



DYSS J&K level Softball, Swimming, Gatka event held



JAMMU, SEPT 29: Organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), annual inter-district J&K level competitions (boys and girls) in all three age groups of under-14, under-17 and under-19 held at different venues in the disciplines of Softball, Swimming and

Gatka, here today. Since, Softball, Swimming and Gatka are practiced by a little number of school going children in the Union Territory, the competitions took place to raise the J&K teams for the upcoming National School Games, organized by the School Games Federation

of India at the National level.

The Results:
SOFTBALL: Under-14 Girls: Advaita Kotwal from District Jammu, Gold; Savadhi Sharma, Jammu, Silver; Saanvi Parihar, Jammu and Rabia Shabir Lone, Poonch, Bronze. Under-17: Lavanya Thakur,

Jammu, Gold; Sayede Ameer, Poonch, Silver; Asma Pervaiz, Poonch and Taniya Ajaz, Poonch, Bronze. Under-19: Nightat Mashooq, Poonch, Gold; Abhiyanish, Jammu, Silver; Sania Ajaz and Somalia Kouser, Poonch, Bronze.

GATKA: GIRLS: Under-19: Fari Soti Individual: Simran, Samba, Gold; Mandeep, Jammu, Silver; Prableen, Rajouri, Bronze. Single Soti Individual: Harjas, Jammu, Gold; Harsimranjot, Srinagar, Silver and Manjot, Rajouri, Bronze.

Under-17: Fari Soti Individual: Ajampreet, Jammu, Gold; Arabjeet, Kathua, Silver and Harmeet, Samba, Bronze. Single Soti Individual: Satnam, Samba, Gold; Jaisleem, Jammu, Silver and Gunjan, Srinagar, Bronze.

Inter-college Volleyball women meet begins

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Under the banner of Directorate of Sports and Physical Education the annual inter-college volleyball meet of University of Jammu got underway on the main campus, here today.

The opening day witnessed preliminary round of the matches with Dogra Law College and Govern-



ment Degree College (GDC) Pooni emerging winners.

Today's matches officiated by the technical penal including Mulkh Raj Khajuria, Shubham Sharma, Pragya Sharma, Parvinder Singh and Anil under the supervision of event in-charge, Vikas Karlopia.

The Results: Dogra Law College bt GCW Kathua 2-0 (25-17, 25-19); GDC Pooni bt GMC Rajouri 2-0 (25-15, 25-18).

IM Vignesh among 5 leads in U-17 Chess



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The only International Master (IM), Vignesh of Telengana was leading with four others in boys section at the end of round two in the 36th National Under-17 Open and Girls Chess Championship, organized by the All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) at Kangra Fort Banquets in the city

outskirts, here today.

In the open event IM Vignesh of Telengana, Fide Master (FM) Bivor Adas of West Bengal, FM Madendra Pratap of Madhya Pradesh, FM Daakshin Arun of Tamil Nadu and FM Aarit Kapil Delhi were at the joint lead with two points after round two of the event.

On the other hand, Woman Candidate Master (WCM) Gade Sharanya of

Telengana, Nikita Koul and Anushka Babu Kutwal of Maharashtra, WFM Suparya Ghosh of West Bengal and Shreya G Hipparagi of Maharashtra were leading with two points each.

Important to mention here that a record 286 young chess players from 30 states and Union Territories of the country are participating in this nine-day long event.

Meanwhile, among the

30 J&K players, mostly any FIDE norm, struggled through the first two rounds of the championships. However, a couple of higher rated boys are expected to make their presence felt in the upcoming rounds.

Earlier, Sanjeev Gupta Co-convener BJP Tourism Cell and Raman Sharma, president Jammu Latra Tourism Welfare Organization made the ceremonial moves today and wished good luck to players.

Also present were Atul Kumar Gupta, Chairman Planning and Development Commission of All India chess Federation and Director of this tournament, ex president AJKCA, Baldev Raj; Coordinator AJKCA Arvind Sharma and Dr. Ajit Kumar.

The Arbiters penal, led by Jismon Mathew of Kerala included Deputy Chief Arbitrer, Arbind Singh of Bihar, Ovais from Kerela and supported by around 13 other Arbiters from various states.

Jammu Whites defeat Jammu Blacks 75-53 in exhibition basketball match at Akhnoor

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Jammu Police, under its Civic Action Programme, in collaboration with Akhnoor Youth Club, organised an exhibition basketball match between Jammu Whites and Jammu Blacks at St. Francis Higher Secondary School, Akhnoor, today.

Both teams, comprising players from Jammu, showcased impressive basketball skills, discipline and competitive spirit. In an exciting encounter, Jammu Whites defeated Jammu Blacks 75-53.

SP Rural Ravinder Singh, while addressing the gathering, emphasised the importance of sports in channelising the energy of youth towards constructive pursuits.

He encouraged youngsters to stay away from drugs and other harmful influences and actively participate in sports and physical activities, which promote discipline, teamwork and a healthy lifestyle.

SDPO Akhnoor Bharat Sharma also addressed the youth and highlighted the need for greater participation in sports. He



urged youngsters to remain focused on positive activities and make sports an important part of their daily lives.

SDPO Bharat Sharma also participated in the basketball match, joining the players on the court and encouraging the youth through his participation.

Rakesh Malhotra also addressed the gathering and appreciated Jammu Police and Akhnoor Youth Club for organising the event, stating that such initiatives provide youth with meaningful plat-

forms for engagement and sporting excellence.

The gathering was also apprised that an exhibition cricket match between JKP XI and Akhnoor Veterans will soon be organised under the Civic Action Programme. The proposed match is aimed at further promoting sports, fitness, camaraderie and positive engagement among the youth.

SHO Akhnoor Sushil Choudhary was also present on the occasion. President Sports Club Akhnoor Dharam Pal

Gupta, Rakesh Malhotra, Sham Singh, Vinay Sapotlia, Shiv Mahajan, Pal Sharma, Suresh Gupta, Raman Sharma, Aman Mahajan, Ashok Langer, Ashok Magotra, Suresh Malhotra and several other sports enthusiasts and local residents remained present.

The programme concluded with appreciation for the participating teams and organisers for promoting sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles and stronger police-public interaction through youth-oriented activities.

GDC Poonch meets PG JU in Hockey final

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Government Degree College (GDC) Poonch shall be playing against equally good combined side of Post Graduate (PG) Departments of University of Jammu (JU) in the final of the inter-college men's Hockey tournament, organized by the Department of Sports, JU on the campus ground, here tomorrow at 11.30 am.

Earlier, in the semifinals, decided today, the GDC Poonch blanked GDC Kathua 5-0 to enter the final in style. Gamanpreet Singh struck twice in the (7th and 16th minutes) while Dhruv Sharma also contributed two goals (20th and 26th minutes). The tally was improved by Tanveer Ahmed, who sounded the board in the 38th minute.

In other semifinal of the day, the PG JU outplayed amidst introduction with the teams were Dr. Vimal



3-0. Kavalpreet Singh (6th), Karan Bhagat (18th) and Gurpreet Singh (41st) were the scorers.

Among those prominent witnessed the semifinals amidst introduction with the teams were Dr. Vimal

Kishore, Assistant Professor; P P Singh, National Referee; Jasbir Singh, Harjeet Singh, Prof. Dalip, Ravinder Singh and Maninderpal Singh Ricky.

The semifinals officiated by the technical penal in-

cluding Jagjit Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Rishiv Sharma, Harvinderpal Singh, Chanveer Singh, Sukhchinder Singh and Saval Ahmed under the supervision of event incharge, P D Singh.

Sprawling Buds holds annual prize function

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Sprawling Buds ICSE School and Apple Kids International Pre-School Bantalab jointly organized the annual prize distribution function thereby celebrating the achievements of budding talent.

The event, which highlighted remarkable fusion of student talent, academic achievements, and a strong sense of community spirit, was graced by former Legislator, Ashwani Sharma as chief guest, who felicitated the achievers in the presence of Chairman of the school, Rahul Sharma and chairperson of the school, Arti Sharma.

The festivities commenced with Saraswati Vandana, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. One of the most memorable moments of the programme was a patriotic pre-

sentation by the students.

Earlier, Director of the School, Seema Sharma warmly welcomed the chief guest and other special invitees expressing gratitude for the support from parents, the dedication of the faculty, and accomplishments of the students.

In his address to the gathering, Ashwani Sharma commended the school's efforts in setting a high standard among educational institutions. He praised the institution's commitment to creating an environment that nurtures both academic excellence and personal growth in children.

Among others present were Monika Sharma, Isha Singh, Shallu Bhat, Payal Bassan and Neha Sharma.

PRIZE WINNERS:
COLOURING COMPETITION: Class 1st: Yashwita Goja, Ist; Mohammad Asjad Raza, 2nd and Habba Hassan, 3rd. **SPELL BEE COMPETI-**



TION: Class 3rd : Ammaria Anand, Ist; Arjun Tickoo, 2nd and Eeshan Satish, 3rd. Class

4th: Eeshan Satish Tickoo, Ist; Arvhi Parihar, 2nd and Shashvat Singh, 3rd. **ORAL PRESEN-**

TATION: Summer Season: Cclass 5th: Priyanjali Sharma, Ist; Manasvi Sharma, 2nd and

Ananya Parihaar, 3rd. **PARAGRAPH WRITING COMPETITION:** MY FAVOURITE LEADER: Class 5th: Paarth Mujoo, Ist.

MAKING OF DIWALI GREETING CARD: Class 2nd: Dhiraaj Parashar, Ist; Dhruv Manhas, 2nd and Aranya, 3rd. **MAKING OF PAPER GARLAND:** Amayra Rajpur, Ist. **DECORATION OF POOJA THALI:** Mohammad Hamood Choudhary, Ist; Ojasvi Parihar, 2nd. **DIWALI WREATH MAKING COMPETITION:** Parnidhi Sharma, Ist; Himani Bhagat, 2nd and Eshmeet Kour, 3rd. **DIYA DECORATION:** Anvi Mangotra, Ist; Arishraj Singh Dilbar, 2nd and Reyansh Koul, 3rd. **FANCY DRESS COMPETITION:** Saksham Sharma, Ist; Atharv Koul, 2nd and Svanik Kesar, 3rd. **SPEECH COMPETITION:** Vidyut Parihar, Ist; Sahaj Manhas, 2nd; Namita Bhagat and Pranvika Sharma, joint 3rd. **SHOW AND TELL**

COMPETITION: Girisha, Ist; Kavish Aryan, 2nd and Vansh Thakur, 3rd. **ENGLISH POEM RECITATION:** Class 2nd: Swarit Singh, Ist; Atharv Verma, 2nd and Ayaan Dogra, 3rd.

ACADEMIC TOPPERS: Class Ist: Svanik Kesar, Ist; Yashvi Singh Rathore, 2nd and Vivaan Gupta, 3rd. Class 2nd: Reyansh Sawhney and Aadvik Bhagat, Ist; Reyansh ad Sanaya Kotwal, 3rd. Class 3rd: Krishan Dev Singh, Ist; Sahaj Manhas, 2nd and Jiyanshi Sharma, 3rd. Class 4th: Shashvat Singh, Ist; Ritika Rajput, 2nd. Class 5th: Mehak, Ist; Priyanjali Sharma, 2nd and Riyansh Sharma, 3rd. Class 6th: Myraa, Ist; Aaradhya Anand, 2nd and Dharvik, 3rd. Class 7th: Numair Ali Khan, Ist; Yashaswani Singh Thakur, 2nd. Class 8th: Sanvi Bhat, Ist; Ayush Singh Surmal, 2nd and Priyansh Sharma, 3rd. Class 9th: Avika Gupta, Ist and Jeevika Thappa, 3rd.