

# IIM Jammu inaugurates 12th Batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Program under Malaviya Mission

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu inaugurated the twelfth batch of the Nurturing Future Leadership Program (NFLP) under the aegis of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, Ministry of Education, Government of India, at its permanent campus, Vedanta, MDP Centre, Jagti. The program, held under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, aims to strengthen academic leadership and enhance institutional capacity in higher education. The inaugural ceremony began with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony.

Scheduled from October 6 to 10, 2025, this residential training program is designed to develop leadership competencies among educators across India. The five-day program will be



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu along with dignitaries posing for a photograph.

delivered by IIM Jammu's faculty and focuses on cultivating leadership, communication, skill enhancement, and awareness of recent government initiatives.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. B.S. Sahay emphasized that the program seeks to identify and nurture academic leadership in line with India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047. He underscored the importance of collaboration, peer learning, and professional net-

working in fostering future-ready leaders. Prof. Sahay encouraged participants to engage actively, reflect on their learnings, and explore collaborative research opportunities with IIM Jammu. He also highlighted the institute's strong partnerships with IIT Jammu and AIIMS Jammu, reaffirming its role in nation-building.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, welcomed the participants and stressed that

academic leadership is essential for institutional growth. He linked the program's objectives with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Viksit Bharat@2047, encouraging educators to innovate beyond classroom teaching and draw inspiration from IIM Jammu's own growth trajectory.

Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C), noted that IIM Jammu is among the lead-

ing institutions conducting the highest number of programs under the Malaviya Mission initiative. He emphasized that the NFLP continuously evolves based on participant feedback, focusing on personal growth and leadership development.

Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Program Director, welcomed the participants and expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Education and partner institutions. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Program Director.

The twelfth batch comprises 22 participants from institutes nationwide, fully funded by the Ministry of Education. Following the ceremony, participants toured IIM Jammu's state-of-the-art campus, including Manthan (Senate Hall), the Nalanda Library, and smart classrooms, reflecting the institute's commitment to excellence and innovation in higher education.

# CLUJ marks historic debut in North Zone Kabaddi Tournament



CLUJ Kabaddi Men team posing with faculty members.

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JAMMU: The Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) Kabaddi (Men) team is all set to make its maiden appearance in the North Zone Inter-University Kabaddi Tournament to be held at Galgotias University, Noida.

This participation marks a proud and historic moment as it is the first-ever team from Cluster University of Jammu to compete in an inter-university tournament during the academic session 2025-26. This achievement has been

made possible under the visionary leadership and encouragement of Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, CLUJ, who has been instrumental in fostering a strong sports culture within the university.

On this occasion, Ankur Mahajan, Registrar; Prof. D.S. Manhas, Dean Student Welfare; and Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director, Physical Education and Sports, graced the flag-off ceremony.

They congratulated the players and extended their

best wishes for the tournament, inspiring them to perform with dedication, discipline, and team spirit.

The participation of the Kabaddi team in this prestigious event signifies a major stride towards promoting sports excellence and providing students with national-level exposure.

The University community expressed confidence that the team will display outstanding performance and bring laurels to Cluster University of Jammu.

# GCW Gandhi Nagar, SPMR bag Yoga titles



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JAMMU: The PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar in women and Government SPMR College of Commerce in men section bagged the overall title trophies of the annual inter-college Yoga meet of the Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) hosted by Government College of Education (GCOE), here today. Second place in women section went to GCOE while men's overall second place bagged by Government MAM College. In total, 30 participants from four city colleges, affiliated with Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), took part in this day-long event. The fifth affil-

iated college of CLUJ, GGM Science College could not participate. Dr. Zubair Kalis, Dean, School of Teacher Education, CLUJ was the chief guest while Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal, GCOE Jammu was guest of honour. Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director, Sports and Physical Education, CLUJ was special guest. The event took place under the guidance of Physical Training Instructor (PTI) of GCOE Jammu, Ramandeep Kralia. Among others present were Ravi Kumar, Kajal Premi, Neelam Devi, Dr. Rajinder Kour, Anuradha Choudhary, Dr. Sushma Bala, Dr. Shalini Sharma, Dr. Suraj Prakash, and Dr. Sonam Gandotra.

# GGM Science College hosts two-day faculty training workshop on establishment of E-Yantra Labs

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JAMMU: GGM Science College, Jammu, under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, inaugurated a two-day Faculty Training Workshop on the establishment of E-Yantra Labs for the Jammu Division.

The initiative is part of the prestigious E-Yantra Programme of IIT Bombay, designed to promote robotics education and innovation through project-based learning.

The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, G.G.M. Science College, with Prof. (Dr) Rajinder Singh, Principal, SPMR College of Commerce, and Dr. Vandana Khajuria, HOD English as the Guest of Honour.

In his address, Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta emphasized the importance



Prof. (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College along with other dignitaries at a programme.

of integrating technology and innovation into the teaching-learning ecosystem. He highlighted that such initiatives empower faculty members to help students apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problem-solving.

Dr. Gupta further shared that GGM Science College has been nominated as the host institution for this workshop and expressed gratitude to Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir,

Director, Colleges, J&K Higher Education Department, for his support.

He also extended sincere thanks to Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Higher Education Department, J&K, for his constant encouragement in promoting innovative academic initiatives.

Over the course of two days, faculty participants will receive hands-on training in embedded systems,

automation, and robotics programming. The sessions are being conducted by expert trainers from IIT Bombay's E-Yantra Team, including Sidhartha Kulkarni, Shakthi Mahender, and Shantanu Edak.

The event was convened by Dr. Bandhan Sharma and coordinated by Dr. Neha Sharma, Prof. Gourav Gupta, Prof. Rajiv Kumar, Prof. Sheraz Kouser, Dr. Mateen Hafiz, Prof. Ameer Rehman, Prof. Vippan Kumar, and Prof. Arvind Kumar.

The workshop has witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members representing various colleges across the Jammu Division. It marks a significant step towards fostering innovation and establishing E-Yantra Labs in the region, thereby laying a strong foundation for advancements in robotics and automation education.

# LG Kavinder vows to transform Ladakh into a World-Class Winter Tourism destination

Says dire need to promote Ladakh as year-round adventure hub

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, emphasised transforming Ladakh into a top winter tourism and adventure sports hub, highlighting the need for sustainable development, modern infrastructure, promotion of local talent, and creating employment opportunities while preserving the region's unique natural and cultural heritage.

The Lt Governor chaired a meeting attended by Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Chief Secretary, and Bhanu Prabha, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports, UT Ladakh and Chief Engineer PWD Abdul Mutalib, to discuss the establishment of



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta chairing a meeting.

Chair Lifts at Drass and Surface Ski Lifts at Zaskar, aimed at enhancing winter sports facilities and attracting global adventure enthusiasts.

The Lt Governor described the initiative as a major milestone in promoting Alpine and Nordic winter sports in Ladakh, creating local

employment opportunities, and positioning the UT firmly on the global winter tourism map.

The Lt Governor reiterated the UT Administration's commitment to sustainable, high-altitude sports infrastructure that empowers youth, supports local livelihoods, and highlights

Ladakh's unique landscapes. He directed officials to ensure timely implementation, maintaining safety and environmental standards.

Kavinder Gupta stated that there is a dire need to promote Ladakh as a year-round adventure and winter sports destination, focusing on innovative tourism initia-

tives, community engagement, and sustainable practices to attract both domestic and international visitors.

He stated that the development of winter tourism should go hand-in-hand with promotion of local culture, handicrafts, and hospitality services, ensuring that the benefits of tourism reach every section of the community while preserving Ladakh's pristine environment.

The Lt Governor Gupta called for coordinated efforts among government departments, private stakeholders, and local communities to make Ladakh a world-class destination for winter adventure, sports excellence, and sustainable tourism.

# Dr Manyal felicitates gold medalist Aryush Choudhary for National Achievement in Pencak Silat



MLA Ramgarh, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal felicitating winner Aryush Choudhary.

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RAMGARH: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh and former Minister, felicitated Aryush Choudhary of Barota Camp, Ramgarh, for winning a gold medal at the 13th Junior National Pencak Silat Championship held in Karnataka from 26-28 September 2025.

Aryush, son of Sunil Kumar, showcased exceptional skill and determination, securing victories at the District Level (Samba Stadium, 07 August) and State Level (Polo Ground, Srinagar, 12 August), before clinching gold at the national stage. His stellar performance has

brought immense pride to the Ramgarh region.

Commending Aryush's achievement, Dr. Manyal congratulated him and his family, praising his dedication and sportsmanship. He stated that youth like Aryush are setting inspiring benchmarks in sports and other fields.

Highlighting the role of sports in youth development, Dr. Manyal emphasized promoting discipline, teamwork, and leadership through athletic pursuits. He reaffirmed his commitment to supporting budding talent in Ramgarh and lauded Aryush for bringing national recognition to Jammu & Kashmir.

# Trikuta Degree College lifts overall championship trophy of Inter-Collegiate Judo (Men)



Participating judo players posing for a photograph with JU faculty and other officials.

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JAMMU: Trikota Degree College lifted the overall championship by securing 15 points, while GDC Basohli secured the second position in the Inter-Collegiate Judo (Men) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate at the Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest of the championship and was introduced to the participating judokas representing various colleges.

Results 60-Kg: Gagan Singh (GDC Basohli) Gold; Narinder Singh (GDC Khour) Silver; and Yuvraj Singh (GDC Udhampur) and Vinkal Bhagat (GDC Doda), joint bronze. 66-Kg: Bir Bahadur (GDC Basohli) Gold, Parman Singh (GDC Khour), silver, Puran Surgh (GDC Udhampur) Bronze, Tofail Jan (GDC Doda) Bronze. 73-Kg: Azad Ali (GDC Reasi) Gold; Rohanjeet Singh (GDC Doda) Silver, Imran Khan (GDC Bishnah) and Pushkar Bagwalia (GDC Basohli), joint Bronze. 81-Kg: Prikshit Singh (Trikota Degree College)

Gold, Rahul Sharma (GDC Akhnoor), Silver. 90-Kg: Gourav Bhagat (Trikota Degree College) Gold, Tofeq Umer (GDC Reasi) Silver, Adnan Farooq (GDC Doda) and Krish Thakur (GDC Basohli), joint bronze. 100-Kg: Kapil Singh (Trikota Degree College) Gold, Arunjeet Singh (GDC Doda) Silver, Akash Singh (GDC Basohli) Bronze. Plus 100-Kg: Tarun Singh (GDC Kakryal) Gold and Rajan Bhardwaj (GDC Khour) Silver.

The competition was officiated by Danish Sharma, Shweta Thakur, Vikas Dogra, Arshi Nad, and Jai

Bharat.

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JAMMU: The 29th Annual Maha Dangal was organized with great enthusiasm at Shri Baba Kailak Nath Ji Temple in Thather Bantalab, Jammu, by the Shri Baba Kailak Nath Ji Dangal Committee. The event, steeped in tradition, drew hundreds of wrestling enthusiasts and showcased the rich legacy of Indian wrestling.

The Dangal was conducted under the supervision of committee members, including Chairman Devi Singh

Rakwal, Vice Chairman Askar Ali Khatana, President Shabil Singh Rakwal, Vice President Tirlok Singh Chib, General Secretary Vishal Singh Rakwal, Treasurer Kuldeep Singh Soni, along with Sunil Seth, Ram Parkash Seth, and Farooq Khan. The competition was officially inaugurated with the blessings of Shri Baba Kailak Nath Ji, setting the stage for a historic sporting spectacle.

Over 200 renowned wrestlers from across

Jammu, Kashmir, and other states participated, displaying exceptional skill, strength, and sportsmanship. The matches drew large crowds, with the audience cheering every performance and appreciating the spirit of traditional wrestling.

The chief guests present included BDO Bhalwal Sunil Sharma, AEE Ghulam Rasool, President of Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) Sanjeev Singh Rinku, Former President Vikram Singh Vicky, and Rajan Singh

Happy, along with members of the Sabha. Guests and local attendees praised the Dangal Committee for organizing the event, noting that such competitions promote brotherhood, attract youth to historical sports, and spread awareness about staying away from drugs.

Speaking at the event, committee members emphasized that Dangal is a sport with deep cultural roots in India and encouraged the younger generation to participate actively. They stated that

events like this not only help preserve traditional sports but also inspire youth to achieve glory for their state and country through discipline, dedication, and athletic excellence.

The 29th Maha Dangal concluded successfully, leaving a lasting message for spectators and participants alike: fostering interest in sports and cultural heritage strengthens society and motivates youth to pursue both physical and moral excellence.