

84th UTT Inter-State National Table Tennis Championships

J&K men, women lose in group stages

J&K witnessing remarkable transformation in sports ecosystem since 3 yrs: Advisor Bhatnagar

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JAMMU: Unseeded Assam upset the appereart of Uttar Pradesh with a 3-2 verdict in the first-round match of the Group H encounter in the 84th UTT Inter-State National Table Tennis Championships at the Gymnasium Hall of University of Jammu, here on Monday.

In the men section, J&K lost their league tie to Karnataka 1-3 while the women lost in both their outings to Goa and RBI.

On the other hand, UP team which finished a quarterfinalist in the last edition in Meghalaya, were a little upset when pushed to the eighth position in seeding during the open draw held yesterday, failed to live up to expectations and proved the seeding more than justified.

The UP had three experienced players in their ranks, led by Abhishek Yadav, Divyansh Srivastava and Sarth Mishra, who could have done justice to their selection and made a bright beginning to the campaign here. However, Shankab Barua did the star turn for Assam, winning both his singles, especially after trailing 1-2 against Divyansh and single-handedly plotting the downfall



Advisor, R.R Bhatnagar declaring open 84th UTT Inter-State National Table Tennis Championships at JU.

of UP.

It was a positive beginning for Abhishek Yadav when he accounted for Abniv Bhaskar Gohain 11-8, 11-6, 11-8 in less than 25 minutes. But Shankab Barua, a good prospect, consolidated when he held his nerves after losing the third game (11-13) to win the next two to put Assam 2-0 up. The promising youth player, Priyanuj Bhattacharyya, should have wrapped it up when he led 2-1 in the fourth game. But he lost two tie points while Sarth Mishra converted his third game point to reduce the margin.

With UP leading 2-1, nobody would have given a grain of chance to Assam. But, surprisingly, Shankab turned the tables on the experienced Abhishek as

the UP left-hander found himself at the receiving end when the Assam lad beat him 12-10, 11-6, 11-9 to restore parity and take the issue to the decider.

Agniv played sensibly and did not fall into the trap of Divyansh, who has grown in stature. But the Assam paddler, making most of some negative points, beat Divyans 11-9, 7-11, 11-9, 11-9 in what were close calls in all three games he won.

Nothing is lost for UP as they can still qualify from the group as the second team. But other seeded teams went through the motions in their group matches, almost ensuring their pre-quarterfinal berths. However, a clear picture of the second qualifier from each group will

emerge after the third/fourth round matches tomorrow.

As for the women's team events, the group leaders seemed fully entrenched with their easy triumphs over their first-round opponents, thus ensuring their passage into the knockout stage.

Earlier, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar Monday declared open the Championship.

Addressing a large gathering of table tennis players including a galaxy of top stars from across the country at this grand event, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a remarkable transformation in sports ecosystem since the past three years.

This, he said, reflects story of growth and development here with sea of opportunities. He added that the UT government is giving prime focus to up gradation of sports infrastructure here and in last three years world class sports infrastructure has been established so that the youth of J&K excel in sports.

Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez asked for organizing an International level

championship in UT of Jammu and Kashmir which not only will boost the game but also give a message of love from this place to the entire world.

Chairperson of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), Vita Dani assured the UTT will continue to promote the table tennis game in the country.

Secretary TTFI, Kamlesh Mehta welcomed the participants and also lauded J&K Table Tennis Association for organising this event.

The pre-quarterfinals will be played tomorrow after the completion of league engagements.

Results (Incomplete):

Men's Team:

Group A: Round 1: PSPB bt Andhra Pradesh 3-0. Group B: Round 1: Punjab bt Sikkim 3-0; RSPB bt Nagaland 3-0. Group C: Round 1: TTFI 1 bt Ladakh 3-0; Ddelhi bt Kerala 3-0. Group D: Round 1: Haryana bt Meghalaya 3-0; Uttarakhand bt Chhattisgarh 3-1. Group E: Round 1: West Bengal bt Arunachal Pradesh 3-0. Group F: Round 1: MP bt Andaman & Nicobar 3-0; Telangana bt Bihar 3-0; Karnataka bt J&K 3-1. Group G: Round 1: Gujarat bt Himachal

Pradesh 3-0; Maharashtra bt Himachal Pradesh 3-0; Gujarat bt Daman & Diu 3-0; Round 2: Maharashtra bt Jharkhand 3-0. Group H: Round 1: Tamil Nadu bt Odisha 3-0; Assam bt UP 3-2. Round 2: UP bt Chandigarh 3-0.

Women's Team:

Group A: Round 1: Goa bt J&K 3-1; RBI bt TTFI 1 3-0. Round 2: RBI bt J&K 3-0. Group B: Round 1: PSPB bt UP 3-0; Kerala bt Punjab 3-1. Round 2: PSPB bt Punjab 3-0; Kerala bt UP 3-0. Group C: Round 1: West Bengal bt Nagaland 3-0; Chandigarh bt Meghalaya 3-0. Round 2: Chandigarh bt Nagaland 3-0. Group D: Round 1: Maharashtra bt Himachal Pradesh 3-0. Round 2: Maharashtra bt Arunachal 3-0. Group E: Round 1: Andhra Pradesh bt Arunachal Pradesh 3-0; Assam bt Chhattisgarh 3-1; MP bt Bihar 3-0; Round 2: Chhattisgarh bt Bihar 3-0. Group F: Round 1: Telangana bt Ladakh 3-0. Group G: Round 1: Haryana bt Manipur 3-0; Gujarat bt Jharkhand 3-0. Group H: Round 1: Tamil Nadu bt Odisha 3-0; Karnataka bt Uttarakhand 3-0. Round 2: Tamil Nadu bt Daman and Diu 3-0; Karnataka bt Odisha 3-1.

GCW Gandhi Nagar students take part in SEED-The Start-up Festival



Students and faculty members posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: 30 students from Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar on Monday participated in SEED-The Start-up Festival at Royal Retreat, Hari Niwas Palace.

During the event, students attended talks, workshops, discussions and movies by successful people and new business owners including Ritu Singh, Jyotika Jalani, Varuna Anand, Adishree Singh, Aditi Chopra, Delight William and Suvidha Jain.

The event was conducted under the patronage of

Principal of the College, Prof Minu Mahajan with active involvement from Convener Career Counselling Cell, Prof Rajni Kumari; Convener Institutional Innovation Cell, Prof Anupama Sharma; Warden, Anita Sharma; Prof Suman Bala besides members of Career Counselling Cell and Institutional Innovation Cell.

The event was organised by Adishree Singh and Team AGENC in collaboration with FLO JKL, MIET and Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation to promote start-up culture in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Game Changers Cricket Club, Royal Women Cricket Club Jammu and General Baj Singh Cricket Club Badhori registered wins in the ongoing T-20 Cricket Tournament, organized by Range Police Hqrs. Jammu under Civic Action Programme 2022-23 at Jammu University Cricket Ground, here on Monday.

the tournament is being held under the guidance and directions of DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Jammu Shakti Kumar Pathak and overall supervision of Staff Officer to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch, SSP.

DySP RPHQ Jatinder Singh Sambyal and Inspector Anjoo Pandita welcomed the Chief Guest, Mamta Sharma, SP City South, Jammu on fifth day of the tournament.

Chief Guest thanked to DIG Jammu Shakti

T-20 Cricket Tournament

Game Changers, Royal Women Jammu, General Baj Singh Club Badhori register wins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Kumar Pathak and Team Civic Action Programme RPHQ, Jammu for organizing the cricket tournament, both for men and women.

She also said that youth are future of the society and youth should take part in sports activities and stay away from drugs and bad company.

In first match of the day, Game Changers Cricket Club defeated Shine Star Cricket Club Jammu by four wickets.

Yogesh Sikka declared as Man of the Match for

scoring 33 runs and scalping two wickets.

In women match, Royal Women Cricket Club Jammu outplayed Guidance Counselling Cell Women Cricket Club Samba by eight wickets. Bhagya Lakshmi declared as Player of the Match for scoring unbeaten 42 runs.

In last match of day, Gen. Baj Singh Cricket Club Badhori defeated Barjani Cricket Club Samba by 12 runs. Riaz Ahmed declared as Man of the Match for scalping three wickets.

Staff Officer to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch SSP, Chief Guest Mamta Sharma SP City South Jammu, DySP RPHQ Jatinder Singh, Accountant RPHQ Sanjeev Sharma and Inspector Anjoo Pandita distributed cash prize to the winning and runner-up teams and Certificate and cricket ball to Man of the Match.

The CAP Committee members of the Range Police Hqrs. were present for smooth functioning of the tournament.

Farewell-cum-fresher party organised in Ashoka Law College Kathua

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KATHUA: A farewell-cum-fresher party was organized with fervour and enthusiasm in the Ashoka Law College Kathua. Dr. Prem Sharma, Joint Director was the Chief Guest while Dr. Tarsem Babbar was the Guest of Honour and Chairman, Kamal Gupta presided over the function. The function started with the lighting of lamp followed by Saraswati Vandana by girls students. The cultural programme started with the songs dances and Bhangras. The chairman praised the students to perform the activities in the nice way. In his speech he warned the students about the menace of drugs which is prevalent in the society. Principal of the College, Dr. Ajit Lal advised the students to work hard for the success in life. Harnesh Chander Sharma, Sr. Lecturer of the college, highlighted the achievements of college since the year 2004.



Vote of thanks was presented by Seema Braroolg, Sr. Lecturer of the college. The programme ended with the Bhangra in which many students participated.

Jammu wrestler lifts 73rd Panasa Dangal Title 2023



President Kreedha Bharati J&K, Shiv Kumar Sharma introducing wrestlers of main bout.

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KATRA: Wrestler Maam Hussain of Jammu lifted 73 Panasa Dangal title by defeating wrestler Babba of Kot Bhawal Jammu, Akhara Domana in the 1st main bout that lasted for 15 minutes at Village Panasa in Tehsil and District Reasi. Wrestler Maam Hussain was adjudged as the best wrestler of the Dangal which was organized by Panasa Dangal committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision Ashok Kumar Bali (President), Munshi Ram Bali and Sarpanch Bal Krishan.

The title winner wrestler Maam Hussain was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 7,000/- while runner-up wrestler Babba got Rs. 6,000/-. President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association Shiv Kumar Sharma, was the chief guest on the occasion who distributed cash prize among the winners and runner-up wrestlers. Social activist Sohan Singh Thakur (Sonu) was the Guest of Honour. ASI Mangal Singh was also special guest on the occasion.

In all 92 bouts were played in the one day long Dangal and an expenditure of Rs. 2,00,000 has been incurred for conduct of this Dangal. Sohan Singh Thakur contributed Rs. 11,000 as financial assistance to the organizers. Second main bout was fought between Surjeet

Singh of J&K Police Reasi and Raju of Kangra and was won by Surjeet Singh he was cash awarded with Rs. 6,000 while runner-up wrestler Raju got Rs. 5,000. Third bout was won by Kaka of R.S Pura who defeated Ajay Sharma of Udhampur. Dangal was organized under the supervision of organizing committee including Ashok Kumar Bali (President), Sarpanch Bal Krishan, Munshi Ram Bali, Shiv Natraj, Mohd. Saleem, Abdul Rashid, Om Parkash, Numberdar Raghunath Singh, Harnam Singh, Master Jagdev Raj, Kuldeep Singh, Buntty Mistry and Retd. Capt. Lehar Singh.

The proceedings of Dangal were conducted by Munshi Ram Bali and Anil Kumar while welcome address was presented by Shiv Kumar Sharma, President Kreedha Bharati J&K. Sharma thanked the Police Department, media person, guests, wrestlers and people who witnessed the Dangal.

He assured that the association will give every possible help for the development and promotion of wrestling in J&K UT.

Other results: Sunil of Kot Bhawal beat Dinesh of Delhi, Amit of R.S Pura beat Pritam of Reasi, Salman of Udhampur beat Sethi of R.S Pura, bouts played between Rajesh of J&K Police and Chain Singh of Reasi, Bablu J&K Police and Kulbir Singh of Kot Bhawal and Madan Lal and Sanjay of Pargal ended in a draw.

Taekwondo players hails DYSS for providing equipments

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POONCH: Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K Govt provided taekwondo mats and chest guards to the taekwondo players of border district Poonch. Around 200 young boys and girls of taekwondo daily got training from Department of Youth Services and Sports Poonch. Physical Education Teacher and Taekwondo Coach Rajinder Singh.

All budding players



Taekwondo players with Department of Youth Services and Sports and others officials after receiving Taekwondo equipments at Poonch.

assembled at Indoor Complex of Sports

Stadium Poonch and thanked Department for

providing taekwondo equipments.

The Chief Guest of the occasion was Narinder Singh ZPEO Poonch, who congratulated all the players for getting new taekwondo equipments. He also advised students to work hard daily to win medals for J&K UT at national level.

Rajinder Singh PET and Taekwondo Coach thanked Secretary DYSS J&K, Sarmad Hafeez, Director DYSS Subash Chander Chibber, Deputy Director Planning Ravi Sharma and Mohd Qasim DYSSO Poonch for providing these equipments to the players.

BSF Primary School shines in 10 Ka Dhum Khelo Women Khelo India Championship

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JAMMU: BSF Primary School won two gold, two silver , six bronze medals in 10 Ka Dhum Khelo Women Khelo India Championship held at Indoor Sports Complex, Bagwat Nagar Jammu on March 18, 2023. Gold Medal winners were Manita Saproo in 45 kg and Manya Kandhari in 27kg. Silver Medal winners were Khushnuma Jamwal in 23 kg and Arvi Rathore in 40 kg. Bronze medal winners include Apeksha Chibber in 23 kg, Simarjot Kour in 32 kg, Sonam Thakur in 36 kg, Heral in 40kg, Purti Rathore in 45 kg and Saben Sabri in 28kg. Other participants players were Goneka Raina, Riya Kapoor and Purnima Badyal. Headmaster BSF Primary School, Sonia Gupta congratulated the medal winners and their NIS Judo Coach, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal.



Srinagar hosts Women's Wushu meet



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials.

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SRINAGAR: Organised by SRINAGAR Association of J&K and sponsored by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Khelo India 10 Ka Dum Wushu Women meet held at Polo Ground here on Monday.

Around 500 young females

participated in this mega event. Among those prominent present to encourage the participants were Nadeem Ahmad Dar, Deputy Director SAI J&K; Nuzhat Ara, Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir and Joint Secretary Wushu Association of J&K, Mohd Maqsood

Rather and Vice President of District Wushu Association Srinagar, Irfan Ahmad Wani as also Aijaz Ganai.

The visiting guests expressed their thanks to the SAI for extending women athletes an opportunity to showcase their talent and excel.

J&K Beach Wrestling meet from March 24

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JAMMU: Wrestling Association of J&K (WAJK) shall hold two-day Under-20 J&K UT Beach (Mud) Wrestling Championship and Senior J&K UT Beach (Mud) Wrestling Championship at Bajrangi Akhara, Shalamar Road, here. The competition shall take place from 8 am onwards and the players have been advised to bring along Aadhar Card and Date of Birth Certificate.

For further clarification, wrestlers can contact Jai Bharat (8717024777, 8899790423), Om Parkash (9797596802) and Ravinder Sharma (9149826972).

Volleyball tourney begins at Jhulas

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POONCH: Organised by Nangi Tekri Dogra Battalion, an open volleyball championship, involving eight local teams, got underway at Army ground Jhulas, here today.

The competition, which is being held in collaboration with Sunil Kumar Sangeet Kumar and Sons, was declared open by Mohd Shaffiq (DySP) was chief guest, who declared open the competition. He appreciated the role of Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Volleyball Club, Mohd Tariq and highlighted the contributions of Indian Army towards youth in



Volleyball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

the border areas. Among other prominent present included Maroof Ahmed, Ramiz Tariq, Javid Ahmed and Mohd Ayaz.

The Results: Gobi Club bt Masjid Mohalla 2:1 (22:25, 25:19, 15:12); Behara Club bt Mangnar Club 2:0

(25:14,25:06); Philor Club bt Dara King 2:0 (25:21,25:23) and Khanaiter bt Center Jhulas 2:0 (25:14,25:18).