

JU DYD B.Tech students secure runner-up position at IUST State-Level Hackathon

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JAMMU: Students from the Design Your Degree (DYD) B.Tech (Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Innovations) program at the University of Jammu (JU) have achieved a remarkable milestone by securing the runner-up position at the state-level hackathon organized by the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Avantipora.

The seven-member team-Adil Mahajan, Tavishi Amla, Pawandeep Singh, Bhooni Samnotra, Avichal Badyal, Gourav Sharma, and Suhani Behl-demonstrated outstanding technical expertise, creativity, and teamwork throughout the competition. They were guided by Mohsin Hassan, Research Assistant at the University of Jammu, who provided valuable mentorship during the event.

A felicitation ceremony was held at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat to honor the students' achievement.



JU DYD B.Tech students after receiving runner-up trophy.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai congratulated the team and praised their spirit of innovation. He emphasized the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in promoting a culture of innovation and urged students to protect their ideas by filing patents, especially for projects developed during hackathons.

Prof. Rai highlighted the DYD program as a transformative initiative under the

Skill Incubation Innovation Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC), integrating innovation and entrepreneurship into technical education.

He directed Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Associate Director of SIIEDC, to organize more training programs offering industrial exposure and internship opportunities to strengthen students' practical skills and entrepreneurial abilities.

SIIEDC Director, Prof. Alka Sharma, expressed immense pride in the students' success, noting that it reflects the University's growing emphasis on innovation, research, and experiential learning.

Prof. K.S. Charak also congratulated the students, emphasizing that combining mathematical innovation with artificial intelligence is vital for developing creative, industry-relevant solutions.

During the event, the students shared their hackathon experiences, discussing the challenges faced, lessons learned, and how the competition enhanced their problem-solving and teamwork skills. They expressed gratitude to the University and SIIEDC for their continuous support in fostering innovation-driven learning.

It was also announced that several DYD students will represent the University of Jammu at an upcoming international conference at Bhaderwah Campus, offering them a platform to present their research to global audiences.

Concluding the ceremony, Prof. Rai reaffirmed the University's commitment to strengthening research, innovation, and entrepreneurship as pillars of academic excellence. He emphasized that the goal is not merely to win competitions but to nurture job creators and changemakers equipped for the future.

JU Volleyball meet enters pre-quarters stages

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JAMMU: Title holders Government Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani among 16 teams on Wednesday qualified for the pre-quarterfinals stages of the ongoing annual inter-college volleyball (men) tournament of the University of Jammu, organised by the Directorate of Sports, JU on campus courts, here today.

While GDC Kunjwani reached the last 16 stages yesterday, the last year's runners-up, GDC Poonch won their preliminary round tie today beating GDC R S Pura 2-1. Now, the organisers have scheduled pre-quarterfinals and the quarterfinals for tomorrow.

Today's scheduled matches conducted by the technical panel including Mulraj Sharma, Parvinder Singh, Pragma Sharma, Azhar Hussain Shah, Vikas Karlopiya, Shubham Sharma, Anil Kumar, Nazish, Anil Singh, Mohd. Saleem Malik, and Balbir Singh.

The Results: Preliminary Round: GMC Rajouri bt KC Law College 2-0 (27-25, 25-16); G.D.C. Jourian bt G.D.C. Dharmari 2-0 (25-

Inter-college Taekwondo meet held



Winners of Taekwondo event posing with officials at JU Campus in Jammu on Wednesday.

JAMMU: Organised by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, annual inter-college Taekwondo (men and women) competition concluded today at Gymnasium Hall on the campus, here.

Those winners of team and individuals were appreciated by the organising team. The competition officiated by the technical panel including Dr. Sunil Thakur, Komal Dhimman, Karan Chopra, Kushi Jamwal under the supervision of event incharge, Jai Bharat.

12, 25-12); G.D.C. Doda bt MIET Jammu 2-0 (26-24, 25-20); G.D.C. Samba bt G.D.C. Akhnoor 2-0 (25-20, 25-21); P.G. Department bt G.D.C. Udhampur 2-1 (23-25, 25-22, 15-9); G.D.C. Khour bt G.N.C. Doda 2-1 (25-9), 20-25, 15-07); G.D.C. Nowshera bt G.D.C. Ramgarh 2-0 (25-14, 25-

17); G.D.C. Marh bt G.D.C. Reasi 2-0 (25-17, 25-20); G.D.C. Ramban bt Dogra Law College 2-0 (25-13, 25-23); G.D.C. Hiranagar bt G.M.C. Kathua 2-0 (25-12, 25-13); G.D.C. Rajouri bt G.D.C. Bishnah 2-0 (25-21, 25-20); G.D.C. Banihal bt G.D.C. Kathua 2-0 (25-22, 25-14).

Imran wins Judo Bronze in Asian Para Judo

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JAMMU: Mohd Imran Para, a visually impaired Judoka brought laurels to the Nation winning Bronze medal in the IBSA Asian Para Judo Championship which held at Astana in Kazakhstan.

An inspiring student of Residential School for Blinds in Jammu, Imran has been training under the guidance of Chief Judo coach of J&K Sports Council, Suraj Bhan Singh. Imran has already won three gold and one silver medal at the Para National Championships, which helped him seal his berth in the Indian team. Further, Gulshan from Uttar Pradesh secured a Gold in the J2 -70 kg category while Kapil Parmar from Madhya Pradesh secured Silver in the J1 -70 kg group. Kokila from Haryana clinched Silver in the J2 -52 kg category and Dharmveer Verna from Uttar Pradesh earned a Bronze in the J2 +95 kg category, a separate hand-out issued here today informed. Meanwhile, in the Men's team championship, the Indian Para Judo team displayed outstanding teamwork and determination by defeating the Mongolian team to claim the Bronze medal. Imran's exceptional journey marked by dedication, resilience, and consistent success serves as a beacon of hope and motivation for aspiring athletes across J&K and the entire Nation.



Masters Samba District Athletics Championship on Nov 17

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SAMBA: The Masters Samba District Athletics Association will organize the Masters Samba District Athletics Championship on November 17, 2025 at the Sports Stadium, Smailpur, District Samba.

The event, held under the aegis of the J&K UT Masters Athletics Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council, will feature competitions for both men and women aged 30 and above. Interested athletes can register by contacting 7006371633 or 7889939965 before 8:00 AM on November 17. Participants are required to bring photocopies of their Aadhaar cards to the venue for verification.

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JAMMU: Showcasing exceptional skill and determination, Jammu and Kashmir's young Taekwondo players swept the medals at the ongoing 69th National School Games U-19 Boys Taekwondo Championship being held at the Indoor Sports Complex, Bhagwati Nagar. With the addition of medals won by Ayaan Mahajan, Harris Gulzar, Arslan Wazir, and Saksham Sharma, J&K's tally has risen to an impressive and historic seven medals.

The Championship is being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS), under the aegis of the School Games Federation of

69th NSG U-19 Boys Taekwondo Championship J&K shines with seven medals as Harris, Ayaan, Arslan, Saksham join medal winners JD YSS Jammu felicitates medalists



Jt Director YSS Jammu, Vinakshi Koul with medal winners and other dignitaries.

India (SGFI), led by the Director General, Youth Services and Sports, J&K.

In the U-19 Boys -48 KG category, Gourav GC of Haryana clinched Gold, while Dheerandra of Joshi took

Silver. The Bronze medals were shared by Kishan Devaraj of Karnataka and Harris Gulzar of Jammu and Kashmir.

In the +78 KG category, Ranjeet Singh Rathod of

KVS bagged Gold, and Ayaan Mahajan of Jammu and Kashmir secured Silver. Bronze medals in this category went to Bhavjot Singh of Punjab and Chengkham Borpatra Gohan of CBSE. In the U-19 Boys -63 KG event, Vishvajeet Sunil of Maharashtra and Arjun KS of Karnataka captured Gold and Silver respectively, while Dinesh Kumar of NVS and Loyd Peter Dacosta of Goa claimed Bronze. In the U-19 Boys -68 KG category, Akhil Kumar of Haryana won Gold, Prince Konjoiya of Uttar Pradesh took Silver, and the Bronze medals were bagged by Saksham Sharma of Jammu and Kashmir along with MD Armaan of Bihar.

In the U-19 Boys -78 KG division, Brijesh Kumar Pal of Uttar Pradesh earned Gold, and Deepandar Devanand of Karnataka secured Silver. The Bronze medals were awarded to Arslan Wazir of Jammu and Kashmir and Dev Khandelwal of Madhya Pradesh.

The medal ceremony for the -68 KG and +78 KG categories was presided over by the Organising Secretary of the Championship, Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports Jammu. She was accompanied by Sukhdev Raj Sharma, DYSSO Jammu, and Rajesh Sambyal, Incharge of the event.

Hockey Men's Jr World Cup 2025 Trophy Tour reaches Jammu

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JAMMU: The Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025 Trophy on Wednesday reached Jammu as part of the Trophy Tour, and the city witnessed a wave of excitement and pride.

The iconic trophy was displayed at K.K. Hakku Stadium, filling the venue with the energy of aspiring athletes, sports lovers, and school students who gathered in large numbers to celebrate the spirit of Indian hockey.

The event was graced by Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Yasha Mudgal as Chief Guest.

Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, along with officials from the Hockey India Federation and J&K Hockey Association besides large



Comm Secy YSS, Yasha Mudgal with other officials receiving Hockey Men's Jr World Cup 2025 Trophy at Jammu.

number of players were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary said, "The arrival of the Junior World Cup Trophy in Jammu marks a proud moment for all sports lovers of the region. Hockey has always stood as a symbol of India's unity, resilience, and deter-

mination. Through this event, we aim to inspire our youth to embrace the sport with renewed passion and dedication. The J&K Government remains fully committed to extending every possible support for the growth of hockey and other sporting disciplines across the region, and the

day is not far when our athletes will represent the country with pride and excellence."

Secretary, J&K Sports Council, in her address said, "J&K Sports Council under the Youth Services and Sports Department is committed to providing access to quality infrastructure, professional coaching, and exposure to aspiring athletes in every district. The Trophy Tour is not just a celebration of hockey's heritage but also a reminder to our youth that with discipline and hard work, they too can reach the highest levels of sport.

The Trophy Tour, which will travel through 20 states of India, aims to celebrate the FIH Junior Men's World Cup 2025, promote hockey awareness and par-

ticipation across the nation, and inspire the younger generation to take pride in India's glorious hockey legacy.

The dazzling trophy procession began from Hotel Radisson and moved through Jammu University Road before reaching K.K. Hakku Stadium, where an enthusiastic crowd awaited its arrival. The atmosphere was electric as young players waved flags, cheered, and took photographs with the World Cup trophy, expressing their excitement and pride in witnessing such a historic moment.

The vibrant atmosphere at K.K. Hakku Stadium reflected the growing passion for hockey among the youth and reaffirmed the region's commitment to nurturing future champions.

52nd Yonex-Sunrise J&K UT Badminton Championship 2025 concludes



MLA Yudhvir Sethi with other dignitaries and winner students.

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JAMMU: The 52nd Yonex-Sunrise J&K UT Badminton Championships 2025 concluded at the Indoor Sports Complex, M.A. Stadium, Jammu, witnessing participation from over 220 players across Seniors (Men & Women), Sub Junior (U-13 & U-15), and Mini (U-11) categories.

MLA Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi graced the closing ceremony as Chief Guest and distributed prizes to the winners.

The event was attended by Dr. O.D. Sharma, Vice President BAI and Chairman, Badminton Association of J&K, and Balbir Jamwal, General Secretary, BAJK.

In his address, Sethi lauded

the players' talent and the efforts of BAJK and J&K Sports Council in promoting badminton in the region.

Bhavya Sharma clinched the Men's Singles title, defeating Gopesh Singh, while in Men's Doubles, the pair of Bhavya and Puranjay emerged winners, with Raghav and Munish finishing as runners-up.

Asmita Women's League at JU on Nov 15

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JAMMU: The Jammu District Asmita Women's League, organised by the J&K Amateur Athletics Association in two age groups of under-14 and under-16, shall take place on November 15.

As per a handout issued by the Association here today, those female athletes born between December 21, 2009 and December 20, 2011 are only eligible for the under-16 group. On the other hand, those born between 21-12-2011 and 20-12-2013 are eligible for under-14 category.

The competition shall take place at University of Jammu (JU) Athletics arena on November 15.

Events: Under-14: Triathlon-A: 60 mts, Long Jump (5 mts

approach), High Jump (Scissor); Triathlon-B: 60 mts, Long Jump (5 mts approach), Back Throw (1 kg Shot Put); Triathlon-C: 60 mts, Long Jump (5 mts approach), 600 mts, Kids Javelin (with five-meter runway). Under-16: 60 mts, 600 mts, High Jump (Scissors), High Jump (5 mts approach), Discus Throw (1 kg), Shot Put (Standing 3 kg), Javelin throw (10 mts approach) 500 gms.

All athletes (girls) belonging to district Jammu are advised to report at the venue on scheduled date at 8 am along with date of birth certificate and Aadhar card. Such athletes, in case of any query, can contact Nirmal Singh (7889401221).

Inter-District UT Level Karate Competition for U14 Girls concludes



Participating players posing with officials after receiving medals.

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KATHUA: After the successful completion of the U17 and U19 Girls' Karate events, the Inter-District UT Level Karate Competition for U14 Girls concluded successfully today at the Sports Stadium, Kathua. The event witnessed an impressive display of skill, determination, and sportsmanship by young karatekas representing various districts across Jammu and Kashmir.

The competition aimed to identify and promote promising talent for the Union Territory team. Participants demonstrated exceptional fighting spirit and enthusiasm throughout the event, reflecting the growing popularity of martial arts among

young girls. The tournament was held under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua, Sunil Singh Sambyal, who appreciated the efforts of all participants and coaches for their dedication and discipline.

In the -22 kg category, Ananya Sharma from Udhampur secured the top position. In -24 kg, Arti Devi from Udhampur emerged victorious, while in -26 kg, Preeti Devi from Udhampur clinched the title. The -30 kg category saw Arsheen Kour from Jammu and Gunjan Devi from Kathua showcasing remarkable performances.

In -34 kg, Ritaj Shafiq (Kupwara), Neha Rajput (Kathua), Sakshi

(Udhampur), and Ridhi (Jammu) stood out for their skills. The -38 kg category was dominated by Kayna Verma (Udhampur), Misbah Majeed (Budgam), Manmeet Kour (Jammu), and Lakshmi Devi (Kathua).

In -42 kg, Kamiya Rajput (Kathua), Aiman Shabir (Ganderbal), Khushboo Shabir (Budgam), and Bhumika (Udhampur) put up strong performances. The -46 kg category winners included Urvi Sharma (Udhampur), Arushi Sharma (Rajouri), Gousia Shafqat (Anantnag), and Saniba Farooq (Budgam).

In -50 kg, Purnika Sharma (Udhampur), Ifat-un-Nisa (Kupwara), Akshita Rajput (Kathua), and Janyali (Jammu) displayed commendable skill, while in the +50 kg category, Shaya Binti Showket (Srinagar), Manvika Thakur (Udhampur), Saruchi Sharma (Rajouri), and Yirvanshi Sharma (Kathua) emerged as winners.

The event concluded with appreciation for the young participants whose talent and determination made the competition a grand success. Officials and coaches congratulated all the winners and participants for their outstanding performances and wished them success in their future sporting endeavors.

Vanshika of KCPS excels at South Delhi Swimming Meet 2025

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JAMMU: Vanshika Gusain, a class 9 student of KC Public School (KCPS) participated in the 18th South Delhi Swimming Meet 2025 held recently and put up an outstanding performance in this prestigious sporting event. Displaying remarkable skill and sportsmanship, she was declared the Best Swimmer in the Group I category for Girls in this annual event organised by the South Delhi Swimming Association. The school management and Principal AK Mishra congratulated Vanshika and her swimming coach Babita Jamwal on this commendable achievement and extended their best wishes for Vanshika's continued success in all the forthcoming swimming competitions she plans to take part in.



Jammu District Netball C'ship on Nov 15

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JAMMU: The Netball Association of Jammu and Kashmir announced the Jammu District Netball Championship, to be held on November 15, 2025, at Dogra Ground, Shastri Nagar, Jammu. The event aims to promote and nurture netball talent across the region, offering players an excellent opportunity to display their skills, compete at a higher level, and further their growth in the sport. All registered players are invited to participate in this exciting competition. For any queries, interested participants can contact 8082334844. The Association extends best wishes to all players for a successful and spirited championship.