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Action at the 22nd National Youth Sports Festival

Spirit of Youth



Under 20 best woman athlete Ishara Sandeepani Dayananda who finishing 200m with a time of 26.1 seconds

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Ratnapura District retained the overall championship of the National Youth Sports Festival with 115 points yesterday at the Jayathilake Ground in Nawalapitiya to make it two in a row.

Kurunegala District was the runner-up with 55 points while Anuradhapura District secured the third slot with 54 points. The champions were awarded a cash prize of Rs 150,000 in addition to the championship trophy. Mohamed Mirfan who set a new record in the men's long jump and Ishara Sandeepani Dayananda who finished

200m with a time of 26.1 seconds were adjudged under 20 best men's and women's athletes respectively.

In the over 20 category, Sampath Sanjeweewa Jayasinghe the new record holder in the triple jump and Ishara Maduwanthi who cleared 5.69 metres in the long jump were adjudged best men and women athletes respectively.

All were awarded with more cycles along with the trophies.

A total of 14 meet records were shattered during the four day youth sports extravaganza but no athlete was even close to set a new Sri Lanka National record for which the organizers promised a brand new car as the grand prize.



The guests at the opening ceremony receiving the guard of honour at the march Past (From left) Youth Affairs Deputy Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Member of Parliament Namal Rajapaksa, Sports Minister C B Ratnayake, Youth Affairs Minister Dullus Alahapperana, NYSC Chairman and Director General Lathth Pum Perera and Sri Lanka Federation of Youth Clubs Secretary Tilanga Madugalle.



The finalists of the soccer tournament being introduced to the Youth Affairs Deputy Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage at the Jayathilake Ground in Nawalapitiya on the opening day of the National Youth Sports Festival



Balloons being released to mark the opening of the National Youth Sports Festival.

Records:

- Hiruni Diasa Weerasekera 11.97 metres - Women's under-20 triple jump.
- Himansa Karunaratne 37.82 metres - Women's under-20 javelin throw.
- Tharika Kumudumali 12.79 metres - Women's over-20 shot putt.
- M I M Mirfan 6.94 metres - Men's under-20 long jump.
- Sonali Kumari Weerasekera - 43.25 metres - Women's over-20 discus throw.
- T.S. Wanniarachchi 13.59 metres - Men's over 20 shot putt.
- Nipuna Nirmal Weerasekera - 2.00 metres - Men's under 20 high jump.
- Madushani Siriwardena - 1.65 metres - Women's under-20 high jump.
- Sanjuna Sumanaweera - 13.97 metres - Men's under-20 shot putt.
- Vadiweshwaran Hariharan - 44 metres - Men's under-20 discus throw.
- Sampath Sanjeweewa Jayasinghe - 15.52 metres - Men's over 20 triple jump.
- N Selvakumar - 33.19.4 minutes - men's under-20 10,000m.
- Dhanushka Shrimal Samarasekera - 14.46 metres - men's under 20 triple jump.
- R M S J Fanaasinghe - 60.68 metres - men's under-20 javelin throw.



Nipuna Nirmal Weerasekera clearing 2.00 meters in the Men's under 20 high jump to set a new meet record

Pictures by Mahinda Vithanachchi



Netball Champions, Kurunegala District team with their coach.



National Youth Services Council dancers adding color to the opening ceremony



Colorful drill display performed by the students of schools in the Nawalapitiya