

Baba Jitoo Cricket Club wins Police Martyrs' Memorial Cricket Tournament

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REASI: The Grand Finale of the Police Martyrs' Memorial Cricket Tournament, organized by IRP 1st Bn. Reasi under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2025-26, was held on Saturday at the District Police Lines (DPL) Ground, Reasi.

The match was played between Baba Jitoo Cricket Club and Narsingh Cricket Club (NRCC), Salal. In a thrilling and closely contested encounter, Baba Jitoo Cricket Club emerged as the champion, displaying outstanding skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

The Closing Ceremony was graced by Ms. Sara Rizvi, IPS, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, and Dr. Vinod Kumar, IPS, DIG IRP Range Jammu, who attended as the Chief Guest for the



Police officers with team after distributing trophy.

occasion. On his arrival at the Battalion Headquarters, Reasi, Dr. Vinod Kumar was accorded a Guard of Honour by the contingent of IRP 1st Battalion.

The Chief Guest, along with the Commanding Officer of IRP 1st Battalion and other officers of District Reasi, paid floral

tributes to the martyrs of IRP 1st Battalion at DPL Ground, Reasi, in a brief and solemn ceremony held to honour the brave personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

The event was also attended by SSP Reasi, ADDC Reasi, ADC Reasi, Addl. SP Reasi, and other senior police officers, dignitaries,

and prominent citizens of Reasi town, whose presence added grace and significance to the occasion.

At the conclusion of the event, a presentation ceremony was held, during which the Chief Guest presented trophies and medals to the winning and runner-up teams amidst loud applause from players, offi-

cers, and spectators.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of the organizers for conducting the tournament under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2025-26, emphasizing that such initiatives play a vital role in fostering sportsmanship, discipline, and community engagement among youth while strengthening the bond between the police and the public.

The Police Martyrs' Memorial Cricket Tournament not only celebrated the spirit of cricket but also served as a tribute to the valor and sacrifice of the police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Heartiest congratulations to Baba Jitoo Cricket Club for their remarkable victory and commendable performance in the finals.

JKIANS shine at 40th National Junior Athletics Championship Bhubaneswar



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: The spirit of JK IANS once again touched new heights as the young athletes of JK Public School, Kunjwani made their mark at the 40th National Junior Athletics Championship 2025, held from 10th to 14th October at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar (Odisha).

Brimming with enthusiasm and determination, Shoib Khan (Class XI) and Aaditya

Verma (Class VIII) proudly represented JK Public School on the national stage, running shoulder to shoulder with some of the best young athletes from across the country.

During a special assembly filled with applause and cheers, Shashi Chaudhary, Director, JK Educational Society, and Rajesh Rathore, Principal, JK Public School, Kunjwani, congratulated the students for their commendable effort, grit and sports-

manship. They also extended appreciation to Shiv Dev Singh, School Coach, and Subash Chander, Head of the Sports Department, for their dedicated training that helped the students reach this milestone.

Their participation at this Grand National event stands as a glowing inspiration for all JK IANS - proving that with passion in the heart and perseverance in the stride, every dream is within reach!

Thrilling third day at Jammu District Open Tennis Championship sees fierce matches, strong performances

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JAMMU: The Jammu District Open Tennis Championship for Men and Women, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association, entered its third day on Saturday at the Lawn Tennis Courts, M.A. Stadium, Jammu. The day's schedule featured intense matches in the Men's Singles, Women's Singles, and Men's Doubles categories, offering spectators a feast of competitive tennis.

In the Men's Singles, Chakshu Mahajan displayed fine form, defeating Shaurya Pratab Singh 8-5 in a hard-

fought contest. Deepak Singh also advanced confidently, registering an 8-3 win over Gurleen Singh. Both players impressed with their controlled rallies and clever placement, showcasing tactical awareness and strong baseline play.

The Women's Singles encounters were tightly contested, keeping the audience on edge. Sanvi Sambyal began with a commanding 6-1 victory over Palak Sahu but later suffered narrow 6-5 losses to Ridhya Gupta and Aarushi Kumari in gripping finishes. Ridhya demonstrated consistency, securing wins against both Sanvi and Palak (6-0),

while Aarushi edged Ridhya 6-5 in one of the day's most thrilling matches.

In the Men's Doubles, teamwork proved decisive. Vikram Gupta and Sanjay Kotwal beat Paras Kachroo and Raghav Sabharwal 8-5, while Deepak Singh and Chakshu Mahajan overcame Hardeep Singh and Pankaj Dewivedi 8-6. Amar Jyoti and Shivansh Mahajan rounded off the day with an 8-5 victory over Saksham Amla and Sanchit Gupta.

The championship continues to draw enthusiasm from tennis fans across Jammu as the competition intensifies.

GGHSS Nowabad shines at District Level, secures first position in Science Drama

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JAMMU: Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Nowabad brought laurels to Zone Jammu by securing First Position in the District Level Science Drama Competition, held under the National Science Drama 2025 initiative organised by DIET Jammu. The competition witnessed participation from 16 zones across the district, showcasing creativity, innovation, and scientific spirit among students.

The students of GGHSS Nowabad captivated the audience and judges with



GGHSS Nowabad faculty receiving trophy.

their impactful performance on the theme of "Hygiene For All", highlighting the

importance of sustainable innovations for a better future. The team's powerful

acting, expressive dialogue delivery, and well-crafted script received high appreciation from the panel.

The event concluded with a grand felicitation ceremony where the winning team of GGHSS Nowabad was honoured by Prof. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director JKSCERT, Principal DIET, and other esteemed dignitaries. They congratulated the students and teachers for their exemplary efforts and dedication in promoting scientific awareness through performing arts.

Principal of GGHSS Nowabad, Dr Kartar Chand

Sharma expressed immense pride in the achievement and praised the students and the teacher Ms Poonam Gupta for their commitment, creativity and hard work. He encouraged them to continue excelling and bringing recognition to the institution.

The victory at the district level has qualified GGHSS Nowabad to represent District Jammu in the upcoming Divisional-level competition, marking another milestone in the school's consistent record of excellence in co-curricular and scientific activities.

JU's Bhaderwah Campus organises Annual Sports meet

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BHADERWAH: The Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, organized a vibrant Sports Meet for students, teaching, and non-teaching staff, showcasing the spirit of teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation across multiple disciplines, fostering a healthy competitive spirit and camaraderie among all sections of the campus community.

The Department of Computer Science and IT emerged as the overall winner with an impressive total of 16 points, clinching the Overall Trophy for their outstanding performance. Rector Bhaderwah Campus,



JU's Bhaderwah Campus faculty with winner students.

Prof. Rahul Gupta, distributed trophies and medals among the winners in different categories and lauded the participants for their energy and commitment. Event was witnessed by all

the faculty members, Students and Non teaching staff

In his address, Prof. Rahul Gupta appreciated the efforts of the organizing team for successfully conducting the

event and emphasized the importance of sports in holistic personality development. He said that sports not only promote physical fitness but also inculcate discipline, leadership, and team spirit

among the youth, which are essential qualities for success in life.

Earlier, Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator and Incharge Sports, presented the formal welcome address, highlighting the objectives of the sports meet and expressing gratitude to the campus administration for their continuous encouragement and support in promoting extracurricular activities.

The prize distribution ceremony was conducted by Mr.Arif Haleem Khateeb, External Relations Officer, who also presented the formal vote of thanks, extending appreciation to all participants, faculty members, and volunteers for making the event a grand success.

Jammu Tawi Golf Course hosts Monsoon Tee Off Diwali Cup 2025

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JAMMU: The lush greens of Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC) are set to come alive with festive fervor as the much-awaited Monsoon Tee Off Diwali Cup 2025 tees off on October 19, 2025, at 1:00 PM.

Organized under the aegis of C.P Verma, Secretary Tourism Department, in association with the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, the event promises to be a vibrant blend of sport, celebration and community spirit.

Bringing together nearly 90-100 passionate golfers from across the region and beyond, this year's Diwali Cup will serve as a testament to the growing golfing culture in Jammu & Kashmir, symbolizing how the sport continues to unite people and foster camaraderie across all walks of life.

Following an exciting day of competition, the evening would culminate in a grand prize distribution ceremony, a sumptuous dinner, and a gala night featuring a renowned qawwali group, adding a soulful and festive touch to the

celebration.

Speaking about the event Secretary Jammu TAWI Golf Course, Manav Gupta remarked, "The Monsoon Tee Off Diwali Cup is more than just a sporting event - it's a celebration of unity, enthusiasm, and the spirit of Jammu. Golf is fast becoming a bridge that connects communities, and JTGC is proud to be at the heart of this cultural and sporting evolution in J&K."

The Monsoon Tee Off Diwali Cup 2025 stands as a shining example of how Jammu is emerging as a premier golfing destination in North India, nurturing both seasoned players and budding enthusiasts alike. The tournament aims not only to celebrate Diwali in style but also to promote sports tourism and strengthen social bonds through the shared love of the game.

With its perfect blend of sport, culture and festivity, the Diwali Cup at JTGC promises an unforgettable experience - where every swing and every note will resonate with the joy and togetherness of the season.

DLSA Jammu holds special Lok Adalat to settle Cheque Bounce Cases

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JAMMU: In Compliance to the directions of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, Special Lok Adalat on Cheque Bounce Cases was held on Saturday, under the Chairmanship of Y. P. Bourney, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Jammu here in the Court complex Janipur.

As many as 18 Benches were constituted in different Courts to deal with the matter of 138 Negotiable



Instruments Act cases.

The Special Lok Adalat focused specifically on the amicable settlement of cheque

bounce cases in line with the broader aim of reducing pendency and promoting accessible justice for all.

The Special Lok Adalat stands as a testimony to the commitment of the Legal Services Authorities to ensure that justice is not only delivered, but delivered efficiently, empathetically and economically.

It also reinforces the importance of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in strengthening the justice delivery system.

A total number of 277 cases pertaining to Cheque Bounce Cases were taken up, out of which 74 cases were settled. The total Amount recovered was Rs. 2,60,38,463.

Govt Polytechnic Reasi organises Annual Sports Day

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REASI: Government Polytechnic Reasi organised on Saturday Annual Sports Day on the College campus, featuring Badminton, Chess, Carrom, Table-tennis and Volleyball competitions.

The tournaments commenced in the institute on October 13 on knockout basis prior to the interdepartmental tournament.

The Principal Er. Arun Bangotra was the chief guest at the final matches of the interdepartmental tournament. Speaking on the occasion, he encouraged all participants to take part in the sports activities to stay fit and healthy and imbibe sportsmanship and leadership spirit.



The event commenced with the trials in all categories to identify the most skilled players. A number of matches were organised across multiple disciplines to determine the finalists. As many as 56 students participated in Badminton tournament' 40 in Carrom,

15 in Chess 40 and several teams in Volleyball.

Earlier, the participants took a solemn sportsmanship pledge led by the institution sports secretary Ajay Dogra, reaffirming to uphold fairness and integrity on the field.

PEC confers Honorary Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) on POWERGRID CMD R.K. Tyagi

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CHANDIGARH: In a moment of pride and recognition, Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh, conferred the prestigious Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) upon R.K. Tyagi, Chairman and Managing Director, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID). The honour was awarded during the 55th Convocation Ceremony held today. The degree was presented by the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, in acknowledgment of Shri Tyagi's exceptional contributions to the Indian power sector and his significant work in the field of electrical engineering, science, and technolo-



gy.

An alumnus of PEC Chandigarh, Shri Tyagi holds an M.Tech in Energy Studies from IIT Delhi and is a Fulbright Scholar from Carnegie Mellon University, USA. With over 35 years of experience in the power sector, he has served in various leadership roles, including Director (Operations), POWERGRID. Tyagi has led diverse func-

tions such as Asset Management, Engineering, Business Development, Telecom, Load Dispatch & Communication, and North Eastern operations. His visionary leadership has played a pivotal role in advancing India's power infrastructure.

PEC recognized his lifelong dedication to engineering excellence and nation-building through this honour.

NAJK concludes District Udhampur Netball Championship

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UDHAMPUR: The Netball Association of Jammu and Kashmir (NAJK) conducted the District Udhampur Netball Championship at Mini Stadium, Town Hall Road, Udhampur. The event saw enthusiastic participation from around 171 players across the district, who displayed remarkable talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The championship was honored by the presence of a Chief Guest, along with officials and observers from the J&K Sports Council, adding prestige to the occasion. Their encour-

agement greatly motivated the young athletes.

A dedicated technical team, including Arjun Soni, Akshit Arora, Suraj Maurya, and Rajinder Singh, ensured the event was conducted smoothly and professionally.

The Netball Association of J&K expressed sincere gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and supporters. The association reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing talent and promoting netball throughout the Union Territory, providing young athletes with valuable opportunities to compete and grow.

Vishwa Bharati celebrates Diwali



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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Akalpur Morh, Jammu celebrated Diwali festival with pomp and show. A special morning assembly was organized in which students presented beautiful skit based on Ramayan by performing the role its characters.

Some students sang melodious hymns dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi.

Speeches were also delivered on Deepawali festival and its importance in Sanatan Culture. The students of Primary wing presented a beautiful dance item which fascinated each and everyone. The school Principal Annapurna Kaul wished

"Happy Diwali" to all and admired the students and teachers for organizing the whole programme in a proper way.

On this specific occasion, a Rangoli making and a Diya making competitions were organized in which students participated whole heartedly and made beautiful Rangolis and Diyas. The first three were given awards for their wonderful skill in making Rangolis and Diyas.

Among all competing houses, the Sundram House stood first, Satayam House stood second, Vishwa House stood third and Shivam House stood fourth.

The show and celebration was organized by Manjri Koul from Department of English.