

JKCA's Sr Men's Multi-Day Tournament

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JAMMU: After taking an impressive 5-wicket haul in the first innings, Rohit Sharma once again displayed superb fast bowling skills and bamboozled batsmen to capture 4 wickets in the second essay, making it 9 wickets in the match, while Musaif Ajaz and Shubham Pundir showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up big fifties and the duo of left-arm spinners Abid Mushtaq and Vanshaj

Sharma impressed today in the ongoing Senior Men's Multi-Day Tournament at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota and Jammu University ground, here.

This 'Cricket for Peace' Tournament, is being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

At Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, JKCA Team A1 secured an outright victory over JKCA A5 by 9

wickets.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 34/3, JKCA A5 bundled out for 112 runs in 28.2 overs in their second innings, thus setting a victory target of 28 runs for JKCA A1. Skipper Abdul Samad (24) and Sunil Kumar (23) were the main contributors. Speedster Rohit Sharma and left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq took 4 wickets each.

JKCA A1 chased the target

easily in 7 overs, losing 1 wicket in the process, thus won the match by 9 wickets.

At Jammu University ground, JKCA A2 was declared winner over JKCA A4 by virtue of first innings lead.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 211/6, JKCA A2 added just six more runs to the total to bundle out for 217 runs in their first innings in reply to JKCA A4's total of 141 runs in first

innings. Ashank Singh added just 2 runs to his overnight individual score to make 63 runs, while Govind added 1-run to be dismissed on 50 runs. Sahil Lotra was the pick of the bowlers who took 6 wickets by conceding 75 runs, while Vanshaj Sharma bagged 3 and Aman claimed one.

JKCA A4 scored 253 runs in the second innings to set a target of 170 runs for JKCA A2. Musaif Ajaz top scored with power-packed 86 runs

while skipper Shubham Pundir scored brilliant 79 runs.

For JKCA A2, Fast bowler Yudhveer Singh was the pick of the bowlers who took 4 wickets by conceding 40 runs, while skipper Ramdayal claimed 2 wickets.

Chasing a target of 170 runs in 40 overs in the second innings, JKCA A2 were 74/4 in 19 overs when rain stopped play. Samarjit Raina (33) and Abhishant Bakshi unbeaten 25 runs were the main scorers. For JKCA B4, Vanshaj took 3 wickets by conceding 8 runs, while Usman claimed one.

This was the last event of historic Talent Hunt 2022 followed by a series of tournaments spread over for three long months. The final match of this Sr Men's Multi-Day Tournament is scheduled to be played at SK Stadium Srinagar from August 16 to 18, 2022.

Junaid qualifies SAI certificate course in Cricket



Junaid Jhangir of Poonch receiving certificate after completing six-week course in Cricket.

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JAMMU: Junaid Jhangir of Poonch has become youngest cricketer from Jammu and Kashmir, who has successfully completed his six-week certificate course in Cricket.

The course was conducted by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) at Netaji Subhas (NS) National Institute of Sports (NIS) Patiala in Punjab.

Two other cricketers from Poonch, Imran Fazli and

Rustam have also qualified the certificate course in cricket from district Poonch.

Junaid Jhangir belongs to sports family. He is nephew of Mohd Tariq FIVB Level 1 qualified volleyball coach from Poonch.

Meanwhile, Mohd Tariq, who is chairman of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch, congratulated all three certificate holders in cricket.

Tug of War meet held at Kulgam

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SRINAGAR: District Kulgam Tug of War Championship held at Nadwa Public School Zangulpora in Kulgam. The event was organised by District Kulgam Tug of War Association under the aegis of J&K Tug of War Association.

The competition held in Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior categories in both boys and girls sections, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

In boys Sub Junior age group Nowpora Tigers defeated Nadwa Club while the Junior title went to Shining Star Malipora, who beat Nadwa Club in the final.

The Senior men title bagged by District Sports Academy after they beat



Tug of war contest in progress.

Shining Star.

The girls Sub-Junior title secured by Nadwa Club, who beat Shining Star and the Junior final won by Shining Star beating Nowpora in the final. In the Senior women clash, Nadwa Club defeated District Sports Academy.

Around 250 boys and girls participated in the Championship.

In the finals and closing function, chief guest, Mubarak Sahib and guest of honour, Mushtaq Ahmad, secretary District Anantnag Tug of War association, gave away the prizes.

Interacting with teams, the chief guest encouraged those young participants as also appreciated the organisers for the initiative.

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JAMMU: District Administration in collaboration with the Department of Education organized District Level National Anthem Singing Competition under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav here at Teacher Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar, here on Tuesday.

District Development Commissioner, Jammu Avny Lavasa was the Chief Guest, while Satish Kumar Sharma, ADC Jammu was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

The participants from different zones of district Jammu accompanied by the escort teachers participated in the competition.



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa along with other officers posing with participants.

The participants enthralled the audience with their melodious rendition of the National Anthem. The audience gave a standing ovation,

every time the National Anthem was sung by the participants.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the National

Anthem is the pride of our Nation and congratulated the participants and motivated them to maximize their participation in the cultural programmes at school, zone and at higher levels.

Suraj Singh Rathore, Chief Education Officer, Jammu said that the education department has been organizing a series of activities like singing patriotic songs, Rangoli making, Flag making, Debates and Essay writing Competitions under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at school level, zone level and at district level.

He further added that the same sequence was adopt-

ed for the National Anthem Singing Competition today.

In the competition, Palak Manhas of GGHSS Mubarak Mandi clinched 1st position in the competition, while Muskan Devi of GGHSS Jourian and Mridhul Sharma of St. Francis HSS Akhnoor bagged 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively.

Deputy Commissioner felicitated the winners of the competition, while certificates were also given to all the participants.

Ashok Kumar, Master GHS Mehran Mandrian and Arti Charak of GMS Chak Bana were the jury members.

Toddlers' World celebrates birthday of students



Glimpses of birthday celebrations of children at Toddlers' World- a unit of JKPS Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: Celebrating birthdays is as important as celebrating festivals. This day is important in every child's life when they can

share their happiness and feelings with those they love and trust.

On July 30 '22, 'Toddlers' World celebrated the mass birthdays of babies born in

the months of June and July. The school was decorated with balloons and bunting and the children were fascinated by it.

On birthday children

came in party dress with their parents with joy on their faces. The atmosphere was enthusiastic.

The warm welcome, charming decorations,

beautiful background, delightful birthday songs and well planned games for both the kids and the parents were the highlights of the party.

Apart from all this, the cake cutting ceremony was really amazing. Special gifts were given to the children by the school. They were surprised and really

happy to meet their teachers and friends. The festival was a huge success. The teachers wished the children.

Shivangani Pandotra

(Coordinator of Toddlers World) extended her warm wishes to the children and appreciated the parents for making their special day more special.

Former South African umpire Rudi Koertzen died in car crash

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CAPE TOWN: Former international umpire Rudi Koertzen was killed in a car crash on Tuesday in South Africa. He was 73.

Koertzen is survived by his wife and four children.

The South African was on his way back home from Cape Town after a weekend of golf when the fatal accident happened. Three others were also killed in the crash early in the morning in Riversdale.

One of the most respected umpires in world cricket from the late 1990s until his retirement in 2010, Koertzen had officiated in nearly 400 international games.

"The world-famous cricket umpire, Rudi Koertzen, and three other people were killed in a head-on collision near Riversdale on Tuesday morn-

ing. The 73-year-old Koertzen from Despatch in Nelson Mandela Bay was on his way back home from Cape Town after a golf weekend," Algoa FM News reported.

The umpire's son, Rudi Koertzen Jr said, "He went on a golf tournament with some of his friends, and they were expected to come back on Monday, but it seems they decided to play another round of golf."

Koertzen, who became an umpire in 1981, made his debut as an international umpire in 1992 during India's historic tour of South Africa.

Koertzen was inducted into the ICC's Elite Panel in 2002 and was a part of it for eight years.

During his tenure, he officiated as on-field and TV

umpire in as many as 397 games, including 128 Test matches, a record 250 ODIs, and 19 T20 Internationals.

In 1997, Koertzen was appointed as a full-time ICC umpire and was one of the first members of the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires. He was the TV umpire in the 2003 and 2007 ICC World Cup finals and officiated in three men's ODI World Cups.

He had his share of controversies too, including continuing with the 2007 ODI World Cup final between Sri Lanka and Australia in near darkness due to a wrong interpretation of rule, which forced the ICC to not give him any assignment during the inaugural World T20, which was held in his own country, in 2007.

Chess Olympiad: India 'B' team wins bronze in Open section; India 'A' women also finish third

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MAMALLAPURAM: The India 'B' team settled for a bronze medal in the Open section while the India 'A' women's side also finished third in the 44th Chess Olympiad here on Tuesday.

India 'B' defeated Germany 3-1 in their final round match to end at third position.

Uzbekistan sprung a surprise by bagging the gold medal with a 2-1 win over the Netherlands ahead of a strong Armenian team, which beat Spain 2.5-1.5 in the final round, in the Open section.

Uzbekistan and Armenian secured 19 match points each while India scored 18.

The top-seeded India 'A' women's team crashed to a 1-3 defeat in the 11th and final round to USA to see its gold medal hopes evaporate. The

Koneru Humpy-led team finished third. It was India's first-ever medal at the Olympiad in the women's section.

India 'A', USA and Kazakhstan tied for third place but the home team clinched the bronze.

War-torn Ukraine won an emotional gold in the women's event, pipping Georgia to the top prize.

In the Open section, Uzbekistan beat the Netherlands in the final round thanks to Jakhongir Vakhidov's win on board 4. They edged out Armenia on the basis of a better tie-break score. The Uzbeks remained unbeaten through the 11 rounds and finished with 19 match points.

India 'A' took the fourth spot.

It was the second bronze medal for India in the Open section in the Olympiad, replicating its feat in the 2014 edition.

The experienced B Adhban, who was part of the team in 2014, added to his medal collection while it was the first for young stars D Gukesh, who was in spectacular form during the tournament, R Praggnanandhaa, Nihal Sarin and Raunak Sadhwani.

Speaking after winning the bronze medal, Gukesh, who played all 11 games and tallied nine points, said, Overall, it has been a very enjoyable event. I didn't expect us to perform so well but it could have been better.

"We could have had a great chance at a gold medal if I had won or drawn my game

yesterday (on Monday). "But these things happen. Immediately after the game I was devastated and our mentor (Viswanathan) Anand put me in a better frame of mind by saying that these things happen in sport and he too was at the receiving end himself, he added.

In the women's section, top player Koneru Humpy and R Vaishali drew their games against Gulrukha Tokhirjonova and Irina Krush respectively. The defeats for Tania Sachdev at the hands of Carissa Yip and Bhakthi Kulkarni to Tatev Abrahamyan hurt the India 'A' team's chances of a gold medal.

India 'A' team coach Abhijit Kunte was all praise for the team.

The team has worked real-

ly hard in the last three or four months and this is India's first-ever medal in the history of the Olympics, this should be the beginning of much better days for women's chess in India."

Besides medals in the team events, it rained medals for India in individual section with as many as seven Indians winning medals -- two gold, one silver and four bronze.

Gukesh and Sarin won gold on top and second board respectively while Arjun Erigaisi secured silver medal on third board. R Praggnanandhaa (third board), R Vaishali (third board), Tania Sachdev (third board) and Divya Deshmukh (reserve board) claimed individual bronze medals.