

# SMVDSB honours participants of Para Archery World Championship

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KATRA: The Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), Sachin Kumar Vaishya today felicitated Rakesh Kumar for his outstanding achievement in securing the Silver Medal in the Men's Compound Open category at the 2025 Para Archery World Championship held in Gwangju, South Korea from September 19 to 30.

On the occasion, Pawan Kumar, the first differently-abled archer from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir participated in this prestigious international event, was also honored for his commendable representation. Additionally, Abhilasha Chaudhary, Archery Coach of the Shrine Board, who accompanied the Indian Para Archery contingent during the championship, was felicitated in recognition of her



CEO SMVDSB Sachin Kumar Vaishya honouring para archiers.

dedicated contribution to the sport.

The Chief Executive Officer honored the archers with mementos and Chunri of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji as a token of divine blessings and appreciation. He lauded the participants for their indomitable spirit and extended heartfelt wishes for their continued success in forthcoming international competitions.

The CEO stated that the Shrine Board, under the visionary directions and guidance of the Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lieutenant Governor, JK-UT), Shri Manoj Sinha remains steadfast in its commitment to encouraging youth and providing them with a robust platform to showcase their talents. He further emphasized that the Shrine Board's Sports

Complex is being developed as a Centre of Excellence and urged sportspersons to take optimum benefit from the state-of-the-art equipment and other facilities made available at the Sports Complex.

A recipient of the prestigious Arjuna Award-2024, Rakesh Kumar has consistently showcased remarkable talent and dedication at both national and inter-

national levels, bringing laurels to the nation and to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pawan Kumar trained at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex, hailing from Village Dansal in Katra, was extended financial assistance of Rs 7 lakh by the Shrine Board to facilitate his participation in the prestigious Para World Archery Championship-2025. He has consistently demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline and determination in the field of archery. His representation at the international level marks a significant milestone for both the Shrine Board and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, placing the region prominently on the global map of para sports.

Also present on the occasion were Additional CEO, Alok Kumar Maurya; Assistant CEO, Dhruv Gupta and officers of the Shrine Board.

## 10th All India Police Games Judo Cluster J&K Police win silver in Pencak Silat



Sports Officer of J&K Police, Kuldeep Handoo felicitating J&K Police medal winner in Pencak Silat, Ravees Ahmed at SKISC, Srinagar on Thursday.

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SRINAGAR: Hosts Jammu and Kashmir won a Silver medal in Pencak Silat on the opening day of the 10th All India Police Games Judo Cluster at Sher-e-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex (SKISC), here on Thursday.

The only medal for J&K came in Tunggal Artistic through Ravees Ahmed. First place clinched by Abhishek Kumar Gautam of SSB while third place shared by Huidrom Bishan Meetei of Assam Rifles and

Dipankar Das of West Bengal Police.

On the other hand, the Karate event, that also started today at other venue of Indoor Complex, Polo Ground, here, the competition was still at the preliminary stages and the final results are expected tomorrow.

The medal winners of the day-one were felicitated by Sports Officer of J&K Police, Kuldeep Handoo in the presence of other senior officers.

Earlier, during the day, organising secretary of the Police Games Judo Cluster, ADGP, Anand Jain visited both the venues and witnessed the competition in Pencak Silat and Karate. He interacted with the technical officials and the participants and enquired about their well being.

The (Pencak Silat Artistic) Results: MEN: Solo: Aaryan, SSB, Ist; Sandeep Yadav, UP, 2nd; Vishal Sharma, Punjab and Mangaram Tamang, Orissa, 3rd. Tunggal: Abhishek Kumar Gautam, SSB, Ist; Raveesh Ahmed, J&K Police, 2nd; Huidrom Bishan Meetei, Assam Rifles and Dipankar Das, West Bengal, 3rd.

WOMEN: Solo: Sonia, Chandigarh, Ist; Madhu Kumari, SSB, 2nd; Rajwinder Kumari, Punjab and Barsa Nath, Orissa, 3rd. Tunggal: Simran, Chandigarh, Ist; Deeksha Sharma, Madhya Pradesh, 2nd; Barsa Nath, Orissa and Shital, SSB, 3rd.

## JKCA to host 8 national-level matches in 2025-26 season

Brig Gupta appeals attendees to maintain decorum, dignity

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) is pleased to announce that it will host eight national-level matches during the 2025-26 cricket season. These include three Ranji Trophy, three Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy, and two Cooch Behar Trophy matches.

The Ranji Trophy fixtures will feature top domestic teams and will include matches against Mumbai and Rajasthan, both to be played at the Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium, Srinagar. The Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy matches will be held at the Hostel Ground, Jammu, while the Cooch Behar Trophy matches are scheduled at the Jammu University Cricket Ground.

The season will open with a Ranji Trophy match against Mumbai on 15th October 2025 at Srinagar, marking an exciting start for J&K cricket fans.

Brig Anil Gupta (Retd)

stated that the JKCA warmly welcomes cricket enthusiasts and supporters to witness their favourite players in action. Several national and international players are expected to feature in matches across Srinagar and Jammu during the season, offering fans a chance to enjoy top-quality cricket at their home venues.

Spectators are advised that carrying bottles or tiffins inside the venue will not be permitted for security and safety reasons. Brig Gupta appealed to all attendees to maintain decorum and dignity while cheering. He added, "Cheer the teams and your favourite players wholeheartedly, but refrain from hooting or any kind of sloganeering. Our guest teams too deserve applause for their good performances."

"As informed earlier only those media persons having JKCA issued accreditation cards will be allowed inside the venue," asserted Brig Gupta.

## JKians shine in Inter-District UT Level & Sahodaya Jammu Swimming Competitions



Director JK Educational Society, Shashi Chaudhary and Principal JK Public School Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore along with winner students.

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JAMMU: In the Inter District UT level Swimming Competition held on October 8, 2025, Jaiwardhan Singh of JK Public School Kunjwani won gold medal each in 50 Mtr Free Style and 100 Mtr Free Style events in the U/19 category.

In the Inter-school Swimming Competitions held at Jodhamal Public School under the banner of

Sahodaya Jammu Chapter, JK Public School won six silvers and one bronze medal.

The winners are Udhay Singh, silver medal each in 50 mtrs Free Style and 4 x100 mtrs Free Style Relay. Aaditya Verma, silver medal each in 25 mtrs Free Style and 4 x100 mtrs Free Style Relay. Kavin Sharma and Jaideep Singh, silver medal each in 4 x 100 mtr free Style

relay.

Director JK Educational Society, Shashi Chaudhary and Principal JK Public School Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore congratulated the winners and felicitated them in the assembly.

They also lauded the School Coach Seema Devi, Govind Sambyal and Subash Chander (HOD) Sports for preparing the students for the competitions.

## Innovation Bootcamp organised by IIM Jammu at GDC Bishnah



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BISHNAH: The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of Government Degree College (GDC), Bishnah, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, organized an Innovation Bootcamp on Thursday under the aegis of IQAC and the patronage of Dr. Shailu Samyal, Principal of the College.

The event aimed at fostering innovative thinking, creativity, and entrepreneurial skills among students, in alignment with the vision of promoting a culture of innovation in higher education institutions. A team from the IIM Jammu Incubation Centre visited the college and interacted with students.

The team included Dr. Vivek

Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer IIM Jammu; Dr. Shroetika Rajput, IQAC Coordinator and Innovation Activity Coordinator; GDC Bishnah, who welcomed the dignitaries from IIM Jammu and highlighted the importance of innovation and incubation activities for students' overall growth.

The session was very interactive and inspiring. The speakers shared real-life success stories of people who started with simple ideas and went on to

build successful businesses.

They encouraged students to think creatively and find solutions to real-life problems, explaining that every big start-up begins with a small idea.

An open-house discussion was organized towards the end, giving participants an opportunity to present their ideas, ask questions, and receive expert feedback from the visiting team.

The formal Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Geeta Lakhotra, Member IIC. The event was coordinated by the IIC members of GDC Bishnah, including Prof. Sania Hamid (Vice President, IIC) and Dr. Sonika Khajuria (Convener, IIC), with active involvement from faculty members and students. The Innovation Bootcamp proved to be an inspiring and insightful experience, motivating young minds to think creatively, innovate fearlessly, and explore entrepreneurial pathways for the future.

## PG Deptt shines at Inter-Collegiate Weightlifting (Women) Championship 2025-26

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, organized the Inter-Collegiate Weightlifting (Women) Championship 2025-26 at the Training Hall, University of Jammu.

The competition witnessed stellar performances across multiple weight categories. In the 49-kg category, Kashish Bhagat from GDC Doda secured the gold medal, followed by Sania Dhiman of GDC Basohli with silver. In the 53-kg category, Riya Mehra (GCW Parade) won gold, and Vanshika Gupta (MIET) took silver.



Organisers along with winners posing for photograph.

The 58-kg and 63-kg categories were dominated by athletes from the PG Department, University of Jammu, with Priya Devi and Sakshi Sharma

winning gold medals, while their teammates also secured silver and bronze positions. Other category winners included Arpana Devi (69-kg, GDC Doda), Kaushiki Sharma (77-kg, GCW Parade), Maseeba Kouser (86-

kg, GCW Parade), and Elkam Kour (+86-kg, PG Department JU), who added to their college's impressive medal tally. With outstanding performances across several weight classes, the PG Department,

University of Jammu, clinched the overall trophy by securing 18 points, while GCW Parade emerged as the runner-up with 15 points. The championship highlighted the growing talent and competitive spirit among women athletes in the region.

The tournament was conducted under strict supervision and fair play, officiated by Ravi Singh, Inderpal Singh, Lakhwinder Singh, Dr. Dhanraj Singh Slathia, and Jai Bharat, ensuring a smooth and professionally managed event. The successful conclusion of the championship further reinforces the University of Jammu's commitment to promoting sports and empowering women athletes.

## Shiksha Niketan School excels in BIS National-Level Online Quiz Competition



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JAMMU: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards Body of India, organized a National-Level Online Quiz Competition aimed at spreading awareness about standardization, quality, and consumer rights among students across the country.

The online quiz witnessed enthusiastic participation

from students representing schools and colleges from various states on national level. Adding to the school's pride, Jahanvi Paliwal from 12th 'K' and Madhvi Gupta from 12th 'W' who had represented the Shiksha Niketan School in an Inter-School Quiz Competition in which they accomplish of winning cash prizes of Rs 17,000 and Rs 2500 along

with trophy respectively. Their success served as a great motivation to all Shiksha Niketans.

Speaking on the occasion, BIS officials highlighted that such initiatives help inculcate a culture of quality and standardization among the youth, aligning with the Government of India's vision of "Quality Conscious India."

## Vivek Suri emerges as leading wicket-taker for India in Veterans Bilateral Series against New Zealand



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NEW DELHI: Veterans cricketer Vivek Suri, representing North Zone, has emerged as the leading wicket-taker from the Indian side in the 50+ International Bilateral Series between North Zone and the touring New Zealand Veterans, being played at Jamia University Ground, New Delhi.

Displaying remarkable consistency and control, Suri claimed 5 crucial wickets across 3 matches, maintaining an impressive economy rate of 5.53. His disciplined bowling spells played a pivotal role in containing the New Zealand batting lineup and provided key breakthroughs at crucial moments. Vivek Suri, who also serves as the Secretary and Captain of the Veterans Cricket Association J&K, has been a consistent performer at the national veterans circuit. He earlier represented North Zone in the Inter-Zonal Veterans Cricket Tournament held at Indore in 2022 and Bhopal in January 2025. Under his leadership, Team J&K registered memorable victories in the Legend Masters Series in February 2025. Speaking about his performance, Suri said, "It's always an honour to represent the North Zone and contribute to the team's success. Competing against international players at this stage brings immense satisfaction and motivation to continue improving." His achievement has brought pride to the Veterans Cricket Association J&K, reaffirming his stature as one of the most consistent performers in the veterans' cricket fraternity.

## Expert Talk organized by JU on 'Industrial Ecosystem in J&K and Career Counseling'

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JAMMU: The International Centre for Cross Cultural Research and Human Resource Management (ICCCR & HRM), University of Jammu (JU), organized an expert talk on the topic "Industrial Ecosystem in J&K and Career Counseling" for the students of MBA (IB) Semester I and Semester III. The resource person for the session was Arshad Noomani, Functional Manager, Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Jammu. He shared his expertise on industrial development policies, startup initiatives, and the support mechanisms available for entrepreneurs in J&K. Noomani highlighted the government's focus on fostering innovation and entrepreneurship through schemes such as the J&K Startup Policy, industrial incentives, and incubation support systems. He encouraged students to explore expanding opportunities in export promotion, manufacturing, and service sectors, emphasizing how management graduates can contribute to the local economy by engaging in entrepreneurial ventures or policy-oriented careers.

Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Director, ICCR & HRM, University of Jammu, appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude to Arshad Noomani for sharing his valuable insights and motivating the students to align their careers with the emerging industrial opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Parul Mahajan, Dr. Swati Sharma, and other faculty members of the department.

## Dr. Kuldeep Gupta to conduct Kabaddi Referee's Course at Bahrain

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J A M M U : General Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association & Technical Director Asian kabaddi Federation



Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta will conduct the Kabaddi Referee's Course from 13th to 16th October 2025 at Bahrain before the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025. Mr. Tej Naryan Chief Coach of Bahrain Kabaddi team will also be a part of Kabaddi Referee's Course to be conducted for officials who have love with kabaddi or who have played the kabaddi Game in their career including Physical Education Instructors and Teachers.

Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta has also conducted earlier International Kabaddi Referee's Course in the month of February 2024 at Tehran, Iran.

Moreover Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta has also appointed Technical Delegate in the 3rd Asian Youth Game 2025 in Kabaddi Competition at Bahrain and also performed as Technical Delegate in 19th Asian Games at Hangzhou, China - 2023, 16th Asian Games at Ghanzhou, China - 2010, 14th Asian Games at Busan, Korea 2002 and number of times as Technical Official and Jury Member in National Games also.