

# India edge out Kazakhstan for 7th place in Asian Women's U-20 Championship

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NUR-SULTAN: India finished the competition at the 21st Asian Women's U20 Volleyball Championship, taking 7th place after taking the tie-break, 3-2 (16-25, 25-11, 29-27, 16-25, 16-14) against hosts Kazakhstan on Monday morning at NU Sports Centre.

Gopika Gunasekaran led all scorers in the field with 34 points from 32 attacks and 2 service aces. Mostly, she provided the points upon the decisive moments of the match.

Kazakhstan started the match strong, as they showed good rhythm in their attacks. They also put their tall frontline to use, connecting on block-defence against their opponents' assigned hitters.

The Kazakh serves also performed well as they scored off several aces. Middle Yuliya Yakimova and opposite Dilyar Amangeldi greatly helped in scoring for the host team.

India were unable to match the level of the host team, and needed a big restart in the second set. Gopika and



Indian team playing against Kazakhstan in 21st Asian Women's U-20 Volleyball Championship.

Lavanya Chandu took turns to score from the flanks. They have found their usual pacing and worked doubly hard on their floor coverage.

Time then came for India to serve strategically. This gave their opponents much challenge in reverting to

their great, successful start.

The match came to a thrilling exchange as teams nearly matched each other in skill and quality.

India continued to harness the power of Gopika from the wing and the backline, while Kazakhstan relied

on their strong middle game.

Later, India seemed to have lost their composure and fell to crucial errors. Meanwhile, the hosts vastly improved in their passing. They ran their plays more fluidly and grew confident in forcing the decider.

Kazakhstan continued to play more solidly in the tie-break, serving well, and running the middle with Yakimova.

India managed to stay within good distance, even with their crucial, unnecessary errors. Gopika surged with a heap of heroics to finally take the victory.

India captain Pal Prerona expressed her delight in finishing the competition on a winning note, and now looks ahead to the future of the team.

"This is my first championship, and also my first captainship. I learned a lot about myself and about the team, but mostly, we need to work harder. We need to train more so we can play better in future matches," said Prerona.

# Kathua Judo meet concludes



Judo players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Organised by the Kathua District Judo Association under the aegis of Judo Association of J&K, the District Kathua Judo Championship held at district coaching Centre Kathua yesterday.

As per the reports reaching here, general secretary of the Association, Suraj Sharma was the Chief Guest while Rahul Dev, Municipal Councillor Kathua, was Guest of Honour.

"The day-long event was sponsored by the J&K Sports Council. In total

around 80 participants contested for the top honours in different age and weight categories," informed Suraj Sharma.

The bouts officiated by the technical penal including Shakti Gupta (Sports Council Coach) and Manish Chatwal (Judo Instructor). Near about 80 Judokas from all over the District was participated in the said championship.

Medal Winners

GOLD: Harsh, Sudanshi, Vipul Yashovardhan, Zeeshan, Sushheel, Deepasha, Kashish Sharma, Palak, Devanshu,

Anmol, Sameena, Sunakshi, Panku Kumar, Radhasham, Bhupinder, Tarun, Rohit Sharma, Astitar Andotra, Manan, Anab, Jaishwer, Artik Mushtaq, Harshit, Sahil Akhtar, Bansh, Danish, Tanvir.

SILVER: Chandan, Pranav, Sunny, Tarun, Krishna, Ayush, Mohit, Mridhul, Daksh, Shivang, Harshit, Gagan, Lakshay, Umkeshwar, Kanav

BRONZE: Balish Kumar, Bagh Hussain, Abey Salgotra, Atulit, Lalit Khajuria, Ajay Chalotra, Tushar, Vasu.

## Udhampur City FC joins Param to organise 'Aadya'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The fast growing Udhampur City FC has collaborated with one of the top clubs of Jammu, Param FC to organise first ever all girls football tournament of Jammu-Aadya.

"Aadya is another name of Goddess Durga, who is also a symbol of Power i.e. Shakti. The title shows the power of a woman to achieve anything that she wants," said coach of Udhampur FC, Sumit Sharma.

"Another meaning of 'Aadya' is The beginning, and it surely is a new beginning in women's football in J&K as the best platform to young talented players," he maintained.

The event shall take place take place at Isle of Ball in Jammu on July 17.

## Ian Dev's love for Baseball

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: International cricketer from Jammu, Ian Dev Singh Chowhan, who represented India Green has made a disclosure with regard to his love for America's most loved game of Baseball.

Presently holidaying in America, Ian Dev, tweeted, "Sometimes I wish I played Baseball." With baseball in his hand, Ian Dev posed for a photograph on roof top of a skyscraper.

Ian Dev is a promising senior cricketer from Jammu, who started playing the first class cricket for J&K at the age of 19. He captained J&K Ranji team last season with international cricketers and IPL stars like Parvez Rasool, Abdul Samad and Umran Malik playing under him. Ian Dev has a terrific record as a first class cricketer with 5162 runs in 85 matches with 17 centuries and 21 fifties. His List A records shows 72 matches with 1672 runs and in the Twenty20, he has made 876 runs in 48 matches with unbeaten 75 being the top score.



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Tawi Trekkers J&K, one of the biggest trekking clubs in the country, celebrated the grand success of the first phase of Himalayan Trekking Programme, in an impressive function held here.

A number of young organisers of this prestigious programme, trekkers and institutions which promote adventure activities were honoured by the chief guest, Anil Goswami, former Union Home Secretary of India, the presiding guest, Ashwani Sharma, former MLA and Zoravar Singh Jamwal, president of Mountaineering Association of J&K.

The Dedication Award of the highest order was conferred upon Prof. Suman Lata, Director Physical Education and Sports, Government College for Women (GCW), Parade, Jammu for promoting trekking in a big way.

Other recipients of Dedication Award were Sumit



Members of Tawi Trekkers presenting a memento to Anil Goswami, at Jammu.

Khajuria, Sonam Sidharth, Shilpa Charak, Narinder Singh, Shashi Kant Sharma, Vishali Sharma, Sunil Chkharia and Binderpal Singh for their single minded dedication and devotion to promote trekking and sport climbing in J&K.

Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab was honoured with a Dedication Award for outstanding services to the cause of adventure.

As also 11 other institutions including St. Xavier Senior Secondary School, Barnai, Oriental Academy, Shiksha

## Tawi Trekkers presents Dedication Awards

Niketan School, R M Public School, GCW Parade, Elite Public High School, Udheywala, Jammu, National Academy High School, Udhampur, Amba Kids Home, Panthal; Shastri Memorial School, Patoli, Jammu, Shining Star High School, Muthi, Jammu and Govt Degree College, Katra were also awarded for their participation in Club's various activities.

However, a number of awardees could not make it to the function because of their official / personal engagements.

International Climber Shivani Charak who won three Gold medals in the recently concluded North Zone Championship was at Delhi preparing for the forthcoming Asian Games. Similarly, Arun Deep Singh who won a Gold medal in the North Zone Competition is preparing for the National Championship at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi.

Earlier, Ram Khajuria, president of the club welcomed the guests and talked in detail about the various aspects of the Himalayan Trekking Programme, in which over 12000 students have so far participated during the last 23 years. The function was very nicely anchored by Arti Sharma, Principal of Apple Kids Bantalab, Jammu and an executive member of the club.

The chief guest Anil Goswami in his address recalled his association with the club for the last 30 years.

## Jammu Wrestler Babba wins 40th Sai Lanjan Kesari Dangal 2022

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATRA: Wrestler Babba of Kot Bhalwan Jammu, Akhara Domana lifted 40th Sai Lanjan Kesari Dangal title 2022 by defeating Wrestler Manjit of Delhi in the first mali bout at Government Girls High School Sai Lanjan (Reasi).

Dangal was organized by Sai Lanjan Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of veteran wrestler and Wrestling promoter Joginder Singh, Ravinder Singh and Vidhman Singh.

President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association and Former Joint Secretary J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Shiv Kumar Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion who gave away cash prizes to the winners and runner-up Wrestler in presence of retired ZEO Pritam Sharma, DSP Darshan Singh (Senior prosecutor officer) and Sarpanch Sanjeet Singh who were the guests of honour. Sarpanch Daleep Kumar, Government contractor Kuldeep Singh, Ex. Serviceman Rupal Singh, and Gulshan Singh were also present on the occasion.

The winner of the 1st mali bout Babba was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 7,000 along with traditional "Gurj



President JKISWA, Shiv Kumar Sharma presenting Gurj to the winner wrestler.

(Gadda) along with Patta" while runner-up Wrestler was given Rs. 5,000/-. The second bout was fought between Rajesh Sharma of J&K Police V/s Salman of Chopra Shop, Udhampur this bout was ended in a draw that lasted for 19 minutes and Cash prize of Rs. 8,000/- was jointly given to both the wrestlers. Third bout was won by Gopal Sharma of Jindrah who defeated Vijay of Bai Bajalta.

The bouts were officiated by Vidhman Singh, Pritam Singh, Kamal Singh, Angrej Singh and Tulinder Kumar.

Proceedings of the Dangal were conducted by Joginder Singh, Ramesh Bhagat and Vidhman Singh. Welcome address was presented by Sat Paul Singh (Panch) while vote of thanks presented by Dharam Vir Singh (Panch).

Chief Guest Shiv Kumar Sharma also honoured a prominent social activist Kartar Singh retired from NHPC (Age 91 years old senior most person of Village Sai

Lanjan).

In total 46 bouts were decided in the dangal and expenditure of Rs. 1,50,000/- has been incurred on conduct of this one day long wrestling event.

Members of organizing Committee who helped in smooth conduct of dangal included former Sarpanch Joginder Singh, Dharam Vir Singh (Panch), Sat Paul Singh (Panch) Vidhman Singh, Surjeet Singh, Ravinder Singh, Sikander Singh, Pappu Sharma, Numberdar Jagdev Singh and Devinder Singh.

Shiv Kumar Sharma appreciated the organizers for the arrangements to make the Dangal successful. Sharma said such type of dangal would boost the morale of wrestlers in The J&K U.T. He said traditional game of wrestling was very popular in the rural and hilly areas from the old time. He said organizing the traditional Dangal will go a long way in preserving the games and spirit of sports.

## Kabir lifts 'Sernu Dangal Tournament' trophy

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANI: Kabir from Lohi Malhar lifted the Sernu Dangal (Shinj) Mela tournament trophy here today. The final wrestling bout of this tournament was held between Bawa of Himachal Pradesh and Kabir from Lohi Malhar of J&K. In a tough and heart throbbing bout Kabir outscored his opponent with his unique Dangal skills.

Dr Rameshwar Singh, ZMO Koti Chandyar who was the Chief Guest of the function presented the trophy to the tournament winner Kabir.

A large number of locals of wrestling venue and also from adjacent areas had gathered to witness the interesting sports event 'Sernu Dangal (Shinj) Mela'.

It is pertinent to mention here that Sernu Dangal (Shinj) Mela is very historical and famous Mela in



ZMO Koti Chandyal, Dr Rameshwar Singh presenting cash prizes to winner wrestlers.

this hilly region and the people of the region consider this tournament

an important event that creates a lively hustling and bustling environment in the region and a rich source of entertainment for the people. Moreover, besides wrestlers from J&K, those from other states also participated in this wrestling championship.

In his address, Dr Rameshwar Singh lauded the relentless efforts of the Dangal Organizing Committee including President of Committee Bindra Ban, Vice President Bina Amin, Gansham, Rajinder, Angrez Singh teacher, Des Raj Teacher, Ghulam Rasool Master, Darnej Chokidar Gulam Nabi, Dev Raj, Matlabi Ram, Sharm Singh Teacher, Sanjay Teacher, Subash Member, Mulk Raj Teacher, Sanjay JKP, Hans Raj, Joginder Singh Member and Omkar Singh Member.

Dr Rameshwar specially appreciated the commendable role of Sarpanch Bindra Ban in construction of Dangal ground. He said that developing sports culture among the young minds is necessary for the overall development of one's personality. Asserting that sports holds key to healthy body and a healthy mind, Dr Rameshwar urged the youth to make sports an inseparable part of their daily routine in life.

Meanwhile, Sarpanch of Panchayat Sitti and President Organising Committee, Sh Bindra Ban, Vice President of Dangal Committee Bina Amin, son of late Yasin Ex Sarpanch Sitti and Ex President of Dangal Committee thanked Dr Rameshwar Singh along with the committee members for their patronage to sports and especially the wrestling tournament.

## Under-19 Men's Multi-Day Cricket Tournament

## Achintya slams ton, Udhay takes fifer, Rhytham scores unbeaten 71

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Achintya Khajuria slammed a magnificent century, while Udhay Pratap Singh took a 5-wicket haul and Rhytham Sharma scored unbeaten 71 runs in the ongoing Under-19 Men's Multi-Day Cricket Tournament, being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket

Association (JKCA) at four different venues across the Union Territory.

Today, the matches were played at two venues in Jammu province only, while the matches in Kashmir province will be held tomorrow.

At Country Cricket Stadium Jammu, winning the toss and batting first,



Team JKCA A1 posing for a group photograph with Coach, Selectors and Organisers at Jammu University ground on Sunday.

JKCA Team A2 rode on a brilliant century by promising batsman Achintya Khajuria and scored 252 runs in 70.3 overs in their first innings. Achintya scored splendid 122 runs off 120 balls, while Shourya Manhas contributed valuable 47 runs off 90 balls and Divyansh made 21 runs. For A4, Mohd Inuran and Krishnaang Brahmin took 3 wickets each, while Laith August bagged 2 wickets.

In reply, JKCA A4 were 59/2 in 17 overs at stumps on day-1 today. Arnav Gupta was unbeaten on 17

runs, while Dhaman Preet also scored 17 runs. Rahul Kumar was another batsman unbeaten on 6 runs. For JKCA A2, Aman Singh took 2 wickets.

At Jammu University ground, JKCA A3 bundled out for paltry 117 runs in 40.1 overs in their first innings. Akshit Gandral scored 24 runs, Mohd Naved and Aditya Abrol contributed 16 runs each. For A1, Udhay Pratap Singh was the pick of the bowlers, who took 5 important wickets by conceding 24 runs, while Shub Badyal bagged 2 wickets and Bhumesh

claimed one wicket.

In reply, JKCA A1 were 171/5 in 47 overs in their first innings. Rhytham Sharma top scored with unbeaten 71 runs, while Ateek ur Rehman contributed 26 runs and Shub Badyal chipped in with 16 runs.

For JKCA A3, Bismadh Singh took 2 wickets, while Mashooq claimed one wicket.

The matches were officiated by Deepak Gupta, Vikram Dogra, Girdhari Lal and Dayal Singh as umpires, while Ashok Singh and Heena Mehra were the scorers.

## 124th Mahajayanti of Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinath celebrated

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The 124th Mahajayanti of Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji was celebrated on Monday at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udheywala, Bohri, here with great fervour and enthusiasm.

The number of devotees, who came to the Ashram from early morning, went on rising steadily and the congregation swelled to thousands.

Devotees thronged the Ashram throughout the day to pay obeisance at the feet of the Master.

The Ashram at Bohri is a Sidhi-Peeth for the devotees. The prayers of the devotees



are answered; their spiritual and mundane concerns get fulfilled.

The programme started with Paduka Poojan at 8:30 AM, that is worshipping a symbolic Paduka (a wooden Kharavoon) of Bhagawaanji's.

Then hundreds of Sadhus were fed, and given Dakshina (cash offerings). The same

has been the practice during Bhagawaanji's life-time.

Devotional songs and music followed, and continued till late in the evening.

The evening Aarti concluded at 7:15 PM. There was an intense activity throughout the day.

Thousands of devotees partook of the Prasad. All the function passed off peacefully, thanks to the orderly behaviour of the devotees and the presence of police personnel at the premises.

We would also like to thank Jammu Municipal Corporation, Traffic Police, Power Development for the services they rendered on this

occasion.

The 124th Mahajayanti was also celebrated at Ashrams at Kharyar, Srinagar; Greater Kailash-I, Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi, Hastal Village, Vikaspuri, New Delhi, S.No. 14/5, Nande Bawadi Road, Nande, Pune, Maharashtra and S. No. 57/5, Devangondi Hosahalli, White Field, Bangalore.

The Mahajaynti was simultaneously celebrated at Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jalandhar; Jaipur; Kandivilli, Mumbai, Chambur, Mumbai, Hyderabad and also at various Satsang Mandals spread across the country and abroad.