

JKIANS shine in Doon Cup Inter-School Football Tournament, district cycling competitions



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: The Under-17 Boys Football Team of JK Public School, Kunjwani, brought laurels to the institution by securing the

Runners-Up Trophy in the prestigious Doon Cup Inter-School Football Tournament 2025.

The tournament, held from 14th to 18th October 2025,

witnessed participation from 21 leading CBSE schools across the region. The spirited JKPS team showcased exemplary skill, teamwork and sportsmanship through-

out the competition earning appreciation from all quarters.

The proud team members include Gursimran Singh (Captain), Harsh Sharma

(Goalkeeper), Kunwarpal Singh, Arhan Malik, Manjot Singh, Harshvardhan, Ishanveer Singh, Abdullah Rishu, Rudra Aman Singh, Mahin Singh Jamwal, Rudransh Chopra, Amanjot Singh, Akshat Kumar, Prabhat Singh, Chirag Lakshmi, and Aradhay Sharma.

In the District Level Cycling Competition held on 19 Oct 2025 at Vijaypur (Samba), Armaan Singh of JK Public School, Kunjwani mark participation in the District

Cycling Championship organized by Cycling Association of J&K. Shashi Chaudhary, Director, JK Educational Society, and Rajesh Rathore, Principal, JK Public School, Kunjwani, congratulated the team for their outstanding performance and felicitated them during the school assembly.

They also commended Elija Sotra, School Coach, and Subash Chander, HOD (Sports), for their dedicated mentorship and training that guided the team to success.

The school takes immense pride in the achievement and continues to encourage its students to excel both on the field and in the classroom.

Auqib Nabi's devastating spell crushes Rajasthan as J&K seals emphatic innings victory



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir's cricket team delivered an awe-inspiring performance, powered by a sensational bowling display from Auqib Nabi, to secure a commanding innings victory over Rajasthan in the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-A encounter at the iconic Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Srinagar on October 27. The hosts, guided by the relentless aggression and precision of their bowling attack, dismantled the Rajasthan batting line-up and etched a memorable triumph that will resonate across India's domestic cricket landscape.

Resuming on a precarious 41/5, Rajasthan's hopes rested heavily on their lower order. However, Auqib Nabi's devastating spell shattered any prospects of a fightback. Exploiting helpful conditions, Nabi extracted prodigious seam movement and exploited swing masterfully to leave Rajasthan's batters completely bewildered. With a brilliant return of 7 wickets for a mere 24 runs in 11 overs, his bowled with deft skill and unwavering discipline, orchestrating a spectacular collapse. His sustained pace, clever variations, and relentless line-and-length suffocated the opposition, ensuring no easy runs were conceded.

Ably supported by Yudhvir Singh, who claimed 2 wickets for 33 runs in 8.5 overs, J&K's fast bowling duo proved a nightmare for Rajasthan.

The two bowlers fed off each other's intensity, maintaining unyielding pressure from both ends. Their clinical partnership allowed no respite, as Rajasthan crumbled for just 89 runs in their second innings. Deepak Hooda (28) and Deepak Chahar (26) fought valiantly but found little support from their teammates amidst the carnage.

Auqib Nabi's all-round brilliance earned him the richly deserved Player of the Match accolade, reflecting his vital contribution to the team's stunning success. The victory, by an innings margin, exemplifies J&K's evolution as a formidable force in Indian domestic cricket. The entire squad, under the stewardship of former India international Ajay Sharma and a committed coaching staff, have propelled J&K to new heights with discipline, teamwork, and self-belief.

This emphatic win stands as a testament to Jammu and Kashmir's growing stature in the cricketing fraternity. Fueled by extraordinary individual feats and an unyielding collective spirit, the team continues to break barriers and inspire hope, staking a bold claim in elite domestic competition.

BCCI President Mithun Manhas was present at the venue alongside Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA, who while congratulating the team termed the victory as a landmark achievement.

DPS Jammu students excel at CBSE North Zone-II Roller Skating Tournament 2025

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JAMMU: Students of Delhi Public School Jammu have once again brought pride and glory to the institution by winning multiple medals at the CBSE North Zone-II Roller Skating Tournament 2025, held in Gurgaon from 14th to 17th October 2025. Demonstrating exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship, the young skaters clinched gold, silver, and bronze medals, earning accolades for the school and their families.

The proud achievers include Saanvi Grover (Class X-A), who won a Gold Medal in U-17 (500 m) and a Silver Medal in U-17 (1000 m); Viraaj Gandotra (Class VIII-B), who secured a Silver Medal in U-14 (1000 m); and Pratyaksha Gupta (Class XII-E), who bagged a Bronze Medal in U-19 (One Lap Road). Each of these



young champions was awarded a Certificate of Merit by CBSE in recognition of their outstanding performance.

The talented skaters' remarkable achievements highlighted the school's commitment to promoting holistic development through sports, fostering discipline, resilience, and teamwork among its students.

The Management of DPS Jammu, under the visionary leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro Vice Chairperson, Dr. Ritu

Singh, and Director, S.S. Sodhi, along with Principal, Ruchi Chhabra, congratulated the medalists for their outstanding performance and dedication.

They also extended warm wishes to the winners, their proud parents, and Coach Parth Slathia for their tireless efforts and expert guidance. The management encouraged the young athletes to continue striving for excellence in national and international arenas while upholding the school's noble motto-"Service Before Self"-in every sphere of life.

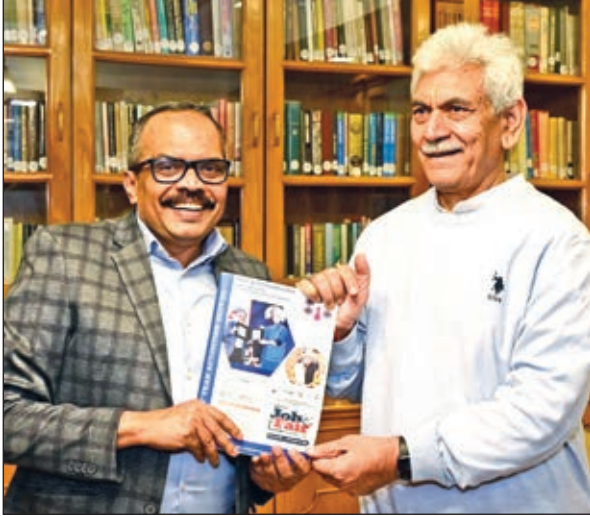
VC CLUJ Jammu meets LG Sinha, unveils university's growth plan

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JAMMU: Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), called on the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, marking the completion of his first year in office.

He apprised the LG of the key achievements, ongoing reforms, and future roadmap envisioned for the university. Prof. Chandrasekar was accompanied by Prof. Mobin Mohammed, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Srinagar, who shared insights on the functioning and challenges faced by Cluster Universities in the Union Territory.

During his first year, Prof. Chandrasekar, with the dedicated support of his core team including Ms. Ankur Mahajan (Registrar), Shri Nagesh Jamwal (Financial Advisor), Dr. Ranvijay Singh (Controller of Examinations),



Dr. Satvinder Kaur (Dean Research), Prof. D. S. Manhas (Dean Student Welfare), Dr. Chander Shekhar (Dean Sciences), Dr. Zubair Kales (Dean Education), Dr. Vishal Sharma (Dean Social Sciences), and Dr. Monika Sharma (Dean Humanities and Arts) launched several transformative initiatives.

Significant milestones include AICTE approval for new BBA and BCA programs, the relaunch of the School of Engineering and Technology, the introduction of the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect program, and the granting of research guideships to all eligible college faculty. A "mercy chance" examina-

tion for students from 2017 onwards is scheduled for completion in November 2025. The university successfully convened key statutory bodies, including the Finance Committee, Syndicate, and Academic Council, while awaiting the University Council meeting.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was revitalized under the leadership of Dr. Meenakshi Bhandral, and eight MoUs were signed with reputed institutions, with eight more under process to promote the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" initiative. Under the guidance of Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director Sports, a comprehensive sports policy was drafted, with enhanced incentives for student athletes. A major placement drive, conducted with Desh Bhagat University, saw 270 job offers among 3,700 participants. The first Duggar Utsav organized in collaboration with Senior Citizens

Support Services was widely appreciated and is set to become an annual cultural feature. Prof. Chandrasekar also announced upcoming initiatives including "Design Your Degree" programs, new courses in Semiconductor Technology, Renewable Energy, Aquatic Biology, and Digital Hindi Journalism, in collaboration with industry and national institutes.

The newly allotted campus at Badherva, Samba, will soon be developed for residential and niche academic programs, alongside plans for the university's first Convocation next year.

He emphasized that the university's progress reflects the collective commitment of its Deans, Directors, Principals, faculty, and staff, and reaffirmed CLUJ's vision to foster innovation, inclusivity, and academic excellence in higher education.

DIG J-S-K Range inaugurates 3rd J&K Master's Cup T20 Cricket Championship



DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma with teams after inaugurating 3rd J&K Master's Cup T20 Cricket Championship.

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JAMMU: Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, inaugurated the 3rd Edition of the J&K Master's Cup T20 Cricket Championship at the picturesque MA Stadium, Jammu. The event is being organized by the Veterans Cricket Association J&K, featuring participation from eight veteran teams.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Satpal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, J&K Sports Council; K. S. Jamwal, Chairman, J&K Rifle Association; and Vivek Suri, General Secretary, Veterans Cricket Association J&K.

Speaking on the occasion, DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma appreciated the initiative, saying that the tournament's

theme "Let's Play for Passion" aptly reflects the spirit of sportsmanship. "Such tournaments provide a platform to players of yesteryears who are above 40 years of age and inspire the younger generation when they see their fathers and uncles showcasing their talent," he said. He also congratulated the Veterans Cricket Association J&K for

consistently promoting veteran cricket over the years.

Vivek Suri, General Secretary of the Association, highlighted that the Veterans Cricket Association J&K has created an exclusive ecosystem for veteran cricket in the Union Territory by regularly organizing tournaments. He shared that the Association recently conducted the first-ever bilateral Veterans Cricket Tournament between Jammu and Kashmir, held at the JKCA Ground in Kashmir.

He further announced that the Association is preparing to host the prestigious 3rd Edition of the National-level Veterans T20 Cricket Tournament, which will witness participation from veteran players from UK, Canada, and Dubai.

J&K Police wrestler Ishaq wins Kalka Kesari Dangal

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JAMMU: The World Police Games gold winner, Ishaq Ahmed of Jammu and Kashmir Police clinched the "6th Kalka Kesari Dangal Title" defeating Sonu of Kangra in Himachal Pradesh at Kalka Akhara Nai Basti in district Reasi. Ishaq Ahmed was honoured with a cash award of Rs. 61,000 while runners-up wrestler Sonu received Rs. 40,000.

The Kanta Kushti Dangal was organized by Kalka Akhara Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the guidance of Surma Singh,



Balwan Singh and Bhawani Singh (Muna Thakur).

Former Joint Secretary of J&K State Sports Council and president of J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma was the chief guest, who gave away cash prizes

worth Rs. 2,70,000 to the winners and runners-up wrestlers. The event was presided by Bhawani Singh (Muna Thakur), ex-Sarpanch Jagdev Singh, Mushtaq Ahmed (Sub-Inspector) were the guests of honour.

Prominent persons present were singer Chaman Lehari, wrestling promoter, Sat Paul Verma, Peer Sahib (Capt. Retd.), Master Suresh Singh, Mohd Nadeem and Munshi Ram. The second main bout won by wrestler Fareed of Jallander in Punjab who defeated Nisar of J&K Police and a native of district Doda. While Freed awarded a cash prize of Rs. 31,000, Nisar got Rs. 20,000.

In third main bout, Anil of Kalka Akhara defeated Neeru Gujjar of BSF (Delhi) to won cash award of Rs 18,000. Runners-up, Neeru received Rs. 13,000.

In another third bout Surjit Singh of J&K Police (Reasi) outplayed Raffi of Hoshiarpur in Punjab. Surjit Singh was awarded with Rs. 18,000 and Raffi got Rs. 13,000. The fourth main bout won by Muneer (Rs 15,000) of J&K Police (Nagrota) beating Yov Raj (Rs 10,000) of Khari in Punjab.

In all, 79 bouts were played in the said dangal. Other bouts: Dillar Khan of J&K Police bt Yov Raj of Zirakpur (Chandigarh); Deep of Bishanpur in Punjab bt Mam Hussain of Domel; Chain Singh of Reasi bt Parveen of Pathankot (Punjab). Proceeding were conduct-

ed by Anil Kumar of Reasi and the bouts were officiated by Raj Singh, Vir Singh, Sunny (Airtel) and Prabhat Singh.

Sat Paul Verma a prominent wrestling promoter was honoured by Kalka Akhara Dangal Committee in presence of Surma Singh, Balwan Singh, Dheeraj Kesar, Bhawani Singh (Munna Thakur) an others.

The members of the organising team included Kalka Akhara Surma Singh, Balwan Singh, Bhawani Singh, Dheeraj Kesar, Madan Singh, Chain Singh, Raj Singh Master, Anil Kumar, Jarnail Singh and Tony.

JKAP 8th Battalion's Volleyball Tournament strengthen police-public bond under CAP



The event witnessed a large gathering, including staff members, team supporters, and local dignitaries, who lauded the efforts of the JKAP 8th Battalion for providing a meaningful platform to promote youth engagement

through sports.

The programme was conducted in a cordial and disciplined manner, reflecting unity, cooperation, and mutual respect between the police and the public.

At the end of the match, players were honoured with individual certificates by Bhupinder Singh, DySP JKAP-8th Battalion.

The ongoing tournament will continue on a regular schedule and is expected to culminate in the first week of November 2025, featuring matches for both boys and girls. The dedication of all officers and staff of the battalion contributed to the successful organization of the event.

Clean sweep by Jammu Division in Handball



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JAMMU: Jammu Division made a clean sweep winning three title trophies in girls section in the inter-divisional level handball competitions which were hosted by district Udhampur.

Jammu Division emerged winner in under-19 and under-17 categories and remained runners-up in other age group of under-14 thus completely dominated the tournament which was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS). On return the team coaches and managerial staff called on the Joint Director DYSS (Jammu), Vinakshi Koul (JKAS) and presented her the title trophies. Happy over domination of Jammu district in the divisional event, the Joint Director appreciated the efforts of the coaches and allied staff for the exceptional performance. She assured the concerned individuals of all help in their further endeavours and efforts to groom the talent at the school level. The coaches and other staff members, who called on the Joint Director included Anil Dogra (PET) and Sunny Dogra (PET), Gourav Sharma (PET, NSNIS), Ranjeet Kotwal (PEM), activity incharge.