

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 Sathia 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 JPYC 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 organized 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 schools of Kathua participated including students of GCW Kathua and GDC Kathua.



Participants posing for a photograph with faculty members.

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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 organized 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 distributed 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 Tanis and Ms Palak of GDC Kathua.

The matches were witnessed by senior faculty of the college Prof. Romila Guleria, Prof. Seema Malhotra, 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 Bajrangi, Arpan Verma and Santosh Verma.

Bareena wins Boxing Bronze in Sub-Junior National

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JAMMU: Young boxer from 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 Nareesh Kumar as coach, Tariq

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

Young Boxer from Srinagar, Bareena receiving bronze medal.

Ahmed assistant coach and Ayneet Kaur as Manager.

"Bareena has made entire J&K feel proud of her per-

Mehbooba, Farooq act like Pakistan's ambassadors: Kavinder



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 inciting 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.

JKPS Kathua organises belt grading test



Students of JKPS Kathua after passing belt grading test.

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KATHUA: A belt grading test was organized at JK Public School Kathua in which nine students were tested on the basis of fundamental techniques as well as understanding of the principles and theory behind the acquired physical skills. Principal of the school, Anil

belt. During the course of grading, which was conducted by JK Wado-kai-Karate Association, students were tested on the basis of fundamental techniques as well as understanding of the principles and theory behind the acquired physical skills. Principal of the school, Anil

Pathania congratulated the students for proving their worth by training hard and gaining the necessary skills to move up a level.

He also encouraged the students to continue to work hard to earn a black belt and reach the highest echelons in the field.

J&K Bank felicitates 2 IPL-famed Cricketers



J&K Bank President (Jammu Division) Sunit Kumar in presence of Zonal Head Jammu Shareesh Sharma felicitating Abdul Samad and Umran Malik.

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JAMMU: J&K Bank on Thursday honoured Umran Malik and Abdul Samad - two rising cricket stars from Jammu - who have become household names across the country after playing for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the prestigious cricketing contest i.e. Indian Premier League. Notably impressed by his performance in IPL, Umran Malik has also been selected in the India T20 series squad for the South Africa slated to begin on June 9.

J&K Bank President (Jammu Division) Sunit Kumar felicitated the duo on Thursday in Jammu in presence of Zonal Head Jammu Shareesh Sharma and other officers of the Bank. Bank's MD & CEO Baldev Prakash has

J&K for inspiring our new generations to dream of bigger things early in life while achieving them young."

Congratulating the rising cricket stars for their performance in national level tournaments besides selection for the national squad, President Sunit Kumar said, "With your dedication and performance you have made the entire people of Jammu and Kashmir proud. I believe you will also make the whole nation proud with your diligent performance in all the future competitions."

"As a premier institution, we have always and will continue to extend every possible support towards promotion of sports among the youngsters especially in J&K and Ladakh. In fact, we shall be forthcoming in financing state-of-the-art sports infrastructure anywhere in the country particularly in our core operational geography", he added.

It is pertinent to mention that the Bank is contributing its bit quite well to improve the sports landscape of J&K.

The Bank's Football Academy is a case in point that continues to nurture the young talent of J&K. The academy has produced famous footballers who rose

through ranks to exhibit their talent for big clubs with some achieving the ultimate dream of representing their country. With latest among those being Danish Farooq, who was part of Indian team that recently played international friendlies in Bahrain.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Arif, Chairman of Tractor Union, along with some of his members also reached Umran Malik's house to wish and honour him.

After honouring Umran Malik, Arif said that along with Jammu and Kashmir, the name of country has also been illuminated, we should feel proud of such youth. Giving a message to the youth, he said that the youth should give up drugs and lead a better and healthier life.

He said that today most of the youth have become addicted to drugs. Arif said that Umran has achieved this feat through hard work.

With this, he was included in Team India to play T20 match for South Africa tour, Arif wished him good luck and on behalf of his union, prayed for his long life and Tractor Union for achieving more achievements in his future. Best wishes were given to him.

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



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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravinder 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 Kousar.

The open mic was started by NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan, who emphasized the need of changing mind-set 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.

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. Virekha Kaur and Vice Principal, Dr. Sarita Moza Kaul appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged the students for their upcoming Nationals.

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Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Gandhi Nagar, Dudha Dhar, Mandir, Nanak Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 27 from 7 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Sheethi, part of Sidhra, Bamyal, MES Nagrota, PHE Sheethi, Lalyana, Salehar, Sarore, Miran Sahib, Baispur, MES, Sainik Colony, Part of Ratnachak, Baispur, 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 areas.

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.

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.