

VC Cricket Rolling Trophy Tournament Begins VC XI, GGM Science College win opening matches



Dignitary being honoured during the event.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The VC Cricket Rolling Trophy tournament commenced on Wednesday at the JKCA Ground, GGM Science College, Jammu. Six teams (VC XI, GGM Science College Team, M.A.M College Team, College Education Team, GCW Gandhinagar, SPMR College of Commerce) comprising teaching, non-teaching and other employees are participating in the tournament.

Ankur Mahajan, Registrar of Cluster University of Jammu, was the chief guest on the occasion and the Bouquet was presented by Dr. Vinod Bakshi Dr Physical Education and Sports

In the opening match, VC XI defeated College of Education by three wickets. Batting first, College of Education scored 75 for the loss of 7 wickets in 20 overs.

In reply, VC XI chased the target, scoring 76

by losing 7 wickets.

In the second match, GGM Science College registered a convincing victory over MAM College. Batting first, GGM Science College scored 208 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in 20 overs. Gourav remained unbeaten on 54, while Lokinder scored 34 and Rajesh added 27 runs.

Chasing the target, MAM College managed 144 for 7 in 20 overs.

Ajay Manhas scored 26, Vikram made 23, and Surjeet Singh contributed 29 runs. Rahul Kait of GGM Science College took 3 wickets

People who were present during this event were Prof Twinkel Suri (DAA); Prof Ranvijay Singh (Controller Examination); Dr. D.S Manhas (DSW); Prof Sunil Gupta (Principal- SPMR College of Commerce); Prof Ramesh Gupta (Principal- GGM Science College) and Prof Vishal Sharma (Dean of Social Sciences).

All India Police Kabaddi Cluster J&K Police shine in Fencing; Manipur, SSB claim Gold



Police officials along with winner posing with medals.

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JAMMU: Competitions in fencing and artistic gymnastics continued on Day-5 of the 2nd All India Police Kabaddi Cluster 2025-26, with teams from different police and paramilitary forces delivering impressive performances.

In the Women's Epee Team

fencing event, Manipur Police secured the gold medal, while Jammu & Kashmir Police claimed the silver. Punjab Police and Uttar Pradesh Police shared the bronze medals.

The Men's Sabre Team event witnessed a strong performance by Jammu & Kashmir Police, who clinched

the gold medal. Karnataka Police finished with the silver medal, while Manipur Police and Uttar Pradesh Police bagged the bronze medals.

In the Women's Sabre Team event, SSB emerged victorious and won the gold medal. Jammu & Kashmir Police secured the silver medal, while Manipur Police and

Jammu Vishwavidyalaya: Sahitya Sanskriti Samagam' at JU to showcase region's literary voices, cultural traditions

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The University of Jammu on Wednesday announced the organization of "Jammu Vishwavidyalaya: Sahitya-Sanskriti Samagam," a two-day literary and cultural festival to be held on March 13 and 14, 2026, at the University campus.

The announcement was made during a Curtain Raiser press conference addressed by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, in the presence of Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies; Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar; Prof. Sadaf Shah, Coordinator, Jammu Vishwavidyalaya; Sahitya Sanskriti Samagam; Prof. Seema Rohmetra and Dr. Gimny Dogra, Director DIQA, along with other senior officials of the University.

Addressing the media, Prof. Umesh Rai said that the programme has been conceived to celebrate the rich literary and cultural heritage of the Jammu region and to present it on a wider stage. He observed that Jammu region possesses immense cultural, linguistic, and artistic diversity. Through this initiative, the University seeks to bring together writers, artists, scholars, and cultural practitioners so that the many voices and traditions of the



VC JU Prof. Umesh Rai briefing media on Wednesday.

region can be presented collectively. He added that in many ways the Jammu region represents a living example of unity within diversity, and the festival seeks to celebrate and present that spirit.

Prof. Rai further said that such initiatives resonate with the broader vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji and Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor JK UT Sh Manoj Sinha, which places strong emphasis on promoting regional studies, local languages, and cultural traditions while empowering youth through meaningful engagement with their heritage. He observed that this vision seeks to transform Jammu region into a vibrant knowledge hub, where education connects with local strengths such as handicrafts, tourism, literature, and cultural creativity. Prof. Rai added that such initiatives also reflect the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshthha Bharat," which celebrates India's cultural diversity while strengthening the bonds of unity among different regions of the country.

He said the cultural ethos of the region has always been guided by the values of humanity, compassion, and mutual respect, deeply reflected in its languages, literature, and traditions. By bringing literature,

art, and community knowledge onto a shared platform, the University is contributing to an approach that blends traditional Indian values with contemporary learning while encouraging youth participation in the journey towards "Viksit Bharat @2047."

Prof. Rai also emphasised the importance of cultural roots in shaping society. Drawing a simple analogy, he said that just as a tree cannot withstand storms if its roots are not deep, societies too must remain connected with their cultural foundations. Universities, he said, must create opportunities where young minds can engage with their heritage and learn from individuals who have devoted their lives to literature, art, and culture.

He further informed that the Samagam will bring together writers, artists, and scholars representing several languages spoken across the Jammu region, including Dogri, Punjabi, Gojri, Pahari, Siraji, Bhaderwahi, Pogli, Padri, Hindi, and Urdu. Alongside literary interactions and discussions, the event will also present traditional music, dance, local cuisine, and cultural expressions that reflect the everyday life and traditions of the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean

Research Studies, said that the programme has been thoughtfully designed to bring together prominent cultural personalities, writers, and artists from the region on one platform. She noted that several distinguished personalities, including Padma Shri awardees, have been invited to participate and interact with the audience through discussions, performances, and literary engagements. She added that such initiatives create valuable opportunities for students, scholars, and young participants to listen to and learn from individuals who have achieved national recognition through years of dedication in their respective fields.

Prof. Sadaf Shah, Coordinator of the event said that the festival aims to reconnect young people with their cultural roots while showcasing the artistic richness of the Jammu region. She informed that 23 cultural troupes comprising nearly 250 artists will participate in the event and present traditional performances such as Punjabi Gatra, Bhangra, Kud Dance, Kumnia, and other folk forms from across the region.

She further shared that the programme will include around 54 exhibition stalls displaying

traditional crafts such as pottery, handloom, calico printing, artifacts, and Basohli painting, along with 20 book stalls showcasing the literary heritage of the region. A food court with nearly 30 stalls will present traditional cuisines from different parts of Jammu, providing visitors a glimpse into the region's culinary traditions. Prof. Shah also acknowledged the support extended by the J&K Tourism Department, J&K Bank, the Cultural Academy of Jammu, the Department of Industries and Commerce, affiliated colleges of the University of Jammu, and the civil administration in organising the festival.

Elaborating on the programme schedule, Dr. Gimny Dogra, Director DIQA, while speaking on the occasion, briefly shared the highlights of the programmes planned during the two-day event. She informed that the event will include a series of panel discussions, literary interactions, cultural performances, a multilingual Mushaira, and various student competitions involving schools, colleges, and university students. She added that eminent scholars, writers, artists, and Padma Shri awardees from the region will participate in the discussions and cultural presentations, making the festival a vibrant platform for dialogue and cultural exchange.

The University of Jammu has invited members of civil society, students, scholars, and culture enthusiasts to participate in the programme and experience the vibrant traditions of the Jammu region.

Punjab Police shared the bronze medals.

The Artistic Gymnastics individual apparatus finals also witnessed notable performances by athletes from different forces. Deharti Das of SSB won the gold medal in the Women's Balance Beam, while Shradha Verma of BSF secured the gold medal in the Women's Floor Exercise.

In the Men's Vault event, Sankshap Yadav of Uttar Pradesh Police clinched the gold medal, followed by Vipin Kumar of CISE, who won the silver medal.

The competitions are part of the ongoing 2nd All India Police Kabaddi Cluster 2025-26, bringing together athletes from police and paramilitary forces across the country.

Sports Kits distributed among schools by SHEW Mission Shakti Shopian

STATE TIMES NEWS

SHOPIAN: Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), Mission Shakti Shopian, under the Department of Social Welfare, conducted a distribution drive today during which sports kits were distributed among various schools of the district.

The schools that benefited from the distribution included HS Melhura, GHS DK Pora, GMS Kellar, HS Sindoor Shirmal, GHS Vehil and HS Nowgam. The initiative was carried out to encourage students, especially girls, to actively participate in sports and physical activities. During the programme, officials highlighted that sports play a vital role in the overall development of students by promoting discipline, teamwork, confidence, and a healthy lifestyle. They also emphasized the importance of supporting girls in all spheres, including education and sports. The drive was conducted under the spirit of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, spreading the message of empowering the girl child, promoting gender equality, and ensuring equal opportunities for girls to grow and excel.

IN THE COURT OF MUNSIFF KATRA

Present:- Vishal Bharti
UID:- JK00287

Ankesh Goswami S/O Late Sh. Mohan Lal Goswami R/O Bhagtha Tehsil Katra Distt. Reasi.Plaintiff

Versus

1. Barun Goswami S/O Late Sh. Mohan Lal Goswami R/O Bhagtha Tehsil Katra District Reasi.
2. Asha Goswami W/O Vishal Sharma (D/O Late Sh. Mohan Lal Goswami) R/O Nagrota Tehsil Nagrota District Jammu.
3. Manju Goswami W/O Mohinder Kumar (D/O Late Sh. Mohan Lal Goswami) R/O Jagli-Nagrota Tehsil Nagrota District Jammu.Defendants

In the matter of:

Civil Suit for declaration to the effect that the plaintiff be declared as legal heir of late Sh. Mohan Lal Goswami with respect to the ALTO LX BS III with Registration No. JK02AG-1875.

PROCLAMATION TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas above titled suit for declaration is pending before this Court and it is fixed for publication today and next date of hearing is 31-03-2026. Any other interested persons is/are informed that, in case, anyone has any objection in respect of aforesaid suit then he/she/they shall file their objections within a period of fifteen days from the date of publication of proclamation and in absence, the matter shall be proceeded and considered on merits.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today on (09-03-2026

SD/-
MUNSIFF KATRA

First Reasi District Lawn Tennis Open Championship commences



Dignitaries along with organisers and players posing for photograph.

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: The inaugural Reasi District Lawn Tennis Open Championship kicked off today at the Lawn Tennis Complex of the Shrine Board's Sports Complex in Katra. The event was officially launched by Ashok Kumar, Senior Vice President of the J&K Lawn Tennis Association and former Director of Sports at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB).

Kumar, who is also the Vice President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Association of J&K, addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of sports in building community spirit and promoting healthy competition. The opening day witnessed intense matches in four categories: Men's Above 40 Years, Men's Below 40 Years, Women's Open and Men's Doubles.

A total of 26 players, representing local clubs from

Katra, SMVDSB, Railways Protection Force, SMVD University and Jammu District, participated in the competition, which is organized under the aegis of the J&K Lawn Tennis Association and the J&K Sports Council.

In the Men's Singles, Sidarth defeated Parveen Giri (6-3) Sourab Singh defeated Mohit Sharma (6-3), Vinamar Gupta defeated Mohit Sharma (6-3),

Pratham Arora defeated Piyush Kumar (6-2), Sanjay Kumar defeated Anmol Sharma (6-4) and Shourayveer defeated Utsav Pandey (6-3).

In the Women's Round Robin, Palavi Parihar defeated Shalvi Kamar (6-2), Vnamarta defeated Shalvi Kumari (6-3) and Palavi defeated Vinamarta (6-4). In Men Under 40 years Quarter finals, Hardest Singh defeated Sidaarth (6-2) and Mohit

Saxena defeated Sourab Singh Rawat (6-3).

The Men's Doubles event saw Sanjay Kotwal's team overpower Sagar Singh and Vishwas (6-2), while Rinka Kapoor and Nishant Sharma emerged victorious against Saksham Amla and Cinamar Gupta (6-3).

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Sanjiv Kotwal, Manager Sports Complex, Jai Deep, Ekta Kumar, Rahul Dutta, Sudarshan Sharma and parents of Players representing Junior categories.

Arun Badu, Working President of District Reasi and presented the welcome address. The Championship promises to be a memorable and competitive event, with hopes of becoming a key fixture in the region's sporting calendar.

MIER College organises orientation session on NET/JRF Examination

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Placement Committee of MIER College of Education organised "Orientation Session on NET/JRF Examination" under "College to Career Programme" for students of the School of Education Sem. IV and M.A. Pol. Se. and M.A. Psychology Sem. IV of SSSH on 11th of March, 2026. The orientation programme was designed to provide students with essential information and guidance regarding the NET/JRF examinations. It helped students understand the examination pattern, syllabus, preparation strategies, and important dates associated with the exams.

The session started with the formal welcome address, followed with intro-



duction of the resource person by Jyoti Sharma, convener of the Placement Committee. The resource person of the event was Deepali Devi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, Govt. College of Education, Canal Road,

Jammu. The resource person emphasized the significance of the NET/JRF examinations in higher education, highlighting the recognition of UGC standards and norms. Key points covered included the eligibili-

ty criteria, examination scheme, the latest UGC regulations for 2026, Cut off criteria, 20-week plan for Paper-I and Paper-II preparation. Additionally, the discussion addressed reservations, the pattern of examination and syllabus, the application process, and fee structure. Importantly, the resource person outlined various career paths available in higher education, underscoring how qualifying for NET/JRF can enhance opportunities in academia and research. The programme concluded with an interactive Q&A session where students and teachers clarified their doubts and shared their insights.

The event was attended by Head, SOE Prof. Nishita Rana; Head SSSH Prof.

Monika Bajaj; Deputy Head of SOE, Prof. Bharti Tandon; Deputy Head of SSSH, ArpanaKoul; staff members of both the schools, IQAC Team and more than 70 students.

Prof. Adit Gupta, Principal, MIER College commended the Placement Committee for their commendable efforts in organizing an informative and well-coordinated programme. He appreciated the team's dedication in guiding students towards prestigious opportunities like National Eligibility Test and Junior Research Fellowship helping them move confidently toward academic and research careers. At the end, a formal vote of thanks was extended by Upasna Mohten, member Placement Committee.

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E-AUCTIONING NOTICE

For and on behalf of Municipal Council Doda, interested intending persons/ firms are hereby requested to participate in the e-auctioning / e-bidding process initially for Lorry Adda Contract for the year 2026-27 of Municipal Council, Doda through Auction Portal <https://tenders.gov.in>. The persons/ firms should offer higher bids than the minimum official bid fixed and also require to submit security (EMD) in shape of CDR Pledge to Accounts Officer MC Doda refundable for amounting to Rs 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen lacs only) w.e.f. 11/03/2026 (10:00AM) to 17/03/2026 (4:00 PM) along with application fee of Rs 3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) deposit in official account No. 0058040500013631 title Account Officer MC, Doda which is non-refundable. The conditional offers / bids less than the minimum official bids shall not be accepted. The detailed application form, along with all terms & conditions are available on e-brochure, which can be accessed by clicking on e-auction portal of <https://tenders.gov.in> even the interested bidder / firms can also be seen the terms and condition in the office of Municipal Council Doda during working hours on any working days:

S. No	Description	Minimum Bid	EMD Amount	Period of Contract	Auction start date	Auction end date
1.	Lorry Adda/ Entry Fee contract with in the Limits of M.C Doda excluding National Highway	1,10,00,000.00	15.00 lacs.	F.Y 26-27	11-03-2026	17-03-2026

No. MC/D/26-27/1828-33
Dated:- 10-03=2026
DIP/J-4288-P/25

SD/-
Chief Executive Officer
Municipal Council,
Doda

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Child Development Project Officer Nagseni

Objections/Appeal (if any) for a period of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice are invited from the General Public regarding the Provisional Merit List (Annexure-A) and Final Selection List (Annexure-B) of candidates who had applied for the post of Sangini (AWW) in Poshan Project, Nagseni against the advertisement Notice No.01 of 2026 dated 07-02-2026.

Annexure-A

Provisional Merit List AWC Suman Bhata (Ward No. 01): Panchayat (Suman Bhata)						
S. NO	Name of the Candidate	Parentage	Husband Name	Marks in 10 ²	% age	Merit Position
1	Sita Devi	D/O Amar Nath	Un Married	322	64.4 %	1 st
2	Seema Sharma	D/O Des Raj	Un Married	315	63%	2 nd
3	Neeta Devi	Krishan Lal	Surjeet Sharma	218	43.6%	3 rd

Annexure-B

Final Selection List AWC Suman Bhata (Ward No. 01): Panchayat (Sunman Bhata)						
S. NO	Name of the Candidate	Parentage	Husband Name	Marks in 10 + 2	% age	Merit Position
1	Sita Devi	D/O Amar Nath	Un Married	322	64.4 %	1 st

NO: CDPO/Poshan/N/2025-26/336
Dated:- 10-03-2026
DIP/J-12695/25
Dated:- 10-03-2026

SD/-
Child Development Project Officer
Nagseni