

# JKMGA holds AGM with renewed focus

## Chib, Kour inspire collective vision for sporting excellence

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JAMMU: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Jammu & Kashmir Masters Games Association was held today with enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose, bringing together senior sports leaders and officials to strengthen the sporting ecosystem across the Union Territory.

The meeting was presided over by Ranjit Singh Chib, Retired SSP and President of the Association. A former captain of the Indian handball team and a legendary sports figure, Chib delivered an inspiring address that set the tone for the discussions. "Sports is not merely about winning medals-it is about discipline, dedication, and determination. I urge the people of Jammu & Kashmir to step forward with passion and commitment. Through



Jammu & Kashmir Masters Games Association members during a meeting.

sports, we can build stronger minds, healthier bodies, and a united society," he said. Neete Kour, General Secretary of the Association and recent captain of the Indian women's handball team at the 2025 World Masters Games in Taipei, also addressed the gathering. She emphasized the need to believe in oneself and nurture

local talent. "Success comes when you are focused, fearless, and determined. Our land is full of talent; it only needs to be nurtured with the right guidance," she said. Key discussions focused on the smooth organization of the upcoming J&K Masters Games, improving grassroots participation, encouraging senior athletes, and creating

more opportunities for young sportspeople to compete nationally and internationally. Members reaffirmed their commitment to promoting fitness, discipline, and long-term involvement in sports. A significant decision was taken during the meeting to hold the Second J&K Masters Games from 5th to 9th November in Jammu,

further reflecting the Association's dedication to providing platforms for seasoned athletes to showcase their skills and inspire the younger generation.

The meeting was attended by a host of active members including Romesh Sharma, Kuljeet Singh, Sanjay Puri, Prabal Sharma, Rameshwar Singh Manhas, Rajesh Sumbria, Mamata Bajaj, David Sandhu, Rajiv Sharma, Dayal Singh, Anil Abrol, Prithpal Singh, Shivinder Bhan, Amrik Singh, and Raman Kumar.

The AGM concluded on a positive and motivational note, with members pledging to work together under the dynamic leadership of President Ranjit Singh Chib and General Secretary Neete Kour to build a vibrant and inclusive sporting culture in Jammu & Kashmir.

# Surinder, Avni win Soham Cup Chess titles



Winner players posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Surinder and Avni bagged the titles in the Soham Cup Chess Tournament which was organised by Vivek Chess Academy at Mohalla Mast Garh of the Old City, here.

Surinder Gupta awarded with Rs 2500 cash prize for emerging champion in the Group-A considering the points earned. There was a point system for the month

of September wherein Surinder Gupta secured highest 47,500 points leaving behind Ishaan with 40,000 points and Amrita, who earned 33,000 points.

Winner of the Group-B competition, Avni Sharma was presented with a cash prize of Rs. 2000 and Trophy. Avni secured 28,000 points. Best women prize went to Amrita Gupta with 33,000 points to be awarded

Rs 500 cash prize and trophy. Best Under-12 years category prize of Rs 500 and trophy bagged by young Prajany with 16,500 points. Soham Kamotra, first-ever International Master and Commonwealth Gold medalist from J&K and an ex-player of Vivek Chess Academy presented the title trophies in the presence of Vivek Bharti (coach and owner of Vivek Chess Academy).

# GHS Kharrkarra Thuthowal clinches first position in Science Seminar

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PATHANKOT: Government High School Kharrkarra Thuthowal snatched First Position in the Block level Science Seminar, which was held at Government Senior Secondary School Narrote Jamal Singh Pathankot, Punjab. Kanchan Devi of Class 10th participated in this block level seminar. The Block level event was organized by Ramesh Kumar BNO block Bamial. Kanchan Devi enthralled the entire audience by her intense speech on the topic "The Quantum Age Begins: Potentials and Challenges". She brought laurels to the entire school and remarkably trained under



the supervision of her Science School teacher Monika Attri, Science Mistress and under the overall guidance of Naresh Kumar, Principal GHS Kharrkarra Thuthowal. The event was judged by Anamika Saini, Lecturer Physics and Balwinder Singh, Lecturer Physics. It is also pertinent to mention here that the winners of this

block level seminar will now compete in the district level competition, which will be held at Pathankot. The principal praised the efforts of Monika Attri, and Puneet Munari both Science Mistresses of GHS Kharrkarra Thuthowal. The achievement was endorsed by all the staff members of the GHS Kharrkarra Thuthowal.

# TSUS Jammu shines at National-Level Shri Sabrang 2025 Competition

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JAMMU: The Shri Ram Universal School (TSUS), Jammu has once again brought laurels to the region by achieving outstanding success at Shri Sabrang 2025, a prestigious national-level competition organized by Shri Educare Limited (SEL).

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from SEL-affiliated schools across India, offering students a platform to exhibit their creativity, critical thinking, and academic brilliance. Students from TSUS Jammu, mentored by their dedicated teachers, showcased exemplary talent and secured top positions in multiple categories. In Shri



Udhaan, Ambika Gupta (Class IX) and Palak Mehra (Class X) clinched the 1st position, while Vedika Singh (Class XII) was awarded Best Speaker in Shri Expression. In the Virtual Banking event under Shri Udyam, Ridhima Rajput, Muktesha Mahajan (Class IX), Arishita Jangral, and Aadish Binaloach (Class

VIII) secured the 2nd position.

In mathematics, Kanika Choudhary (Class IX) and Harleen Kour (Class VIII) earned 2nd place in Ganit Gatha, while in TECH-ATHON, Amish Kumar and Sambhavi Mahajan (Class IX) bagged the 2nd position for creating a 'Fake News Detector'.

In the MATH-A-THON-

Play Lab category, Vriti Prajapati (Class V) and Prabhuti Sharma (Class VI) secured the 3rd position.

Principal Sonika Mahajan expressed immense pride in the students' achievements, stating, "This accomplishment reflects our students' unwavering commitment, creativity, and passion for learning. It also highlights

the tireless efforts of our Headmistress. Shivani Vaid Sharma and our teachers, who guide and support our students at every step."

Chairman Sanjeev Gupta and Director Rajni Gupta also congratulated the winners, adding, "These achievements are a testament to the school's holistic education model and its focus on nurturing well-rounded individuals." The school's success aligns with key United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure. With this remarkable milestone, TSUS Jammu continues to inspire and lead in educational excellence.

# Dangal is a legacy of discipline, strength, cultural pride: Dr. Rajeev

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ARNIA: The Dangal Committee Changia organized a grand Dangal in Changia village, drawing massive crowds and over 50 seasoned wrestlers from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh. The event stood as a vibrant celebration of rural sports, regional unity, and cultural heritage.

The day-long wrestling event witnessed fierce bouts of Kushti, with wrestlers showcasing strength, skill, and sportsmanship. Thousands of spectators gathered to witness the intense matches, which highlighted the deeply rooted sporting traditions shared across North India.



MLA Bishnah, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat with participating wrestlers and other officials.

Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, attended as the Chief Guest, who praised the committee's dedication to preserving tradition through sports and emphasized the importance of such events in positively

engaging youth. "Dangal is not just a sport, it is a legacy of discipline, strength, and cultural pride. I am proud to see our youth carrying this tradition forward with such passion," Dr. Bhagat stated.

The event also saw the active participation of local administration and police. Inspector Dilawar Kumar, SHO Arnia, and the Incharge of Police Post Trewa ensured smooth coordination and security.

Their presence underscored the collaborative spirit between community and law enforcement.

Several political and community leaders from Arnia Mandal were present, including Girdhar Gopal (Mandal Pradhan), Supinder Sharma (General Secretary), Mohinder Singh (Booth President), former Sarpanch Raghuraj Singh, Sunil Kumar, and Hitesh Sharma - all of whom encouraged the participants and supported the event.

The Changia Dangal continues to be a cornerstone event promoting unity, heritage, and athletic excellence in the region, offering a robust platform for rural talent to shine on a larger stage.

# Heritage School students, coach to represent J&K at National Basketball Championship

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JAMMU: Heritageans Adamya Randhawa and Abhi Praneel Gupta of Class VIII C, showcasing exceptional sporting talent, have earned the honour of representing Jammu & Kashmir at the upcoming 50th Sub Junior National Basketball Championship 2025, to be held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, from 4th October to 10th October 2025.

In a proud moment for the school, Rohan Kundal, Basketball Coach at Heritage School, has been appointed as the Head Coach of the Boys' Team for Jammu & Kashmir, further highlighting the school's commitment to nurturing excellence in sports.

The entire Heritage School fraternity congratulates Adamya, Abhi, and Kundal on this well-deserved achievement and wishes them success as they prepare to compete at the national level.



Heritage School faculty with selected students.

# Daan Utsav commenced at GDC Mahanpur



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MAHANPUR: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur on Friday organised an Awareness Session to commence "Daan Utsav".

In order to celebrate Daan Parv, the festival of giving, an Awareness session on Fitness/Yoga was organised by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College.

Dan Parv will be celebrated till October 8, 2025. It is a weeklong festival of activities and programmes that will encourage Volunteers to engage in acts of giving.

On the first day of Daan Parv, a "Fitness/Yoga Session" was conducted by two NSS Volunteers, Nehu Sharma and Megha Salaria. The session comprised of light exercises, stretches and yoga asanas. It was followed by pranayama.

The two yoga experts showcased their expertise and skill of yoga to the staff

and the students, thus, using their skill and teaching others the art of maintaining physical and mental health. Both the experts successfully conducted the session.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan highlighted the benefits of such activities for maintaining physical as well as mental health in the workplace.

She also congratulated the Organizing team for the commencement of Daan Parv and the successful conduct of the Session.

Moreover, the NSS PO Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia also briefed everyone about the weeklong activities under Daan Parv to celebrate the spirit of generosity.

More than 40 NSS volunteers attend the session. The session was attended by Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Nisha Bhagat, Dr. Sapna Devi, Prof. Binti Sharma, Prof. Renu Bhalla and Dr. Hilal Bhat.

# Jammu Lawn Tennis meet from Oct 16

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association shall hold three-day District Jammu Lawn Tennis Tournament at MA Stadium, here from October 16 to 18.

The entries shall close on October 13 at 5 pm, a handout issued by the Association here today informed. Those eligible players have been advised to contact Khushboo Taploo (9103029212) and Ritika Aggarwal (6006615935) for event related queries.

# J&K Judo meet on Oct 8

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JAMMU: Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold one-day J&K Sub Junior (boys and girls) Championship on October 8 at Bagwati Nagar Stadium, here.

As per a handout issued here today, the event is also being considered as selection for the upcoming National championship in sub-junior category.

The event is being held under the aegis of J&K Sports Council. Those eligible interested players have been advised to contact concerned coaches for the entries.

Selected judokas shall represent J&K in the upcoming sub junior National Judo Championship which at Hyderabad.

# Makhdoomi Club wins UT-Level Volleyball League Edition 2 at Loran

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LORAN: The UT-Level Volleyball League Edition 2, organized by Spartan Volleyball Club Loran in memory of Master Mohd Arif Malik and Master Bashir Ahmed Kamran, concluded with an exciting final match here on Friday.

A total of nine teams from across Jammu and Kashmir participated in the tournament, showcasing high spirit and competitive talent.

The grand finale was played between Makhdoomi Volleyball Club and Poonch Volleyball Club, where Makhdoomi Club registered a commanding victory. They defeated Poonch Club in straight sets 3-0 with scores



Mohd Tariq, Chairman of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch with others after presenting trophy to winner team.

of 25-18, 25-17, 25-21, clinching the championship title.

On this occasion, Mohd Tariq, Chairman of Shaheed

DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch and Secretary of Poonch District Volleyball Association, was present as

the Chief Guest. He praised the efforts of the organizers for successfully conducting the tournament and encouraging

# Jammu clinches all Golds in UT Soft Tennis Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu district reaffirmed its unmatched dominance in soft tennis, completing a decade of supremacy with a clean sweep at the 9th UT Level Soft Tennis State Championship, held at Gindun Stadium, Rajbagh, Kashmir from September 27-29.

The Jammu contingent, which is hugely hailed by the sports lovers in the temple city, collected an impressive 25 medals, winning gold in every category.

Senior champions Madhvendra Singh and Sidhani Singh, junior stand-outs Shreemai Bhat and



Medal winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Ayaanash Khajuria, and sub-junior prodigies Svadhi

Sharma and Harikesh Dutt bagged triple golds each in singles, doubles and mixed doubles, underlining the district's

all-round strength.

The atmosphere turned electric as chants of "Jammu, Jammu" echoed across the valley, celebrating the district's ten-year unbeaten run in the

sport.

The closing ceremony was graced by Nazim Zai Khan (Mission Director, ICPS & Chief Guest) and Anissa Nabi (Chief Sports Officer, J&K

Sports Council), who commended the players for scripting sporting history.

Organizers lauded the Khelo India Centre and the J&K Sports Council for their support but reserved special praise for Coach Indu Bhushan, whose vision and tireless dedication have been the driving force behind Jammu's decade-long golden streak.

With another flawless campaign, Jammu's soft tennis juggernaut now sets its sights on bigger stages, aiming to carry its winning momentum into national and international arenas, further strengthening its legacy in Indian sports.