



Near 300 take part in Jammu Judo meet

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Two days long Jammu District Judo Championship, organised by Judo Association of J&K, concluded today at Indoor Complex Bhagwati Nagar, here.

Nearly 300 young Judokas took part in this event competing in Sub-Junior, Junior and Cadet categories. Those medal winners felicitated by general secretary of the Association, Suraj Sharma, who was chief guest.

The technical penal for this event included Arshi Nad, Vikas Dogra, Ritika Slathia, Jugal Kishore and Danish Sharma.

Prominent among others present in the closing function were Rohit Sadhotra, Manish Chatwal, Aman Gupta, Rajesh Sumbriya and Sajan Sharma.

The Results:
GIRLS: Cadet: 40 Kg: Alisa (RCC), Ist; Arti (RCC), 2nd; Khushi Anurag (VS Sports) and Mansi (RCC), joint third. 44 Kg: Mehak Chib (KC), Ist; Shivanshi Dogra (Bagwati Nagar), 2nd; Lakshita (RCC) and



Pratibha (V Sports), joint 3rd. 48 Kg: Niharika Sharma (RCC), Ist; Shruti, 2nd; Krishna Sharma and Sirat Sharma, joint 3rd. 52 kg: Kashni Chopra (RCC), Ist; Samriti Devi (V Sports), 2nd and Shamim Akhter (V Sports), 3rd. 57 Kg: Nandani Chib (RCC), Ist. 63 Kg: Aishwarya (RCC), Ist; Khushi Devi (V Sports), 2nd.

70 Kg: Harshika Gupta (V Sports), Ist; Shriya Sharma, 2nd; Janvi Rajput and Angel Sharma, joint 3rd. Plus 70 Kg: Ikshita (V Sports), Ist; Ridhima

(RCC), 2nd and Vartika (V Sports), 3rd.

BOYS: Junior: 55 Kg: Sumit Lal, Ist; Suraj Ke-wat, 2nd; Daksh Chibber and Harvinder Singh, joint 3rd. 60 Kg: Atul Sharma (RCC), Ist; Mohit Kumar, 2nd and Rudra Partap, 3rd. 66 Kg: Ridham Sharma (RCC), Ist; Aditya Sharma GD Goenka, 2nd. 73 Kg: Akshay, Ist; Dakshesh, 2nd; Ahem Parihar and Raghav Dutta, joint 3rd. 81 Kg: Rudra Manhas (RCC), Ist; Owais Khan (RCC), 2nd and Shehnaz Khan (RCC), 3rd. Plus 100

Kg: Rajan Bhardwaj, Ist and Jaideep Singh, 2nd. CADET: 50 Kg: Hitest Chibber, Ist; Mayank Sharma, 2nd; Pankaj and Dhanial, joint 3rd. 55 Kg: Amrit Gupta (RCC), Ist and Daksh Chib (RCC), 2nd. 60 Kg: Amrit Gupta, Ist and Daksh Chib, 2nd. 66 Kg: Ridham Sharma, Ist; Ashish Singh, 2nd and Shorya Dev Singh, 3rd. 73 Kg: Dakshesh Kaul, Ist; Raghav Dutta, 2nd and Achem Parihar, 3rd. 81 Kg: Rudra Manhas, Ist; Divansh Gupta, 2nd and Namandeep Singh, 3rd.

JKCA infrastructure at Science College damaged in floods

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In a shocking turn of events, the recent flash floods have left the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association's (JKCA) Hostel ground and allied infrastructure in shambles.

The unprecedented rainfall on August 26 caused the JKCA Complex to be inundated with 6 to 8 feet of water, resulting in extensive damage to the facility.

The floodwaters, which entered the ground through two overflowing nullahs, have left behind a trail of destruction. The lower portion of the office, stores, electric and electronic equipment, office records, cameras, clothing, and cricket equipment, including balls, have been severely damaged.



The recently relaid carpet grass on the entire playground has been enveloped by 3 to 5 feet of silt and slush, rendering it unusable.

Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA, revealed that the restoration process has begun, with men and machinery employed to clear the area in phases. The losses are being assessed and mea-

sures initiated to ensure that the preparedness of JKCA teams do not suffer for the ensuing national level tournaments as per the already issued BCCI Calendar. Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration who is closely monitoring and supervising the restoration process asserted that the test of leadership lies in converting an adversity into an opportu-

nity while hoping that the things would return to normal sooner than later.

However, the absence of functional generators and lack of adequate water supply due to submergence has slowed down the process, making it a time-consuming task.

The JKCA had recently invested in laying carpet grass on the ground to provide a better playing surface for cricketers. Unfortunately, the flash floods have undone this progress, leaving the outfield in a deplorable state. The association is now working tirelessly to restore the facilities to their former glory. As the JKCA navigates this challenging situation, the cricketing community in Jammu and Kashmir remains hopeful that the facilities will be restored soon, allowing the sport to thrive once again.

National Sports Day celebrated across Jammu Division by MY Bharat

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Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, celebrated National Sports Day with great fervour and enthusiasm in the districts of Udhampur, Reasi, Kathua, Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban. The day was observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the legendary hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand, whose contribution to Indian sports continues to inspire generations.

The celebrations began with the garlanding of Major Dhyan Chand's portrait as a mark of respect and remembrance of his glorious achievements. To spread awareness about his life and values, essay writing competitions on the life



and history of Major Dhyan Chand were organised, witnessing active participation from MY Bharat volunteers. Oath on maintaining physical fitness was also administered by the participating youth.

In addition to literary activities, a series of sports and physical fitness programmes were held, including Volleyball, Badminton, Athletics, and other recreational activities.

The young volunteers of MY Bharat enthusiastically showcased their sporting talent and spirit of teamwork, thereby spreading the message of fitness, discipline, and dedication.

Speaking on the occasion, officials and coordinators of MY Bharat highlighted that National Sports Day serves as a reminder of India's rich sports legacy and motivates youth to adopt sports as an

integral part of life. They also stressed on the role of physical fitness in nation-building and urged youngsters to actively participate in various sports for their holistic development.

The celebration across multiple districts turned into a spirited movement, reflecting the vision of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to nurture a healthy, active, and vibrant young India.

First Khelo India Water Sports Festival

Sarmad Hafeez felicitates partner agencies for their invaluable contribution

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 30: Following successful culmination of First Khelo India Water Sports Festival-2025, a felicitation ceremony was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council to honour and recognise the collaborating organisations for their invaluable support and cooperation during the First Khelo India Water Sports Festival-2025, which was successfully held at the picturesque Dal Lake, Srinagar.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, lauded the collective efforts of all the agencies involved in the successful execution of the national event.

He acknowledged their invaluable contributions, emphasizing that their dedication was crucial in ensuring the smooth and seamless conduct of the festival.

He further remarked, "Our collective efforts have helped elevate Jammu and Kashmir's standing in the national sports arena, and we hope to carry this momentum in future events."

Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council was also present on the occasion.

As a mark of apprecia-



tion, Commissioner Secretary presented certificates of gratitude to Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Kashmir, Department of Youth Services & Sports, J&K Lakes Conservation & Management Authority, Tourism Department, Department of Health Services Kashmir, Floriculture Department, Department of Hospitality & Protocol, Srinagar Municipal Corpo-

ration, Jal Shakti Department Kashmir, KPDCL, Fire & Emergency Services Kashmir, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Srinagar, JKTDC, SKICC Srinagar, Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar, All India Radio, Srinagar, Department of Handlooms & Handicrafts, Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar, J&K Road Transport Corporation, J&K Police Srinagar, Traffic Police Srinagar,

J&K Armed Police, SDRF J&K, Red FM (South Asia FM Pvt. Ltd.), M/S Color Curve Advertisers, M/S Space Communication, M/S Associated Media, President Shikara Association, President Houseboat Owners Association, President Hoteliers Club Srinagar, Airport Authority of India, Regional Transport Officer Kashmir, CISF Srinagar Airport and JKRLM Kashmir.

Maanay, Myrah bag senior titles in TT Ranking meet

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Maanay Mansotra and Myrah Dewan bagged men and women singles titles respectively in the 2nd UTT J&K UT Table Tennis Ranking Championship which was organised by Jammu District Table Tennis Association at Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here today.

In the men's singles final, Maanay defeated Akash 3-1 while Myrah outplayed Arushika Dabar 3-2 to emerge women champion. Earlier, in men's semifinals, Maanya beat Amit Badyal 3-1 and Akash trounced Pratham 3-2.

In the finals and prize distribution function, former member J&K Sports Council, Rajeev Sharma was chief guest, who in the presence of distinguished gathering presented title trophies. Encouraging the participants, he congratulated those winners and appreciated the organisers for making game competitive by way of introducing the ranking tournaments.



Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council, Satpal Singh was guest of honour.

This championship held under the aegis of J&K Table Tennis Association and in support with J&K Sports Council under 'My Youth My Pride'.

Prominent among those present were Satpal Singh (Divisional Sports Officer), Satbir Singh, Ajay Sharma, Suraj Bhan, Arshi Nad (Manager Indoor Sports Complex), Saleem Bandey, Maninder Singh, Rajan

Sharma, Meenu Rajesh, Vasu Dewan, Narinder Singh, Gurminder Singh (NIS Coach), Asad Sharma (NIS Coach) and Naveen Nischal.

The Other Results: Hops (Under-11): Girls: Winner- Syrah Dewan and Runners up- Rithanya. Boys: Winner- Akshaj Garg and Runners up- Satvik Nischal. Cadet (Under 13): Boys: Winner- Saiyam Nischal and Runners up- Advik Garg. Girls: Winner- Alena Arora and Runners up- Bhavin Kour. Sub Junior

(Under 15): Boys: Winner- Saiyam Nischal and Runners up- Samar Dev Bansal. Girls: Winner- Myrah Dewan and Runners up- Srishiti Kapoor. Junior (Under 17): Boys: Winner- Samarth Nischal and Runners up- Ahaan Anand. Girls: Winner- Arushika Dabar and Runners up- Myrah Dewan. Junior (Under 19): Boys: Winner- Samarth Nischal and Runners up- Pratham Raina. Girls: Winner- Myrah Dewan and Runners up- Arushika Dabar.

Team Amrita wins cash prize in Chess

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Amrita led team won the INSAN team chess championship August-2025 and awarded a cash prize of Rs. 11,000 and title trophy. The event was organised by Vivek Chess Academy involving top 20 players representing four different teams. The competition was based on points for August month.

The winner Amrita's team secured around 69,000 points to secure top place. Ishaan's team finished second with 62,000 points whereas Surinder Gupta's team finished third with 57,000 points.

The winning team included Amrita Gupta, An-



jali, Pearl, Parth and Avni. Amrita contributed maximum 17631 points for her team, Avni (20,867), Parth (12,814), Pearl (8,214) and Anjali (10,068) were other contributors to the team's performance.

Started two years in April

last, Vivek chess Academy regrouped and has been training the youngsters hard. Amrita was two time Senior women Chess Champion of J&K. Earlier, two players of Vivek Chess Academy, Soham Kamotra and Meenal Gupta excelled

at the International Level.

While Soham is first ever International Master from J&K and also first Commonwealth gold medalist, Meenal was first ever Commonwealth gold medalist and Commonwealth Silver medal winner from J&K.