

# Progressive Club wins by 73 runs in Anti-Drug Cricket

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Progressive Cricket Club on Tuesday registered a convincing 73 runs victory against Elite XI Club in the ongoing Anti-Drug Veteran Cricket League at MA Stadium, here.

Batting first, after winning the toss, Progressive Club set a big target of 158 runs for eight wickets. Rajesh Kathri played superb knock of 59 runs while Abhishek and Sanjay Sharma contributed 33 and 31 runs respectively. From Elite Club, Sachin Singh and Varinder bowled well taking two wickets each.

In reply, Elite Club was bowled out for 85 runs in 17.4 overs. Varinder remained top scorer with 14



Shashi Kumar receiving man of the match trophy at MA Stadium, Jammu on Tuesday.

runs, followed by Ravi Choudhary and Manish Sharma, who made 12 runs each.

Rajesh Kathri emerged as most successful bowler with three wickets while Sanjiv, Sanjay and Vishav shared two each.

Rajesh Kathri was obvious choice for the man of the match trophy for 59 runs and three wickets.

In other match of the day, Jandiyaal Group XI made it a five-wicket win against

Evershine Cricket Club.

Earlier, after winning the toss and opted for bat, Evershine scored 123 runs for five wickets. Vijay Dogra remained top scorer with 49 runs, followed by Chamkor Singh and Hardeep Singh

added 25 and 21 runs respectively. Kapil Singh took two wickets and Raman Dutta one from Jandiyaal Club.

Batting second, Jandiyaal Group overhauled the opponent total in 18 overs for five wickets. Shashi Kumar batted well making 42 runs while Sandy Bali and Vicky were other main scorers with 29 and 26 runs in their respective accounts.

Ravinder Singh took two wickets while Vijay Dogra and Hardeep Singh shared a piece each. Shashi Kumar was named man of the match for his superb batting.

Today's matches were officiated by the technical panel including Ashok and Vijay.

# DYSS flags off boys for trekking in Patnitop



Director DYSS, Ved Parkash flagging off group.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), a group of 120 boys of district Jammu on Tuesday left for a five-day trekking in pic-

turesque Patnitop.

The group was flagged off by Joint Director DYSS, Ved Parkash (JKAS) from Gandhi Nagar, here in the presence of district (DYSS) officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj

Sharma and Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs).

Meanwhile, the trekking group of girls shall depart for the undisclosed destination on March 19.

# ADGP Armed J&K visits IRP-5th Bn Doda, conducts inspection

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: Anand Jain, ADGP Armed J&K, on his maiden visit to IR 5th Battalion at Beoli, Doda assessed the battalion working. He was accompanied by Rajinder Singh SSP APCR Jammu.

Upon his arrival, the ADGP was received by Afroz Ahmad, Commandant, IRP-5th Battalion and Sandeep Mehta, SSP Doda.



Anand Jain, ADGP Armed J&K during visit to IR 5th Battalion at Beoli, Doda.

Anand Jain was presented a ceremonial Guard of Honour at the Unit Quarter Guard by a contingent of the unit personnel. Besides participating in the plantation drive which was also launched on the occasion, the ADGP laid Wreath at Martyrs Memorial IRP 5th Bn to pay tribute to valiant Martyrs of the unit who sac-

rificed their lives in the line of duty.

He interacted with the GOS/NGOs and later inspected the entire Battalion establishments and allied infrastructure of the complex.

A Special Darbar was also held on the occasion, during which the ADGP Armed stressed upon the personnel

to maintain punctuality and highest degree of discipline.

Elaborating on the importance of well being, the ADGP emphasised that physical activities should be enhanced and the personnel should be directed to avoid sedentary life style to protect themselves from diseases.

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# Last date for online admission, re-registration for Jan 2025 session extended till March 31

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has extended the last date for fresh admission as well as re-registration for the January 2025 admission session till 31st March, 2025.



The extension of last date does not apply to certificate programmes of six-month duration and semester-based programmes. The last date for re-registration has been extended with a late fee component of Rs.200.

To enroll in the next year or semester, learners need to register on the Portal and click "New Registration" button to proceed and provide the correct mobile number and e-mail ID so that

the University is able to send confirmation and other important updates only if the correct mobile number and e-mail ID are entered.

In case the learners face difficulty in registering on the portal (not getting OTP/ forgot Username/Password or any other difficulty), they need to approach Regional Centre Jammu for re-set-

ting of their account/updating email ID or mobile number. They can apply for IGNOU re-registration January 2025 by visiting the official website of the IGNOU [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in). The direct link for online re-registration is <https://online.ignou.ac.in/> which can be accessed under the drop-down menu option "Register Online" on IGNOU website.

"The desirous candidates who wish to seek admission or re-register themselves for next year/semester can avail this opportunity of date extension and apply for any of the programmes of their choice well before the last date", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director.

For filling the admission form online, candidates need to create a User ID and Password on the SAMARTH portal and be ready with a Mobile No., Email ID, properly scanned academic documents, photograph and Bank Debit /Credit/Net Banking for payment of fee. Applicants can access the IGNOU admission portal 2024 at [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or by directly following the link <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in>.

"The desirous candidates who wish to seek admission or apply for re-registration to next year/semester must avail this opportunity of date extension", said Dr. Sandeep.

# JU collaborates with Blue Planet Environmental Solutions to nurture future job creators

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant step towards strengthening industry-academia collaboration, the University of Jammu and Blue Planet Environmental Solutions have partnered to promote an entrepreneurial mindset among students. Prashant Singh, Co-Founder & CEO of Blue Planet Environmental Solutions, today visited the Centre for IT Enabled Services & Management (CITES&M), University of Jammu, to explore avenues for collaboration in technology-driven sustainability and startup incubation.

This collaboration aims to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become job creators rather than job seekers, aligning with India's vision for a self-reliant and innovation-driven.

The collaboration aligns with the national vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, as envisioned by the Prime Minister of India, which emphasizes building a robust knowledge economy to drive India's growth. This vision has been actively promoted by Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha, and Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, who have been advocating the start-up



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai & others during the programme.

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Prasant Singh, has recently been made as the member of the newly constituted Advisory Board of Centre for IT Enabled Services & Management (CITES&M). The advisory board shall be the THINK TANK for giving inputs which would be instrumental in shaping policies, strategies, and collaborative efforts that have the potential to drive the agenda and contribute to the vision of Centre as an IT hub and positively impact society as a whole.

Addressing the gathering, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, emphasized the University's commitment to innovation-driven education. He provided a detailed presentation on the University's flagship 'Design Your Degree' (DYD) program, which fosters interdisciplinary and experiential learning.

"The University of Jammu is shaping the future by integrating industry expertise into academics. Through initiatives like the DYD program and collaborations with global leaders like Blue Planet, we are ensuring our students become entrepreneurs and innovators who contribute to India's vision of becoming a knowledge-driven global leader by 2047," he added.

Singh congratulated the University of Jammu on securing NAAC A++ accreditation, stating that this achievement demonstrates the institution's dedication to quality education, innovation, and impactful research. He emphasized that this milestone enhances

consumer of global technology but is now exporting homegrown sustainable solutions to Dubai, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Thailand, showing the country's growing role in the global sustainability landscape.

Highlighting the emerging opportunities in India's digital and innovation ecosystem, Singh emphasized the growing role of Global Capability Centers (GCCs) in shaping the country's economic landscape.

Earlier, Dr. Guneet Singh Sudan, Director, Centre for IT Enabled Services & Management (CITES&M) gave a welcome address and presentation on the various IT initiatives taken by the Centre. One of such initiatives is 'Corporate Lecture Series' and the interactive session with Mr. Prasant Singh is the first step towards this initiative. He further added these lecture series would be conducted monthly to strengthen Industry Academia collaboration. Jaswinder Kour, Service & Development Engineer, CITES&M conducted the proceedings of the event.

Singh's visit to Centre for IT Enabled Services & Management and his engagement with the stake-

# DC inaugurates 1st Chenab Valley Girls Sports Tournament



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh inaugurating the tournament.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: The District Administration Doda in collaboration with Dronacharya Chenab Sports Academy and Green Model Higher Secondary School Doda inaugurated the 1st Chenab Valley Girls Sports Competition on Tuesday.

This premier event, held under the banner "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao", aims to empower young female athletes while fostering teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship.

The tournament which runs from March 18 to March 24, 2025, will take place at multiple locations across District Doda. The Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest alongside Hasnuddin Pathan, National WASH Expert, NJJM, DDWS, Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI, Tehsildar Doda Dr. Shad, District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Qazi and District Youth Services & Sports Officer Pritam Singh. The event also witnessed the presence of Principal GMISS Doda, Executive Engineers from PHE & PWD (R&B), and other distinguished dignitaries. This high-energy competition features a diverse range of sports, including Archery, Basketball, Kho-Kho, Fencing, Volleyball, and Cricket. It brings together young female athletes from across the region, providing them with a platform to showcase their skills and compete in an encouraging and inclusive environment.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Doda Harvinder Singh emphasized the importance of women's participation in sports, extracurricular activities, and competitive examinations. He also announced that the Doda Administration will organize similar events for male students to promote healthy competition. Additionally, the administration has collaborated with Aakash Institute to provide free coaching NEET aspirants in Doda.

# IIM Jammu ranked at 22nd Position in IIRF Rankings 2025

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu has once again marked its growing presence on the national stage by securing the 22nd position in the Best B-Schools (Government) overall category in the prestigious IIRF (Indian Institutional Ranking Framework) Rankings 2025.

The rankings were released based on a comprehensive evaluation of parameters crucial to higher management education.

With an impressive overall index score of 906.42, IIM Jammu has been ranked on various critical parameters such as Placement Performance; Teaching, Learning Resources & Pedagogy; Research, Industry Income & Integration; Placement Strategy and Support; Future Orientation; External Perception and International Outlook (EPIO).

Prof. Sahay extended his gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, for its continuous support and guidance, and conveyed his acknowledgment to Dr. Milind P Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, and the Board of Governors for their vision-

ary leadership and encouragement in steering the institute towards excellence.

He stated that this recognition in the IIRF Rankings 2025 is a proud moment for the IIM Jammu community and reflects the institute's collective commitment to building an institution of national importance that not only imparts quality education but also shapes responsible leaders of tomorrow.

He emphasized that IIM Jammu has consistently focused on excellence in teaching, fostering innovation through research, building strong industry linkages, and creating an inclusive and globally oriented academic ecosystem.

He noted that although IIM Jammu is one of the youngest IIMs in the country, it has rapidly gained momentum due to the unwavering dedication of its faculty, staff, students, and all stakeholders.

He reiterated the institute's steadfast vision of becoming a globally recognized management institution, rooted in Indian values and committed to nation-building.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, stated that the recognition in the IIRF Rankings 2025 is a reflection of the institute's academic rigor, dynamic curriculum, industry-linked programs,

and research-driven approach.

He added that the institute is committed to nurturing responsible leaders equipped with global perspectives and grounded in Indian values.

He further emphasized that IIM Jammu will continue to innovate and evolve in alignment with emerging global trends and national priorities in management education. These rankings affirm the institute's strong commitment to academic excellence, impactful research, innovative pedagogy, and world-class placement support. The institute's emphasis on a future-driven approach and global perspective has earned it growing recognition and respect among students, recruiters, and academic peers.

The Institute extends its gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and all its well-wishers for their continued support and guidance on this journey of excellence.

IIM Jammu continues to make rapid strides, driven by a strong emphasis on innovation, inclusivity, and industry engagement.

The institute has been building a strong academic and research foundation while also focusing on international collaborations and global exposure for its students.

# JKBOSE organises essay writing competition on Adolescence Education and School Health and Wellness Programme

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) organized Essay Writing Competition on various themes of Adolescence Education Program (AEP) and School Health and Wellness Program (SHWP) under Ayushman Bharat Scheme of Govt. of India in the UT of J&K.

In this Essay Writing Competition, students from Class 6th to 12th of Govt. as well as Private Schools (affiliated to JKBOSE) participated in two categories i.e. Middle Stage (6th to 8th) and Secondary Stage (9th to 12th) through digital mode.

The detailed guidelines along with the different themes were shared with both the Directorates of School Education, Jammu & Kashmir, Chief Education

Officers of all 20 Districts and Hols of concerned schools and were made available to the students through different online modes for the maximum participation of the students.

This Essay Writing Competition provided platform to the students and gave them opportunity to win prizes and consolation prizes under these two categories.

A large number of entries i.e. 399 shared by Govt. as well as Private Schools (affiliated to JKBOSE) were received by JKAEPCell, JKBOSE which were evaluated by the panel of experts.

In Middle Stage Category, 1st Prize of Rs. 2000 was bagged by Hiteshdev Singh of Naveen Shiksha Kendra HSS Nagbani, Jammu; 2nd Prize of Rs. 1500 by Hafidah Hina of Public School English Medium Bijbehara, Anantnag, and 3rd Prize of Rs.1000 by Gayatri Singh Charak of Humanity Public

School Choker, Baramulla and 3rd Prize of Rs. 1000 by Labika Batool of Islamia Faridiya Higher Secondary School, Kishtwar. Besides this, three consolation prizes of Rs. 500 each were awarded to Mahi Sharma of GGHSS Sunderbani, Rajouri, Areeb Jaffar Mir of S P HSS, M. A. Road, Srinagar and Ritesh Rana of HSS (Boys) Nowabad, Jammu.

This Essay writing competition was organized by Academic Division, JKBOSE which aimed at creating awareness among children and keeping them abreast with the knowledge of such programs/themes.

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