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Bhim Mandal 'rolls' to victory

TENPIN BOWLING

Nishit Kedia goes down fighting in students' tenpin bowling meet



BHIM Mandal of Jain International Residential School (JIRS), Bangalore, comfortably defeated the top seed Nishit Kedia of Central Management School, Bangalore 185-150 to win the KSTBA-Starcity students state ranking tenpin bowling tournament on Wednesday.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Bhim Mandal defeated Sanchit Garg of JIRS 150-131 while Nitesh Kedia downed Vatsal of Venkat Public International School, Bangalore 170-123.

The highlight of the tournament was the tied quarter-final match between Bhartsh and Sanchit Garg when both totaled 331 in two games. In the single game tie-breaker, Sanchit edged out Bhartsh by a mere 7 pins (137-130). The award for the highest score in the tournament went to eventual champion Bhim Mandal who had a high game of 221 in the first game of qualifying. This effort fetched him the special prize for the highest score in the tournament and a cash prize of Rs 1000.

The winner, runner-up and 2nd runner-up were richer by Rs 5000, 3000 and 2000 respectively.

A total of 46 players from different schools and colleges participated in this two-day event. This event is the third 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 six events.

Scores: Final: Bhim Mandal bt Nishit Kedia 185-150. 1st semi-final: Nishit Kedia bt Vatsal 170-123; 2nd semi-final: Bhim Mandal bt Sanchit Garg 150-131.



The students tenpin bowling champion Bhim Mandal (centre) flanked by first runner-up Nishit Kedia (left) and second runner-up Sanchit Garg.