

# Golden glory for JK Public School Kunjwani at National Level Sports Arena



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani continues to make its mark on the national sports map with stellar performances by its young athletes.

Shining bright at the 9th Federation Cup, Dhruvika Gupta of Class IX clinched two Gold Medals in the double weapon and non-type events, during the championship held at Rajnand Gaon, Chhattisgarh from Dec 24-31, 2025. Her remarkable achievement reflects dedication, discipline and sporting excellence.

Adding to the school's sporting pride Kanav Mehra of Class VIII showcased his talent by representing the school at the 69th National School Games 2025-26, Basketball Under-14 (Boys) category, held at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh from Dec 23-28, 2025. Shashi Chaudhary, Director, JK Educational Society and Rajesh Rathore, Principal JK Public School, Kunjwani congratulated the students for their outstanding performances. They also praised the efforts of the school's sports mentors

Manoj Solanki, Pawan Kumar, and Subash Chander (HOD Sports) whose guidance and training paved the way for success. JK Public School Kunjwani once again reaffirmed its unflinching commitment to nurturing sporting excellence alongside academic brilliance, underscoring its holistic vision of education where the mind, body,

and character grow in perfect harmony. The school lauded the dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship displayed by its young athletes and extended its heartfelt wishes for their continued success, encouraging them to scale greater heights and bring laurels in all their future endeavors-both on the field and beyond the classroom.

## GDC Kunjwani shines in Chancellor's Trophy



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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani excelled in the just concluded 3rd edition of the Chancellor's Trophy wherein University of Jammu (JU) emerged overall champion.

Athletes from the GDC Kunjwani (affiliated college of JU), who were part of the JU teams in different disciplines excelled in individual performances. Gulnaz Kour and Ravinder Lakhota, who together secured six gold medals. Gulnaz delivered an exceptional performance by winning five gold medals in athletics. She won 200 meters, Long Jump, 4x100 meters Relay, Mixed 4x100 meters relay events and was part of the Basketball women team that also clinched gold.

# KIWG 2026: Haryana on top with a pair of figure skating golds; Kerala, Uttarakhand bag one each

## Ladakh outclass ITBP 3-1 in thrilling ice-hockey group league match at NDS

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: The first gold medals of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2026 were decided at the Nawang Dorjan Stobdan (NDS) Stadium here on Wednesday. Of the four decided, all in figure skating, Haryana bagged two gold medals while Uttarakhand and Kerala bagged one each. Haryana are on top of the standing with five medals overall, including 1 silver and two bronze.



Figure skating made its debut in the Ladakh leg of the Khelo India Winter Games 2026. An Olympic event known for its grace and poise, 20 figure skaters from five states and two Union Territories took part in two categories - novice free skating and advanced short programme. The first gold was won by Hiya Adlakha of Haryana while Stanzin Khando and Tenzin Kunzin, both from Ladakh, won silver and bronze. Hiya, 15-year-old, was raised in a sports-loving family. Her mother is an international gymnastics judge. Hiya chose a demanding and often solitary sports like figure skating. Frequently training alone due to limited coaching resources, Hiya was selected for an Olympic Council of Asia training camp in China and won a national gold medal in 2025. Competing in the Intermediate Novice category globally, Hiya continues to chase her dream of representing India at World Cups and the Olympics. The performances of the figure skaters were judged on three aspects: composition,

presentation and skating skills. The skaters were evaluated by a referee and a technical controller, both from Taipei. The Khelo India Winter Games is conducted by the Youth Services and Sports department of Ladakh in association with the Sports Authority of India. The technical conduct is overseen by National Sports Federations. Adarsh Singh Rawat won the novice boys gold but it was the performance of the advanced boys and girls that was much anticipated. Haryana's Gauri Rai, dressed in her turquoise blue attire, won the gold medal but in terms of quality, Kerala's Abhijith Amal Raj was far superior than the others in all three aspects of the sport. There were nine competitors in the advanced boys section. Gauri, a class XII student of Manav Rachna International School in Guru gram, clearly showed her experience at the NDS Stadium in Leh. She has 10 national medals and has represented India. "This gold medal

is not just a win for me, it is a reward for years of discipline, early mornings, falls on ice, and never giving up. Every competition teaches me something new, and this victory motivates me to work even harder for my country," she told. "When I am on ice, I feel fearless and free. I dream of representing India on the biggest global platforms and inspiring young girls to believe that with dedication, even the coldest ice can turn dreams into reality." To young boys and girls taking part in figure skating, Gauri said: "Believe in yourself, respect your coaches and parents, and stay focused. Success comes to those who are patient, consistent, and honest with their hard work." Ice hockey, Ladakh's favourite sport, continued to draw huge and vociferous crowd. The men's group B match between Ladakh and ITBP was a thriller. Hosts Ladakh won 3-1 in a contest that saw plenty of body play. Stanzin Angehol scored in the opening minute to put Ladakh ahead as the match became a test of speed, skills and force. In the 10th minute of the second period, ITBP equalised through Nawang Zangpo. ITBP were a man down at that stage and Zangpo's goal injected fresh energy into the policemen. The third period was hotly contested with both goals coming under attacks. But Ladakh rode two goals from Tsering Angechuk in the third period to emerge convincing winners. Today's Figure Skating Results (all finals) Novice Girls Free Skating: 1. Hiya Adlakha (Haryana) 9.55 2. Stanzin Khando (Ladakh) 9.11 3. Tenzin Kunzin (Ladakh) 8.46. Novice Boys Free Skating: 1. Adarsh Singh Rawat (Uttarakhand) 10.21 2. Kapish Kaushik (Haryana) 9.73 3. Arush Tiwari (Delhi) 9.40. Advanced Girls Short Program: 1 Gauri Rai (Haryana) 10.27 2. Jessy Raj Mathrapu (Andhra Pradesh) 8.64 3. Chelsi Singh (Haryana) 6.98. Advanced Boys Short Program: 1. Abhijith Amal Raj (Kerala) 21.80 2. Padiga Tejesh (Telangana) 12.76 3. Jatin Sherawat (Haryana) 11.87. (TODAY'S ICE-HOCKEY RESULTS) (Women) Group B - ITBP beat Haryana 7-0; Himachal Pradesh beat Rajasthan 2-0; Chandigarh beat Telangana 3-1. (Men) Group B - Ladakh beat ITBP 3-1.

## J&K Sports Council organising Open Selection Trials for Khelo India Tribal Games-2026

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council has announced the conduct of Phase-I Open Selection Trials to identify the J&K contingent in different sports disciplines for participation in the upcoming Khelo India Tribal Games-2026, scheduled to be held at Chhattisgarh. The trials are being organized for domicile athletes of Jammu & Kashmir belonging to the Tribal Community in the disciplines of Athletics, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Hockey and Football. Eligible players have been advised to report at the designated venues as per the schedule with all requisite documents. It is being termed as a huge opportunity for aspiring athletes from tribal communities to showcase their talent and earn the chance to represent Jammu & Kashmir at the national level, while competing alongside the best athletes from across the country. Interested athletes must produce their Domicile Certificate, Tribal Community Certificate and Aadhaar Card at the time of trials. The Trial for Football is scheduled on January 23, 2026 at 2:30 pm at Football Ground, Mini Stadium Parade Ground Jammu. Sports person

can Contact- Majid Yousuf, Executive Officer (Football) on Mob: 9419010038. For Athletics, scheduled on January 24, 2026 at 11:00 am at Athletic Track Jammu University, sports persons can contact Gurcharan Singh, Sr. Athletic Coach - Mob: 7006341648. For Hockey Trails, scheduled on January 24, 2026 at 3:00 pm at K.K. Haku Stadium, Jammu, Sports persons can contact Dr. Taran Singh, General Secretary Hockey J&K - Mob: 9149728002. For Weightlifting Trails, scheduled on January 24, 2026 at 12:00 noon at Weightlifting Hall, Jammu University, the sports persons can contact Ravi Singh, Sr. Weightlifting Coach - Mob: 9419136667. For Wrestling Trails, scheduled on January 27, 2026 at 11:00 am at Wrestling Hall Jammu University, Sports persons can contact Jai Bharat, General Secretary, J&K Wrestling Association - Mob: 8899790423. The trials shall be conducted under the supervision of technical officials and coaches of the respective disciplines. No TADA shall be admissible to the athletes for participation in the selection trials.

## Dronacharya Cricket Academy Doda lifts Women's Cricket Tournament trophy



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh and SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta with winner and runner-up teams at prize distribution ceremony.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: In an effort to promote women empowerment and provide a constructive platform for youth engagement, Doda Police organised the grand finale of the T-20 Women's Cricket Tournament under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2025-26 at the Sports Stadium, Doda, on Wednesday. The vibrant closing ceremony was graced by the Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, and the Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Sandeep Mehta, as Special Guests. The event was organised under the overall supervision of ASP Headquarters Doda, Mohd Aslam, who also served as the Nodal Officer for the tournament. Senior officers including DySP Headquarters Doda and DySP DAR Doda, along with

officers of the police and civil administration, were also present. The event witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of spectators, civil society members and media representatives. A total of six women teams participated in the tournament, which was conducted on a league-cum-knockout basis. The grand finale was

played between Green Champs Doda and Dronacharya Cricket Academy Doda. In an exciting match, Dronacharya Cricket Academy Doda emerged as the winner and was awarded a trophy along with a cash prize of Rs 25,000, while the runners-up received Rs 15,000. Participation certificates

were distributed among all players in recognition of their efforts. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner said the tournament was not merely a sporting event but a celebration of talent, confidence and the increasing participation of women in sports. He congratulated all teams for their discipline and sportsmanship and remarked

## Volleyball trials from Jan 30

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold selection trials to raise the UT teams for the upcoming 46th Sub-Junior National (boys and girls) Volleyball Championships to be held at Bondel, Hooghly in West Bengal from February 24 to March one. The two-day trials shall be held at Volleyball arena, MA Stadium, here from January 30 from 2 pm onwards, details reaching here informed. Players born on or after January one, 2010 are only eligible to appear in the selection process bringing along necessary eligibility documents. The selection of the probable shall be followed by the coaching camp at the same venue from February two to February 20, the reports added.

## J&K Karate team to participate in All India meet



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A six-member Jammu and Kashmir team shall take part in the 3rd President All India Karate Championship, organised by All India Karate Federation at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi from January 23 to 25. The J&K team is taking part in the National event on a special invitation from the Federation. Shihan Sanjeev Dewan shall accompany the team as coach and manager. Selected players, before their final selection in the team, underwent a coaching camp to prepare for the National event. The Team: Mayank Resutra (95 kg), Sajal (42 kg), Suresha Kiran (35 kg), Kartik Verma (22 kg), Yamika (28 kg) and Toshan Dhiman (70 kg).

## CLUJ felicitates North Zone Inter-University ChitUtsav achievers



VC CLUJ, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar with faculty and winner students at felicitation programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) on Wednesday felicitated its talented students for their outstanding performance at the All India Universities North Zone Inter-University Cultural Festival, "ChitUtsav", hosted by Chitkara University. The felicitation ceremony was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, and was attended by Dr. Twinkle Suri, Dean Academic Affairs; Ankur Mahajan, Registrar; Prof. Daljeet Singh Manhas, Dean DSW; along with faculty members, university officials and students. A strong contingent of 49 students represented CLUJ

with remarkable enthusiasm and artistic excellence. Led by Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Associate Dean DSW, and Dr. Davinder Kour, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, the team participated in 26 different cultural events. The students secured top positions, ranging from third to fifth ranks, in six to seven major events, significantly enhancing the University's cultural profile at the national level. One of the major highlights of the festival was the

Group Song titled "Maa Bawe Wali" (Dogri Folk Karak), which enthralled the audience and later went viral on social media. The performance earned an Award of Excellence for the University and was widely appreciated for beautifully showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region. Congratulating the achievers, Ankur Mahajan applauded the students and their mentors for their discipline, dedication and hard work, while reaffirming the University's commitment to holistic education. Dr. Twinkle Suri highlighted the importance of cultural platforms in nurturing creativity, confidence, leadership and teamwork among students. Prof.

Daljeet Singh Manhas commended the perseverance and determination of the participants and encouraged them to continue bringing laurels to the University. In his presidential address, Prof. Chandrasekar expressed immense pride in the achievements of the students. He stated that participation and success in national-level cultural events not only enhance the University's visibility but also contribute to the overall development of students. He reiterated CLUJ's commitment to promoting cultural heritage, nurturing student talent and providing full institutional support for future endeavours.

## Excise Deptt organises cricket match at Lam

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POONCH: The Excise Department, Excise Range Rajouri-Poonch, organised a one-day cricket match at Lam in Tehsil Qila Darhal, District Rajouri, with the aim of creating awareness among youth against drug abuse. The initiative was part of a broader effort to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage young people to stay away from substance abuse through sports and positive engagement.



ADC Nowshera, Dr. Pritam Lal Thapa and others at programme.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of local youth, reflecting strong community involvement and interest in sports-based awareness programmes. The cricket match served as an effective platform to convey the message of fitness, discipline and responsibility, while also highlighting the importance of constructive activities in shaping the future of the younger generation. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Nowshera, Dr. Pritam Lal Thapa graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme was also attended by Block

Development Officer, Qila Darhal, Abrar Ahmed, and Tahsildar Qila Darhal, Shri Jahangir Ahmed, as Guests of Honour. Former Sarpanch Laroka, Vijay Kumar, Mohd Alyas, along with officers and officials of the Excise Department, including the Excise and Taxation Officer (ETO) Rajouri-Poonch, were also present. Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries highlighted the serious and far-reaching consequences of drug abuse on individuals, families and society at large. They urged the youth to reject drugs, embrace sports and physical activities,

and play a positive role in nation-building. The speakers lauded the Excise Department for adopting innovative and community-oriented approaches, such as sports events, to spread awareness against the growing menace of drugs. The event concluded with a collective pledge to work towards a drug-free, healthy and disciplined society. The cricket match was organised under the directions of Excise Commissioner J&K, Subash Chander Chibber, and Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Jammu, Sanjay Kumar Bhat.