

JKPS Kunjwani Girls Volleyball Team clinches winners trophy with grit, grace & glory

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JAMMU: The talented and spirited Girls Volleyball team of JK Public School, Kunjwani scripted a memorable victory as they lifted the Junior Girls Championship Trophy, defeating the determined team of Govt. Degree College, R.S. Pura in a thrilling finale. The young champions stood out with their exceptional skills, stamina, strategic game play, and remarkable team coordination, earning resounding applause from spectators and dignitaries alike.

The prestigious tournament was organized at Battalion Headquarters, JKAP 8th Bn, Miran Sahib, Jammu under the Civic Action Programme-2025 of J&K Police, held from 24.10.2025 to 03.11.2025, the event was conducted under the supervision of Suram Singh, JKPS, Commandant JKAP-8th Battalion Armed Police, Miran Sahib, Jammu.

A total of 14 teams from various schools and youth volleyball clubs participated in the tournament, displaying sporting spirit, discipline,



JK Public School, Kunjwani girls volleyball team receiving winner trophy.

and passion. The event aimed to foster camaraderie between the police and the community, promote a healthy sports culture, and steer youth towards constructive pursuits. Extending his encouragement to all teams, Suram Singh, JKPS (SSP) emphasized the transformative role of sports in character building and community development.

Junior Category (Girls): JK Public School, Kunjwani beat Govt. Degree College, R.S. Pura. Sub-Junior Category (Boys): Bagga Zina Club beat Mother India Hr. Sec School, R.S. Pura. Senior Category (Boys): Simbal Volleyball Club beat Shine Club.

The closing ceremony was graced by Rajesh Rathore, Principal JK

Public School Kunjwani, and Dr. Preetpal Kour, Principal Govt. Degree College R.S. Pura, who lauded the champions, runners-up, and all participating teams for their enthusiastic and disciplined participation.

Winners and runners-up were honoured with trophies, medals, certificates, uniforms, and track-suits by the Chief organizer Suram Singh, SSP, along with senior officers of the battalion including Chanderjeet Singh, SSP Dy.CO; Bhupinder Singh, DySP; Chanchal Singh, DySP; Om Prakash Chib, DySP; and Prabhu Dayal, DySP.

The event was widely appreciated for its smooth conduct, sportsmanship, and its role in strengthening police-public relations. The tournament truly celebrated youth potential, teamwork, and the spirit of healthy competition.

JKPS Kunjwani proudly dedicates this victory to the unwavering hard work of its players and mentors, reaffirming its commitment to excellence in sports and holistic student development.

VC, JU flags off cricket team for 21st All India Vice-Chancellors' T20 tournament



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai with team and faculty members at flagging off ceremony.

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JAMMU: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, on Monday flagged off the University's cricket team for the 21st All India Vice-Chancellors' Cricket T-20 Tournament, scheduled to be held from November 6 to 15, 2025, at Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (LUVAS), Hisar (Haryana). The team will be on tour from November 4 to 16, including travel days.

The team, led by Raj Kumar Bakshi (Captain-cum-Coach) and Niranjan Singh (Vice-Captain), comprises a spirited team supported by Mohit Sharma (Manager) and Kamal Nain (Assistant Manager).

Conveying his good wishes, Prof. Rai called on the players to approach every match with determination, discipline, and true sportsmanship,

carrying the University's name with pride at the national level. He noted that such tournaments are more than contests of skill, they strengthen teamwork, encourage healthy competition, and build a sense of pride in the institution.

Among others present on the occasion included Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies; Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs; and Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, who also conveyed their encouragement and confidence in the team's performance.

Members of the Jammu University Non-Teaching Employees Union (JUNTEU), including Dr. Rakesh Chib (President), Pankaj Gupta (General Secretary), and Gurneet Singh (Vice President), along with other Union representatives, joined the flag off ceremony to motivate the team and extend their good wishes.

Sanfort Pre-School hosts prize distribution ceremony



Sanfort Pre-School faculty with winner students at prize distribution ceremony.

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JAMMU: Sanfort Pre-School, Patta Bohri recently organized a prize distribution ceremony to recognize the outstanding achievements of its students in the rhyme competition. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed guests and the school's principal, Nirmala.

The ceremony aimed to encourage and reward students for their creative talents and hard work. The win-

ners of the rhyme competition were awarded prizes and certificates, acknowledging their exceptional skills in poetry and recitation.

Nirmala congratulated the students on their achievements and emphasized the importance of nurturing creativity and talent in young minds. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, and the students left with a sense of accomplishment and motivation to continue exploring their creative potential.

Tawi Trekkers honours Mohit on 43rd Anniversary

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JAMMU: Tawi Trekkers J&K celebrated its 43rd Anniversary and Prize Distribution Function amidst felicitation of mountaineers, sport climbers, adventure-promoting institutions, and prominent members of the Club, here.

Former Chief Secretary, BR Sharma was the chief guest while Anil Goswami, former Home Secretary of India and patron of the Club, presided. Rahul Sharma, Chairman, Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu; and Padma Shri Prof. Lalit Magotra, president, Dogri Sanstha Jammu were among the special guests.

The main attraction of the event was Mohit Knathia, the youngest Everest from J&K, who was presented the 'Duggar Gaurav Adventure Award', the highest honour of the Club, for his outstanding achievement of scaling Mount Everest on May 18, 2025 at the age of



Youngest Everest of J&K Mohit Knathia, being honoured by BR Sharma, former Chief Secretary and Anil Goswami, former Home Secretary of India at the 43rd Anniversary of Tawi Trekkers J&K at Jammu.

only 18 years. He was presented a cash prize of Rs 21,000 besides citation.

Subedar Major Balkar Singh, already a recipient of the Duggar Gaurav Adventure Award for his Everest climb in 2016, was conferred with the title of 'Most Outstanding Mountaineer of J&K' for scaling Everest for the second time, also on May 18, 2025.

Another highlight of the function was Sushil Singh, a

seasoned and dedicated trekker and organiser, who was honoured with the 'Narinder Singh Slathia Dedication Award' for his selfless service, loyalty, and passion for the Club. Everesters Ram Singh Slathia and Falail Singh were also honoured on the occasion, along with Wing Commander Rajesh Mukhi, who successfully scaled Mount Lobuche in the Everest region in October this year.

Among the institutions, Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab; MHAC School, Nagbani; and Aryan Oriental Convent Higher Secondary School, Udhampur were honoured for their outstanding contribution to the cause of Adventure.

Other institutions including Oriental Academy Senior Secondary School, Jammu; St. Xavier Senior Secondary School, Barnai; GCW Gandhi Nagar; JK

Montessorie School; Shiksha Niketan Group of Schools; and Euro Kids, Samba were awarded for their enthusiastic participation.

Teachers and young members of the club who accompanied trekking groups and supported sport climbing competitions were also felicitated for their contributions.

Prominent among those present were Advisors of the Club, Ram Khajuria and Vivek Chauhan; Parveen Sharma, chairman, The Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd.; president and working President, Sumit Khajuria and Shawetia Khajuria; vice presidents Mridhu Padha and Seema Kharyal and general secretary, Sonam Sidharth.

The special guests included Dr. Javaid Rahi, Verinder Slathia, Prof. CK Khajuria, Dr. Mritunjay Gupta, Amit Sharma, Wildlife Warden (Research), Jammu; Shiv Kumar Sharma, patron

District Mountaineering Association, Reasi; Ulfat Khan, president, Students' Council, GCW Parade; and Upkar Singh Jamwal, chairman, Aryan Oriental School, Udhampur.

Earlier, Sonam Sidharth, general secretary of the Club, delivered the welcome address, recalling the 43-year journey of the Club and highlighting its significant achievements during the current year. Addressing the gathering, the chief guest, BR Sharma, emphasized

the importance of enjoying and preserving nature while pursuing adventure sports. He lauded the efforts of Tawi Trekkers J&K for promoting adventure activities and nurturing national and international level sport climbers and mountaineers despite infrastructural and financial challenges. The event was anchored by Arti Sharma, senior vice president, and Sanjeevani Bhardwaj, executive member of the Club.

GDC Bani concludes 7-day youth leadership and training programme with Art of Living

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BANI: Government Degree College (GDC) Bani successfully concluded the second phase of its 7-Day Youth Leadership and Training Programme (YLTP) in collaboration with The Art of Living Foundation. The camp was started on 28/10/2025. The programme aimed to empower students with leadership qualities, emotional resilience, and holistic well-being and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and community members.

The valedictory ceremony held today marked the culmination of a week of interactive sessions, leadership exercises, and the practice of Sudarshan Kriya-a powerful breathing technique known for enhancing focus



Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal, Principal GDC Bani with faculty, students and other dignitaries.

and emotional stability. Certificates of participation were distributed to 50 students who successfully completed the training.

Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal, Principal GDC Bani, presided over the ceremony as Chief Guest. In his remarks, he congratulated the participants for their dedication and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Art of Living Foundation

for its continued collaboration with the college. He highlighted that such training initiatives play a crucial role in nurturing confident, responsible, and compassionate youth leaders who can contribute positively to society.

The event was graced by Predhym Atri, Tehsildar Bani, who was an active member and participant throughout the entire

seven-day programme. In his address, he appreciated the efforts of the college and the Art of Living Foundation for organizing such meaningful and value-based initiatives in this hilly region. He encouraged the students to continue applying the skills of leadership, self-discipline, and mindfulness learned during the programme in their personal and professional lives.

The welcome address was

delivered by Dr. J. S. Soodan, Organizing Secretary and Physical Director of the College, who also coordinated the entire event. He extended a welcome to the distinguished guests, participants, and trainers, and appreciated the collaborative spirit that made the programme a grand success. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Narinder Kumar, who acknowledged the contributions of the Art of Living trainers, college faculty, and participants for making the event impactful and memorable.

The week-long training was conducted under the guidance of Yoginder Singh Yogi, an experienced faculty member from the Art of Living Foundation, and featured sessions on leadership development, teamwork, stress management,

community building, and self-awareness. Participants also shared their personal experiences during the concluding session, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to learn new life skills. Many described the YLTP as a transformative experience that enhanced their confidence, focus, and emotional well-being while strengthening their sense of teamwork and community spirit.

The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. J. S. Soodan, along with the organizing committee comprising Dr. Resham Singh, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Prof. Vishab Thappa, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Nisha Devi, Racheal Sharma, Himanshu Sharma, Dr. Sartaj Aziz, Dr. Firdoos Ahmed, Dr. Mulkh Raj, Dr. Farooq Ahmed War, and Mudsir Ahmed.

DPS Jammu students win gold medals in North Zone Taekwondo C'ship

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JAMMU: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu, Kyra Thakyal (Class I-F) and Lakshay Bhatia (Class IX-G), brought pride to the school and their parents by winning gold medals in the NTTIA Classic North Zone Taekwondo Championship 2025, organized by NEGI Taekwondo India and held at Chandigarh on 26th October 2025.

Kyra delivered an outstanding performance, bagging two gold medals- one in the Fight event and another in Poomsae. Lakshay also showcased his excellence by winning gold in the Fight event and successfully clearing his Black Belt test, earning a prestigious rank in Taekwondo.

The Management of DPS Jammu President-RCT Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC Dr. Ritu Singh, Director S.S. Sodhi and Principal Ruchi Chabra congratulated the young achievers, their parents, and coach Suresh Kumar, wishing them continued success in their future endeavours.



Puneesh Puri brings glory to Heritage School at CBSE North Zone II Roller Skating C'ship 2025



Heritage School faculty felicitating winner student.

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JAMMU: Puneesh Puri of Class IX-D has once again brought glory to Heritage School by winning the Bronze Medal in the 1000m Inline U-17 Boys Event at the CBSE North Zone II Roller Skating Championship 2025, held

from 14th October to 17th October at Young Leaders Skating Club, Heritage Avenue, Gurugram. The championship was organized by Vedas International School, Sohna, Gurugram, under the aegis of CBSE.

A bright star of skating,

Puneesh has displayed remarkable consistency and excellence in his performances.

He earlier clinched multiple gold medals at the 2nd India Skates Roller Games 2024, where he was crowned National Champion in the U-14 Boys category.

He also secured a gold medal at the CBSE North Zone II Roller Skating Championship 2024 and was honoured as the first Brand Ambassador of the Quads Category by Simmons Rana Racing, a renowned international brand.

His dedication, discipline and passion for skating continue to inspire his peers and make the Heritage fraternity immensely proud.

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JAMMU: Director General Youth Services and Sports (DG-YSS), J&K, Anuradha Gupta, on Monday led a touching and distinguished felicitation ceremony to honor departmental driver Naresh Kumar upon his superannuation, held at the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, Sports House, MA Stadium, Jammu.

The occasion, well attended by staff and officials, reflected the respect and admiration earned by Kumar during his dedicated 32 years of service, which concluded on October 31, 2025.

The event was marked by heartfelt speeches from colleagues and senior officers, who lauded Naresh



DG-YSS J&K, Anuradha Gupta felicitating driver Naresh Kumar upon retirement.

Kumar's unparalleled commitment, integrity, and sense of responsibility.

Speakers highlighted his illustrious career, noting his significant contribution during major departmental endeavors, includ-

ing his pivotal role in supporting the National School Games and various state-level programs.

Addressing the gathering, DG-YSS Anuradha Gupta emphasized the crucial role played by drivers, describing them

as the backbone of the department. She praised Mr. Kumar's exemplary record and unwavering dedication, acknowledging him as an exceptional member of the Youth Services and Sports family.

In recognition of his long service, Gupta issued clear directives to the concerned officials to process Naresh's pensionary benefits promptly, ensuring his post-retirement welfare is handled with utmost priority.

The notable attendees included Deputy Director Central, Angel Kotwal; Deputy Director (Activities), Megha Baogia; Accounts Officer of the Directorate, Sunil Kotwal; and Section Officer, Shivanandan Singh

Mankotia, among other dignitaries. Their presence underscored the appreciation and high regard in which Kumar is held throughout the organization.

Naresh Kumar's career stands as a model of loyalty, professionalism, and service. The overwhelming participation and heartfelt tributes during the felicitation ceremony reinforce the lasting impact he has made within the Department of Youth Services and Sports.

The Directorate's celebration of his achievements marks not only the end of his formal tenure but also the beginning of a well-deserved retirement, with the assurance that his legacy will inspire future generations.