

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

INTER APS CLUSTER -1

10th JULY, 2024

DAY-1



The Inter-APS Table Tennis Tournament (CLUSTER-1) 2024-25, kicked off for boys and girls at Army Public School Jammu Cantt.

The venue invigorated with the presence of Vice Chairman APSJC Col K.V Mahendra, CO 15 Guards, as the Chief Guest of the event. Principal APSJC, Ms Puneet Kaur; Vice Principal, Ms Manmeet Kour and Head Mistress Ms Anupama Bahadur also graced the event with their presence. Technical officials; Mr Ravish

Vaid, Head Coach, Department of Physical Education and Sports, University of Jammu and Ms Sakshi Dadgotra were also present for the smooth conduct of the tournament.

The program commenced with an eloquent welcome note by the Head Girl and Head Boy of the school, Ms Smily and Master Vedant Sunil Mahajan. It was followed by lighting of the traditional lamp. All the participating teams from 8 APS' took oath with the Captain of the host school's team Bavleen Kour. Afterwards briefing about the tournament was done by Mr Deep Kishore, HOD Sports, APSJC.

Principal of the school, Ms Puneet Kaur addressed that this sport extravaganza aims to provide a platform for budding sportspersons to learn new skills and showcase their talents. The Chief Guest of the event, Vice Chairman APSJC Col K. V Mahendra, CO 15 Guards, while addressing the players emphasized on the importance of sports for the overall development of a child. He exhorted the students to take sports more seriously for a healthy life and thereafter he declared the event open. A total of eight matches were played on Day 1 comprising of the singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The initial matches were played on league basis. APS Jammu Cantt, APS BD Bari, APS Kaluchak, APS Samba, APS Miran Sahib qualified for the next day.

11th JULY, 2024

DAY 2

A total of six matches were played on day 2 of the Inter-school (CLUSTER-1) Table Tennis Tournament. The day's event sparked off by Sports Coordinator, Mr Deep Kishore apprising the teams of the day's schedule. As the array of games started, a spectrum of attitudes could be spotted among the competitors.

APS Jammu Cantt and **APS Kaluchak** qualified for the **semi-finals** from **Pool A**.

APS Ratnuchak and **APS Miran Sahib** made it to the **semi-finals** from **Pool B**.

In the first semi-final round, APS Kaluchak trounced APS Samba whereas in the second semi-final round. APS Miran Sahib outpaced APS Jammu Cantt to seal their positions in the finals.

12th JULY, 2024

DAY 3

Excitement and enthusiasm were infectious on the concluding day.

The last day of the tournament started with the finals between **APS Miran Sahib** and **APS Kaluchak**. As the game started, aggressive gameplay was seen on numerous occasions in the form of thundering smashes and mind boggling serves perfectly showing the time and effort devoted to develop their craft. APS Kaluchak defeated APS Miran Sahib by 3-1. The Trophy was clinched by **APS Kaluchak** whereas APS Miran Sahib stood at second slot followed by APS Jammu Cantt who bagged third position.

The Head Girl of the school, Ms Smily sparked off the Closing Ceremony of Table Tennis Tournament with a pleasant welcome note. Chairman APSJC, Brig. Gautam Segan, SC, SM, Dy GOC 26 Inf Div adorned the event with his presence as the Chief Guest. Vice Chairman APSJC, Col K.V Mahendra CO 15 Guards, Principal, APS Kaluchak; Ms Namrata Thakur, Principal of the host school, Ms Puneet Kaur and Head Mistress Ms Anupama Bahadur also made their appearance in the closing ceremony.

The closing ceremony embarked with the scintillating group song by the school choir. It was a display of perfect harmony and synchronization adding serenity to the environment. Mr Deep Kishore, HOD Sports apprised the dignitaries about the tournament.

The Principal, Ms Puneet Kaur in her address congratulated the winning team and thanked all for putting their best foot forward for making the event a grand success. She admired the unwavering spirit and sportsmanship exhibited by all the participants during the tournament. Furthermore, she appreciated the efforts of the sport's in charges for being a catalyst that stimulated the players to do their best.

The Chief Guest Brig. Gautam Segan, SC, SM, Dy GOC 26 Inf Div gave away the prizes to winners and runners up. Furthermore, both technical Officials were bestowed with mementos and appreciation letters for the smooth conduction of the tournament. Afterwards, participation certificates were given to all the participants for showing extraordinary fighting spirits.

The Chief Guest in his address congratulated all and said 'It's not just about winning or losing, but to learn about teamwork, sportsmanship and such events help to imbibe values'. Later he declared the event closed.

Head Mistress, Ms Anupama Bahadur proposed vote of thanks for making the three day event, a rich experience and a motivating learning journey. This was followed by high tea wherein players were seen interacting with the fellow players and sharing their experiences.



