

JKPS Panjtirthi celebrates Indian Navy Day with fervour



Glimpses of Indian Navy Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Navy Day-JKPS salutes brave men, women who safeguard our maritime borders and national interests with courage, vigilance and unwavering commitment.

Indian Navy Day is celebrated to honour the efforts & role of the Indian Navy in Operation Trident conducted during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.

Indian Navy Day was celebrated at JKPS Panjtirthi with much fervour. The programme commenced with a speech by Pooja Sharma, the incharge of the celebration, on significance of the day highlighting the might of Indian Navy and its vital roles in maintaining maritime security to the nation. Jakiians highlighted the Navy day theme 2025

"Combat Ready, Cohesive and Self-Reliant." The theme promotes indigenous defence systems under the Make in India (self-reliant manufacturing programme). Jakiians sang a patriotic song followed by a skit in which the valour and the war tactics of Indian Navy was portrayed. Jakiians explained to the audience that the Indian

Navy is a three-dimensional force that operates above, on, and under the ocean's surface to safeguard our country's interests. Its main agenda is to improve its state of affairs in the Indian Ocean Zone. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi saluted the indomitable spirit and dedication of the Indian navy personnel for their selfless service and supreme sacrifice to the nation. She further wished, "May our Naval forces continue to sail with pride and protect our shores." She added, "From securing trade routes and strengthening the blue economy to leading humanitarian missions, the Indian Navy embodies discipline, compassion and responsibility." The Principal believes that a celebration is incomplete if

the jakiians do not understand the depth of the celebrations. Keeping this in mind, she asked number of questions and the befitting ones were awarded. The Principal rewarded the celebration in charge for organising such a flawless celebration where the students accurately demonstrated the correct salutes for the three wings of the Indian Armed Forces.

Tajinder secures silver medal at Bodybuilding Championship

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Tajinder Singh delivered an impressive performance at the Bodybuilding Championship held at the Police Auditorium, securing the silver medal in his weight category.



Demonstrating strong discipline and commitment throughout his training, Tajinder expressed satisfaction with his achievement, stating that months of hard work had paid off.

He also credited his coaches and supporters for their constant encouragement. The championship featured several skilled athletes, making Tajinder's podium finish a significant accomplishment. His outstanding display of strength and determination earned widespread appreciation from fellow competitors, organizers, and the bodybuilding community.

Madhu is India team chief coach for Roll Ball World Cup

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior functionary of the Roll Ball Association of J&K and senior coach, Madhu Sharma has been appointed chief coach of the Indian team taking part in the 7th Senior World Cup, scheduled to be held in Dubai from December 14.



As per the details revealed in a handout issued by the Association, here today, Madhu's appointment reflects his vast experience, leadership skills, and dedication to the sport of Roll Ball in India. Meanwhile, the Roll Ball Association of J&K complimented Madhu Sharma and extended best wishes for success of the Indian team in Dubai.

The Association also thanked J&K Sports Council for supporting and patronising the game of Roll Ball in the UT.

2nd Federation Cup Lacrosse Championship begins at Katra

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: The 2nd Federation Cup Lacrosse Championship 2025 commenced on Friday at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex, Katra, Jammu, with the inaugural ceremony graced by MLA Katra, Baldev Raj Sharma.



Organised by the J&K Lacrosse Association under the aegis of the Lacrosse Association of India, the championship will be held from 5th to 7th December.

A total of 16 teams from across India are participating, including representatives from Gujarat, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Delhi, and Jammu & Kashmir. Around 250 players are competing in this prestigious event.

The ceremony began with a welcome address by Farooq Ahmad Salroo, CEO, J&K Lacrosse Association, followed by the address of the chief guest. MLA Baldev Raj Sharma lauded the growing popularity of lacrosse in India, extended his best wishes to all participants, and assured full support to the organisers. Several dignitaries attended the event, including SHO Katra Ranjeet Singh Rao, CEO Lacrosse Association of India Towseef Ahmad Lari, and office bearers of state and national lacrosse associations. The proceedings of the ceremony were conducted by Dr. Riyaz Veeri, making the launch a grand celebration of sportsmanship and national talent.

The school had the privilege of welcoming Devyani Rana, MLA of the Nagrota Constituency, as the Chief Guest. A committed leader with a degree in Economics from UCLA, California, Rana's inspiring presence elevated the significance of the celebration. The ceremony was graced by Chairman Sunil Gupta, Members of the Board of Trustees and the proud parents of the achievers. The proceedings began with the auspicious lighting of the lamp followed by a serene Saraswati Vandana, in which young dancers mesmerised the audience with their sublime Kathak move-

Heritage School organises felicitation ceremony to honour Academic Achievers (2024-25)

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Heritage School Jammu held a splendid Felicitation Ceremony, celebrating the outstanding academic achievers of the session 2024-25. The event marked by elegance and pride, honoured students who demonstrated exceptional dedication and academic excellence.



MLA Nagrota, Devyani Rana with faculty and students.

ments, invoking an atmosphere of reverence and learning. The prize distribution began with the Principal and the Vice Principal presenting the Golden Crest Awards to 37 students, an insignia that recognises consistent efforts of students who maintained 90% and above for three consecutive years from class VI onwards, achieving a remarkable academic milestone. In memory of the late Jia Lal Gupta, who always espoused the cause of educa-

tion, Chairman Sunil Gupta awarded cash prizes of Rs.10,000 to each of the students, who scored above 90% in their AISSE 2024-25 examination-a gesture reflecting the school's enduring commitment to encourage excellence. A melodious musical presentation by the school band, Minstrels of Melody, rendered a vibrant array of beautiful songs that further uplifted the spirit of the celebration, before the prestigious Academic Blazers were conferred by the Chief

Guest upon Suhana Dubey, Jhanavi Raina, Pranwat Singh, Shreyas Magotra and Akshara Gupta for securing 90% and above for four consecutive years from Classes VI to IX. The acknowledgement of Class 12 Board achievers followed, with Ms. Rana presenting medallions to the Class XII toppers-Kripa Arora (Commerce - 97.2%), Sahira Mahajan (Science - 93.6%) and Akshita Choudhary (Humanities - 93.4%)-in recognition of their stellar performance in

the AISSE 2024-25 examinations. The Chief Guest also awarded the Best House Trophy for the Senior Wing to Culture House. The House system continues to foster creativity, confidence and teamwork among students. A vibrant folk dance performance depicting Lathmar Holi-the colourful and playful tradition of Barsana and Nandgaon-filled the stage with festive splendour, symbolising devotion, joy and cultural richness.

development. Congratulating the winners, she encouraged them to remain consistent in their efforts, to continue working hard even when immediate rewards may not be visible and to stay grounded with a steady head on their shoulders-as they pursue big goals beginning with small steps.

The ceremony concluded with the Principal's Address and a heart-felt vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to the Chief Guest, Chairman, Trustees, faculty, parents and students. Addressing the august gathering, the Principal highlighted the school's remarkable achievements in academics and co-curricular activities, celebrating the numerous laurels brought to the institution by its students.

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J&K bids for National Wushu League in Jammu

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JAMMU: After successfully completing the four editions of the Asmita City Wushu Women's Leagues at different places, the Wushu Association of J&K has submitted bid for hosting the National Wushu League for Women in Jammu.



This was stated by a senior official of the Association on the sidelines of the ongoing fourth edition of the Asmita City Wushu Women's League at Khelo India (Wushu) Centre, Bhagwati Nagar, here on Friday.

Such leagues are organised with the sole aim to engage women folk across different age groups at the grass root level by providing them an exclusive platform. Besides holding the League, the Wushu Association of J&K (WAJK) is organising Jammu District Wushu Championship simultaneously at the Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here.

The competition in Sub-Junior Girls and Junior Boys and Girls sections completed today. The Khelo India Centre, Bhagwati Nagar continued to dominate the medal tally, while the Academy of Wushu was engaged in a

neck-to-neck contest with Fighters Club Jammu. The valedictory function of both the events shall take place tomorrow at the same venue at 4 pm wherein those winners shall be felicitated with medals and certificates.

It is pertinent to mention that this is the fourth edition of the Asmita Wushu City League for Women. The previous editions were successfully held in Srinagar, Anantnag, and Bandipora.

The Khelo India Centres established at the grassroots level are consistently producing impressive results at both national and international platforms. This initiative of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) through J&K Sports Council (JKSC) has significantly contributed to the promotion and development of sports across the Union Territory. At present, the JKSC successfully operate around 100 Khelo India Centres across J&K.

Inter Division UT Level Kho-Kho Tournament for U19 & U14 girls kicks off



STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Kathua, today successfully inaugurated the Inter Division UT Level Kho-Kho Tournament for U19 and U14 girls at Sports Stadium Kathua. District Youth Services &

Sports Officer, Sunil Singh Sambyal, while addressing the participants, encouraged them to showcase their talent and skills to ensure the selection of the best team to represent the Union Territory of J&K at the National Level. The tournament is being

Junior J&K Judo C'ship on Dec 21

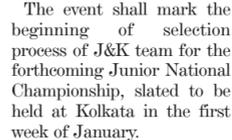
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Judo Association of J&K shall hold one-day J&K UT Junior Championship cum selection trials at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here on December 21.

The event shall mark the beginning of selection process of J&K team for the forthcoming Junior National Championship, slated to be held at Kolkata in the first week of January.

Those interested eligible Judo players of J&K have been advised to report to their concerned coaches bringing along Date of Birth certificate and entry form while appearing for the competition, a handout issued by the Judo Association of J&K, here on Friday informed.

Swati awarded Ph.D

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Swati, daughter of Sukhdev Lal and Sushma Devi, has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Plant Physiology by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu).



She carried out her research entitled "Effect of Growth Regulators on Bolting in Onion (Allium cepa L.) in Jammu Sub-Tropics" under the guidance of Dr. Bhav Kumar Sinha, Professor, Division of Plant Physiology.

VC JU felicitates DYD students for outstanding achievements in national, state-level competitions

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Students of the Design Your Degree (DYD) program at the University of Jammu (JU) have once again showcased remarkable technical and innovative prowess, securing top positions in prominent national and state-level cybersecurity and innovation competitions. These achievements underline the university's expanding footprint in emerging technologies and its commitment to cultivating future-ready talent.

Two DYD teams excelled at the Annual Information Security Summit (AISS 2025), India's premier cybersecurity conference and hackathon organized by the Data Security Council of India (DSCI), Delhi. The first team - Tavishi Amla, Bhooni Samnotra, and Suhani Behl - secured an impressive 7th national rank in the final round of the OT Security Hackathon 2025, held on December 3. Earlier, they had achieved 4th place in the online elimination round on December 2, outperforming more than 150 teams nationwide. The event was hosted in collaboration with Siemens, adding to its technical rigor. The second DYD team - Adil Mahajan and Avichal Badyal - emerged among the Top 35

teams from a massive pool of over 10,000 participants in the National Cybersecurity Hackathon 2025. Competing offline without AI tools or internet access, and standing shoulder-to-shoulder with postgraduate students and experienced professionals, the duo demonstrated exemplary analytical and real-time problem-solving capabilities. These national successes follow another accomplishment at the State-Level Hackathon organized by the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, where a DYD team comprising Adil Mahajan,

Tavishi Amla, Avichal Badyal, and Gourav Sharma secured the Runner-Up position. Strengthening the university's national standing, another DYD team - Narayan Choudhary, Divya Verma, Sarnish Kour, and Radhey Sharma - clinched the First Prize along with a ₹11,000 cash award at the National Business Plan Competition "Spark Tank - SAMADHAN 2025" organized by Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda. Their proposal, "Agri-Vimaan: The Shared Drone Network," impressed experts with its innovation and societal relevance.

Additionally, the University of Jammu recently hosted an intensive 48-hour Hackathon, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration, rapid prototyping, and awareness about Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). In another student-led initiative, YuvaVerse, a startup under SIIEDC, organized Youth Converse, the university's first MUN-inspired dialogue forum. Congratulating the students, Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, Prof. Alka Sharma, Dr. Jatinder Manhas, and other faculty members praised their discipline, innovation, and ability to excel in highly competitive envi-

ronments. Prof. K. S. Charak, Prof. Anil Gupta, Prof. Sadaf Shah, Dr. Shailu Sehgal, Dr. Sandeep Arya, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, Dr. Manish Kumar, Dr. Sarika Verma, Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar, Dr. Harish Chander Dutt, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Ayushi Kotwal, Aparna Sharma, Arun Katoch, Dr. Urvasi Gupta, Dr. Rajat Singh, Dr. Sana Farooq Lone and Mohsin Hassan were present during the felicitation meeting and extended their heartfelt congratulations to the students for their remarkable achievements.

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