi League Championship, which held at Rehmbal in district Udhampur.

In the final, GHSS Garhi defeated Garhi Kabaddi team in the final by a margin of four points.

Legislator, Pawan Gupta was the chief guest, who presented the title tro-

phies and other individual prizes. He complimented Sarpanch Shamsher Singh and his team for promoting sports among girls, especially the Indian origin games like Kabaddi.

He also felicitated Som Dutt Sharma of Garhi for excelling in the recently held Masters Games winning four medals. The contributions of Ram Kumar Sharma (Kabaddi Coach) and Pooja Sharma

were also lauded by the chief guest.

Former Deputy Director DYSS and vice president of J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides, Ashok Kumar Salhotra was guest of honour.

Besides Renu Kotwal, Principal, HSSGarhi; Bushman Abrol, Sarpanch Rehmbal; Prithpal Singh, Sarpanch Chopra Shop; Captain Yash Paul and a large number of prominent citizens and sports lovers were among those present.

# Department of YS&S Kishtwar leads successful day of District Trekking Expedition

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KISHTWAR: The Youth Services & Sports Department Kishtwar today successfully organized Day 6 of the Inter-Zonal District Level Residential Trekking Expedition for Boys marked by adventure, discipline and enthusiastic participation from young trekkers representing various zones of the district. The Day 6 trekking route began from the Base Camp and advanced through the scenic trails of Hiyal - Chowgan Ground - Hatta - Pochhal - Brayain offering

gettable trekking journey.

This prestigious expedition is being held under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma and under the overall supervision of DYSSO Kishtwar, Jaffer Haider Sheikh, who has been instrumental in ensuring smooth conduct, safety and quality arrangements throughout the event.

The trek was observed closely by ZPEO Kishtwar & Nagseni ensuring discipline and adherence to trekking protocols. On this day

to maintain stamina, stay focused and appreciate the adventure with responsibility.

Officials from the department also accompanied the group ensuring proper management, safety support, hydration points and continuous encouragement to the young trekkers. The picturesque terrains and the enthusiasm of the participants made the day exceptionally vibrant and memorable.

The Youth Services & Sports Department Kishtwar continues to promote adventure sports, environmental



DYSS officials posing with participating trekkers.

students a breathtaking experience of Kishtwar's natural beauty. The mesmerizing landscapes, fresh air and vibrant greenery provided the young participants an unfor-

Zorawar Singh (PET) led from the front motivating the trekkers with his dedication and energy. He provided valuable fitness and trekking tips to the boys encouraging them

awareness and physical fitness among students through such residential trekking expeditions, paving the way for holistic development of young learners.

# Teamwork guides J&K to big win over Bihar

## Aquib, bowlers dazzle; Qamran, batters razzle



J&K team posing for a photograph.

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KOLKATA: An outstanding all-round performance saw Jammu & Kashmir dominate Bihar in a thrilling encounter of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy at Eden Gardens today. The spectacular stroke play of Qamran Iqbal complemented by the lethal bowling of Aquib Nabi powered J&K to a commanding 34-run victory.

Batting first, Jammu & Kashmir posted a competitive total of 159 runs, anchored by a scintillating half-century by Qamran Iqbal. The young prodigy dazzled the Eden Gardens crowd with a rapid 64 off just 40 balls, laced with 7 elegant boundaries and 3 towering sixes. Significant

contributions from Yawar Hassan and skipper Kanhaiya Wadhawan, who scored 27 runs apiece, alongside Abdul Samad's valuable 16 runs, laid a strong platform for J&K's innings.

Bihar's bowling attack fought hard, with Sahib Hussain, MD Izhar, and S Gani taking 2 wickets each, while Khalid and Suraj Kashyap chipped in with one wicket apiece, but they couldn't contain the flow of runs.

In response, Bihar fell short, bowled out for 125 runs. Akash Raj top-scored with a resilient 28, supported by Suraj Kashyap's handy 21 and solid knocks of 19 runs each from Pratap and Bipin Sourabh. Dangerous Vaibhav

Suryavanshi was dismissed cheaply for 5 runs by Aquib Nabi. However, the batting line-up struggled to withstand the relentless pressure from Jammu & Kashmir's disciplined bowling unit.

Aquib Nabi emerged as the star bowler, producing a sensational spell of 4 wickets for just 16 runs in his 4 overs, decimating the Bihar batting line-up. He received excellent support from Yudhvir Singh and Murugan Ashwin, who took 2 wickets each, while Umran Malik also chipped in with a crucial breakthrough.

Jammu & Kashmir's cohesive team effort and individual brilliance ensured a well-deserved victory, propelling them forward confidently in

| SCOREBOARD                                  |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR INNING</b>           |              |
| Qamran Iqbal b Kashyap                      | 64           |
| Vivrant Sharma c Mahrou b Sakib Hussain     | 00           |
| Yawer Hassan lbw b Gani                     | 27           |
| Musaif Ajaz c Pratap Singh b Khalid Alam    | 03           |
| Abdul Samad c Kashyap b Mohd Izhar          | 16           |
| Kanhaiya (c)† c †Loharuka b Sakib Hussain   | 27           |
| Abid Mushtaq run out (Sakib Hussain)        | 03           |
| Yudhvir Singh c Sakib Hussain b Gani        | 09           |
| Aquib Nabi not out                          | 05           |
| Murugan Ashwin c †Loharuka b Mohd Izhar     | 00           |
| <b>Extras</b>                               | <b>05</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>159/9</b> |
| <b>BIHAR INNING</b>                         |              |
| Mangal Mahrou c & b Aquib Nabi              | 00           |
| Vaibhav Suryavanshi b Aquib Nabi            | 05           |
| Sakibul Gani (c) c †Wadhawan b Umran Malik  | 02           |
| Ayush Loharuka † c Ashwin b Aquib Nabi      | 00           |
| Akash Raj c Vivrant Sharma b Yudhvir Singh  | 28           |
| Bipin Sourabh c Yawer Hassan b Ashwin       | 19           |
| Raghuvendra Pratap Singh c Mushtaq b Ashwin | 19           |
| Suraj Kashyap c & b Aquib Nabi              | 21           |
| Khalid Alam c †Wadhawan b Yudhvir Singh     | 02           |
| Sakib Hussain not out                       | 11           |
| Mohd Izhar not out                          | 06           |
| <b>Extras</b>                               | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>125/9</b> |

the tournament.

"The team is in good spirits despite the skipper being on the injury list. Explosive batting of Qamran and sharp cum accurate bowling

of Aquib were the hallmark of the match. It's a tough pool but I am sure our team will continue to perform," asserted Brig Anil Gupta after the win.

# St Joseph's Convent High School Nagrota celebrates 22nd Annual Day

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JAMMU: St. Joseph's Convent High School, Nagrota, marked a memorable milestone as it celebrated 22 years of establishment with a grand and colourful cultural event attended by students, parents, staff, and the school management.

The celebrations unfolded with grace and enthusiasm, reflecting the institution's journey of excellence in education and holistic development.

The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the ushering in of knowledge. This was followed by an uplifting prayer dance by the students, setting a serene tone for the evening.

The central theme for this year's celebration,



Chief Guest lighting ceremonial lamp.

"Incredible India," highlighted the nation's diversity and cultural richness. The students brought alive the essence of India-its landscapes, music, traditions, and achievements-through a vibrant blend of dances and a carefully crafted skit. The school also showcased the new Band troops which added more colour to the program.

From the majestic

Himalayas to the deserts of Rajasthan, from soulful classical ragas to vibrant Bollywood rhythms, and from the ancient wisdom of yoga to modern space missions, the performances showcased why India is truly "Incredible." The young performers enthralled the audience, earning appreciation for their dedication and talent.

The event was graced by

the presence of Rt. Rev. Ivan Albert Pereira, Bishop and President of the Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar Education Society, who served as the Chief Guest.

Distinguished guests including Fr. Shaiju Chacko, Chairman of the Diocesan Education Board, Capt. Shibu Devasia, Adv. Raman Wazir, School Manager Rev. Fr. Jose John, and Principal Rev. Sr. Vinaya were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Rt. Rev. Ivan Albert Pereira praised the exemplary performances and felicitated academic toppers with certificates and awards.

He emphasized the crucial role of parents in shaping their children's educational journey and highlighted the significant contributions of the Catholic Diocese of J&K

in education and social welfare, particularly in remote regions of J&K and Ladakh.

Guest of Honour Fr. Shaiju Chacko applauded the efforts of students, staff, and the management. In his message, he stressed the importance of self-study, responsible use of mobile phones, awareness against drug abuse, and the need for consistent parental involvement in the lives of children.

School Manager Rev. Fr. Jose John warmly welcomed the gathering, while Principal Rev. Sr. Vinaya Varghese presented the annual report, outlining the achievements and progress of the institution. The event concluded with a colourful grand finale followed by the National Anthem, leaving the audience with cherished memories of a spectacular celebration.

# GGHSS Nowabad wins UT-Level Folk Dance Competition

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JAMMU: Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Nowabad students have brought laurels to the institution by securing the first prize in the UT-Level Folk Dance Competition organised by JKBOSE in collaboration with NCERT, New Delhi to raise awareness among young school going adolescents.

With this remarkable achievement, the talented team has also earned selection for the National Level event of NCERT, marking a proud moment for the school.

The mesmerizing folk dance performance was choreographed by Poonam Gupta, Teacher at GGHSS Nowabad, whose creative guidance and dedicated efforts played a pivotal role in



the team's success. The students were accompanied by the teacher Upma Sharma.

This achievement has been made possible under the patronage of Dr. Kartar Chand Sharma, Principal GGHSS Nowabad, whose continuous encouragement and support have been instrumental in nurturing the cultural talents of the students.

Our journey has been truly remarkable. From clearing

the School Level to excelling at the Zonal Level, advancing through the District Level, and finally triumphing at the UT Level-every step demanded dedication, resilience, and unwavering teamwork. The competition was intense, yet our commitment and hard work enabled us to rise above every challenge.

The school congratulated to the winning team and wishes them success at the upcoming National-Level Competition.

# Rohit Sharma breaks Shahid Afridi's record for most ODI sixes in history



sixes over deep mid-wicket off South African spinner Preenelan Subrayen in the 15th over of the innings to equal with Afridi, and pulled Marco Hansen over deep square leg to set the world record for most ODI sixes in least

number of innings.

The 38-year-old right-hander brought up the record shortly after completing his 60th half-century in ODI cricket.

Rohit eventually fell for 57 off 50 balls with five fours and three sixes.

The former India skipper, who earlier this year led his side to title win in the Champions Trophy and remains active only in ODI cricket, achieved the feat in only his 270th innings in his 278th ODI for India, having made his debut in 2007.

# Presentation Convent School celebrates Annual Day



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JAMMU: The Primary Wing of Presentation Convent Senior Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, celebrated its Annual Day with splendour and brilliance showcasing the theme 'Lumiere - A Celebration of Light'. The occasion was made even more special with the presence of the Chief Guest, Col. Akriti Sharma alumnae of the School.

The programme began with a heartfelt introduction to the Annual Day theme and cele-

brated 250 years of the Congregation of the Presentation Sisters. This milestone honoured the Founder, Venerable Nano Nagle's legacy of education and compassion which continues to inspire lives worldwide.

A delightful and imaginative addition to the programme was the presence of Nobita and Doraemon, who guided the entire audience through their magical 'Anywhere Door', transporting them into the enchanting worlds of the three fairy tales. This creative entry not

only captivated the children but also added a vibrant energy and continuity to storytelling.

The cultural performances that followed, beautifully brought alive three iconic tales of Cinderella symbolizing kindness, Aladdin depicting courage and Beauty and the Beast portraying love. The entire presentation echoed the School's core values of kindness, courage, love, caring and sharing.

The guests in their speeches, shared their deep sense

of attachment and gratitude toward their Alma Mater. Their nostalgic reflections and heartfelt words resonated with the audience, strengthening the emotional bond between past and present generations of the Presentation family.

The programme culminated with pride and gratitude, reaffirming the commitment to carry Venerable Nano Nagle's light forward. The celebration highlighted her enduring vision, inspiring all to keep her luminous legacy alive.

# Ananayaa Kotwal to represent J&K in National Chess C'ship

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JAMMU: Ananayaa Kotwal, daughter of Prof. Arjun Kotwal from Bhadra Bhaderwah, has been selected to represent Jammu & Kashmir in the 51st National Women Chess Championship 2025, to be held in Durgapur, West Bengal, from 3rd to 13th

Daba Sangstha on behalf of the All India Chess Federation at the Sidhu Kanu Indoor Stadium.

Krupali Singh (Gymnastics Coach), Iqbal Singh (Divisional Sports Officer Jammu), and Anil Kotwal (President, Bhaderkashi Chess Association, District Doda) associated with Ananayaa Kotwal.



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December 2025. The championship is being organised by Sara Bangla

congratulated Ananayaa and extended their best wishes for her success.