

All India Inter-University Pencak Silat C'ship concludes JU lifts overall championship trophy



Winners posing with dignitaries after receiving trophies.

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu showed its supremacy by lifting overall championship trophy of the All India Inter-University Pencak Silat (Men & Women) Championship at the University Gymnasium Hall by securing highest 65 points. The Championship was organized by the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, University of Jammu. The men championship was bagged by GNDU Amritsar with 39 points whereas championship in women section was won by University of Jammu with 29 points.

The runner-up and second runner-up positions in men section were bagged by University of Jammu with

36 points and LPU Punjab with 28 points. Similarly, in women section the second and third places were occupied by LPU Punjab with 21 points and MDU Rohtak University with 17 points respectively.

Prof. Rajni Dhingra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on the valedictory-cum-prize distribution function of the championship in the presence of Nadeem Dar, Deputy Registrar University of Kashmir, Deputy Director SAI, Ex Ranji Player of J&K, Dr. Roopali Slathia Physical Director GCW Gandhi Nagar amidst large number of gathering of dignitaries, players and officials of the participating Universities, employees &

students of the university as well as the people from the civil society.

While addressing the gathering Prof. Dhingra congratulated the organizers for organizing such type of sports events, which will provide an opportunity to the students of the various universities across the nation to come closer to each other besides showing their Sports talent. Earlier, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU presented the formal report of the Championship.

Prominent among others present were Irfan Aziz Botta, Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Gourav Arora, Dr. Komal Nagar, Dr. Mandeep Singh, Vimal Kishore, Padam Dev Singh, Jai Bharat, Vikas Karlopia, Ravish Vaid, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Gagan Kumar, Harinderpal Singh, Tarvinderpal Singh, Bhavna Sharma, Sanjeev Sharma and officials of the participating teams.

The proceedings of the function and formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Komal Nagar I/c Assistant Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education.

'Silambam Martial Arts' tournament for girls begins



JKPYC President, Uday Chib posing with participating girls and officials.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress Committee (JKPYC) President, Uday Chib on Thursday urged the government to provide adequate sports infrastructure in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

The JKPYC President stated this while addressing a function as a Chief Guest after declaring open an Inter School District Level Competition (girls' events) in the discipline of Silambam for all age groups here today.

It is pertinent to mention here that Jammu Silambam Martial Arts tournament has been organized in Jammu North Assembly segment by the Department of

Youth Services and Sports Jammu as per the Annual Activity Calendar issued by the Director General Youth Services & Sports Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and under the overall supervision of DYSSO Jammu, Sukhdev Raj.

A lot of enthusiasm was witnessed among the children belonging to different private as well as government schools who have come to participate in the tournament.

"Youth excelling in the field of sports can also adopt it as a lucrative career," Uday said, adding that children can learn positive mental health skills including accountability, leadership and dedication by regularly participating in sports.

District-Level Rope Skipping Championship organised at GDC Kathua

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KATHUA: District level Rope Skipping Championship was held on Thursday at Govt. Degree College Kathua.

The Championship was inaugurated by Principal GDC Kathua Prof. Sumanesh Jasrotia, who was the chief guest at the opening ceremony. Besides, the advisory committee members, members of college sports board and members of District Rope Skipping Association were also present. The championship was organised by Kathua District Rope Skipping Association in collaboration with Department of Physical Education GDC Kathua.

Principal Prof. Sumanesh Jasrotia, in his inaugural address, praised the District Rope Skipping Association and Department of Physical Education for their coordinated efforts to host the district championship. He encouraged the participants and appreciated their parents who let their children take active part in sports and physical activities. He also suggested the audience maintain their Body Mass Index in order to keep themselves physically fit and healthy.

In this championship the participants from different



Participants posing for a photograph with faculty members.

schools of Kathua participated including students of GCW Kathua and GDC Kathua.

The students participated in six age groups viz: 8-10 years, 10-12 years, 12-14 years, 14-16 years, 16-18 years and 18-22 years. Almost 85 student athletes have taken part in their respective age groups.

It is pertinent to mention that it is for the first time that a Rope Skipping championship is organised at GDC Kathua. The proceedings of the opening and closing ceremony was carried out by Physical director GDC Kathua Dr J S Soodan.

Under 18-22 age category in women section Ms Gudia of GDC Kathua won the gold medal whereas in 18-22 age category Men Mr. Mohd. Ameen student of NCC GDC Kathua has won the gold Medal. The prizes were distrib-

uted by the chief guest of the closing ceremony Retired Chief Engineer PWD T R Bhagat among the winners of this championship.

The matches were officiated by Ms Tania and Ms Palak of GDC Kathua.

The matches were witnessed by senior faculty of the college Prof. Romila Guleria, Prof. Seema Malpotra, Prof. Raj Kiran Prof Jasvinder Singh, Prof. Rakesh Singh, Prof Ritu, Prof. Rajesh, Dr. Rachna, Dr. Verinder singh, Dr. Kamaldeep Singh, Dr. Shamsher Singh and others who were present Chairman Ashoka Law College Kamal Gupta, President of the Association Chain Singh, Organizing Secy. Ajay Sharma, State Secy. Ravi Andotra, Secy. Sanjay Bajrangti, Arpan Verma and Santosh Verma.

Bareena wins Boxing Bronze in Sub-Junior National

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JAMMU: Young boxer from district Srinagar, Bareena won bronze medal after reaching the semifinals of the Sub Junior National Boxing Championship held at Bellary in Karnataka.

Bareena performed exceptionally well in the preliminary rounds of the competition and lost in the semifinals. The J&K team was accompanied by Naresh Kumar as coach, Tariq

formance against tough opponents, especially her 5-0 win against Delhi and RSC bout against Pondicherry. She is a trainee of Farooq Ahmad, Boxing trainer posted at Indoor Sports Complex, Bakshi Stadium Srinagar," informed General Secretary of Boxing Association of J&K, Rajan Sharma.

Sharma, on behalf of the entire team of Boxing Associationm congratulated



Young Boxer from Srinagar, Bareena receiving bronze medal.

Ahmed assistant coach and Anveet Kaur as Manager. "Bareena has made entire J&K feel proud of her per-

formance for becoming first women boxer from the Srinagar to win a medal at the national level.

Mehbooba, Farooq act like Pakistan's ambassadors: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Charging former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Farooq Abdullah for toeing Pakistan's line, BJP leader Kavinder Gupta on Thursday alleged that both these leaders act like Islamabad's ambassadors and always stand against India. The former J and K Deputy Chief Minister also condemned the ghastly terror act in which a TV artist, Amreena Bhat, was brutally killed and her 10-year-old nephew injured in Kashmir on Wednesday.

Mehbooba and Abdullah never target terrorists and for such horrendous acts but do not waste even a jiffy in decrying the verdicts of the court against those who have allegedly waged a war against the country, Gupta said. "The PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and NC President Dr Farooq



Abdullah are toeing Pakistan's line. Both these leaders act like Pakistani ambassadors' and always stand against India," he told reporters here. He said this wrongful attitude is one of the reasons behind turmoil in the Valley. As far as terrorist acts in valley are concerned, Mehbooba, Farooq and others on the same boat never dare to speak a word against terrorists despite the fact that large number of innocent people are being killed but when it came to Yasin's (Malik) jail term, everyone in the coterie started shedding crocodile tears," the BJP

leader said.

"Why so much love for a terrorist?" Gupta asked.

He said the Modi government is trying to bring prosperity in the valley through various initiatives like inviting film industry, boosting tourism but the enemies of Kashmiris are busy killing minorities, tourists, and even locals, making it difficult to restore peace.

This is not enough when it comes to Kashmir because so-called mainstream leaders like Mehbooba are candidly supporting those acting against India and even instigating the people to ensure that unrest remains on ground as she feels this to be in her favour politically, he alleged, adding the Modi government will not allow such machinations and will tighten noose around each and every element working against the interests of the country.

DIS students shine in Football championship

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JAMMU: Students of Doon International School (DIS) Jammu, once again brought laurels to the school by winning the U-14 & U-17 Football Championship organised by Youth Services And Sports, Gandhi Nagar. The Captain, Rehan Sajjad of Class X, Doon International School led the football team which was composed of players from various schools.

They played the game with vitality and dynamism under the splendid counsel of their coach Davian and were proclaimed as winners. Furthermore, seven students from Doon International School who have been selected for U 14 and U 17 Nationals include Rehan Sajjad and Mohd Saleem (Class 10), Sayam Gupta (Class 7), Suryansh Malhotra, Muntazir Mehdi, Shujat Ali and Syed Ruhullah (Class 6). The Chairman G.N Tantray, Principal, Dr. Vikesh Kaur and Vice Principal, Dr. Sarita Moza Kaul appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged the students for their upcoming Nationals.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Gandhi Nagar, Dudha Dhari Mandir, Nanak Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 27 from 7 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Sheetli, part of Sidhra, banyal, MES Nagrota, PHE Sheetli, Lalyana, Salehar, Sarore, Miran Sahib, Biaspur, MES, Sainik Colony, Part of Ratnachak, Biaspur, Kotli, Kalyana, Purana Pind, Gho Manhasa, Marh, Gajansoo and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 27 from 7 am to 11 am.

SRS slams Govt for installing low-quality smart meters

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JAMMU: Shri Ram Sena (SRS) Jammu & Kashmir has slammed J&K Govt for installing low quality Smart Meters in the City of Temples, resulting in burning of meters and disconnection of power supply in several affected area.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, Rajiv Mahajan, President SRS said that numerous reports regarding burning of smart meters are pouring in from several parts of city, on almost daily basis. He said that people are facing immense difficulties due to fire incidents due to smart meters followed by disruption of elec-

tricity amid scorching summer. He said that children and aged people are severely affected due to such incidents, for which UT administration is squarely responsible.

Mahajan demanded that LG should immediately hold a probe into burning incidents of low-quality smart meters installed in Jammu and its peripheries. Rajiv Mahajan also condemned Govt's move to impose property tax, dog tax and toll taxes in Jammu region despite fact that BJP President Ravinder Raina himself had committed that there would be no toll plazas in UT and now BJP is shying to take up the serious issue with the Centre.



Gender Sensitization & Personality Development open mic organised at GGM Science College



Students and faculty members of GGM Science College during a programme.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized an open mic on Gender Sensitization and Personality Development.

RJ Tushar was the Guest of Honour.

The programme started with the welcome address by

Anchal Singh and comparing was done by Farzana Kouser.

The open mic was started by NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan, who emphasized the need of changing mindset and breaking the stereotypes.

"Together we can fight with gender bias," she said adding that the goal of gender sensitization is to address issues in gender

equality and encourage participants to pursue solutions.

RJ Tushar urged the students to include transgenders into the main stream.

The aim of organizing this event was to open the minds of young students to make them speak to help them raise voice and to stand for each other as a society. The whole event was organized by Aaghav Arora.

SCA Janipur defeats Kot Balwal XI by 14 runs

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JAMMU: SCA Janipur on Thursday defeated Kot Balwal XI by 14 runs in the cricket match played here.

Earlier batting first, SCA Janipur scored 178 runs for the loss of ten wickets in 21.4 overs. Raja Nadeem played a fine inning of 78 runs off just 34 balls with the help of six boundaries and six sixes. Nikhil Manhas and Sunil contributed 23 and 20 runs respectively.

For Kot Balwal XI, Khushal claimed four wickets while Joti Sharma took three wickets.

In reply, Kot Balwal XI, despite well played inning of Davinder Singh, failed to chase the target and was bundled out at 164 runs. Davinder Singh scored 74 runs off 44 balls studded with six boundaries and four sixes while Jyoti Sharma made 20 runs. For SCA, Agastya Sharma and Sharon Daniel took



Teams posing for a photograph.

three wickets each.

For his match winning knock, Raja Nadeem was declared as Man of the Match.