

IHRSC skaters shine in 67th SGFI National Championship, bag 12 medals

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JAMMU: In a remarkable display of skill and determination, Indian Hawks Roller Skating Club (IHRSC) emerged as one of the standout performers at 67th School Games Federation of India (SGFI) National Skating Championship held at Satna, Madhya Pradesh from April 11 to 15, 2024 by securing a total of 12 medals across various categories.

The event, which drew participants from across the nation, witnessed IHRSC skaters showcasing their prowess on the national stage. The Indian Hawks contingent ranging from novices to seasoned ones participated in a series of challenging events, each competing with grace and tenacity.

The hard work of IHRSC players paid off handsomely, as they clinched an impressive tally of medals including five gold medals, two silver and five bronze



Medal winner skaters of IHRSC posing for a photograph.

medals, underscoring the club's depth of talent and commitment to excellence in the sport of speed skating. President of the Club Ashok Gandotra (Chief Engineer Retd.) praised the skaters for their performance and dedication. He said that the success of Indian Hawks skaters not only highlights the quality of training and skill devel-

opment provided by the club but also places it as a significant contributor to the national skating scene. "IHRSC's achievement has not only brought pride to the local community but also inspired many young enthusiasts in skating arena to take up the sport", he said adding that the club's continued focus on nurturing talent and

promoting sportsmanship is indicative of the fact that the future of local skating is going to be promising. He said that amid celebrations of the feat by the club's skaters, plans are already underway to further enhance training facilities and support for the players, ensuring that the club remains at the forefront of national competitions in the years to come.

IHRSC skaters who excelled at SGFI National Tourney in Satna, MP include Samarjot Singh (Gold, Silver) in under 19 years boys category, Udhay Narayan (Gold, Bronze) in under 17 boys, Praagat Kour (Bronze) in Under 17 girls category, Puneesh Puri (Gold) in under 14 boys, Tamanna Saini (2 Gold, Bronze) and Saanvi Grover (Silver) in under 14 girls category, and Tabish Haider (Bronze) and Adwait Sharma (Bronze) in under 11 boys category.

Makhdoomi-Budgam Clubs share Poonch Volleyball League title

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POONCH: Makhdoomi Club and Budgam Club shared the title trophy of SMSM Volleyball League after the rain interrupted final ended in a draw at Government Degree College ground, here.

Since the final remained undecided because of the unprecedented rain in the town, the organisers declared finalist teams as joint winner.

Earlier, Makhdoomi Club, led by Makhdoomi brothers, showcased their dominance throughout the event. They had a convincing victory over Haveli Club in the semifinal



Winner teams posing with officials after receiving trophy.

encounter.

For their professional contests, Makhdoomi Club enjoyed the overwhelming sup-

port from the crowd.

Important to mention here that the first ever volleyball league was organised by the

Shahed DySP Manjeet Singh Memorial Volleyball Club under the aegis of Volleyball Association of J&K.

Rollball teams cleared for 16th Sub-Junior National

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JAMMU: 28 members of Sub-Junior Rollball team (Both boys & girls) was cleared by J&K Sports Council Screening Committee headed by Baljinder Singh, Divisional Sports Officer and assisted by Suraj Bhan, Manager, Indoor complex and Joginder Singh which will participate in 16th Sub-Junior Rollball National being held at Dehradun (Uthtrakhand) from April 25 to 28, 2024.

Earlier final selection of the team was

made on March 30, 2024. Team was under mandatory training camp from April 5, 2024 under the supervision of Madhu Sharma who was assisted by Sameer Gupta, Manvijay Singh Slathia and Ankush Soni.

Teams: BOYS: Samuel Khokhar (Captain), Bhavyansh Sharma, Sarthak Dubey, Anant Aadhar Badyal, Zehraan Talib, Medhansh Singh, Tanish Kumar, Arnab Parihar, Aarav Singh, Astitva Choudhary, Mohd. Daiyan Bagdadi and Omaik Showkat Bagdadi.

Officials: Manvijay Singh (Coach) and Sameer Gupta (Manager).

GIRLS: Ishani Soni (Captain), Ishanvi Soni, Aadhya Singh, Urwah Sajad, Aditi Dogra, Sakshi Sharma, Dhvani Nanda, Bhumika Dogra, Mannat Sangral, Arushma Mir, Qurat Yaseen and Barira Showkat. Officials: Ankush Soni (Coach) and Arti Soni (Manager). Hiteswar Singh, the International Rollball player, motivated the players to perform well in the coming championship.

Jammu District Junior Basketball Championship concludes



Chief Guest, Gurpreet Handa presenting trophy to winner team at Jammu on Sunday.

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JAMMU: Jammu District Junior Basketball Championship was organised by the Jammu District Basketball Association under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Basketball Association at MA Stadium from the April 20 to 21, 2024. Various teams, both boys and girls participated in the championship with players from different institutions and clubs of Jammu.

A total of 14 teams participated in the championship with nine boys teams and five girls

teams. Among the girls, the championship was won by STC Warriors and the Terriers won the first runners up trophy. In the boys section, STC Warriors won the winner's trophy whereas Jammu Ballers won the first runners up trophy.

Gurpreet Handa was the Chief Guest for the day. She congratulated all the players and said that the players played well despite the gruelling heat. She congratulated all the teams for participating and encouraged them to play harder and improve their game. Dr Vikram

Handa, President Jammu and Kashmir Basketball Association and Ashok Singh President Jammu District Basketball Association were among the notable dignitaries present.

Sushma Jamwal, Chief Coach JK Sports Council, Ranbir Singh Coach from Youth Services and Sports, Shubham Sharma Mentor Khelo India and Sachin Dogra also graced the occasion.

Manoj Kumar Solanki, Amanjot Singh and Jaskirat Singh acted as officials during the championship.

GCW Parade SVEEP Cell organizes awareness rally

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JAMMU: The Government College for Women (GCW), Parade Jammu in collaboration with District Election Office organized awareness rally. The rally was led by Sachin Kumar Vaishey, District Election Returning Officer, Jammu Parliamentary constituency.

The faculty members along with hundred students of the college participated in the rally which began from the main gate of the college and culminated at the Panjirthi Chowk. The students of the college raised electoral literacy related slogans like "Chabbee Ki Kuthey Janaaei, vote Pan Janaaei", "Jan Jan Ne Thana Hai Vote Deney Janahai", Gaon Gaon Gali Gali Chunav Ki Lahar Chali".

The main objective of the awareness rally was to encourage the general public to vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections in large



GCW Parade students and faculty members during an awareness rally.

numbers and to motivate the young voters to participate in the electoral process without any hesitation, to ensure maximum voter turnout and to help in strengthening the core values of Indian democracy.

The DC Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishey was accompanied by ADDC Thakur Sher Singh ADDC and Nodal Officer SVEEP Jammu Dr.

Vikas Sharma and other team members. Later The DC Jammu addressed the large gathering of students and staff from various departments within the college premises in which he deliberated on the importance of every single vote after which popular Punjabi singer Sangram Hanjra performed for the audiences which was thoroughly

enjoyed by the students of the college.

Later the Natrang theater group under the leadership of Balwant Thakur performed a play titled Lok Tantra Ka Asli Mantra. The audience were mesmerized by the live performance of the artist. The play was successful in conveying the message of importance of right to vote. The volunteers of the

Electoral Literacy Club, NCC and NCC unit of the college showed great enthusiasm and shared the important information's like toll free numbers, My Gov app etc. issued by the Election Commission of India related to the election on 26th April in Jammu constituency with the first-time voters and other students of the College.

Free Diagnostic Medical Camp organised at JU



Doctors and faculty of University of Jammu at a free diagnostic medical camp.

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JAMMU: To promote community health and well being, University of Jammu, in collaboration with Dr. Mengi's Venture Sure Diagnostics Lab, successfully organized a comprehensive diagnostic and screening medical camp for morning walkers, University residents, and security personnel. Under

the leadership of Dr. Sumedha Mengi and her dedicated team.

The camp prioritised the diagnosis of prevalent health concerns such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Mengi also took the initiative to educate participants about the importance of routine body profiling and adopting healthy dietary

habits to effectively manage weight and blood sugar levels.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Medical Officer, University Health Centre commended Dr. Sumedha and her team for their efforts in providing free medical tests to the University's morning walkers, residents, and security personnel.

LS candidate Ankur intensifies election campaign

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JAMMU: Ekam Sanatan Party's National President, Advocate Ankur Sharma, contesting Lok Sabha Elections from Jammu-Reasi on "Bansuri/Flute" election symbol, along with his team members, on Monday addressed big public gatherings at Janipur Jammu, Village Karandi of Samba, Manohar Gopala, Bain Glar, Thlora Mandi,

Sharma in his speeches talked about Political Empowerment of Jammu Province, legislation of a law for Holy Cow's protection, regularisation of daily wagers, and grant of ownership rights of Custodial lands and Waqf lands to its lawful occupants.

Ankur appealed to vote for change, for effecting a generational change in leadership and requested



Ekam Sanatan Party's National President, Advocate Ankur Sharma speaking at public meeting.

Pashwalion Mandi, Sangwali Mandi of Samba, Vijaypur town, Village Diani and Village Sangwal,

everyone to vote in his favour from Jammu Lok Sabha by pressing the "Bansuri" button on EVM.

KKR eke out a heart-stopping one-run win over RCB



However, in a match with more twists and turns than a hilly road, it was KKR who first snatched the initiative making 222 for six around opener Phil Salt's aggressive 14-ball 48 and skipper Shreyas Iyer's composed 36-ball 50.

But the Royal Challengers were not bogged down by the imposing nature of their chase. Will Jacks (55, 32b; 4x4, 5x6) and Rajat Patidar (52; 23b, 3x4, 5x6) laid a fine foundation through a 102-run alliance for the third wicket that came off just 48 balls.

But from 137 for 2, RCB soon slipped to 155 for 6 with Andre Russell inflicting a double blow dismissing both Jacks and Russell inside three balls with his clever variation of slower balls.

last ball as RCB ended up at 222 all out in 20 overs.

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KOLKATA: Karn Sharma's scarcely believable last-over assault on Mitchell Starc gave Royal Challengers Bengaluru a glimmer of hope but the Kolkata Knight Riders kept their nerves to eke out a dramatic one-run win off the last ball in their IPL match here on Sunday.

The Royal Challengers required 21 runs off the last over bowled by left-arm pacer Starc while chasing a daunting 223-run target set by the Knight Riders.

The result seemed a foregone conclusion with Karn and Mohammed Siraj at the crease, but the former nearly turned the match on its head.

Karn, a leg-spinner with no real pedigree with the bat, hammered three sixes off Starc to reduce the margin to three runs off two balls.

But Starc redeemed himself taking a return catch to dismiss Karn (20, 7b, 3x6) and Lockie Ferguson was run out off the

SCOREBOARD

Kolkata Knight Riders	
Phil Salt † c Patidar b Mohammed Siraj	48
Sunil Narine c Kohli b Yash Dayal	10
Angkrish Raghuvanshi c Green b Yash Dayal	03
Venkatesh Iyer c Lomror b Green	16
Shreyas Iyer (c) c du Plessis b Green	50
Rinku Singh c Yash Dayal b Ferguson	24
Andre Russell not out	27
Ramandeep Singh not out	24
Extras	20
Total	222/6
Royal Challengers Bengaluru	
Virat Kohli c & b Harshit Rana	18
Faf du Plessis (c) c VR Iyer b Varun	07
Will Jacks c & b Russell	55
Rajat Patidar c Harshit Rana b Russell	52
Cameron Green c Ramandeep Singh b Narine	06
Suyash Prabhudessai c Raghuvanshi b Harshit Rana	24
Mahipal Lomror c & b Narine	04
Dinesh Karthik † c †Salt b Russell	25
Karn Sharma c & b Stare	20
Mohammed Siraj not out	00
Lockie Ferguson run out (Singh/†Salt)	01
Extras	09
Total	221/10

Indian walkers Akshdeep, Priyanka qualify for Paris Olympics in mixed-relay event

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ANTALYA: India's mixed relay team comprising Akshdeep Singh and Priyanka Goswami qualified for Paris Olympics by virtue of their 18th place finish at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships here on Sunday. The top-22 teams automatically qualify for the quadrennial extravaganza and the Indian duo clocked a personal best time of 3:05.03 across the 42.195 km distance that they covered.

The format of mixed team relay walk warrants the man and woman to alternately cover the said distance.

The man first walks 12.195 km and then the woman covers 10km followed by another 10 km from the man and the final 10km by the woman.

SVEEP Cell, Sports Association host Rajouri Cup T20 Cricket tournament

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RAJOURI: SVEEP Cell Rajouri, in collaboration with the Sports Association on Sunday organised Rajouri Cup T20 tournament here under the supervision of District Election officer, Om Parkash Bhagat.

Nodal officer SVEEP, Prof Mohammad Iqbal Raina coordinated the sports event themed 'Chunav ka Parv Desh ka Garv'.

The tournament was inaugurated by the District Election Officer in presence of President Sports Association Rajouri and SVEEP team of Rajouri.

The DEO emphasized the importance of informed and responsible voting. He urged the participants to spread the



Nodal officer SVEEP, Prof Mohd Iqbal Raina and other officials at a sports event.

message of electoral literacy in the society and encourage people to exercise their democratic right.

The tournament featured several teams, providing a platform to young people from across the district to showcase their cricketing skills while

also learning about the electoral process.

Dr. Khalid Rayaz, member of SVEEP team said that this tournament not only promoted the sport of cricket, but it also provides an excellent opportunity to engage with the youth and raise awareness

about electoral literacy. The initiative was widely appreciated by the participants and local residents, who commended the SVEEP team and organising team of Rajouri Cup T20 tournament for their innovative approach to voter education.