

JU VC releases poster of Display Your Talent (DYT) Zonals-2025

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu (JU) on Tuesday announced the commencement of Display Your Talent (DYT) - Zonals 2025, a vibrant series of youth festivals organized by the Department of Students Welfare (DSW) with the release of poster.

Conceptualized under the visionary leadership of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, JU, the initiative, a cornerstone of the University's cultural calendar, provides students from all affiliated colleges, teaching departments, and offsite campuses an opportunity to showcase their creativity and artistic excellence.

'Display Your Talent' is an annual mega event featuring competitions in music, dance, theatre, fine arts, and literary activities.

Winners of these events not only earn cultural recognition but also represent the University in Inter-



Vice Chancellor JU, Prof. Umesh Rai with faculty releasing Display Your Talent-Zonals 2025 poster.

University North Zone and National Youth Festivals organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Achievements in DYT also carry weightage for admission to postgraduate programmes under the University's cultural category.

To promote inclusivity and greater student participation from remote and far-flung areas, Prof. Rai conceptualized the decentralization of the event into five zones -

Tawi, Devika, Ravi, Pir Panjal, and Chenab. This year, the zonal events are being hosted by Government College for Women, Parade; Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu; Kathua Campus, University of Jammu; Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu; and Government Post Graduate College, Rajouri.

The first zonal event will commence on November 6, 2025 at Government College

for Women, Parade, and the remaining zones will follow through November and December 2025.

The Inter-Zonal Display Your Talent will be held in mid-December at the University of Jammu, where winners from all zones will come together to exhibit their talent and compete for top honors.

Congratulating the Rectors and Principals of the respective host institutions, Prof. Rai lauded their efforts in

nurturing creativity, teamwork, and cultural awareness among students. He emphasized that such events not only celebrate artistic expression but also foster confidence, leadership, and a sense of belonging among the youth.

The series of events is being conceived, planned, and coordinated by the DSW team led by Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Shailu Sharma and Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Chief Proctors), Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar (Assistant Deans SW), Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor), and members of the Campus Cultural Committee.

Guru Parv celebrated with reverence at Shiksha Niketan School



Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School celebrating Guru Parv.

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, celebrated Guru Parv with deep devotion and enthusiasm, marking the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism.

The event was graced by Avtar Singh as the Chief Guest and Jaswant Singh as the Special Guest.

The celebration commenced with a spiritual welcome and the ceremonial entry of Panj Pyare, followed by soulful recitations of Japji Sahib, Chaupai Sahib, Shabad

Kirtan, and Anand Sahib by the ladies of the Satsang Committee from Gurudwara Sahib. A heartfelt Ardaas invoked blessings for all.

Students and teachers actively participated through Kirtans, speeches, and reflections on the timeless teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji-emphasizing compassion, humility, peace, and service to humanity. The special guest encouraged students to embody Guru Ji's values in daily life and contribute positively to society.

The school's Principal,

Rameshwar Mengi, honored the guests and Satsang Committee members with Saropa and Simrani as tokens of love and respect. He also highlighted the relevance of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message of truth, kindness, and selflessness in today's world.

The celebration concluded on a note of gratitude and unity, followed by the distribution of Langar to all students and staff, reflecting the school's dedication to nurturing spiritual and cultural values among its learners.

Ganderbal Judo meet from Nov 10

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JAMMU: Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold two-day Ganderbal Distict Judo Championship from November 10 at Indoor Sports Hall Sehpura in Ganderbal.

Those interested judokas have been advised to report to concerned coaches bringing along Adhar Card and entry form, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

The Championship is being organised under the aegis of Judo Association Jammu and Kashmir and J&K Sports Council.

Joint secretary of the Association, Gower Khan has been made organising secretary of the championship.

Jammu Roll Ball Championship from Nov 12

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JAMMU: Roll Ball Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold two-day 10th Jammu District Championship at MA Stadium, here from November 12.

Earlier, the event, scheduled to be held in August last, was postponed. Now, the district meet has been rescheduled from November 12, a handout issued by the Association here today informed. Interested players have been advised to contact Sudhir Singh (9419109609) and Reeta Rehan (7006174266) for entries and related queries, the handout added.

Tiger Taekwondo Academy shines at North Zone Taekwondo Championship

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CHANDIGARH: The students of Tiger Taekwondo Academy brought laurels to the Union Territory by delivering an exceptional performance at the North Zone Taekwondo Championship held at Sector 56 Sports Complex, Chandigarh.

Leading the medal tally, Kyra Thakyal, daughter of Suresh Kumar, showcased remarkable talent by winning two Gold Medals - one each in the Fight and Poomsae events, emerging as one of the top performers of the tournament.

Adding to the academy's glory, Lakshay Bhatia, son of Varinder Bhatia, clinched a Gold Medal, while Saksham Kumar, son of Ravi Kumar, also bagged a Gold Medal, displaying outstanding skill, discipline, and sportsmanship.



All these young achievers were trained under the expert guidance of Coach Suresh Kumar, a 1st Degree Black Belt, who has been consistently

nurturing young Taekwondo talent with dedication and technical expertise.

Coach Suresh Kumar expressed immense pride in his students' performance, saying,

"Our students' hard work and commitment have truly paid off. Competing against some of the best athletes from across the North Zone, they have shown that consistent training, discipline, and determination always bring success. This victory will inspire more youth to take up Taekwondo as a sport and a way of life."

The championship witnessed participation from several states, including Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir, making the achievements of Tiger Taekwondo Academy all the more commendable.

Young Handball champions from Heritage School excel at UT Level Event

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JAMMU: Students of Heritage School once again showcased their sporting excellence at the Inter Divisional UT Level Handball Tournament held at Udhampur in October 2025, bringing laurels to the school with their commendable performances.

Aaradhya Khajuria of Class VI displayed remarkable skill and determination, clinching the Silver Medal in the Under-14 Girls Category of the tournament held from 24th to 26th October 2025.

In the Under-14 Boys Category, Pranit Mahajan of



Class VII demonstrated exceptional teamwork and agility, securing the Runner-Up Position in the tournament conducted from 14th to 15th October 2025.

The Heritage School fra-

ternity congratulated both young athletes for their outstanding achievements and for bringing pride to the school through their talent, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

KNIT celebrates Guruparv with devotion

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JAMMU: Kotwal National Institute of Teaching (KNIT), Bharat Nagar, Talab Tillo, celebrated Guruparv, the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev, with fervour and enthusiasm. The Institute's premise was transformed into a sacred space, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere.

The celebration began with the recitation of 'Gurbani' by the students, followed by the presentation of 'Saropa' to the Director and the Principal. The melodious hymns and prayers filled the air with a sense of peace transporting everyone to a realm of harmo-



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Kirtan recitation was followed by speakers on the preaching and divine life of Guru Nanak Devji. They highlighted his message of love, compassion and service to humanity 'Ardaas' was followed by distribution of Prasad.

The Principal, Bimla Blaria emphasized the significance of Guruparv and its relevance in today's world. "As educa-

tion, it is our responsible to imbibe these values in our students and inspire them to become responsible citizens of the world," she said.

The Director, Prof J.L Kotwal affirmed that KNIT is committed to promote moral values and traditions fostering a sense of global citizenship and social responsibility.

He encouraged the students to become ambassa-

dors of peace, messengers of Gurus so that our country becomes evil free and a super power!

10th District Handball Championship from Nov 6

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JAMMU: The Players Association Handball Jammu, in collaboration with the J&K Handball Association and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, will organize the 10th District Handball Championship Jammu from November 6 to 8, 2025 at the Playing Field, Shastri Nagar, Jammu.

The event will feature Senior and Junior categories (Boys & Girls). All Handball clubs and institutions of District Jammu are invited to register their teams by November 5, 2025, as no entries will be accepted thereafter.

Kanika Juneja awarded Ph.D

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JAMMU: Kanika Juneja, wife of K a n a k Sharma and daughter-in-law of Ved P a r k a s h Padha and H i r n a y a S h a r m a , resident of Panjirthi JAMMU, has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Management by the University of Jammu. She worked on the topic "Strategizing e-vom for purchase intentions: A case of e-Tailing" under the supervision of Dr. Farah S. Choudhary.



KCPS students win bronze medal at National Football Championship



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JAMMU: KC Public School's Under-12 football team brought laurels to their school by winning the bronze medal at the Zee Youth Football National Championship held at Mount Litera Zee School Campus, Surat, Gujarat from 24 to 28 October 2025.

The prestigious tournament saw participation from teams representing more than 12 states from across India. Displaying exceptional teamwork, skill and determination, the Kceans performed brilliantly throughout the championship and secured the third place in their age category. The young footballers who represented KCPS were Bhanu Uday Singh, Gurkiran Singh, Sarthak Sharma, Utkarsh Sharma, Udayal Krishen Goja, Manan Kohli, Abron

Teji, Sanyam Bhagat and Ahil Choudhary.

The school management and staff congratulated the young players and their coach Stephen for their hard work and for bringing glory to their school. They also wished them greater success in their future endeavours.

This remarkable achievement marked Jammu Region's maiden podium finish in the history of KVS National Cricket Championships. In the third-place playoff, Jammu



Region outplayed Jaipur Region by eight wickets to secure the bronze medal. Earlier, the team had displayed

outstanding resilience and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Jammu Region's journey began with

a setback in the opening match, where they lost to Jabalpur Region by 9 wickets. However, the team bounced back strongly, defeating Guwahati Region by 2 wickets, with Lalit Shan named Man of the Match.

Continuing their winning momentum, Jammu defeated Chennai Region in the pre-quarterfinals by 10 runs, where Gartik Karhupia earned the Man of the Match title.

In the quarterfinals, Jammu triumphed over Mumbai Region by 22 runs, with Suneer Thakur delivering a

match-winning performance.

In the semifinal, Jammu fought hard but lost to Chandigarh Region by 6 wickets. Nevertheless, they made a strong comeback in the final match for third place, defeating Jaipur Region convincingly by 8 wickets, with Ikraj Khan being adjudged Man of the Match. The players' consistent performances, teamwork, and determination brought immense pride to the KVS Jammu Region, making this a landmark moment in its sporting history.