

JK Public School shines at Sahodaya Inter-School Sports Competitions, wins multiple medals in Athletics and Roller Skating



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students of the school.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: JK Public School has once again demonstrated its excellence in sports by securing an impressive tally of medals in two prestigious Sahodaya Inter-School events held this week.

At the Sahodaya Inter-School Athletic Meet held from 19-21 Nov 2026 at Doon International School, JKPS athletes delivered outstanding performances, clinching 3 Gold Medals, 3 Silver Medals and 2 Bronze

Medals.

The winners are Shoaib Khan, Gold in Long Jump. Advik Jyoti, Gold in High Jump and Lovesh Rattee, Gold in Discuss Throw. Dhananjay Sharma, Silver in Shot Put. Aaditya verma,

Silver in Long Jump. Manat, Silver in High Jump. Karman Kour, Bronze Medal in Long Jump. Deewanshi Thakur, Bronze in Short Put.

Continuing this winning streak, the school also

achieved remarkable success at the Sahodaya Inter-School Roller Skating Competition, hosted by Jammu Sanskriti School on 22nd November, 2025, wherein two talented skaters of JK Public School secured 1 Gold Medal and 1

Bronze Medal. The winners are Neesh, Gold Medal and Shoray Gupta, Bronze Medal.

Director of JK Educational Society, Shashi Chaudhary, and Principal, Rajesh Rathore, congratulated all

the winners for bringing glory to the institution.

They also appreciated the dedicated efforts of the school coaches, Shiv Dev Singh, Varun Anand and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander, whose guidance

and training played a vital role in the students' success. The school management expressed pride in the young athletes and reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing talent and promoting holistic development.

J&K-Mumbai tie evenly poised in Cooch Behar



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Hosts Jammu and Kashmir have made an overall lead of 127 runs by scoring 136 runs for the loss of three wickets in their second outtings at the end of day-two play of the ongoing Cooch Behar Trophy Elite group match at GGM Science College Hostel Ground, here today.

Night watch man, Jeevesh Gupta (0) and Arjun Sharma (25) were at the crease when the day ended at 136 for three in 39 overs. Jeevesh,

who was sent in to save any more loss, justified the decision of the skipper and faced 11 dot balls to keep other end intact. The innings were opened by Kamaksh Sharma and Salman Ahmad Bakshi, who made 63 runs for the first wicket stand.

Earlier, Mumbai managed a slight but important nine-run first innings lead making 218 runs before the side bowled out in 57.8 overs in the post lunch session. Interestingly, to the advantage of J&K, Mumbai lost

remaining five wickets for just 17 runs.

At one point of time, Mumbai were struggling at 46 for four, but a fruitful sixth-wicket partnership of 124 runs between Harsh A (67) and Vansh Chumble (73) brought the total to a respectable position.

From J&K, Abdul Basit Lone (14-0-64-5) proved to be the most successful bowler, while Jeevesh Gupta and skipper Dhruv Sharma took three and two wickets respectively.

SCOREBOARD	
J&K 1ST INNS	209/10
MUMBAI 1ST INNS	
Raza Mirza c Shiva Thakur b Abdul Basit Lone	25
Abhinab Saha lbw Dhruv Sharma	12
Abhay Patel b Abdul Basit Lone	00
Aryan Sakpal (C)(Wk) c Kamaksh Sharma b Abdul Basit Lone	03
Harsh A lbw Abdul Basit Lone	67
Vansh Chumble c Salman Ahmad Bakshi b Jeevesh Gupta	73
Aryan Patil st Shiva Thakur b Jeevesh Gupta	09
Anirudh Nair c Zaid Ahmad b Dhruv Sharma	05
Sarthak Bhide c Shiva Thakur b Jeevesh Gupta	00
Parsoon Singh not out	11
Himanshu Singh b Abdul Basit Lone	00
Extras	13
Total	218/10
J&K 2ND INNS	
Kamaksh Sharma c Abhinab Saha b Parsoon Singh	44
Salman Ahmad Bakshi b Abhay Patel	34
Arjun Sharma not out	25
Dhruv Sharma (C) b Parsoon Singh	29
Jeevesh Gupta not out	00
Extras	04
Total	136/3

VCA felicitates winners



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Vivek Chess Academy (VCA) today felicitated the winners from VCA in the just held Ist Jammu Open Chess Tournament under the aegis of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA), here.

The performance of Mitansh, Ishaan, Amrita and Prince was appreciated and all four were honoured in front of other trainees of the Academy by coach, Vivek Bharti.

While Mitansh won Silver medal with 4.5 points, Ishaan secured Bronze with four points. Amrita got gold in women category and Prince bagged first prize in under-10 age group.

Medal glory marks penultimate day of 69th NSG Table Tennis C'ship

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The penultimate day of the 69th National School Games 2025 in the discipline of Table Tennis (Under-19 Boys and Girls) witnessed remarkable performances and medal-winning feats and the medals were presented to the winners of team events, while the knockout matches in individual event were in progress at the Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu.

The event is being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu & Kashmir.

The championship has attracted participation from 34 States, Union Territories, and affiliated sports organisations across the country, making it one of the most competitive and spirited editions.

Held under the aegis of the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), the prestigious tournament is being conducted under



Medal winners posing with dignitaries.

the leadership of Ms. Anuradha Gupta, Director General, Youth Services and Sports J&K, with Ms. Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports Jammu, serving as the Organising Secretary.

In the Under-19 Girls category, Tamil Nadu emerged champions, clinching the Gold medal through the fine performances of B.R. Nandhini, Deeksha P. M. Yogita, Shaheen Shah, and M.R. Puja. The Silver

medal went to West Bengal, represented by Dipannita Saha, Disha Vasu, Debolika Gargi, Nandini Saha, and Diya Basu, while Maharashtra secured the Bronze with players Urvi Siddharth Churi, Anvi Dhailesh Gupta, Anoushka Sandeep Patil, Niharika Nivas Patil, and Jaanhavi Parag Phanse.

In the Under-19 Boys category, West Bengal continued its dominance, bagging the Gold medal with out-

standing team members Priyanshu Karmakar, Oishik Ghosh, Rajdip Dey, Sangram Sarkar, and Pratyush Mondal. The Silver medal was claimed by the team comprising Naman Kumar, Tela Prolu Samvedh, Atharva Gupta, Arnav Rawat, and Sudhanshu Maini, while Karnataka's talented paddlers Diganthgoeda C.N., Vibhas Venketesh, Manyuth, B.R. Gaurav, and Abhinav K. Murthi secured

the Bronze.

In the team events, Jammu and Kashmir managed one victory in the opening round. In the individual category, Ragini of J&K defeated Anushka Bisht of Uttarakhand but later could not compete against Sandhya of Delhi.

Meanwhile, in the Under-19 Girls singles quarterfinals, the following players advanced: Vanshika Mandal (Delhi), Deepanti Saha (West Bengal), Priyanshi Sharma (Rajasthan), Disha Basu (West Bengal), Urvi Siddharth (Maharashtra), B.R. Nandhini (Tamil Nadu), Avani Sailesh Gupta (Maharashtra), and Nandini Saha (West Bengal).

Mohd Rashid Kohli, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports Kashmir, presided over the medal distribution ceremony and presented medals to the winners in the presence of Harvinder Kaur, ZPEO and Convener of the Ceremonies Committee.

Udhampur girl Pritama Devi shines at Sub-Junior National Judo Championship

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai on Monday felicitated Pritama Devi, the silver medalist at the Sub-Junior National Judo Championship and Chief Judo Coach, Suraj Bhan Singh for bringing pride to the district.

Pritama Devi, daughter of Yashpal and a resident of Shivanagar, Devika, Udhampur, bagged a silver medal in the Sub-Junior National Judo Championship held in Hyderabad, Telangana, from 16 to 20 November 2025. Pritama has been consistently training at the Subhash Stadium Indoor Complex Judo Hall under the expert coaching of Suraj Bhan Singh, Chief Judo Coach, J&K Sports Council.

This year, 16 players from Jammu & Kashmir, includ-



ing 8 boys and 8 girls participated in the national championship.

In addition to Pritama's silver medal in the minus 40 kg weight category, athletes from Ganderbal, Kashmir, secured two bronze medals, marking a strong overall performance by the UT contingent.

While congratulating the young athlete, the DC com-

mended Pritama's dedication, discipline and hard work. She also acknowledged the pivotal role of Coach, Suraj Bhan Singh in nurturing the emerging talent in the region. Highlighting the significance of the sports, the DC remarked that Judo serves as an empowering and effective self-defense discipline for girls.

Science Exhibition showcased young innovators at Vishwa Bharati School



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Vishwa Bharti Higher Secondary School's Primary Wing organized science exhibition for students of class 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The exhibition featured an array of engaging and educational themes; including rainwater harvesting, wind energy to electric energy, tiger reserves in India, reusable bags and their significance, different

means of transport and many more.

Students enthusiastically explained their concepts, demonstrating both knowledge and innovation. Their confidence and clarity of thought won the appreciation of all present.

The event was honoured by President of Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution, Dr. S.K.Koul as chief guest, accompanied by the special guests

Prof. A. N. Sadhu and Yoginder Kaul, committee members of Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution.

The programme was further graced by Annapurna Koul, Principal Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School, along with the Vice-Principal, Examination In-charge and Co-coordinator of Primary Wing, Rashim Koul.

The dignitaries interacted with the young participants, praised their scientific curiosity and encouraged them to continue exploring and learning. They lauded the efforts of Archana Koul Incharge of the event and students for making the exhibition a grand success.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Kanchan Bhat, TGT English as well as Cultural coordinator.

VB YLD: DYSS engages evaluators, coordinators as evaluation of 682 essays completed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Following the remarkable success of the Viksit Bharat Quiz Competition, conducted as Phase-I of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VB YLD) from September 1 to October 31, 2025, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) has now launched the second phase - the Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge. The quiz phase had witnessed an enthusiastic nationwide response, with particularly strong participation from Jammu and Kashmir, setting a promising tone for the ongoing essay round.

The Essay Challenge is being organized under the leadership of Anuradha Gupta, Director General, Youth Services and Sports, while Megha Baogia, Deputy



Dignitaries at the programme.

Planning/Activities, YS&S Directorate, is serving as the Nodal Officer for the event. An expert panel of evaluators from the Higher Education Department, supported by DYSS coordinators, convened at the Convention Hall in Jammu for an intensive assessment process.

At the outset, Baogia emphasized the significance

of the initiative, encouraging the coordinators to demonstrate resilience, commitment, and integrity in ensuring that the competition remains true to its purpose and spirit. A total of 682 essays submitted by participants from across the Union Territory were evaluated with meticulous care, focusing on originality, clarity of insight, and the par-

ticipants' visionary outlook.

Candidates shortlisted from this stage will move on to the PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) round, to be followed by personal interviews. Based on their cumulative performance, the final group of young leaders will be selected to represent Jammu and Kashmir at the prestigious Viksit Bharat Young

Leaders Dialogue 2026, scheduled to be held at the historic Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from January 10-12, 2026, under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The event, aligned with the celebration of National Youth Day and the legacy of Swami Vivekananda, aims to inspire youth leadership and national development.

The selected delegates will gain the distinguished opportunity to present their ideas before the Prime Minister of India, contributing perspectives on Viksit Bharat @2047 across ten visionary themes. These themes encompass innovation, technology, sustainability, governance, youth empowerment, education reform, national integration, and other key areas vital to shaping a progressive and self-reliant India.