

JKPS Kunjwani shines at 13th J&K (UT) Rope Skipping Championship 2025-26



JK Public School, Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani brought laurels to the institution by winning one Gold, three Silver and three Bronze medals at the 13th J&K (UT) Rope Skipping Championship 2025, held on 06 and 07 February

2026 at JP World School, Jammu. The outstanding performers from the school were Miwaan Sharma, who clinched the Gold Medal, while Abhiraj Singh, Manveer Singh and Rajveera Singh Sudan secured Silver Medals in

their respective events. Avenet Singh, Aadrit Singh and Vivaan Sharma displayed commendable skill and determination to win Bronze Medals. Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society, congratulated the medal winners for their

remarkable achievement and applauded their dedication and sportsmanship. She also lauded efforts of the school's Coach Gopal Dass and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander for their excellent training and guidance, which played a pivotal role in the students' success.

Kathua Boxing meet on Feb 12

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Boxing Association shall hold District Kathua Championships on February 12 at Sports Stadium, Kathua.

The competition shall be held in Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth and Elite (Boys and girls) categories under the aegis of Boxing Federation of India and J&K Olympic Association. The event is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council.

Those interested eligible boxers have been advised to get submit their entries brining along Adhar card, entry fee and photograph to Naresh Kumar (7051902187), a handout issued here today informed.

J&K Youth Men Volleyball trials from Feb 20

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JAMMU: The Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir has announced selection trials-cum-coaching camp for the formation of the J&K UT Youth Men Volleyball Team that will participate in the 26th Youth National Volleyball Championship scheduled to be held at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from March 15 to 20, 2026.

According to the Association, the selection trials will be conducted on February 20 and 21, 2026, at the MA Stadium, Jammu, from 2:00 PM onwards on both days.

Talented young volleyball players from across the Union Territory are expected to participate in large numbers to secure a place in the UT team.

Players born on or after January 1, 2005, will be eligible to take part in the trials. All participants have been advised to bring original documents for verification, including a Date of Birth Certificate with photograph duly attested by the Head of the Educational Institution or a Medical Certificate issued by a Government of India-approved hospital. Participants must also produce their Domicile Certificate and Aadhaar Card at the time of reporting. Following the trials, selected players will attend a coaching camp from March 1 to March 11, 2026, at the M.A. Stadium Sports Complex, Jammu. The camp will focus on intensive training, team coordination, and match preparation to ensure strong performance at the upcoming national championship.

Rudrakshi, Sandhya, Rubia and Chitra power J&K to emphatic 6-wicket triumph over Gujarat

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GUWAHATI: In a clinical display of spin and firepower, Rudrakshi Chib and Sandhya Sayal dismantled Gujarat's batting lineup, while Rubia Syed and Chitra Singh Jamwal unleashed a batting blitz to propel Jammu & Kashmir to a commanding 6-wicket victory in the Senior Women's One-Day Tournament at the ACA Cricket Academy Ground here today.

Opting to bowl first, J&K's spinners ran riot, bundling out Gujarat for a paltry 111 in under 40 overs. Simran led the resistance with a gritty 32 off 66 balls (4x4, 1x6), supported by Nidhiben Desai's 24, Charlie Solanki's 23, and Jiya Jain's 16. Off-spinners Sandhya Sayal (4/29) and Rudrakshi Chib (4/39) shared eight



J&K women team in jubilant mood after winning the match against Gujarat.

wickets in a masterful exhibition of control and turn, with seamer Sarla Devi chipping in with 1.

Chasing a modest target, J&K weathered early setbacks to storm home in just 17.1 overs, finishing at 111/4. Rubia Syed stole the show with a savage 64 off 46

balls-laced with 8 fours and 4 sixes-while Chitra Singh Jamwal anchored with a composed 27 off 57 (4x4). Krutikaben Patel claimed all four wickets for 20 runs in 8.3 overs but couldn't stem the tide.

Rudrakshi Chib earned the show with a savage 64 off 46

for her match-defining 4/39, capping J&K's dominant all-round performance.

J&K team is being accompanied by NS Negi as Head Coach.

Member Administration JKCA, Brig Anil Gupta has lauded the efforts of the team for this remarkable victory.

LG Sinha felicitates Shipra Mahajan of JK Public School Panjtirthi



Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha felicitating Shipra Mahajan of JKPS Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Amar Ujala recently organised the Best Teacher Contest, in which Shipra Mahajan emerged victorious through students' voting-an achievement that reflects her unwavering dedication, excellence, and positive impact as an educator.

Following her victory, she was invited to attend the prestigious "Amar Ujala's Inspirational Teachers Award" ceremony, held at Government Women College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The event was graced by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, who felicitated Shipra Mahajan for winning the competition.

The ceremony celebrated excellence in teaching, with 101 inspirational teachers from various schools across the Jammu Division.

The awardees were selected through a transparent voting process, reflecting the trust, admiration, and respect of students and the wider community.

On this occasion, the Principal of JK Public School, Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah also presented a trophy to Shipra Mahajan

as a token of love and appreciation from the school fraternity.

The entire JKPS Panjtirthi family congratulates Shipra Mahajan on this well-deserved recognition and wishes her continued success in her noble journey as an educator.

Tiny Tots HSS celebrates Annual Sports Day with enthusiasm

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JAMMU: Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School celebrated its Annual-cum-Sports Day with great enthusiasm and vibrant participation at the school grounds in Sainik Colony. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, parents, and a large number of students who participated in various sports and cultural activities.

The function was graced by the Chief Guest, J S Johar (IPS), Director Police Telecommunication-cum-CISO, J&K Police, who was warmly welcomed by the students with a ceremonial shower of petals. The Chief Guest was also given a special tour of the school's Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning Laboratory, where students showcased their innovative projects and models, reflecting the institution's focus on technology-driven learning.

Guests of Honour on the occasion included Prof. H. C. Vaid, Advisor Bharat Vikas Parishad J&K; Ashok Khajuria, President, Shivalik



Winner team receiving trophy.

Branch Bharat Vikas Parishad; and Rakesh Sharma, Secretary, Shivalik Branch Bharat Vikas Parishad, Channi. The programme commenced with the welcome address and presentation of the annual report by Principal Dr. Vikram Handa, who highlighted the academic and co-curricular achievements of the school during the past year. Chairperson Veena Handa, along with School Director Gurpreet Handa and the dignitaries, inaugurated the sports meet by lighting the ceremonial torch, which was carried around the field by student Alex Ramos. A well-

coordinated Guard of Honour presented by the school's house contingents, led by the captain body, added grandeur to the occasion, while kindergarten students delighted the audience with a colorful march waving the national tricolour. The day featured finals of various athletic competitions, including sprint races, long-distance races, long jump, and fun races for junior classes. Cultural performances by students added charm to the event, with the energetic Shiv Tandav presentation and aerobics drill emerging as major highlights. A mime performance on mobile addiction

also conveyed an important social message.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of the students, staff, and management and emphasized the importance of integrating modern technologies such as robotics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence into education, while also cautioning students about the risks of excessive mobile use. The programme concluded with prize distribution and fun races for parents and staff, making the event memorable for all participants.

IIM Jammu launches Trekking-Based Leadership Skills MDP for NTPC Managers

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu inaugurated a unique trekking-based Management Development Programme (MDP) titled Leadership Skills for Managers for managers of NTPC, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise, amidst the inspiring landscapes of the Lower Himalayas. The programme was formally launched at the Vedanta MDP Block with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, marking the start of an innovative experiential learning journey.

Designed to blend trekking-based experiential learning with structured leadership and managerial training, the programme aims to strengthen leadership capabilities, resilience, teamwork, and strategic thinking among participants. A total of 36 managers from different parts of the country are participating in the programme.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, along with Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu. Prof. Ravij Seth, Programme Director, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Vinod Durge, Programme Director, were also present on the occasion.



Addressing the participants, Prof. Jabir Ali appreciated the innovative design of the programme and highlighted how integrating trekking with classroom learning and interaction enhances leadership development. He acknowledged the visionary approach of the Director, IIM Jammu, and emphasized that such experiential programmes offer valuable insights for technical professionals. He encouraged participants to fully immerse themselves in the one-week learning experience and embrace the spirit of continuous learning.

Prof. Sanjeev Pathak welcomed the participants and shared insights into the vision and scope of Executive Education and Consultancy at IIM Jammu. He

described the group as a carefully selected cohort and noted that the programme is meticulously designed to enhance strategic thinking and managerial perspectives. He also highlighted IIM Jammu's growing industry engagement with leading organizations and encouraged participants to collaborate and learn from one another.

Dr. Vinod Durge provided an overview of the programme structure and objectives, while participants introduced themselves and shared their expectations. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Ravij Seth, followed by a guided campus tour; reaffirming IIM Jammu's commitment to innovative and industry-relevant executive education.

Poonch XI, Jammu South win in Martyrs Hockey



Winning Poonch XI posing with ADGP Armed at K K Hakhu Stadium in Jammu.

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JAMMU: A mix of experienced and young players, Poonch XI today made it a 6-2 win against North Kashmir to move into the next round of the ongoing Martyrs' Memorial Hockey Tournament, organised by the J&K Police at K K Hakhu Stadium, here.

Poonch XI dominated right from the beginning with first goal scored in the very first minute by Krish Raina. It was followed by two back to back goals in the third and fifth minute through Vishu Sharma and Zahid Shabbir respectively.

Down by three goals, Poonch reduced the margin when Pravir sounded the board in the 12th minute. However, by then Poonch had already taken match winning lead with Yogeshwar Rudar bringing in fourth goal in the 30th minute. This time, Gursehaj scored second goal for North Kashmir in the 35th to make it 5-2 on the board.

Vishu netted his second goal in the 49th minute to make it a 6-2 for the Poonch XI at the end of the fourth quarter. For his two goals, Vishu was named

man of the match. During the match, the teams were introduced with the Additional Director General of Armed Police, Anand Jain and other senior police officers.

In another scheduled match of the day, Baba Shri Chand Ji Hockey Club, Sujanpur in Punjab trounced fighting Kathua XI 4-3 via penalty strokes. Earlier, in the stipulated time, the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

Earlier, in the first match of the day, Jammu South inflicting a humiliating 14-1 defeat on South Kashmir.

JU's Design Your Degree students to perform in world's largest theatre festival

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JAMMU: It is a matter of pride for the region that a dramatic presentation of Rashmirathi, the epic poem by Rashttrakavi Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, staged by the students of Design Your Degree, SIIEDC, University of Jammu, has been selected for the prestigious 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav International Theatre Festival 2026 (World's Largest Theatre Festival) organized by the National School of Drama, New Delhi under the Academic Presentation Category.

The performance is being presented under the aegis of the National School of Drama, New Delhi by the Department of Students Welfare in collaboration with SIIEDC, University of Jammu and J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages.

The play is scheduled for Wednesday, 11th February 2026 at 5:00 pm at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, congratulated the Design Your Degree students for this distinctive achievement.

While lauding the team, Prof. Umesh Rai stated that this recognition is not merely an artistic accomplishment but also a reflection of the University's vision of holistic education. He noted that theatre builds empathy, discipline, collaboration, and cultural awareness-qualities that lie at the heart of the Design Your Degree programme. Prof. Rai observed



that Rashmirathi is far more than a stage production; it is a philosophical exploration of dignity, duty, and social justice rooted in India's rich literary tradition. He expressed confidence that participation in Bharat Rang Mahotsav will inspire the students to aim higher in both creative excellence and personal growth.

The writer of Rashmirathi, Padma Bhushan Ramdhari Singh Dinkar; was a celebrated Hindi poet, essayist, and academic, revered as "Rashttrakavi" (National Poet) for his powerful patriotic writings during India's freedom struggle.

It is pertinent to mention that the production was envisioned by Prof. Umesh Rai and brought to life by Design Your Degree students under the direction of Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, University of Jammu and recipient of the prestigious National Award for Theatre Direction. Design Your Degree is a four-year undergraduate programme launched by SIIEDC, University of Jammu in 2023 in align-

ment with NEP 2020, offering students flexibility to design personalized, interdisciplinary learning pathways.

Rashmirathi (meaning "The Charioteer of the Sun") portrays the life of Karna from the Mahabharata as a tragic yet noble hero. Abandoned at birth, Karna rises through hardship, battles lifelong discrimination, and proves his valor on the battlefield. His sacrifice of the Kavach-Kundal to Indra, his loyalty to Duryodhana, and his steadfast commitment to Dharma make him one of the most poignant figures in Indian literature. The poem ultimately elevates Karna as a symbol of dignity, defiance against injustice, and moral courage.

Mounting this production proved to be a deeply enriching experience for the director and nearly 40 young performers. The play became possible through the guidance and encouragement of Prof. Umesh Rai, whose faith in the students transformed this into a once-in-a-lifetime learning journey. Despite many actors being first-time stage performers,

their enthusiasm, discipline, and dedication turned the challenge into a creative strength. The production team includes Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare; Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIEDC; and the Faculty of Design Your Degree. Creative contributors include: Suraj Singh (Music Composer), Aakash Dogra and Nitika Aggarwal (Choreography), Sunil Soni (Acting Inputs), Dr. Bhagwati and Dr. Kaushika Sudan (Language Experts), Suraj Ganjoo and Pankaj Sharma (Lights), Kamal Sharma (Make-Up), Amit Anand and Mohit Kumar (Rhythm), Nitish Sharma (Sound Track), Rohan Sharma and Avinash Lakhotra (Assistance), Shivani, Mahi, Arti, Tahira, and Laksh (Singing). Performers include: Ishu Bharati Pandit, Nitin Rathore, Sayam Prajapati, Lovish Khajuria, Shaileja Sharma, Kaashvi Taggar, Rishita Gupta, Saaket Jandyal, Saksham Khajuria, Bhavya Koul, Dhvani Gupta, Fatima Sayed, Himanshi Amla, Harshita, Arti Devi, Lavanya Singh, Vishali, Manan Sharma, Nishkarsh Singh Nagra, Meenali Gupta, Mehak Shan, Aditya Gupta, Sanchi Gupta, Muneeb Ajmer, Somil Narang, and Anil. Members of the civil society are cordially invited to witness the performance on 11th February 2026 at 5:00 pm at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.