

# Yuvraj of Chandigarh maintains lead in J&K Open Golf

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JAMMU: Former champion, Yuvraj Singh Sandhu dominated round three with a fabulous seven-under 65, the tournament's best round so far, to race into a commanding four-shot lead at the J&K Open Golf Tournament underway at Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Sidhra, near here on Friday.

Chandigarh's Yuvraj (69-70-65), a three-time winner on the PGTI, had a three-day total of 12-under 204. He thus moved up one spot from his overnight second position.

Sandhu's nearest challenger was Bengaluru's Khalid Joshi (70-68-70), the halfway leader, who struck an error-free 70 on today to be placed second



at eight-under 208.

The rest of the field were at quite some distance from the top two as Hyderabad's Mohd Azhar (70), who had the only other bogey-free round of the day, along with Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat (72), had the next best

total as both were tied third at two-under 214.

Among the prominent names, Manu Gandas was tied ninth at two-over 218, Rashid Khan was tied 14th at four-over 220. Udayan Mane was tied 23rd at six-over 222 and reigning champion Honey Baisoya (72),

was tied 30th at eight-over 224.

On a day that witnessed just four under-par scores, Yuvraj's dominant display helped him charge ahead of the rest as he sank eight birdies and a bogey.

After his early bogey on the third, Yuvraj, currently placed second on the PGTI Order of Merit, made amends with birdies on the fifth, sixth and eighth where he sank a couple of putts from a range of seven to 12 feet.

Yuvraj, who found more fairways on this narrow layout in round three as compared to the previous two days, fared even better on the relatively tougher back-nine.

His back-nine birdies featured three conversions

from 10 to 18 feet, an exceptional bunker shot that set up a tap-in on the 12th and a four-feet conversion on the closing 18th.

Yuvraj said, "While hitting my tee shots today, I went in with the approach that placing it on the fairway would make a bigger difference than just getting distance. So I kept myself in play for most part of the round."

"I feel this golf course needs to be respected, especially the back-nine and that's what I did today."

"Taking into account the hot and humid weather, I knew that I had to keep myself hydrated. I did that and importantly kept my energy levels going with bananas and energy bars.

# BJP President felicitates Volleyball icon Kartik for winning bronze medal in Asia Cup

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP President Ravinder Raina on Friday felicitated U-18 India Volleyball Team Captain Kartik Sharma under whose leadership India won the Bronze Medal in Young Asia Cup tournament held in Iran.

Ravinder Raina, while felicitating Kartik Sharma said that hailing from a remote border village Bagnoti of Nowshera, has captained the Under 18 Volleyball team and won a medal in Iran in International Tournament is a big achievement of Kartik Sharma.

Raina said that Kartik and his team mates played exceptionally well and won the medal for India after 14



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina felicitating U-18 Indian Volleyball Team Captain Kartik Sharma.

years of long gap, making us all proud. Boosting the morale of Kartik Sharma, Raina said whole country wish that this team which qualified for world cup will definitely bring pride to the Nation as well.

Speaking on the occasion Kartik Sharma thanked BJP

President Ravinder Raina and all other senior BJP leaders for felicitating him. He said that they won the medal in the 14th youth Asian Championship and said that they will play the best in the world cup and definitely try to win the U-18 Volleyball World Cup.

## 5th UT Kalaripayattu Championship commences

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JAMMU: Two days J&K UT Kalaripayattu Championship, organized by Kalaripayattu association of J&K, got underway at Carmel Convent Higher Secondary School, here on Friday.

"Around 400 participants from different districts of J&K, including Jammu, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Reasi, Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam, Bandipora, Kupwara, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Doda, Baramulla are taking part in this event," General Secretary of the Association, Danish Sharma informed.

The event was declared open by Chairman of the Association, Dr SM Bali.



A Kalaripayattu match in progress between girls.

who was the Chief Guest. He congratulated the Association for reaching out to the talented stuff at the district level and then providing them the UT level platform to perform and excel.

Among other guests were

Dr Navneet Gupta (vice president Kalaripayattu Association of J&K), Tarsem Sharma (Founder), Arshad Aziz (joint secretary) and

The event is being held under the overall supervision of Danish Sharma.

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Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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MEN: AIR PISTOL: SUB-YOUTH: Saksham Virdhy, AIM 10X, 313, 1st. Youth: Prabjot Singh, GZSRC, 365, 1st. JUNIOR: Tanishq Singh, DPS, 351, 2nd. SENIOR: Divyansh Singh Charak, YSSCJ, 360, 1st; Prajwal Dev Singh, MOSAJ, 350, 2nd. SENIOR: Vishab Sharma, AIM 10X, 372, 1st; Gurmeet Singh, MOSAJ, 365, 2nd and Vinod Puri, MOSAJ, 346, 3rd.

WOMEN: AIR PISTOL: SUB-YOUTH: Shreya Charak, MOSAJ, 369, 1st; Laabibah Michelle Tahir, JKP Club, 322, 2nd. YOUTH: Sanvi Gupta, MOSAJ, 354, 1st; Bhagirathi Mosaj, 338, 2nd. SENIOR: Shiwani Kamal, AIM 10X, 366, 1st; Surbhi Gupta, MOSAJ, 344, 2nd and Roopali, MOSAJ, 338, 3rd.

## LG Rolling Trophy: Cricket trials get underway in Zone Bishnah



A dignitary addressing players of Zone Bishnah.

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JAMMU: On the second consecutive day on Friday, pertaining to LG Rolling Trophy, the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Zone Bishnah conducted selection trials in the disciplines of Cricket (Boys) for Zonal Level, Age Group 13-35 Yrs. at Bhatia Cricket Academy Bishnah under the guidance of Sukhdev Raj Sharma District Youth Services & Sports Officer Bishnah So that

play for their state as well as for the country.

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All the Field Staff members of Zone Bishnah were officiated during the Selection Trials.

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## J&K Girls clinch bronze in North Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship

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JAMMU: Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS) and Tourism departments, Sarmad Hafeez along with Secretary, J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul toured many sports facilities of district on Friday and inspected the newly set up and existing sports infrastructure here.

The Secretary during the tour also made surprise visit to sports centres, inspected coaching classes and also interacted with trainees. He sought feedback from them to improve

the standard of coaching and learning in these centres. During the tour, Sarmad Hafeez also inspected the historic M.A Stadium and adjoining Indoor Sports Complex and gave on-spot directions to the concerned officers for necessary repairs and renovations.

Secretary YSS during the tour also visited the ongoing "Yonex-Sunrise Inter-State Badminton Championships-2022" currently being held at Indoor Sports Complex, M.A. Stadium here.

Sarmad Hafeez while speak-

ing on the occasion said that it is heartening to see J&K hosting many national championships this year and our players taking an active part in sports and shining in different games like their counterparts from the rest of the country. "The remarkable thing about sports is that it teaches us to be part of a team, communicate with others, and adapt to different situations and equip us with life-changing experiences", he added.

Referring to the obvious benefits associated with sports, Around 250 players and offi-

cials from seven North Zone states and union territories including Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan besides hosts Jammu and Kashmir are participating in the tournament.

Director Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber; Divisional Sports Officers, Ashok Singh and Nuzhat Farooq; Member Sports Council, Rajeev Sharma, managers and coaches from sports council, representatives from all the recognized sports associations of J&K, besides other officers were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, in the ongoing Inter-State Badminton Championships-2022 is being organized by J&K Badminton Association under the auspices of the Badminton Association of India and in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council. Around 250 players and offi-

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## Jammu zone lifts Girls U-19 Football trophy

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In total, four teams took part in this competition. In the preliminary round, Jammu defeated Satwari Zone 5-1 while Zone Bishnah took 3-0.

The winners and runners-up teams presented the title trophies by district (DYSS) officer, Sukhdev Raj Sharma.

BADMINTON: In the Badminton competition, which held at Gymnasium Hall of University of Jammu, Zone Gandhi Nagar bagged the under-14 trophy beating zone Jammu 2-0 in the final. Earlier, in the semi-finals, Jammu beat Satwari zone and Gandhi Nagar trounced Bishnah zone.

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Adil had last year set a

Guinness World Record for

covering Kashmir to Kanyakumari in '8 days, 1 hour and 39 minutes'.

## Adil Teli's Leh - Manali Cycle Yatra flagged-off from Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Secretary Tourism and Youth Services & Sports, Sarmad Hafeez flagged off Leh to the Manali cycle yatra of cyclist Adil Teli from TRC here on Friday morning.

Prior to the flagging off, while addressing a press conference flanked by cyclist Adil Teli and Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr GN Itoor, Hafeez said that Jammu and Kashmir has produced champion cyclists who have excelled in sports and have done great in this field.

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