

# District Jammu Softball Championship concludes

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The District Jammu Softball Championship 2025, organised by the District Jammu Softball Association under the aegis of J&K Sports Council, concluded today with great zeal and competitive spirit at GGM Science College Grounds, Jammu.

The final day witnessed the keenly contested matches of Senior Boys and Senior Girls categories, marking the successful completion of the two-day championship.

The closing ceremony was attended by Veena Gupta, Chairperson, District Jammu Softball Association, Maninder Singh, President, District Jammu Softball Association, and Anil Angral, Mandal President, BJP, as special guests.

Speaking on the occasion,



Adv. Pushvinder Singh, District Secretary, District Jammu Softball Association, expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries, and the J&K Sports Council for their encouragement and support. He lauded the participating players for displaying excellent performance and sportsmanship throughout the championship and reaffirmed the association's commitment to providing more opportunities to budding sportspersons of the district.

Veena Gupta, Chairperson, District Jammu Softball Association, in her address, appreciated the efforts of the organising team and congratulated all the winners and runners-up.

She highlighted the importance of women's participation in sports and encouraged young girls to come forward and take up softball and other games at the competitive level. In the Senior Boys category, Strikers Tejasvi Club emerged as the champion, showcasing remarkable skill and teamwork throughout the tournament. Baba Jitto Club secured the runner-up position after putting up a spirited fight in the final match, while APS Akhnoor claimed the second runner-up spot with an impressive overall performance. In the Senior Girls category, Tejasvi Club lifted the winner's trophy, displaying exceptional coordination and determination on the field. Evergreen Club earned the runner-up title, demonstrating commendable effort and sportsmanship in their matches.

Following the final matches, medals and trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up by the dignitaries amid cheers and applause from the audience. The championship matches were officiated by Pawan Kumar, Ayush Singh, Harvinder Singh Sodi, and Madan Mohan, who ensured fair and smooth conduct of the event. The two-day championship witnessed participation from 25 teams across various categories, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for softball in Jammu District. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the organising committee, acknowledging the support of all players, officials, and guests for making the championship a grand success.

# GGM Science College shines in Inter-Collegiate Weightlifting Championship



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: GGM Science College, Jammu, emerged victorious in the Inter-Collegiate Weight Lifting (Men & Women) Competition for the session 2025-2026.

In the Men's section, Gold medals were won by Ansh Sharma, Adil Ali Zakir, Mohd. Vaseem, Piyush Manhas, and Harpreet Singh, while Silver medals were secured by Ashutosh Goter and Aaditya Kumar.

In the Women's section, Gold medals were bagged by Simran Kumari, Archita

Verma, and Khushi Kalotra, and Silver medals went to Saloni Devi and Bhumiika Thakur.

Principal Dr. (Prof.) Romesh Kumar Gupta congratulated the winning teams for their outstanding performance and lauded their dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship. He said that the students' success is a matter of immense pride for the college and reflects the institution's strong commitment to excellence in both academics and sports.

Dr. Gupta also extended heartfelt appreciation to

Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma (I/C Physical Director), Prof. Kiran Bala (Sports Incharge, Weightlifting Men's & Women's Teams), and Dr. Bilal Ahmed Malla (P.T.L.) for their continuous mentorship and efforts in promoting a culture of fitness and competition within the campus.

Principal Dr. Gupta remarked that such achievements inspire others to pursue excellence beyond academics, fostering a spirit of holistic growth among students.

# Kashmiri play 'Sath Te Satisar' features in JKAACL's Saptahik Rangdhara



**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) on Saturday presented a mesmerizing Kashmiri cine-theatrical production "Sath Te Satisar", staged by the Yemberzal Foundation (Regd.) at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu. The 87-minute-long play, written by Prof. Farooq Fayaz and directed by Bihari Kak, captivated the audience with its powerful narrative and artistic presentation. Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Abdul Rahim Rather lauded the JKAACL and the Yemberzal Foundation for their efforts in preserving and promoting the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Kashmir through theatre.

He praised the team for creatively portraying the Valley's glorious traditions and its timeless message of coexistence and harmony.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Director Bihari Kak elaborated on the creative vision behind "Sath Te Satisar", describing it as a symbolic journey tracing the evolution of Kashmir from its mytho-

logical origins to its modern social and cultural identity. He said the production is an ode to the resilience, harmony, and hope of the Kashmiri people.

The Chief Guest also felicitated the Yemberzal Foundation team with a memento, in the presence of Dr. Javaid Rahi, Divisional Head, JKAACL Jammu, and Anil Tiekoo, Assistant Cultural Officer, JKAACL.

Drawing inspiration

from the legendary tale of Satisar, the mythical lake that once covered the Kashmir Valley, the play explores the region's geographical, historical, and spiritual journey. It revisits its eras of glory, intellectual flourishing, and spiritual awakening through the teachings of Rishi Kashap, Adi Shankaracharya, Sufi Saints, and others, including reflections on the reign of Zain-ul-Abidin (Budshah).

Symbolizing "Sath"-

meaning Hope-the production celebrates Kashmir's enduring spirit of coexistence and cultural unity. The opera's rich musical compositions, featuring both solo and choral performances, added emotional depth and resonance to the narrative.

The stellar cast included Kamal Razdan, King C. Bharti, Ajay Waguzari, Pammi Zutshi, Ashok Zalpuri, Suman Pandita, Rahul Pandita, Vinay Pandita, Rani Bhan, Ashok Kalloo, Bharti Zaroo, Ashik Zaifrani, and Manoj Jad, who vividly brought to life characters like Rishi Kashap, Mouj Kasheer, Lal Ded, Shamas Faqeer, Habba Khatoon, and Mehjoor. The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Dr. Javaid Rahi, appreciating the artists, dignitaries, and audience for their participation and support.

# Ashok Koul appeals for massive support to BJP candidate Aga Syed Mohsin



**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BUDGAM: Ashok Koul, Secretary (Organization), Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), conducted an intensive booth-level campaign in Main Market, Airport Budgam (Booth No. 125) and adjoining areas as part of the ongoing outreach drive for the upcoming Budgam Assembly by-election.

Ashok Koul was accompanied by BJP leader Sameer Ahmad and a team of dedicated local party activists who interacted with prominent residents and appealed for their wholehearted support for the BJP candidate for Budgam Assembly Constituency, Aga Syed Mohsin.

During the meetings, Ashok Koul emphasized the importance of vigorous and coordinated efforts by party activists at the grassroots level, asserting that both workers are the backbone of BJP's electoral

strength. He said that the people of Budgam have witnessed the sincerity, stability, and service-oriented politics of the BJP. He said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir has moved from neglect to progress. The time has come for Budgam to choose development, empowerment, and transparency by voting overwhelmingly for the BJP, he asserted. Koul highlighted that the Modi government has brought transformation in every sector, from infrastructure and connectivity to education, healthcare, and employment generation. Budgam, being the heart of central Kashmir, deserves to be an integral part of this unstoppable journey of peace, prosperity, and progress, he said.

Making a strong appeal to the locals, Ashok Koul urged every voter to come out in large numbers and cast their votes in favour of Aga Syed Mohsin to

strengthen BJP's mission of building a new Kashmir. A massive victory for the BJP in Budgam will not just be a political win, but a people's endorsement of development, unity, and lasting peace, he added.

Koul called upon party workers to intensify door-to-door outreach, ensuring that the message of development and good governance reaches every household. The enthusiasm and faith of the people clearly show that Budgam stands firmly with the BJP's vision for a strong and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

# Power shutdown

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Hatli, Tividan, Sawla, Dukhat, Village, Khanyara, Hote, Maroli and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 09 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Palli, Nagri, Airwan, Barval, Jarmal and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 09 from 7 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Dhar Road, Cherry Sial, Industrial Estate, Ballian and Airforce Station will remain affected on November 09 from 10 am to 2.30 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Bari Brahmana Industrial area will remain affected on November 09 from 9 am to 10 am and 2 pm to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Industry, DC Office and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 09 from 8 am to 12 noon.

# General Category People's Front hails CM's stand on Reservation Policy

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a meeting of the General Category People's Front held under the chairmanship of its President, Yash Paul Sharma, members unanimously hailed the statement of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah regarding the government's intention to align the reservation policy of Jammu and Kashmir with the Supreme Court's ruling that caps the quota limit at 50 percent. The Front described the move as a step towards restoring equality and merit-based governance.

The Front appealed to the UT Government to ensure the exclusion of the 'creamy layer' and to maintain administrative efficiency as mandated by Article 335. It expressed hope that economic justice would prevail while implementing reservation policies in line with the Supreme Court's directions.

The Front also demanded an increase in medical allowances for employees and pensioners, similar to that granted by the Ladakh administration.

President Yash Paul Sharma asserted that the

right to equality under Article 16(1) of the Constitution is a fundamental right of every citizen, while clauses (4) and (4A) of the same article are discretionary, not mandatory. He emphasized that Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes cannot claim reservation as a fundamental right and that it remains within the discretion of the State or UT government to provide or withhold such benefits.

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# Kashmir Marathon 2025-II draws global participation

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Department of Tourism, Jammu and Kashmir successfully organized the Second Edition of the "Kashmir Marathon 2025" at Srinagar on 2nd November 2025.

The event was aimed at promoting wellness, endurance, and sustainability while positioning Jammu and Kashmir as a leading sports and adventure tourism destination.

The Marathon witnessed an enthusiastic participation with over 3,000 registrations, including 153 on-spot registrations. Out of these, more than 1200

runners participated in the event representing 27 States/Union Territories and 11 countries.

The Full Marathon (42 km) commenced at 6:15 a.m., followed by the Half Marathon (21 km) at 6:35 a.m. from Polo View Ground, Srinagar.

The event was flagged off by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and the Lieutenant Governor graced the Award Ceremony held at Polo Ground, Srinagar, and felicitated the winners.

A prize pool of Rs 3 Crore attracted participation from elite athletes

and amateur runners, thereby establishing the Kashmir Marathon as one of the premier sporting events in the region.

As part of the event, a three-day Marathon Expo was organized from 30th October to 1st November, 2025 at the Indoor Stadium Grounds, Polo View, Srinagar, featuring registration facilities, bib distribution, and interactive sessions with national and international athletes.

The Department of Tourism, Jammu and Kashmir, expresses its sincere appreciation to all sponsors and partners whose valuable support

contributed to the successful conduct of the event.

The Kashmir Marathon 2025 was supported by J&K Bank, Coal India, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Excise Department J&K, NTPC, NHPC, MEIL, REC India, Radisson Collection, Ramada Encore Rajbagh, PepsiCo, Gatorade, Bisleri, Paras Health, JK/SAIFCO Cements, RiteBite Max Protein, and Enerzal. The Department reiterates its commitment to promoting Jammu and Kashmir as a global destination for wellness, sports, and sustainable tourism.

**INDICATIVE NOTIFICATION**  
**RECRUITMENT AGAINST CULTURAL QUOTA FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026**  
**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE No. 02/2025**  
**Opening Date: 20.11.2025 Closing Date: 19.12.2025 (17.30 hrs)**  
Applications are invited for recruitment against Cultural Quota for the following posts in Level-2 (GP-1900) as per prescribed format given in this Notification.

Sl. No.	Cultural Talent (Discipline/Stream)	No. of Post
1	Singer (Classical/Light Classical)	01
2	Instrumental Artist (Saxophone)	01

**1. QUALIFICATIONS: (A) ESSENTIAL: Minimum Education Qualification**  
(i) Passed 12<sup>th</sup> (+2 stage) or its equivalent examination with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate for NTPC categories.  
50% marks is not required for SC/ST/Ex-servicemen/Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates and in case of candidates who possess qualifications higher than the essential minimum qualification  
OR  
Matriculation plus Course Completed Act Apprentice approved by NCVT/SCVT for technical categories.  
OR  
Matriculation plus ITI approved by NCVT/SCVT for Technical Categories.  
Candidates should possess requisite academic & professional qualification on the date of submission of application. Those who are appearing or awaiting results of final examination are not eligible.

**Note:** Persons if appointed to the Category of Clerk cum Typist should acquire Typing Proficiency of 30 w.p.m in English or 25 w.p.m in Hindi within a period of two years from the date of appointment and till such time their appointments to this category will be provisional.

(ii) Degree/Diploma/Certificate in the relevant stream of cultural talent for which notified from a Government recognized institute.

**(B) DESIRABLE:**  
(i) Experience in the field in applied discipline and performance given on All India Radio/Doordarshan etc.  
(ii) Awards/Prizes won at National level.  
(iii) With possession of Degree/diploma/certificate in music/dance/drama/Instrument etc from Government recognized Institute.

**2 (A). AGE Limit: (Age as on 01.01.2026)**

UR	OBC	SC/ST
18 to 30 years	18 to 33 years	18 to 35 years

Copy of Matriculation or its equivalent certificate from a recognized Board, OR the Birth Certificate should be submitted for proof of Date of Birth.

**2. HOW TO APPLY:** Candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria should apply as per application format given at Annexure-A by the candidate in his/her own handwriting on a good quality A-4 size plain paper along with three recent (taken within last two months) passport size photographs duly self-attested without wearing any wig, cap or colored glasses. Applications must be sent through ordinary post addressed to Assistant Personnel Officer (Recruitment), Office of the Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Northeast Frontier Railway HQ, Maligaon, Guwahati- 781 011, District Kamrup (M), Assam OR be dropped by hand in the APPLICATION BOX kept in the Recruitment Section, Principal Chief Personnel Officer's Office, Northeast Frontier Railway HQ, Maligaon, Guwahati. Application must reach the proper address by 17:30 hours on or before 19.12.2025 (Last date for candidates residing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Jammu & Kashmir, Lahaul & Spiti Districts, Pangi Sub-Division in Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep and abroad, is 29.12.2025). The top of the envelope containing the application should clearly indicate "APPLICATION AGAINST CULTURAL QUOTA FOR THE YEAR 2025-26, E. N. No. 02/2025, GP - 1900/-, Discipline ..... & COMMUNITY: ....."

**Details of the terms & conditions, application format, examination fees, mode of selection etc. may be seen and downloaded on the official websites of Northeast Frontier Railway from viz., [www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in) > General Info > Recruitment Notification (Sports, Scouts & Guides and Cultural) and in the Employment News dated 22-11-2025.**

General Manager (P), Maligaon, Guwahati-11

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**ADMISSION NOTICE FOR FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME (FYUGP) BACHELOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION (B.P.E.S) IN NON- GOVERNMENT COLLEGE TRIKUTA COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SESSION (2025-26)**

Applications are invited for admission of four-year B.P.E.S programme for session 2025-26 in Non-Government College Trikuta College of Physical Education, Nardani, Raipur, Jammu, affiliated to the University of Jammu for the session 2025-26.

**Eligibility:-** Candidates who have passed 10+2 or equivalent examination from a recognized Institution/Organization:

**IMPORTANT DATES :**

Commencement of filling up of Offline Application Form at concerned Non-Govt College (Application Fee Rs. 550/-)	at concerned	10.11.2025
Last date for the filling up of Offline Application Form at concerned Non-Govt College	Non-	21.11.2025

For further details & updates, kindly refer to website of University of Jammu.

No. CDC/2025/3101 Dated: 07.11.2025  
DIP/J-2526-P/25 Dated:- 08/11/2025  
Sd/- DIRECTOR (CDC)