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PIYUSH Kothari defeated Shivam Bothra 156-154 in a nail-biting final of the KSTBA Star City U-21 state ranking tenpin bowling tournament. Earlier in closely contested semifinals, Piyush defeated Yogendra 134-130 while Shivam defeated the last year's runner-up Prajwal 167-151.

The highlight of the tournament was a high score of 245 by the 12-year old Shivam in the last game of the qualifiers. This effort fetched him the special cash prize of Rs1000. Shivam had earlier bowled a score of 208 in the second game to finish on top in qualifying with an overall average of 185.75 in the four games. The winner, runner-up and second runner-up were richer by Rs5000, 3000 and 2000 respectively.

A total of 46 players from different schools and colleges participated in this two-day event. This is the second of the six ranking events in the U-21 category scheduled to be held this year. For the first time a Youth Masters tournament will be held at the end of the year featuring top players based on cumulative ranking points of all the 6 events.

