

VAJK celebrates AOG Anniversary in J&K

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JAMMU: The various units of Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) have launched fortnight drive all across JKUT in connection with celebrations of 12th anniversary of Art of Giving (AOG), NGO with the theme "Neighbourgood: Bringing Good to Neighbourhood."

The event encourages acts of kindness and community involvement within the local area, aiming to spread happiness and positivity. Encouraging acts of kindness and community involvement.

The "Fortnight Happiness" celebrations commenced on May 4 and would culminate on May 17, 2025 with mobilisation to people to spend time with loved ones and engage in acts of kindness.

The Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) is engaging its members to participate in the Art of Giving which was founded



District Volleyball Association Samba members with teams after exhibition match.

by Achyuta Samanta, former MP & former President of Volleyball Federation of India on May 17, 2013 with sole aim of sharing expertise of all kinds professional, managerial, sports, social, economical etc with younger generation for making them self-reliant, empowering them to make hassle free society besides making neighborhood an abode of

peaceful living. The AOG also reminds us of our role in Nation building.

District Volleyball Association Samba organized an exhibition volleyball match at Trilokpur village in Samba district and also felicitated Mohit Singh for his participation in Khelo India Nationals, which was held at Bihar and brought laurels by winning gold medal in the

abovesaid competition.

Romesh Kumar (President, Volleyball Association Samba), Balbinder Singh Janwal (Secretary Volleyball Association Samba), Satpaul Sharma, Executive Member of the association also participated in the programme.

Undeterred with prevailing situation on borders, Samba District Volleyball

Association, an affiliated unit of Volleyball Association of J&K, organised this volleyball match to boost the morale of youth in nation building and in social activities to make neighborhood an abode of peaceful living as advocated by AOG.

Amongst prominent people of the surrounding areas Shivani Bhau volleyball Coach Khelo India and a large number of volleyball lovers attended the function which concluded with light refreshment.

Almost all District Volleyball Associations of VAJK have drawn up special programmes to celebrate 12th anniversary of AOG all across JKUT in a befitting manner for the period ending May 17, 2025.

The office bearers of VAJK saluted Prof Samanta, the founder of AOG, for his benevolent initiatives for overall development of Mankind and support whole heartedly his mission.

J&K volleyball team selected for Khelo India Beach Games 2025

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) on Wednesday conducted selection trial for the upcoming Khelo India Beach Games (KIBG) Volleyball Tournament 2025, scheduled to be held in Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu from May 19 to May 24, 2025.

The trial was held at MA Stadium, Jammu, to shortlist players for the coaching camp and eventual participation in the Khelo India Beach Games. The selection committee, constituted by the J&K Sports Council, included Balbinder Singh (DSO Jammu), H.S. Gill (Executive Vice-President, Volleyball Association of J&K), and Kuldeep Magotra (CEO, Volleyball Association of J&K).

Following an intensive selection process, the committee has selected Imtiaz Ahmed, Syad Asgar, Amir Majeed and Taimoor Ahmed to represent J&K in the tournament. The



Selection committee members with selected volleyball players.

final team was screened by Balbinder Singh (DSO Jammu, JKSC) in the presence of the selection committee members.

The team will depart from Jammu to Daman & Diu on May 16, 2025, to participate in the national event.

Raj Daluja, Patron-in-Chief of the Volleyball Association of J&K, along with President Sidharth Daluja and other

office bearers, extended their heartfelt best wishes to the players and expressed confidence in their performance at the Khelo India Beach Games.

The Volleyball Association and J&K Sports Council commended the dedication and hard work of the selected athletes and encouraged them to bring laurels to the Union Territory.

Ashoka Law College students embark on educational tour to SC

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JAMMU: Ashoka Law College recently organised an enriching educational tour to the Supreme Court (SC) of India, aimed at providing students of its College with unparalleled exposure to the highest judicial institution of the country. This initiative reflects the college's commitment to offering the best practical learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Under the expert guidance and mentorship of Dr. Ritika and Dr. Suparan, the students had the unique opportunity to witness live court proceedings, gaining firsthand insights into the judicial processes, courtroom decorum, and the function-



Ashoka Law College students with faculty during visit to Supreme Court.

ing of the apex court. They also visited the Supreme Court Judge's Library.

The visit was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical legal studies and real-world judicial practice, enhancing the students'

understanding of India's legal system.

During the tour, students observed the solemnity and grandeur of the Supreme Court, engaged with the environment where landmark legal decisions are

made, and absorbed the professional atmosphere essential for future legal practitioners.

This immersive experience is expected to inspire and prepare the students to become competent, ethical, and practice-ready legal professionals.

The college expresses gratitude to Dr. Ritika and Dr. Suparan for their dedicated mentorship, which was instrumental in making this educational tour a valuable and memorable learning opportunity for all participants. Ashoka Law College remains committed to facilitating such initiatives that enrich student's academic journey and professional outlook.

IGNOU to open online portal for re-registration for the July 2025 session

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JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has announced the start of online portal for re-registration for the July 2025 academic session from May 15, 2025 onwards. The re-registration is meant for already registered/enrolled learners who are eligible to register for next year or semester.

To enroll in the next year or semester, learners need to fill and submit the IGNOU re-registration July 2025 form by the submission deadline which has been fixed for 30th June, 2025. The students who did not attempt the term-end examinations or

did not submit their assignment can still apply for re-registration for July 2025, provided the minimum programme duration is achieved and programme validity has not expired.

The learners can apply for IGNOU re-registration July 2025 by visiting the official website of the IGNOU www.ignou.ac.in. The direct link for online re-registration is <https://onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/> which can be accessed under the drop-down menu option "Register Online">>Re-registration" on IGNOU website home page.

In case any learner has forgotten his/her User ID

or password or has changed the registered mobile number at later stages and is not able to log in to re-register, he/she must approach the Regional Centre or drop a mail on rcjammu@ignou.ac.in with the request to reset the password.

In case online payment made by any learner does not get updated, do not make the second payment immediately. Learners must wait for a day, check the payment status and then decide further course of action. Learners are advised not to wait for the last date for submission of re-registration form since the servers get heavily

overloaded towards the last date of online submission due to huge rush.

"Learners must exercise due caution in making online transactions and as far as possible must use their own card/net banking to make payment and in case the learners are using third-party services (cybercafe or some other outlet) for submission of re-registration form, they must ensure that the courses have been correctly chosen and payment of admission fee has been made successfully. Do not forget to obtain a printout of the form submitted and payment confirmation", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director.

Satwik wins silver in KIYG in Weight Lifting event

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JAMMU: Satwik Luthra of J&K UT created history after winning silver medal in Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) at Bihar in Weight Lifting event. Weight Lifting events are being held today at Patna in Khelo India Youth Games.

Satwik Luthra of J&K won silver medal in 102 kg Weight category after lifting 264 kg weight. Satwik gives credit to his Coach Aakash Virdhly. He is practising from the last 5 years in MA Stadium Weight Lifting Hall. Satwik aims to participate in Youth Olympic Games 2026. It is pertinent to mention here that Satwik won silver medal in National Games 2024 which was held at Dharmsalla (HP).

Meanwhile Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul appreciated Satwik for winning silver medal.



Kishtwar showcases sports excellence: Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions energize district

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KISHTWAR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Kishtwar, under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan, is witnessing a vibrant celebration of youth talent and sports excellence as Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions are being conducted with great enthusiasm across all zones of the District.

The long drawn tournaments, held in Kishtwar, Nagseni, Drabshalla and Paddar Zones, highlighted the athletic abilities, sportsmanship, and team spirit of students from different schools.

The district is pulsating with energy as U-14 girls engage in a diverse range of sports including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Rope Skipping, Volleyball, Yoga, Chess, Carrom, and Badminton. Events are being conducted at key venues such as Chowgan Ground, HSS Boys, and ITI, creating a festive atmosphere that promotes camaraderie and healthy competition.

The event hosted at BVM and Chowgan Ground in Zone Nagseni features Chess and Carrom competitions for U-17 boys and girls, along with Yoga sessions for U-14 and U-17 categories (boys and girls). With 233 enthusiastic participants from various schools, the events have showcased a high level of skill, focus, and dedication.

On its fourth consecutive day, Zone Drabshalla conducted Athletics for U-14 boys and girls at Bimalnag Binoon. The competitions have drawn spirited performances from young athletes, who are demonstrating commendable agility and sportsmanship in track and field events.

The Zone Paddar featured Athletics, Cricket, and Yoga for U-14 boys. A total of 45 students, drawn from schools across the zone, are actively participating, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm across multiple disciplines.

All events are being held under the guidance of DYSSO Jaffer Haider Sheikh.

Inter-school meet of Zone Tikri held



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UDHAMPUR: Part of the annual calendar of activities, Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised inter-school Zonal level competitions of Zone Tikri at Government Higher Secondary School Tikri, here.

The competition held under the guidance of District Youth Services and

Sports Officer Udhampur, Ramesh Chander Mishra and overall supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer, Tikri, Pushpinder Kour.

Principal of the host school, Monika Karlupia was the chief guest, who enlightened the students about the importance of sports in the over the development of children.

In this under-14 girls

competition in four disciplines of Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Chess, Badminton and Yoga around 176 participants contested for the top honours.

The Results: KABADDI: GHS Seen Brahmana, winner and GMS Dabbar, runners-up. KHO-KHO:GHS Mand, winner and GHS JIB, runners-up. CHESS: Bharti Devi of GMS Bassani, Ist and Aarsha Devi GMS Seen Brahmana, 2nd. YOGA: Sarika Agan of GMS East Mand, Ist and Ananya of GMS East Mand, 2nd.

MD reviews implementation of key HADP components



MD HADP, Sandeep Kumar chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Secretary Agriculture Production Department, J&K and Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) Sandeep Kumar on Wednesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation of different components of the HADP.

The meeting was held here in the Conference Hall Directorate of Agriculture Krishi Bhawan.

The review session was attended by Project Grounding and Monitoring Committees, Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Sericulture and Sheep Husbandry from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, alongside representatives from SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir. Officers

from the Kashmir division joined the proceedings virtually.

Key agenda items included a review of the action taken on decisions from previous meetings, submission of training calendars, and the status of farmer training initiatives. Progress updates were also shared regarding the Daksh Kisan Portal and the Kisan Sathi Portal, particularly in relation to course completion and farmer registration, respectively.

During the meeting, Sandeep Kumar directed all departments to fast-track the implementation of assigned tasks and ensure robust inter-departmental coordination for effective execution of developmental projects under HADP.

A detailed review of all ongoing projects under HADP was conducted. The Mission Director instructed concerned officers to adhere strictly to

projects timelines and objectives. He particularly emphasized the need to strengthen the agricultural marketing system to enhance the sale and distribution of produce, including infrastructure development for marketing fruits and vegetables.

In the livestock sector, the Mission Director stressed the importance of improving animal health, breeding programs, and value addition through various schemes and initiatives under HADP.

Special focus was given to the area expansion of millets under the Promotion of Nutri-Cereals (Millets) project. Sandeep Kumar highlighted the significance of Research & Development (R&D) in this domain and called for the conservation of traditional landraces and indigenous varieties.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on organizing farmer-centric workshops under HADP, particularly on themes such as organic farming and beekeeping. Progressive farmers will be invited to share their experiences during these events, fostering peer learning and community engagement. Sandeep Kumar further stressed the need for documentation of success stories, which will serve as motivational case studies for the wider farming community.

Commissioner State Taxes reviews functioning of department in Jammu

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JAMMU: Commissioner State Taxes Department, P.K. Bhat on Wednesday chaired an extensive review meeting of the State Taxes Department, Jammu Division and assess ongoing activities and streamline strategies for improved tax compliance and revenue augmentation.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner State Taxes Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra and State Taxes Officers from all circles of Jammu Division.

During the meeting, several key issues were discussed, including deemed registrations, TDS mismatch, high-risk cases, return compliance and audit cases. The discussions were held to streamline strategies for improved tax compliance and revenue augmentation.

The Commissioner emphasized the need for ensuring returns compliance and directed the officers to keep a close watch on taxpayers to prevent any tax evasion. He stressed on ensuring nearly 100% return filing compliance and creating deterrence



Commissioner State Taxes Department, P.K. Bhat chairing an extensive review meeting.

among the defaulters. The Commissioner emphasized the importance of raising awareness among taxpayers about return filing requirements, particularly the necessity of filing returns with proportionate liability in cash to meet their tax liabilities. He also directed officers to engage with the taxpayer fraternity and provide guidance to improve compliance.

The meeting also discussed other key issues like identification of Fake ITC Suppliers, monitoring of TDS Payments, action on Intelligence Reports, Audit and Verification of E-Way Bills and other issues.

Addressing the meeting, the Commissioner State Taxes J&K emphasised the pivotal role of the State Taxes Department in ensuring financial discipline and highlighted prior-

ity areas requiring immediate attention.

With regard to specific issues, the Commissioner directed the officers to ensure proper and efficient monitoring of all deemed registration cases, ensuring proper scrutiny of E-Way Bills as it was identified as a critical component of preventing revenue leakage and ensuring compliance. The officers were advised to check e way billson a regular basis the flow of inward and outward supplies so that revenue due is realised.

The Commissioner also highlighted the importance of using various tools like MIS (Management Information System), GST Prime. He elaborated on the functionality of GST Prime, emphasizing its potential to provide actionable insights, saving time

and energy while enhancing revenue collection. Officers were encouraged to maximize the use of these tools for effective monitoring and compliance.

Bhat also stressed the need to focus on areas such as cement, iron besides other components used in construction works, where potential revenue leakages may occur due to non-compliance or violations. Officers were directed to ensure strict enforcement of GST laws in these sectors and plug any loopholes.

The Commissioner directed the officers to work with renewed vigor and dedication to achieve the department's goals. The meeting concluded with a commitment from the officers to implement the directives and work towards improving the tax administration in Jammu division.

Advitya Jandial tops Jodhamal Public School with 99 pc in CBSE Class 10 exams

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JAMMU: Advitya Jandial, son of Dr. Isha Jandial and Er. Abhishek Jandial, resident of G a n d h i N a g a r, has made his family and school proud by securing 99 per cent marks in the CBSE Class 10 examinations.

A student of Jodhamal Public School, Jammu, Advitya has emerged as the school topper, showcasing exceptional academic excellence and dedication. His outstanding performance has been widely appreciated by the school management, teachers, and peers.

The Jandial family expressed immense pride in his achievement and thanked the school for its continuous support and encouragement in nurturing students to reach great academic heights.

