

JU Inter-Departmental Tournament 2025-26 for Men

# Phy Edu Deptt wins mens' volleyball trophy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Physical Education Department defeated SHTM Department by 2-0 (25-18, 25-17) in the final of mens' volleyball in the ongoing Inter-Departmental Tournament 2025-26 for Men, hosted by the University of Jammu. The tournament witnessed energetic participation and remarkable sportsmanship as students continued to compete with enthusiasm and dedication at the Cricket Ground and Volleyball Ground of the university.

Earlier in Semifinal matches, Physical Education Department defeated Law Department



Participating volleyball teams posing with officials at University of Jammu.

by 2-0 (25-17, 25-13); and SHTM Department defeated Geography Department by 2-1 (25-23, 17-25, 15-12).

In Cricket, History Department beat Urdu Department by 8 runs and

Sociology Department beat ICCCR &HRM by 06 wickets.

The tournament, held under the patronage of the Chairman, Campus Sports Committee, is progressing successfully, drawing

immense interest from various departments and fostering a spirit of camaraderie, fitness and healthy competition. The event is organized under the dynamic leadership and overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba,

Chairman, Campus Sports Committee, and is coordinated by Raj Kumar Bakshi, Incharge PTI, Campus Sports Committee, JU.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, while addressing the participants, emphasized the significance of such events in enhancing physical health, mental well-being, stress management, and student productivity.

He further added that inter-departmental competitions enrich the campus culture and contribute to the holistic development of students.

Today's matches were officiated by Raj Kumar Bakshi and Vikas Karlopia, who ensured fair play and smooth coordination throughout the tournament.

# Iranian Wrestler Mirza wins Chanderkot Kesari Dangal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Wrestler Mohd. Mirza of Iran lifted the Vth Chanderkot Kesari Dangal title defeating Bhupinder of Ajnala in Punjab in the top bout that lasted for 21 minutes at Government Polytechnic College Chanderkot in district Ramban.

Winner Mirza awarded with cash prize of Rs. 81,000 along with traditional 'Gurj (Gadda) and Patta', while runners-up Bhupinder got cash prize of Rs. 70,000.

Dangal was organized by Dangal Committee Chanderkot in support with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Shiv Kumar Sharma, DySP Majad Ali, Sajid Ali, Assistant Manager J&K Bank and Wazid Ali, Excise Inspector.

The SSP Ramban, Kulbir Singh was the chief guest, who gave away cash prizes of Rs. 7,00,000 to winners and runners-up wrestlers. The function was presided over by president J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma and former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council.

Arjun Singh, MLA Ramban; Ankush Kashyap, Commandant 23 RR; Suraj Singh Parihar, president Bar Association; Rakesh Singh, BJP District president Ramban; Gurdev Kumar and ARTO Kuldeep Singh were guests of honour.



Winner wrestler Mohd. Mirza of Iran with dignitaries.

In total, 35 bouts were played in this day-long event. The second main bout, between Benia Min of J&K Police and Vikas Balmiki of Badri Akhara Delhi could not be decided in 40 minutes long contest thus ended in a draw with the result both the wrestlers shared Rs. 70,000 cash award.

In third bout Sumit of Delhi defeated Nisar of Doda to be presented Rs 26,000 and Rs 15,000 cash prize respectively. The fourth main bout went to Rishu of Kathua who beat Surjit Singh of Reasi to be awarded with Rs 18,000 and Rs 13,000 respectively.

DySP Majad Ali, DySP Headquarters, Om Parkash, Inspector JS Rakwal and vice president J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Varinder Badyal were also present as special guests.

Organizing Committee members included Irfan Khan (president), Advocate Zaheer Abbas Lone, Numberdar Zaffer, Insar

Ali (Babbu) president market association, Anayat Ali, Syed Avious Shah, Karmail Askri, Mujahid Ali, Kuljeet Chand, Anjad Ali, Rafayat Ali, Sartaj Ali, Tahir Ali (Teacher), Massaber Ali, Kafayat Ali, Rafiq Bhatta, Mohit Antal, Suresh and Pinku.

The bouts officiated by Santokh Chand, Lochan Singh, Raj Singh, Murli Dhar (Munna), Mehfooz Ali, Firdous Ali, Shainsha Ali, and Bilal Mir.

Other bouts: Dillar Khan of J&K Police beat Ajay Sharma of Udhampur; Sahil of Mullapur beat Madan Singh of Reasi, Arjun of Jammu beat Chain Singh of Reasi, Amir Khan of J&K Police beat Harsh of Haryana, Muneer of Panjgrian beat Gurtaz of Ajnala, Fiza of Billawar beat Mam Hussain of Domail while bout between Kharpur of Jammu and Irfan of Basantgarh ended in a draw.

# Jammu students excel at 2024-2025 Olympiad Awards



Jammu students posing for photograph with dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Three students from Jammu have secured top ranks in the SOF Olympiad exam for 2024-25. Shreyasir Khajuria from G.D. Goenka Public School, Jammu, achieved, the first rank in the international general knowledge Olympiad, earning a gold medal and a merit certificate. Anvi, a from Crescent Public School, also claimed the second rank in the international Hindi Olympiad, receiving a silver medal and a merit certificate. Agrim Bargetra from Doon International School, also claimed the third rank in the international social science Olympiad earning a bronze with merit certificate.

This year's SOF Olympiad saw participation from approximately millions of students across 72 countries, including over 30400 students from Jammu. Notable schools from Jammu including G.D. Goenka Public School, Jammu, Doon International School were among the participants.

SOF organized a felicitation ceremony at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Delhi to recognize the International Olympiad winners and teachers of academic year 2024-25.

A total of 750 students and teachers attended the cere-

mony. The occasion was graced by Chief Guest, Justice J.K. Maheshwari, Judge Supreme Court of India.

During the event, the top three SOF worldwide rank winners from classes First to Twelve that participated in eight Olympiad exams were recognized. The 74 international rank-1 winners received Rs. 50,000 in addition to an international gold medal and a merit certificate, while the 74 international rank-2 winners received Rs. 25,000 as well as an international silver medal and a merit certificate, and 74 international rank-3 holders was given Rs. 10,000, a bronze medal, and a merit certificate.

Addressing the students, teachers and parents at the ceremony, Supreme Court Judge J.K. Maheshwari said that it is our primary responsibility to empower today's generation with knowledge as well as values. Along with education, they also need to be given values, so that they can become nation builders.

He further said that those who carry the light of education within themselves, can never remain in darkness for long.

Beyond celebrating the remarkable achievements of international student win-

ners, the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) proudly extends its accolades to the dedicated principals and teachers from 72 participating countries whose students achieved exceptional international success.

Mahabir Singh, the Founder Director of SOF, proudly shared that the Science Olympiad Foundation has successfully completed 27 years of conducting Olympiad exams. During the 2024-25 academic year, over 96499 schools from 4000 cities participated in the eight SOF Olympiad exams, with millions of students taking part.

The Defense Services Family Scholarship supports 260 students from defense service families based on academic merit. The organization also conducts training programs, academic camps, and exhibitions to enhance student learning. The foundation aims to recognize and encourage student talent and provide opportunities for them to excel on a global platform.

The event was also graced by prominent dignitaries including Justice Vijay Kumar Shukla of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, and Dr. Satish Arya, Dean, CBLU, Bhiwani Haryana.

# 220 students participate in Dist Level Girls Kabaddi Tournament

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
DODA: The fourth day of the Inter-Zonal District Level Kabaddi Tournament for Under-14 and Under-17 Girls was held on Tuesday at the Indoor Sports Stadium Doda.

The event is being organized under the direction of Director General YSS, Rajinder Singh Tara and under the guidance of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Doda, Pritam Singh.

The tournament began

with great enthusiasm and reflected the spirit of discipline, teamwork, and healthy competition among young athletes. Today's events were exclusively dedicated to Girls Under-14 and Under-17 Kabaddi matches, which witnessed active participation and strong performances.

Around 220 students participated in various events, demonstrating a strong commitment to sportsmanship, unity, and excellence.

# Inter Zonal District Level Competitions conclude

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: The Inter Zonal District Level Competitions of Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, and Volleyball for Under-14 and Under-17 girls concluded today at various venues across Jammu. The competitions were organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Jammu, under the patronage of Director General Youth Services and Sports JK UT, Rajinder Singh Tara, and under the overall supervision of Deputy Director Central Jetinder Mishra and Joint Director YSS Ved Parkash. The event was further supported by Accounts Officer Directorate Sh. Sunil Kumar Sharma and DYSSO Jammu Sh. Sukhdev Raj Sharma. Approximately 550 students participated in the competitions, representing various government and private schools across District Jammu. The event provided a valuable platform for young athletes to showcase their talents and compete for top honors. One of the main objectives of the tournament was to identify and select the best talent for



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

upcoming higher-level competitions. DYSSO Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma, appreciated the efforts of all participants and encouraged them to continue engaging in sports to maintain physical fitness. He also extended his best wishes to the players for their ongoing participation in games and sports activities. The competitions were conducted with the support of experienced department officials and technical experts, including ZPEOs Harvinder Kour, Usha Fotedar, Ram Murti, Aninash Kumari, Jatinder Kour, Dinesh Kumar, Joginder Singh, along with PEL Nirmal Singh, PEM Ajay Kumar,

Yash Paul Sharma, and other technical staff. The results of the competitions were as follows: In Volleyball for Under-14 girls, Zones Satwari, Gandhi Nagar, and Miran Sahib emerged victorious by defeating Zones Bishnah, Arnia, and RS Pura with a score of 2-1 sets in the cluster matches. Similarly, in Volleyball for Under-17 girls, the same zones defeated Zones Jammu, Dansal, Marh, and Bhalwal by 2-1 sets.

In Kabaddi for Under-14 girls, Zones Satwari, Gandhi Nagar, and Miran Sahib won against Zones Akhnour, Khour, Jammu, and Chowki Choura by 48-42 points. For Kabaddi

Under-17 girls, Zones Akhnour, Khour, Jourian, and Chowki Choura defeated Zones Satwari, Gandhi Nagar, and Miran Sahib by 41-25 points.

In Yoga for Under-17 boys, Akhlesh Choudhary secured the first position, followed by Laksh Mahajan in second place and Mirul Raj in third.

In Badminton for Under-17 boys, Zones Satwari, Gandhi Nagar, and Miran Sahib triumphed over Zones Jammu, Dansal, Bhalwal, and Marh by 2-1 sets. These competitions have successfully concluded, highlighting emerging talents and fostering a spirit of sportsmanship among the youth of Jammu.

# Boxing trials on June 2

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Boxing Association shall hold selection trials to pick up probable for the Vth Junior Boys and Girls National Championship to be held at Rohtak in Haryana from June 19 to 26.

For the selection of the probable, the trials shall take place at Indoor Sports Complex, MA Stadium, here under the guidance of technical team of the Association on June 2.

Those interested eligible boxers have been advised to report to senior boxing coach, Anil Wadhwa (7006031537) on or before June two at 8 am. Boxers need to bring along original certificates including two sets of photocopies, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

The list of documents included birth certificate, Adhaar Card, BFI Medical form, medical book, age estimation certificate as per SAI norms. Those eligible boxers need to submit the complete documents on or before June 1.

# District-Level Inter-Zone Sports Meet for girls held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
UDHAMPUR: Udhampur came alive today with the energetic launch of the District-Level Inter-Zone Sports Meet for Girls (U14 & U17), a spirited event organized under the banner of the District Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), Jammu & Kashmir UT. The meet is more than a competition; it is a bold statement of the region's investment in youth empowerment, athletic potential, and holistic growth.



Dignitaries posing for a photograph with participating players.

Udhampur, Pancheri, and Jib not only displayed sporting talent but also exemplary organization and collaboration. With Zonal Officers, skilled coaches, technical staff, and enthusiastic supporters coming together, the event radiated unity and purpose.

Mishra reflected on the deeper value of sports-not merely as contests of skill but as tools to build discipline, resilience, and national pride. He called on the youth to support the "Nasha Mukh Bharat" mission by committing to a life free from substance abuse and full of positive choices. A solemn pledge ceremony followed, where athletes and spectators alike vowed

to uphold clean living and sporting integrity.

He also urged participants to stay hydrated, practice fair play, and prioritize sportsmanship, reminding everyone that true champions are those who lead with integrity.

The meet featured several highlights in girls' athletics and team competitions. In track events, winners included Shilpa Thakur (100m, Zone Ramnagar), Sangra Devi (200m, Zone Pancheri), Tania Sharma (400m, Zone Jib), and Divu Sharma (1500m, Zone Chenani). In field events, Kajal Babey excelled in Long Jump and Discus Throw, while Kiran Sharma won the Shot Put. Team events saw fierce

competition, with Ramnagar winning the U17 Badminton title and Udhampur securing the U14 Badminton championship. Handball titles in both U14 and U17 categories went to Udhampur, with Jib finishing as runners-up.

Besides competitive sports, the meet also included Yoga demonstrations and Taekwondo selection trials, emphasizing the event's broader aim to nurture mental discipline, flexibility, self-defense skills, and emotional balance. These activities underscore a growing focus on comprehensive health and fitness among young girls, extending beyond traditional athletics.

# Jodhamal authors felicitated for literary excellence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School proudly celebrated the creativity and accomplishments of its young literary talents through a special felicitation event held in the school premises.

This inspiring occasion marked the culmination of the BriBooks Young Authors Programme, an innovative initiative that empowers students to explore the art of storytelling by guiding them through the complete process of writing, editing, and publishing their own books.

In the last two years more than 300 students have authored books and these have been printed by the publishers. These books can also be ordered online. These authors have been trained



and mentored by Deepika Ibikunle.

The event, held on the school campus, was graced by the School Management and teachers, who gathered to honour the literary achievements of the students. It served as a powerful platform to recognize and encourage young minds to think creatively and express them confidently.

This year, 180 students from Grades V to IX were

felicitated for their outstanding participation in the BriBooks Summer Writing Festival, the world's largest book writing festival. Their remarkable storytelling skills and imagination earned them widespread appreciation and accolades.

BriBooks CEO Ami Dror extended heartfelt appreciation to the School Trustee Nandan Kuthiala, Director Aarti Kuthiala, Principal Girish Kumar, and Vice

Principal Amita Arora for their visionary leadership and commitment to nurturing young talent. Their dedication has been instrumental in inspiring students to excel on national and international literary platforms.

The felicitation ceremony was a proud and memorable milestone, reinforcing Jodhamal Public School's commitment to promoting creativity, excellence, and holistic education.

# Induction programme organised for students of LSC 1232, MAM College

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Induction program for freshly enrolled learners of January 2025 admission cycle associated with Learner Support Centre of IGNOU (Code: 1232), Govt. MAM College Jammu for all programmes was organized in the Auditorium of Govt. M.A.M. College Jammu today in face to face mode. Around 250 students of various disciplines and programmes participated in the program.

As many as 1130 students of various programmes like BAG, BAM, BCOM, BSCM, BBA, MSO, MHD, CTPM, PGDESD, PGDGI and more have opted for LSC 1232, Govt. M.A.M. College as their Centre for support services.

This is the only Study Centre in the entire Jammu region where BSCM programme is activated for support services to the learners.

Dr. Archana Koul, Principal Govt. MAM College, Coordinator of the LSC 1232, Prof. Neeraj Sharma, Assistant Coordinators, Academic Counsellors of various programmes and staff of the Study Centre were present on the occasion.

A team of Academics from the Regional Centre Jammu comprising Assistant Regional Directors, Dr. Asha Upadhyay, Dr. Vikram Singh and Dr. Zeba under the leadership of Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director were present in the pro-

gram as Resource Persons.

Dr. Sandeep Gupta briefed the learners about various academic activities of IGNOU to be carried out during the course of their respective programmes. Several queries and issues of learners were discussed and resolved in an interactive session with the resource persons.

On the insistence of students concerned an online Induction Program was also organized subsequently in which a number of queries of the students were addressed on the spot. The students were in high spirits and expressed their happiness for having participated in the Induction meeting in face to face mode as well as virtually.