

# District Shopian Volleyball Championship begins

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SHOPIAN:** The Volleyball Association of District Shopian today inaugurated the District Volleyball Championship for boys and girls, organised under the aegis of the J&K Sports Council and Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event commenced at the Sports Stadium Shopian with great excitement and competitive spirit.

Dr. Mohd Shafiq, Principal, Government Degree College Shopian, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Ghulam Rasool Khanday, Incharge Sports Stadium Shopian, attended as the Guest of Honour.

The championship was officially declared open by the



Participating teams posing with dignitaries at Shopian.

Chief Guest, who encouraged all participants to display discipline, teamwork, and sporting excellence.

The boys' category saw a series of thrilling matches. The opening clash between Royal Club Babapora and Khelo India Centre (KIC)

Chitragram kept the audience on edge, with KIC Chitragram securing a 2-1 win (25-18, 20-25, 15-10). In the second match, KIC Shopian defeated MVC Reshnagri 2-1 (13-25, 25-16, 15-7). The third face-off saw Junior Super Spikers over-

come NIPS Club with a 2-0 victory (25-14, 25-21). In the fourth match, Khelo India A outplayed Army Goodwill Volleyball Club with a straight 2-0 win (25-15, 25-18). Super Spikers Shopian later defeated Junior Super Spikers 2-0 (25-19, 25-17).

The sixth match saw KIC B Shopian triumph over Khelo India B Chitragram with a 2-0 scoreline (25-18, 25-19). A total of 11 teams are participating in the boys' section.

In the girls' category, the first semi-final featured Khelo India Centre Shopian against GDC Shopian, with GDC Shopian clinching a 2-1 victory (25-11, 19-25, 15-10). The second semi-final was a close contest where CNEI Nagbal defeated Cambridge Club 2-0 (25-23, 25-23). Four teams are competing in the girls' section.

The championship will continue with the remaining matches in the coming days, promising more competitive and engaging volleyball action for sports enthusiasts of the district.

# Dr Kuldeep calls on Prof Mohtra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Convenor UT Sports Cell and technical director Asian Kabaddi Federation, Dr Kuldeep Kumar Gupta today called on Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, UT head of J&K BJP Library and Documentation Department, here.

Besides holding deliberation on sports scenario in J&K, Dr Kuldeep congratulated Prof Mohtra on his appointed as head of J&K BJP Library and Documentation Department for the fourth consecutive term.

Also General Secretary of the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Dr Gupta appreciated Prof Mohtra for the outstanding literary contributions, dedication and commitment to the organisation.

Dr. Gupta further said that Prof. Mohtra has played a pivotal and significant role in establishing the Nanaji Deshmukh library at the Headquarter in Jammu.

This Library has become a key centre of knowledge, study and intellectual discussion for researchers and the young generation.



Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta expressed hope that in his 4th term, Prof. Mohtra will continue to promote innovation, research and literary enrichment, making the library an even more effective centre of knowledge and guidance.

# DPS Jammu's Nyra Gupta qualifies for National Archery Championship 2025

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Nyra Gupta, a student of Class V-I at Delhi Public School Jammu, has qualified for the National Archery Championship 2025 following her impressive performance at the Jammu District Archery Championship 2025, where she secured a bronze medal. The event was organized by the Archery Association of Jammu & Kashmir and held at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, on 11th November 2025.

Nyra competed in the U-10 age category. The National Archery Championship is scheduled to be held later this year.

The esteemed management of DPS Jammu, under the visionary leader-



ship of President-RCT Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC Dr. Ritu Singh, Director S.S. Sodhi, along with National Ruchi Chabra and the staff, congratulated Nyra and her parents on her selection for the national championship. They also extended their best wishes for her future endeavours.

# Jodhamal Public School Senior Wing celebrates 21st Annual Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Jodhamal Public School fraternity gathered together to celebrate its 21st Annual Day and Prize-Giving Ceremony on Saturday.

Vikram Randhawa (MLA-Bahu Constituency) was the Chief Guest and Arun Manhas Director Industries & Commerce was the Guest of Honour. Other special guests were Uttam Chand, IGP (POS), PHQ, J&K and M. K. Yadav (DIG) in CISEF.

The ceremony commenced with the auspicious lighting of the lamp, followed by a warm welcome address by Head Boy, Puneesh Singh Manhas. The Army and Navy cadets of the NCC extended a ceremonial greeting to the esteemed guests. The cultural programme captivated the audience with vibrant performances. The play conveyed powerful messages of resilience, patience, enthusi-



asm and responsibility, showcasing their transformative impact in building a harmonious future. The theme of the function was a salute to the Armed Forces and Police.

The Play "The Echoes of Honour" was directed by Abhinav Sharma. A whirlwind of rhythm and emotion left the audience spellbound along with well-choreographed performances like Kathak and an eclectic orchestra featuring over 120 participants, transported the audience through the golden eras of the '70s, '80s, and '90s. The school's rock

band, Stampede, enthralled the audience with their unparalleled stage presence. The event also featured the unveiling of Jodhamal Reels 2025 and behind-the-scenes videos, highlighting the unceasing efforts of the team.

Randhawa remarked as to how holistic education was important in overall development of students personality and how it is very imperative for students to adopt with changing times.

Principal of the School, Dr. Deep Khare presented the Annual Report of the Academic Year 2024-25. He

expressed heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders for their unwavering support to the School and proudly announced that Jodhamal Public School has been ranked 33rd Pan-India in India's Best Co-Ed Day Schools by C-Fore and Brainfeed Magazine. Remarkably, the school retained its position as the Top Co-Educational Day School in J&K for the 11th consecutive year, as per the Education World Magazine.

Principal also shared the excellent CBSE results of the School for the Academic Year 2024-25, with Class

XII achieving a batch average of 85.17%, and Class X securing an impressive batch-average of 87.28%. He highlighted Jodhamal's thrust on STEM education further led to the School's victory in the F1 in Schools National Championship, with Team Apex winning the Championship, and qualifying for the World F1 Finals in Saudi Arabia. He also applauded Harmanjot Singh, who received the National Youth Affairs and Sports at Parliament House, New Delhi. Jodhamal School has once again shown excellent results in the recent concluded Melange 4.0, a National Drone Championship at the Suncity School, Gurugram among 37 teams from across India. The Team Pawan Putra of our school emerged as the 'Overall Winner' of the competition. The Principal also celebrated the literary accom-

plishments of 144 Jodhamal's young authors, whose published works are now available online. This year, being an extraordinary year, Jodhamal has sent an impressive contingent of 73 students to represent J&K in various national games, underscoring its dedication to holistic growth.

The main awards were received by the school's Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, Academic Prefects, and CCA Prefects. The Annual Sports Trophy was awarded to Invention House, the CCA Trophy to Invention House, the Academic Trophy to Enterprise House, and the Overall Trophy was also bagged by Invention House. The celebrations concluded on a high note, with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by the CCA Prefect, Svasti Gupta and Advay Jasrotia.

# Players exhibit grit, excellence as pre-quarterfinal lineup finalized in Table Tennis Championship

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Exhibiting remarkable skill, composure, and competitive spirit, players from across the country guided their teams into the pre-quarterfinals of the ongoing 69th National School Games 2025 (U-19 Boys and Girls Table Tennis Championship) being hosted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu and Kashmir, at the Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu.

The championship has attracted participation from 34 States, Union Territories, and sports organisations from different parts of the country.

The prestigious event is being held under the aegis of the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and under the leadership of Director General, Youth Services and Sports J&K,



Participating players posing with dignitaries.

Anuradha Gupta, while Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu is the Organising Secretary of the tournament.

In the boys' category, the teams securing berths in the pre-quarterfinals include Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Vidya Bharati, KVS, Chandigarh, Telangana, Puducherry, CISCE, Karnataka, and

Tamil Nadu. Similarly, in the girls' section, the sixteen teams advancing to the pre-quarterfinals comprise Delhi, CBSE, Maharashtra, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Telangana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Assam, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, NVS, Chandigarh, and West Bengal.

The thrilling encounters witnessed so far have been marked by exceptional rallies, precision play, and

true sportsmanship, setting the stage for even more intense contests in the upcoming rounds.

Prominent among others the matches were witnessed today by former International Table Tennis Player and Junior National Selector; Maninder Singh, State Champion in Table Tennis; Col Naveen Sharma and Ravish Vaid, Table Tennis Coach, Jammu University and Technical Officer of the event.

# 37th District Samba Volleyball Championship begins

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SAMBA:** Volleyball Association of District Samba organised 37th district volleyball championship under the aegis of volleyball association of jammu and kashmir ( UT ) for men and women held at Abhyaas volleyball Academy Tarlokpur, near canal (jakh). The Championship was inaugurated by the chief guest Inspector of J&K police Mr Anil Sharma , President district volleyball Association Samba , Mr Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary district volleyball Association Samba Mr V.S. Jamwal , Manager indoor sports stadium samba Mr Balbir Kumar Mehta , Senior Athlete Coach Mr Gureharan Singh , Senior Hockey Coach Mr Ram Singh and CEO Mr B.S. Jamwal. Total 20 teams were participated , 16 teams in men section and 4 teams women section.

Today's result

In men section, Abhyaas volleyball club beat Dhamore Club by 2-0 ( 25-15, 25-18), Patti Senior Club beat APS



Participating teams posing with dignitaries at Samba.

Kaluchak by 2-1 ( 25-17, 23-25, 15-6), Patti Junior Club beat Sehazpur by 2-1 (22-25, 25-17, 15-11), Gurba Slathia beat JBC Club by 2-0 (25-15, 25-17), SRC Club beat Abhyaas Volleyball Junior Club by 2-0 (25-19, 25-12), Rahya beat Rangoor by 2-0 (25-19, 25-16), Barjani Club A beat Radha Krishna by 2-0 (25-18, 25-20), Swankha beat Barjani Youth Club by 2-1 (25-21, 21-25, 15-12). In women section, Samba Warriors beat BBN School by 2-0 (25-23, 25-16), Abhyaas Volleyball Club beat APS by 2-1 (25-6, 26-24, 15-

2). Today's matches were officiated by Satpal Sharma, Rohini Devi, Lavanya Mahajan, Ishima Verma, Sapna Sharma, Ayisha Tabssum, Maneesh, Akshay, Raman.

**J&K Roll Ball meet from Nov 29**  
**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Roll Ball Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold five-day J&K UT Roll Ball Championship at Skating Rink, MA Stadium, here from November 29.

The competition shall be held in different age groups of male and female categories as part of the annual calendar of activities of the Association.

It will be out of this UT Championship that Association shall pick the best stuff for the upcoming Junior National Championship to be held in Jammu from December 29 to January one under the banner of Roll Ball Federation of India.

# GDC Bani shines in Display Your Talent at JU's Kathua Campus



Principal GDC Bani, Prof.(Dr) Manohar Lal felicitating winner students.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**BANI:** Govt. Degree College (GDC) Bani registered an outstanding performance in the Display Your Talent event (Ravi Zone) held at the University Campus, Kathua. The students of the college showcased remarkable enthusiasm, creativity, and competitive spirit across multiple events, bringing laurels to the institution.

Participating in a range of cultural, literary, and artistic competitions, the

college contingent performed exceptionally well under the guidance of Dr Jogbinder Singh Soodan Principal Director GDC Bani and under the overall supervision of Principal Prof.(Dr) Manohar Lal. The students of the college reflected their dedication as well as the guidance of the Dr J S Soodan and Dr Resham Singh. Faculty members who witnessed the entire journey are Prof Naseeb Bhagat, Dr Narinder Kumar, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Dr Sumil

Kumar, Prof. Vishab Thapa, Dr Nisha Devi, Mr. Rashpal Sharma and Mr. Himanshu Sharma. The vibrant presentations by the students captivated the audience and highlighted the rich talent nurtured by the college.

Performing in Display Your Talent, GDC Bani secured 1st prize in Indian Group Folk Dance. The students also actively participated in Photography, Poster Making, Mehendi, Debate, Eloquution contests. The Principal of the

College, Prof. (Dr) Manohar Lal congratulated all the participants and winners for their commendable achievements and applauded the staff members for their consistent support.

He appreciated the efforts of Dr J.S Soodan, Physical Director for channelizing the students to the progressive direction.

"This is for the third time that the students of GDC Bani are lead by Dr Soodan to participate in district and University level competitions. Dr J.S Soodan has expressed pride in the college's continued tradition of excellence in co-curricular activities and encouraged students to continue striving for higher accomplishments," the Principal said.

The event at the University Campus Kathua served as an inspiring platform for youth to express their potential, and the brilliant performance of GDC Bani added yet another feather to its cap.

# Unique International Public School holds capacity-building workshop on Stress Management



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**J A M M U :** Unique International Public School, Gadi Garh, Jammu, organised a highly engaging Workshop-Training Session on Stress Management, aimed at equipping teachers with practical strategies to manage academic, personal, and emotional stress. The programme received an enthusiastic response from educators of the host school as well as mentors from other prominent CBSE institutions, making it an enriching and collaborative learning experience.

The workshop was led by two eminent CBSE-appointed resource persons from Jammu Sanskrit School-Rohini Aima, P r i n c i p a l - c u m - V i c e

Chairperson, and Vishal Gupta, PGT Physics. Their expertise, interactive presentation style, and deep understanding of psychological and emotional well-being offered participants valuable insights into recognising stress factors and adopting healthy coping mechanisms. Through discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on activities, they guided teachers on relaxation techniques, effective time management, emotional regulation, and fostering a positive mindset.

The school had the privilege of hosting Dr. KCS Mehta, Academic Director, IDPS, as the Chief Guest. His presence added immense value to the event as he inspired partici-

pants to prioritise mental, social, and emotional well-being within the educational framework. He appreciated the school's commitment to professional development and holistic education.

The session commenced with a warm and graceful welcome extended to all dignitaries and participants. This was followed by a thoughtful welcome address by Dr. Ramma Mattoo, Principal of the School, who emphasised the growing need for stress management in today's demanding educational landscape. She highlighted the school's ongoing efforts to empower teachers through capacity-building programmes.

In recognition of their contributions, Chairman Jasbir Singh and Managing Director Nirlep Kour presented mementoes and bouquets to the chief guest and the resource persons as a token of gratitude. The session continued with engaging and insightful activities, keeping the participants deeply involved throughout.

The workshop concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Chairperson Jasbir Singh, who expressed heartfelt appreciation to the resource persons, chief guest, staff, and all participants. He acknowledged the school's continuous efforts toward professional excellence and holistic development.