

# Toyiab of Jammu wins U-17 sprint gold

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Toyiab of district Jammu bagged gold in 100 meters race in the two-day inter-district J&K UT level under-17 boys athletics meet, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at University of Jammu Athletics arena, here on Wednesday.

The second place went to Mukund Katal of district Samba while Syed Zeesha of district Budgam finished third on the pondium.

Earlier, the event was declared open by Joint Director (DYSS), Vinakshi Koul, who encouraged the participating school going athletes from across the UT



in various field and track events.

The competition is being held under the supervision of district (DYSS) officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma and assisted by Ashok Kumara (ZPEO Akhnoor) and Dinesh Kumar (ZPEO Dansal) as

Harvinder Singh, Ravinder Singh, Amit Sharma, Anil Gandhotra and Pawandeep Kour.

The Results: 100 mts: Toyiab Shad, Jammu, gold; Mukund Katal, Samba, silver and Syed Zeesha, Budgam, bronze. 400 mts: Mohd. Momin Mirza, Jammu, Gold; Rashid Afzal Naik, Ramban, Silver and Rahil Manhas, Reasi , Bronze. 3000 mts: Sourabh Sharma, Udhampur, Gold; Rizwaan Hussain, Ganderbal, Silver and Sahil Qayoom, Budgam, Bronze.

Long Jump: Akarsh Raj, Jammu, Gold; Inayat Iqbal Rather, Budgam, Silver; Aquib Ahmad Khutoo, Ganderbal, Bronze. Triple

# Cooch Behar U-19 Cricket Tournery

## Humiliating innings and 22 runs defeat for J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir that defeated the champion side of Mumbai on the same turf, today suffered a humiliating an innings and 22 runs defeat in the hands of to comparatively low side of Pondicherry in Cooch Behar Plate Group-B at GGM Science College Hostel Ground, here.

Likewise their first innings, J&K could not survive the first session of the play on the third day today despite a fine start yesterday in their second innings. Resumed their innings from overnight total of 137 for two, the whole J&K side bowled out for 218 runs in 67 overs.

It was Kishan Yadav, who turned the things in Pondicherry favour with his match haul of 10 wickets, including three in the second innings.

Except for Salman Ahmed and Arjun Sharma, who completed their half centuries, no other batsman

SCOREBOARD	
J&K 1ST INNINGS	86
PONDICHERRY 1ST INNINGS	326
J&K 2ND INNINGS	
Kamaksh Sharma b Kishan Yadav	01
Salman Ahmad Bakshi b S Hari Prasath	53
Arjun Sharma c P Shailesh b Krishan Yadav	54
Dhruv Sharma (C) b Kishan Yadav	24
Shiva Thakur (WK) c P Shailesh b Srujan Sinhasan	00
Arman Sharma c Aahil Kachru b S Hari Prasath	31
Faizan Ahmad c Prajankumar b Srujan Sinhasan	16
Zaid Ahmad c Dharmendar b Srujan Sinhasan	04
Abdul Basit Lone not out	19
Jeevesh c Kishan Yadav b Surendra Bishnoi	00
Waseem Zulfkar b Surendra Bishnoi	00
Extras	16
Total	218/10

could stay on the wicket for long. While three batsmen lost their wickets without opening the account, other two could not touch the double figure mark.

The last three J&K wickets fell for just one added to the team's total and the whole side bowled out for 218 runs. From Pondicherry, besides Kishan Yadav, Srujan Sinhasan took three wickets while S Hari

## J&K to take on Hyderabad in T20 today

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir shall be playing against Hyderabad in their fifth match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Elite group at JU Campus, Salt Lake, Kolkata tomorrow.

With three wins out of four matches played so far, J&K looks forward to qualify for the knockout stages of this Twenty20 tournament of the seniors.

Led by skipper, Shubham Khajuria, J&K has defeated Maharashtra, Bihar and Chandigarh and lost to Uttar Pradesh at same venue of Salt Lake in Kolkata.

# GGM Science College marks International Day of Persons with Disabilities with symposium

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: GGM Science College today observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December 2025 by organizing an insightful symposium aimed at sensitizing students to the challenges faced by persons with special abilities. The event was held in the Conference Hall under the visionary leadership of the worthy Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta and the able guidance of Convener Dr. Jatinder Kour.

The college had the honour of hosting Prof. Shalhu Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications, SPMR College, as the Guest of Honour. A specially abled and exceptionally



dedicated educator, Prof. Gupta is an epitome of resilience and strength. Her presence added great value to the occasion. Students participated enthusiastically, expressing their thoughts with clarity and compassion. Prominent among the speakers were Hanshika, Anirudh Sodhy, Ridhima Tikoo, Saksham Dhariwal, Nitasha Sharma, and Neha Choudhary, who

highlighted the need for inclusivity, empathy, and equal opportunities.

In her inspiring address, Prof. Shalhu Gupta shared her personal journey of overcoming daily challenges with unwavering determination. She urged students to cultivate fortitude, perseverance, and a positive outlook, reminding them that obstacles should never deter one's progress.

# DPS Jammu archers shine in National Archery Championships

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: DPS Jammu archers delivered an impressive performance at both the State and National Archery Championships, showcasing their skill, discipline, and competitive spirit. The State Level Archery Competition, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, was held at SMVD Stadium, Katra, from 27-28 October 2025.

The young talents of DPS Jammu excelled in various categories. Japleen Kour of Class VII-C secured the 4th rank in the U-14 category, earning herself a spot at the SGFI National Championship. In the U-17 category, Janya Luthra



of Class IX-C clinched the 2nd rank and also qualified for the SGFI Nationals, while Navya Vuthoo of Class IX-E achieved an impressive 5th rank. Their commendable performances at the state level opened the doors to national-level events.

Carrying forward this momentum, Japleen Kour represented the school at the SGFI National Archery Championship held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stadium, Varanasi, from 16-23 November 2025. Competing among the nation's finest young archers, she secured the 80th rank in the U-14 category. Meanwhile, Janya Luthra is set to represent DPS

Jammu at the SGFI Nationals scheduled for January 2026, raising hopes for another remarkable achievement at the national stage.

Adding to the school's accomplishments, DPS Jammu archers also shone brilliantly at the Inter-District Archery Competition held at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, by the Archery Association of J&K from 11-13 November 2025. Japleen Kour continued her stellar performance by winning a Silver Medal in the U-14 category. Ridhaan Singh of Class VI-I earned a Bronze Medal in the same category, while Kavyansh Singh of Class IX-E secured the 4th rank in U-17

## Tawi Trekkers felicitates Mountaineer Rajesh Mukhi

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Tawi Trekkers J&K felicitated Rajesh Mukhi, a senior and accomplished member of the Club, for his recent achievement of scaling the 6119m high Mount Labuche in the Everest region of Nepal, where he proudly unfurled the flag of Tawi Trekkers J&K.

He was accompanied by his two daughters, Aadhya (seven years) and Aaradhya (14 years), who will join him in March 2026 for an expedition to the Everest region.



Tawi Trekkers J&K officials felicitating Rajesh Mukhi.

exceptional spiritual and endurance journey by trekking to all five Holy Kailash peaks-Kailash Mansarovar in Tibet, Adi Kailash in Uttarakhand, Shrikhand Mahadev Kailash, Manimahesh Kailash and Kinnaur Kailash in Himachal Pradesh. In June 2023, he trekked to the Everest Base Camp and then successfully summited the 6165m high Island Peak in the Everest region.

His consistent visits to the region over the last three years form a crucial part of his preparation for a planned Mount Everest summit attempt in 2027.

Prominent dignitaries who felicitated and extended their best wishes to Rajesh Mukhi and his daughters included Anil Goswami, Chairman of the Club and former Union Home Secretary; patrons Ashwani Sharma, former MLA, and Rahul Sharma, Chairman of Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu; along with the president and working president of the club, Sumit Khajuria and Shawetica Khajuria respectively. Senior members Amit Khajuria, Sunil Chakharia, and Ajay Thappa were also present.

# Comprehensive health care camp organised in Jagti Town

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Health Department on Wednesday organized a comprehensive health care camp at Jagti Camp, providing vital medical services to nearly 200 residents.

The initiative aimed to extend quality health care to underserved communities and raise awareness about preventive health measures.

The camp was organised under the supportive guidance of Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, offering free OPD services by Dr. Abu Adil (Medicines), ENT services by Dr. Sandeep Lerra Consultant ENT, Government Hospital Sarwal; Ophtho services by Dr. Chander Rashmi Gupta I/C Consultant Ophthalmology Government Hospital Sarwal; Dental services by Dr. Neeru



Bhagat and Family Medicine by Dr. King Ji Koul.

A large number of patients attended the camp and were provided free consultations, basic diagnostic services, medicines and general health counselling from the medical team. The turnout reflected the community's strong participation and the growing need for accessible medical support in the area. The Department expressed its special thanks to Dr. Abu Adil, Director, Kelley

# Special Olympics State Games 2025 concludes

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The three-day Special Olympics State Games 2025, organised with the aim of discovering and promoting the hidden sporting talent of persons with intellectual disabilities, concluded on a vibrant and inspirational note.

The event, held at Youth Hostel and Khel Gaon, Nagrota, Jammu, was organised by Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) JKUT under the guidance of National Chairperson Dr. Malika Nadda and National General Secretary Dr. D. G. Choudhary.

The Games were inaugurated by Angel Kotwal, Deputy Director, YSS, and presided over by SDPO J&K Police Vinod Kundal.

The closing ceremony featured Aman Sharma, Best Performance Director,



Sports Authority of India (SAD), as the chief guest. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Ashwini Jojra, Founding President and Area Director, SOB-JKUT. Warm wishes for the success of the event were extended by Satish Sharma, Minister, Youth Services and Sports, J&K, and Anuradha Gupta, Director General Sports JKUT. Kunal Gupta, MD Kamakshi Group, graced the ceremony as Guest of Honour. The sports disciplines contested included Athletics, Bocce Ball and Unified Football. The event brought together participants from all districts of Jammu Division, comprising 106 Special Athletes, 54 Unified Partners, 40 volunteers, 50 Special Educators and 104 parents, officials and dignitaries, totaling 354 participants. The Games were organised in collaboration with the Department of Youth

MIER, Jammu Sanskriti, SAHYOG India, APS Jammu Cantt, APS BD Bari, APS Samba, APS Miran Sahib, APS Nagrota, APS Rakhmuthi, APS Janglot, APS Kaluchak, and BSF Paloura.

The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Dr. Ajay Kumar, Namrata Thakur, Sonia Kumari, Thakur Jagdev Singh, Pooja Malhotra, Vandana Jojra, Anu Badyal, Altaf Ahmed, and officers from J&K Police. Rajdev Singh, Sports Director SOB, presented the vote of thanks.

A Tilak Ceremony and salute by the Police Band honoured the Special Athletes, who also enjoyed cultural and musical performances, adding joy and colour to the memorable conclusion of the Games.

# Doda to host T-20 Leather Ball Cricket Tournament -Alpha Cup 2025

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: The District Administration Doda is all set to host Alpha Cup 2025 - 1st Edition of the T-20 Leather Ball Cricket Tournament.

The Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh on Wednesday chaired a preparatory meeting here at the Sports Stadium. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Anil Kumar Thakur, Chief Planning Officer, Manesh Kumar Manhas and other members of the organising committee. The meeting focused on reviewing arrangements, strengthening coordination and finalizing a comprehensive strategy for the smooth and successful conduct



of the tournament. The Deputy Commissioner inspected the newly developed cricket pitch at the venue and appreciated the field workers for preparing a high-standard playing surface. He stated that such improvements reflect the district administration's commitment to promote sports and provide enhanced opportunities to local youth. The organising Committee also projected certain demands

before the District Administration, seeking installation of floodlights, additional fencing around seating areas and upgraded facilities for the players and spectators. The Deputy Commissioner assured that these demands would be taken up on priority to create an encouraging sports environment in the stadium. The Deputy Commissioner commended the organising Committee for taking the ini-

tiative to host a major cricket event in the district. He emphasised that tournaments like this play a significant role in encouraging youth participation in sports, fostering community engagement, and contributing to a healthier and drug-free society. He urged all stakeholders to work collaboratively to ensure the successful conduct of the event and to build it into a regular sports tradition for Doda.

# Colours, culture & creativity mark finale of MSCBMC's Art Camp 'Rang-E-Khiza'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The National Art Workshop 'Rang-E-Khiza', organised by MSCBMC Trust in partnership with Petronet LNG Ltd (PLL), Ministry of Petroleum, Government of India, concluded today, wrapping up days of artistic excitement with a vibrant finale.

The final day was hosted at Shaheed Inspector Kamal Singh Govt Model Higher Secondary School, Udhampur, where students immersed themselves in painting, singing, dancing, and celebrating creativity in its purest form. MLA Udhampur Pawan Kumar Gupta graced the event as the chief guest, encouraging

the students with prizes and applauding the MSCBMC Trust for its commendable efforts and yeoman service in promoting art and culture in rural areas. The school courtyard came alive with colours as students engaged in sketching, observing live art demonstrations, and interacting with national-level artists. Distribution of sweaters, warm clothing, utensils, eatables, and refreshments added comfort and warmth to the cheerful atmosphere.

Ten acclaimed artists from across the country-Sharmila Sharma, Rakhi Kumar,

Manish K. Rao, Jiwan Biswas, Sanghpal Mhaske, Aditya Shankar Prasad, Rahul Mhetre, Taslim Sona, Apurba Karati, and Rakhee Kumari-continued their live sessions, guiding students and enriching their artistic exposure.

MSCBMC Trust President Anuradha Rishi, daughter of the legendary artist Master Sansar Chand Baru, extended heartfelt thanks to the artists and the administration for their support. She noted, "Art speaks a language that crosses boundaries and connects hearts. 'Rang-E-Khiza' encourages imagination, exploration, and the courage to dream. Creativity builds confidence in every child, no matter what path they choose."

