

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 Khalin 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

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-foot 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 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 proud 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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JAMMU: With 398 points out of 400, Smarch Tuli secured men's title while Shimani Choudhary emerged women's champion with same score of 398 in the 11th Jammu District Shooting Championship held at Aim 10x Shooting Academy, Jammu.

The event was organised by Jammu District Rifle Association involving around 60 shooters from the district. Majority of the shooters were from Mission Olympic Shooting Academy while other participants represented Delhi Public School, Army Public School Damana, DYSS Club, International Delhi Public School and host Aim 10x Shooting Academy.

In the valedictory of the



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

event, president of J&K Rifle Association, Kuldeep Singh was chief guest, who along with vice president of the Association, Sharat Chander Singh presented medals and certificates.

Also present were Rajesh Virdhy, Vishal Mehra, Romijeet Singh, Pranav

Sambyal and Vishal Sharma. The Details Results: MEN: 10 MTRS AIR RIFLE: SUB-YOUTH: Vansh Charak, MOSAJ, 388, Ist; Akul Mengi, MOSAJ, 385, 2nd and Viraj Koushal, MOSAJ, 374, 3rd. YOUTH: Samarth Tuli, MOSAJ, 398, Ist; Himanshu Gupta,

MOSAJ, 388, 2nd and Paras Dalbir Singh, JKP Club, 378, 3rd. JUNIOR: Runit Singh, AIM 10X, 360, Ist. SENIOR: Sunny Khajuria, MOSAJ, 379, Ist; Himanshu Kumar, MOSAJ, 375, 2nd and Karan Nayak, MOSAJ, 371, 3rd.

MEN: AIR PISTOL: SUB-YOUTH: Saksham Virdhy, AIM 10X, 313, Ist. Youth: Prabhot Singh, GZSRC, 365, Ist; Tanishq Singh, DPS, 351, 2nd. JUNIOR: Divyansh Singh Charak, YSSCJ, 360, Ist; Prajwal Dev Singh, MOSAJ, 350, 2nd.

SENIOR: Vishab Sharma, AIM 10X, 372, Ist; Gurmeet Singh, MOSAJ, 365, 2nd and Vinod Puri, MOSAJ, 346, 3rd. WOMEN: 10 MTRS AIR

RIFLE: SUB-YOUTH: Raveena Jangid, DPS, 390, Ist; Prachi Virdhy, AIM 10X, 345, 2nd and Sanskriti Rajput, AIM 10X, 343, 3rd. JUNIOR: Shimani Choudhary, APS Domana, 392, Ist. SENIOR: Priya Chhib, JKP Club, 386, Ist; Himanshu Aggarwal, MOSAJ, 382, 2nd and Janvi, MOSAJ, 353, 3rd.

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

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



A Badminton match in progress in Jammu on Friday.

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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 equips us with life-changing experiences", he added.

Referring to the obvious benefits associated with sports,

Sarmad Hafeez said more and more youngsters should be encouraged to take part in sports. He added that participation in any sport helps in building healthy habits which last a lifetime as well as lead to better mental health.

Yonex-Sunrise 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-

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 Championship, the J&K team bagged a bronze medal in the Girl's Junior category, while Haryana clinched gold and Delhi settled for a silver medal.

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 19-35 Yrs. at Bhatia Cricket Academy Bishnah under the guidance of Sukhdev Raj Sharma District Youth Services & Sports Officer

Jammu and overall Supervision of Surbjeet Kour Zonal Physical Education Officer Bishnah.

During the selection trials, different Panachayats of this zone were participated.

The selection trials in the disciplines of Cricket (Boys) conducted in an organized manner by the Zonal Physical Education Officer, Surbjeet Kour and the Field Staff, Zone Bishnah So that the best talent comes out and

play for their state as well as for the country.

Sarpanch Chak Avtara appreciated the Staff members for their sincere efforts and also motivated the participants of different Panachayats.

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

All the SOP's of Covid-19 Pandemic were followed during this Selection Trials.

Jammu zone lifts Girls U-19 Football trophy



Chief Guest presenting trophy to the winner team.

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JAMMU: Jammu zone won girls under-19 football trophy beating zone Bhalwal 2-0 in the final of the district level competition which was

organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports at Synthetic Football turf, Khel Gaon, Nagrota, near here on Friday.

In total, four teams took

part in this competition. In the preliminary round, Jammu defeated Satwari Zone 5-1 while Zone Bhalwal trounced Marh 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 Bhalwal zone.

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 Itoo, Hafeez said that Jammu and Kashmir has produced champion cyclists who have excelled in sports and have done great in this field.

Hafeez said that Adil is attempting to pedal for the Leh to Manali circuit on



Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez flagging-off Leh to Manali Cycle Yatra of Cyclist Adil Teli.

Friday morning in around 30 hours.

The Leh to Manali circuit is a high altitude area for cyclists. The current Guinness Record for the distance is 34 hours and 54 minutes.

He said Teli is eyeing the

world record and would attempt to finish the circuit in 30 hours. He said sports persons like Teli are inspirations to thousands of cyclists from the country.

He said J&K has a huge potential for cycling as it suits for mountain biking and cycling alike and the government is supporting in this endeavour to the cyclists like Teli.

The Tourism Secretary added that the government is reviving old cycling and mountain biking routes besides other destinations

in south Kashmir like Verinag, Achabal, Sinthan pass.

On the occasion, he congratulated Teli for eyeing to create another Guinness World Record and added that the feat would definitely bring more laurels to the UT as well as the country.

Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr GN Itoo also extended his wishes to Teli and hailed his previous record of cycling from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

Adil had last year set a Guinness World Record for covering Kashmir to Kanyakumari in '8 days, 1 hour and 39 minutes'.

Reasi hosts Cricket trials for LG Roller Trophy



Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Reasi.

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REASI: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised selection trials for the LG Rolling Trophy in Cricket involving 80 players from different Panchayats of the Block Reasi at General Zorawar Singh Stadium, here on Friday. The selection took place under the guidance of district (DYSS) officer, Sawarn Singh

and supervised by Incharge ZPEO Reasi, Asha Devi. The teams are being raised out of the cricket enthusiasts between 19 and 35 years of age. Before the start of the competition, Ashoka Kumari (PEM) of HSS Girls interacted with the participants and informed about the objective of LG Rolling trophy. The selection matches were conducted by the experts of DYSS Reasi.

Jammu Silambam meet begins

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JAMMU: Two-day 2nd District Jammu Silambam Championship started on Friday at Sacred Heart College, Roop Nagar, here today under the banner of Silambam Association of J&K. Over 300 young participants have reported for the competition, representing different educational institutions of the district.

The participating teams are from Elite Public High School Udhaywala, Indra Public School Janipur, Perfect Foundation School Janipur, SGSD Domana, Bhagwati Haqiqat Memorial Public School Barnai, Trikuta Public High School Bantalab, Sangria Public High School Sarwal, MRLD School Burj Mandir, Shastri Memorial Patoli, SD Memorial Bhalwal and Jamnadas Club.

The event was declared open by Rajni Bala, chairperson of Sacred Heart College Paloura and Corporator Ward No 60, who was chief guest. General secretary of the Association, Kaka Ram was guest of honour while Birinder Singh was special guest.

PSPS Govt PG College for Women hosts Poster-making Competition

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JAMMU: Department of Physics, PSPS Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Friday organized a Poster Presentation Competition on the topics "Vector Analysis, Electric Currents, Magnetostatics and Importance of Optical Phenomenon in day to day life. The function started with the formal welcome of Chief Guest, Principal Prof. Meenu Mahajan by Dr B.D.Seghal HOD Physics. In this competition, as many as 30 students participated with 19 posters and covered a variety of phenomena related to above mentioned topics.

The event was judged by Prof. Hitesh Basotra and Dr Pankaj Bendoria, Associate Professors of GGM Science College. Poster competition was judged on the based Content, Knowledge

and Presentation. First and second positions were secured by Tanveer Kour and Vanishika Khajuria whereas 3rd position was shared by Deepakshi Bhardwaj and Manya Sharma. All the prize winners were students of B.Sc. Sem 2nd.

The competition ended with the Prize distribution by Principal Prof. Meenu Mahajan wherein trophies and certificates were distributed among winners and participants. Principal of the college congratulated the department and advised the students to participate in such events in large numbers to make the academic environment vibrant. The program was organized by Prof Prabhjeet Kour, Dr. Rawan Kumar, Prof Renu Rajput, Prof Rajinder Kumar, Dr Arun Banotra and Dr Ujval Gupta under the guidance of HOD Physics Dr B.D Seghal.