

ADC Jammu commends DYSS for exemplary Taekwondo Championship

Radhika of KVS, Siddhi of Maharashtra win Gold

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JAMMU: The Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K is doing an exemplary work of conducting 69th National School Games-2025, making all requisite arrangements in a most befitting manner. As learnt, the medals secured by J&K in the 69th National School Games hosted by it portrait a picture of efficiency and excellence of the Department.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Jammu, Ansuja Jamwal, expressed these words while formally inaugurating the 69th National School Games 2025 U-19 Girls Taekwondo Championship at the Indoor Sports Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, today.

She emphasized that the Government is deeply committed to promoting sports across every corner of the Union Territory, with the



Joint Director YSS Jammu, Vinakshi Koul presenting memento to Additional Deputy Commissioner of Jammu, Ansuja Jamwal.

Department of Youth Services setting an exemplary benchmark in this vital endeavor.

She was accompanied by Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Vinakshi Koul; Dronacharya Awardee and Chief Wushu Coach of India, Kuldeep Handoo; Field Officer SGFI, Parichay Mishra; DYSSO Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma and Mushtaq

Ahmed.

Earlier, in her welcome address, Vinakshi Koul highlighted the remarkable achievements of the department, noting with pride that Jammu and Kashmir has secured an impressive total of 17 medals so far in the 69th National School Games. The medals were won in the disciplines of Football, Wushu, and Taekwondo (Boys), with the Union Territory proudly

hosting this prestigious event in the current season.

Thirty six (36) States/UT/Organisations are taking part in the event with a participation of around 450 athletes and officials.

Meanwhile, the competitions in the weight categories of Under-19 Girls -63 KG and -68 KG categories were held today.

In U-19 Girls -63 KG, the Gold medal was bagged by

Radhika Sharma of KVS, Silver was won by Simran of Chandigarh, while the Bronze medals went to Sumrda Pal of West Bengal and Vaishnavi of CBSE.

In U-19 Girls -68 KG, Siddhi Atul Bendale of Maharashtra clinched Gold, while Silver medal went to Lakshita Malik of Haryana. The Bronze medals in this weight category went to Raj Rupa Dey of West Bengal and Sakshi Meghvanshi of Rajasthan.

Jammu and Kashmir athletes faced a tough challenge today, exiting in the first round of both categories at the 69th National School Games-2025. In the -63 KG category, Zainab Arif of J&K was bested by GP Choudhary of IBSSO. Meanwhile, in the -68 KG, Arifa of J&K was narrowly defeated by Zoya Khan from Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Ram Universal School celebrates Annual Sports Day



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JAMMU: The Shri Ram Universal School celebrated its annual Sports Day, "Shri Khel - 2025", on Saturday with great enthusiasm and spirited participation from students, teachers, and parents.

The event opened with a melodious orchestra performance, followed by a welcome speech by Ms. Sonika Mahajan, Principal TSUSJ. Guests were felicitated with potted plants, highlighting the school's commitment to sustainability. The Sports Meet was officially declared open by Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director of Sports, Cluster University, through a symbolic pigeon-flying ceremony, after which the

Sports Captain lit the torch.

A lively welcome dance (NK) set the tone for the celebration. Students showcased their skills in events such as Yoga (Form-2), Balancing Race, Hula Hoop Run, Relay Race, Hurdle Race, Passing Through the Ring, Gymnastics & Martial Arts, and more. Lower primary students charmed the audience with the Dumbbell Dance, while parents energised the field with a Fitness Challenge and an exciting Tug of War.

The event was also graced by the Chairman, Sanjeev Gupta, and Director, Rajni Gupta, whose presence added immense motivation and encouragement for the entire school community.

The closing ceremony was graced by Himani Jerath, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Samba, as the Chief Guest, and Sushil Singh Charak, Founder of the National Development Association, who joined the school community for the spirited Zumba finale.

A warm vote of thanks was extended by Shivani Vaid, Headmistress TSUSJ, who appreciated the efforts of teachers, parents, and students. The event concluded with the national anthem, evoking pride and unity.

"Shri Khel - 2025" was a memorable celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and holistic growth at The Shri Ram Universal School.

GDC Kunjwani wins inter-college volleyball runner-up trophy



GDC Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner team.

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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani celebrated the remarkable achievement of its volleyball team, which secured the runners-up trophy in the Inter-College Volleyball (Men) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the University of Jammu.

The team's outstanding performance has earned significant recognition for the institution.

Upon their return, the players were felicitated by Dr. Manisha Sarup Kohli, Principal of the college. She congratulated the team members for their commendable success and extended her blessings for their future endeavors.

Dr. Kohli also acknowledged the dedicated efforts of Malik Ajaz Iqbal, Physical Director, along with the entire sports committee, for their unwavering support and commitment toward promoting sports culture in the college.

KCIS hosts Inter-School Music Competition SUR SANGAM 2025

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JAMMU: KC International School proudly organized Sur Sangam 2025, an Inter-School Singing Competition which brought together young vocalists from renowned schools across Jammu. This year's theme "Happiness" celebrated music as a powerful medium that uplifts the spirit and spreads joy.

The event was graced by Priya Sethi, former Education & Tourism Minister and a prominent BJP leader as the Chief Guest, along with the Guests of Honour, Ravi Sharma, Music Composer & Santoor Player and Sunil Sharma, Music Director.

The panel of judges included Dharmesh Nargotra, renowned Gazal singer and Anupama Sharma, Retd HoD Deptt of Music GCW Parade, Jammu.

Also present were, Chaitanya Chowdhary



Former Education Minister, Priya Sethi with other dignitaries and participating students.

President KCIS, Saroj Mahajan General Secretary KCIS, Dr. Shikha Chowdhary Finance Secretary KCIS, Anupama Sinha Principal KCIS, alongwith Roma Gupta, Vice Principal, and Sakshi Bhagat, Headmistress.

The programme began with an inspiring and warm message by the Vice Principal, who highlighted the relevance of the theme "Happiness" and emphasized how music cultivates emotional well-being, cre-

ativity, and cultural appreciation among students.

More than 90 enthusiastic participants competed in three categories-Solo Singing Junior (Classes I-V), Solo Singing Senior (Classes VI-XII), and Group Singing (Classes VI-XII). Each performance reflected the students' dedication, passion, and artistic finesse. The event aimed to nurture creativity, build confidence, and celebrate musical talent through a healthy, joyful, and cultur-

ally enriching platform.

The results of Sur Sangam 2025 were announced with great cheer. In the Solo Singing Junior (I-V) category, the first position was secured by Daivansh Sudan of KC International School, the second position was bagged by Sarabjeet Kour, APS Samba and third position was secured by Banaj Mahajan of GD Goenka Public School. In the Solo Singing Senior (VI-XII) category, the first position

was awarded to Sabhya Koul of GD Goenka Public School, the second position was bagged by Aryan Bangotra of KC International School and third position was secured by Meemona Choudhary APS BD Bari. In the Group Singing (VI-XII) category, KC international School secured first position, followed by Jammu Sanskriti in second place and Stephens International School in third place. The Overall Winner School of

Sur Sangam 2025 was KC International School.

In her address, Chief Guest Priya Sethi praised the participants for their melodious performances and commended KC International School for promoting such platforms that spread positivity and encourage young talent. She emphasized that music and happiness go hand-in-hand, inspiring confidence and harmony among learners.

The Principal proposed the Vote of Thanks, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries, management, judges, participating schools, teachers, and students for their active involvement and support in making the event a remarkable success.

The event concluded on a patriotic note with the National Anthem, marking the end of a melodious, memorable, and culturally enriching celebration.

Basit continues brilliance, Shivansh leads from front as J&K wins against Assam



J&K team with officials in jubilant mood after winning match against Assam.

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VADODARA: Basit Nazir continued his brilliance with the willow and skipper Shivansh Sharma led from the front, while bowlers did a decent job on a batting friendly surface as Jammu and Kashmir registered and emphatic 6-wicket victory over Assam in the U-23 State-A Trophy at Darshanam Sports and Education Academy ground,

Vadodara on Saturday. Chasing a target of 242 runs, J&K rode on a superb batting display by consistent Basit Nazir, skipper Shivansh Sharma and promising Mousub Mohd Bhat and chased the target easily in 49.1 overs by losing 4 wickets, thus winning the match by 6 wickets.

Shivansh top scored with unbeaten 75 runs off 90 balls studded with 3 fours and one

six, while Basit Nazir contributed 72 runs off 106 balls with 8 boundaries. Mousub remained unconquered on brisk 44 off 44 balls, while Arnab Gupta contributed 38 runs to the total.

Mayush Hazarika, Harsh Kumar, Rajesh Pressad and Ronit Akhter claimed one wicket each.

Earlier, put into bat, Assam scored 241 runs. Parvez Musharraf top scored with 93

runs off 116 balls, hitting 6 fours and 4 sixes, while Rajveer Singh (46) and Sourav Mohsum (35) were the other major contributors.

For J&K, Basit Bashir was the most successful bowler who took 3 wickets each, while Atif Bin Mushtaq and Sarvashish Singh bagged 2 wickets each. Vishal Kumar, Archit Mahajan and Arya Thakur claimed one wicket each.

Annual Sports Meet concludes at CUJ

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JAMMU: The annual sports meet Anant Khel 2025 of Central University of Jammu was held with high enthusiasm from 13th November to 15th November 2025 with participation of more than 1500 students and 100 faculty members across various sporting events in the University Campus at Bagla Suchani.

Anuradha Gupta DG, Youth Services and Sports graced the medal ceremony as chief guest. In her address, Anuradha Gupta stresses upon the importance of health, both physical and mental, in the life of students. She shared information about various conferences, discussions and events to be conducted by Youth Services and Sports to promote a healthy lifestyle amongst students.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor of the university, graced the occasion as the guest of honour. He congratulated the medal-winning students, and underscored the growing sports facilities in the university. He advised the students to imbibe the true spirit of sportsmanship.

In her welcome address, Prof. Vandana Sharma, Director I/C,



Winner students posing with faculty members.

Directorate of Physical Education, shared the vision and spirit of Anant Khel. She welcomed the chief guest, and thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his continuous and compassionate patronage.

Dr. R. Sudhakar, Assistant Director, Directorate of Physical Education, presented the formal vote of thanks. He thanked the chief guest, and the guest of honour. He thanked all Assistant Directors, Directorate staff, student volunteers, and participants for making this event a grand success.

In the ceremony, 51 gold medals, 50

silver and 30 bronze medals were awarded by Anuradha Gupta in various individual and team events such as cricket, football, badminton, volleyball, kho-kho, kabaddi, javelin, discus throw, shot put, long jump, high jump, aesthetics, table tennis, carrom, chess, marathon, E-sports etc.

The spectacular feature of the sports meet was the Vice-Chancellor's trophy for overall best performance for a department of study for the best performance during the Anant Khel 2025. This trophy was won by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Kritika Sharma qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Kritika Sharma, daughter of Vandana Sharma and Rakesh Sharma, resident of H No 27, Phase-2nd, Housing Colony, Udhampur, has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Sericulture by the SKUAST-Jammu, Main Campus Chatha.

She worked on the topic "Suitability of Mass Multiplication of Trichogramma on Eggs of Eri Silkworm, Philosamia ricini" under the supervision of Dr. Kamlesh Bali, Professor and Head, Div of Sericulture, SKUAST-Jammu.

District Kathua Volleyball Championship begins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Kathua on Saturday.

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KATHUA: The District Kathua Volleyball Championship, being organized by District Kathua Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, commenced today with great energy and excitement.

SDM Hiranagar graced the opening ceremony as the

Chief Guest, while the Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Hiranagar and BDO Dingha Amb attended as Guests of Honour. Their presence boosted the morale of the participating teams and organizers.

The tournament opened with a thrilling match between Bhatyari Volleyball Club and Chhaper Club, where Bhatyari Club

emerged victorious with scores of 25-22 and 25-20. The second match featured Jandi Club against Mangloor Club, with Jandi Club securing a confident win by 25-15 and 25-20. The final match of the day was played between Mela Volleyball Club and Baba Dehra, in which Mela Club triumphed with 25-18 and 25-20.

The event was attended by several prominent personalities, including Sarpanch Subash Sharma, Kamal Sharma (President, Volleyball Association Kathua), Mohinder Sharma (General Secretary, Kathua Volleyball Association), Ram Lal (Joint Secretary), Keshav Sharma (Treasurer), Rajesh Goswami (Vice President), Asha Nand Khajuria, Uttam Singh, Rash Paul Singh, and Sanju, who applauded the efforts of the organizers and players.

A total of 22 teams are participating in the championship, making it one of the largest volleyball events in the district. The tournament promises more exciting matches in the coming days as teams battle for top honours.

Indoor Badminton, basketball courts inaugurated at APS BD Bari

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SAMBA: Army Public School BD Bari added yet another illustrious feather to its cap with the grand inauguration of its newly developed and fully equipped two state-of-the-art Indoor Badminton courts and Basketball Court crafted to meet professional standards.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Brig Aniket Dilip Deo, Chairman, APS BD Bari, who unveiled the facilities along with Lt Col Kunwar Singh, SO APS BD Bari, Neeta Rawal, Principal APS BD Bari, and Pushpinder Kour, Principal APS Damana.

The sports facilities inaugurated promises an environment of excellence for budding players, enabling them to train with precision and



finesse. The newly constructed Indoor Badminton Courts and Basketball Court with superior durability and professional-grade specifications, further strengthens the school's commitment to promoting holistic development through quality sports infrastructure.

Speaking on the occasion, Brig Aniket Dilip Deo commended the school's progres-

sive vision and reaffirmed the significance of sports in shaping confident, disciplined, and dynamic young leaders.

With these remarkable additions, APS BD Bari continues its mission of fostering talent, encouraging participation in competitive sports, and providing students with unparalleled facilities that inspire them to aim higher and achieve greater milestones.