

Firing Neural Sparks: JKPS Kunjwani unlocks Artificial Intelligence potential in youth



Resource persons Dr Jatinder Manhas and Mohsin Hassan speaking during an artificial intelligence workshop at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: In a remarkable initiative to introduce students to emerging technologies, JK Public School Kunjwani successfully conducted an artificial intelligence workshop on 31 May 2025 led by the distinguished AI expert Dr Jatinder Manhas. Mohsin Hassan, a tech enthusiast and a research scholar from Doda was the Guest of Honour. He

has experience in Android App Development, Drone Technology, AI and Machine Learning. The workshop was a dynamic blend of learning, innovation and inspiration designed to equip the students with fundamental knowledge in AI and its real-world applications. Dr Manhas, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Information

Technology at Jammu University and Associate Director of the Skill Incubation Innovation Entrepreneurship Development Centre, brought about his extensive research experience and global academic exposure to the session. With over 18 years in teaching and a portfolio of 95+ publications and four patents, the workshop was both deeply informative and

engaging. It was a hands-on, future forward learning experience. During the workshop, students explored the basics of artificial intelligence, machine learning and computer vision through a series of structured activities, interactive discussion and live demonstrations. Dr Manhas introduced students to real-world applications including AI powered

Early Warning Systems for natural disasters, Emotional Recognition from brain, AI in healthcare diagnostics and smart microscopy, stock market prediction using machine learning Models, drone technology and autonomous systems. The participants were guided through practical examples and engaged in critical thinking exercises that encouraged them to brain-

storm on how artificial intelligence can be applied to solve every day problems. The session included introductory coding demonstrations, guiding students and giving them a glimpse on how AI models are trained and deployed. The Question Answer (Q/A) segment allowed students to pose questions directly to Dr Manhas who answered them calmly and with enthusiasm-motivating the students to

consider future careers in AI, Data Science and Research. "The level of enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by our students was really inspiring", said Rajesh Rathore, Principal JK Public School, Kunjwani. He praised Dr Manhas saying "he had not only brought academic expertise but also a sense of possibility about how students could be a part of building the future with AI".

The workshop concluded with the vote of thanks and felicitation of Dr Manhas. The event left a lasting impression on students. This workshop reflects a commitment of the school to expose the students to real world technologies, nurturing a passion for innovation, and fostering 21st-century skills in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) vision.

JK UT Kickboxing Championship 2025 concludes

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JAMMU: The JK UT Level Kickboxing Championships 2025, held from May 29 to 31 at the Bhagwati Nagar Indoor Stadium, Jammu concluded on Saturday with a vibrant closing ceremony, celebrating an inspiring showcase of talent, determination, and sportsmanship. The ceremony was graced by Satish Sharma, Minister of Youth Services and Sports, as the Chief Guest. He commended the participants and organizers for their dedication to promoting martial arts in Jammu & Kashmir. Joining as Special Guest was B.N. Tantray, Chairman of Doon School, while Faisal Ali Dar, Padma Shri awardee in Sports, was present as Guest of Honour, encouraging young athletes through



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma with participants and officials.

his words and presence. Other dignitaries in attendance included Daud Iqbal Baba, Director of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, and Gourav Chopra, Vice President of the J&K Kickboxing Association and Corporator, Bakshi Nagar. In a thrilling display of skill and teamwork, Jammu District, led by Shiksha Niketan School, emerged as the overall champion, securing the overall trophy while Bandipora District claimed the runner-up trophy and

Rajouri District secured third place, showcasing exceptional performances throughout the tournament. This year's championship also marked a historic first for the region by being digitally managed, with real-time match results digitally recorded, printed, and accessible online via World Sports Data, setting a new benchmark for transparency and innovation in sports administration. The Kickboxing Association of Jammu and Kashmir has been steadfastly promoting the sport for the past decade, operating independently without external financial support. Despite these challenges, kickboxers from the region have consistently excelled on both national and international

platforms, bringing pride to the Union Territory. "We are committed to organizing many more high-quality events in the future to support and empower our athletes," said Abhishek Jain, General Secretary of the J&K Kickboxing Association and National General Secretary of WAKO India Kickboxing Federation. Irfan Choudhary, Jammu District General Secretary, and Sudarshan Singh, Senior Kickboxing Coach and Organising Secretary, also extended thanks to all stakeholders and volunteers. The ceremony ended on a high note with the distribution of medals and trophies, group photographs, and a collective commitment to further the spirit of kickboxing in the Union Territory.

Jagriti wins gold medal at 17th National Kalarippayattu Championship

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JAMMU: Jagriti Sangotra, representing Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, has brought glory to the region by confirming a gold medal at the 17th National Kalarippayattu Championship, held in Kerala. "Jagriti competed in the Senior Girls' Kaipporu event (60-75 Kg weight category) and displayed exceptional courage, endurance, and martial arts prowess by winning six consecutive fights to claim the top podium position," said Danish Sharma, Secretary General, Kalarippayattu Association of Jammu & Kashmir. "This remarkable achievement not only highlights her individual excellence but also marks a significant milestone in the history of Kalarippayattu in J&K," Danish added. "We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Jagriti Sangotra for her outstanding performance. She is a true inspiration for



the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and a proud ambassador of our martial heritage," Danish said.

LEAD, JKSC sign MoU to drive sports-led development in Region



Nuzhat Gul, Secretary JKSC and Rajesh Gupta, Board Member LEAD after signing MoU.

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JAMMU: In a landmark step towards promoting regional growth and youth empowerment, Jammu & Kashmir State Sports Council (JKSCC) and LEAD (Ladakh Jammu & Kashmir Economic Growth and Development Dialogue) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at LEAD Office, Jammu, marking the beginning of a

strategic partnership to promote sports as a catalyst for sustainable development across Jammu and Kashmir. The MoU was signed by Nuzhat Gul, Secretary of the J&K Sports Council, and Rajesh Gupta, Board Member of LEAD, in the presence of LEAD State Convenor, Harinder Gupta. In his address Harinder Gupta said, sports have emerged as a powerful

engine of community development, employment generation, economic growth, and national pride. Globally, the sports economy contributes significantly to GDP through diverse streams such as infrastructure development, event tourism, merchandising, equipment manufacturing, wellness services, and media etc. Speaking at the event, Nuzhat Gul emphasized the

Council's commitment to building an integrated sports ecosystem that goes beyond infrastructure to touch lives at every level. Rajesh Gupta highlighted the role of public-civic collaboration in creating lasting impact and inclusive growth in the Union Territories. This partnership reflects a shared vision to harness the power of sports for building a resilient, empowered, and future-ready Jammu-Kashmir. RK Chibber (Coordinator-Cooperative Sector) concluded the event with his closing remarks. Notable dignitaries included Sanjeev Sharma (Board Member), Shivang Satya Gupta (Coordinator-Tourism Sector), Suneel Mahajan (Coordinator-Handloom & Handicraft Sector), Vishal Abrol (Coordinator-Real Estate & Housing Sector) and other members of LEAD.

GGHSS Nowabad hosts lecture series under NMBA



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JAMMU: In a significant initiative aimed at eradicating substance abuse, Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Nowabad organized a comprehensive awareness program under the banner of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA). The event was conducted under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Kartar Chand Sharma. The program included

insightful lectures delivered by resource persons from various departments, who shed light on the causes, consequences, and preventive measures related to drug abuse. Their addresses focused on empowering youth with knowledge and promoting a drug-free lifestyle. A pledge against drug abuse was also taken to

reaffirm our commitment to a drug-free and healthy lifestyle. The program was anchored by Poonam Gupta, a dedicated teacher of the school, who effectively led the session themed on drug abuse. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and Resource person's

Thought-provoking interactions and Vice Principal Jyoti Kumari thoughts left a lasting impact on the attendees. The Head of the Institution extended heartfelt thanks to all the speakers and contributors and reiterated their commitment to the national mission of building a drug-free and healthy society.

Dev Bhoomi Gold Cup Cricket Tournament Clinical J&K begins campaign in style; thrashes Goa by 73 runs



Winner J&K team after winning the match.

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DEHRADUN: Executing their skills in accordance with the play set by their Coach Ajay Sharma, former International cricketer, clinical J&K thrashed Goa by a big margin of 73 runs, thus began their campaign in style in the ongoing prestigious Dev Bhoomi Gold Cup Cricket Tournament at Ayush Cricket Academy ground, Dehradun, on Saturday. Earlier, put into bat, J&K scored a good total of 311 runs in the stipulated 50 overs. Yawer Hassan and skipper Shubham Singh Pundir showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up brilliant fifties. Yawer scored 61 off 51 balls,

studded with 9 fours and 2 sixes, while Pundir contributed 57 off 67 balls with 4 fours and 2 sixes. Kanhaiya Wadhawan scored 37 off 43 balls with 2 fours and one six, while Abid Mushtaq contributed 36 off 33 balls with one four and 3 sixes. Qamran Iqbal (24) Sahil Lotra (24), Nasir Lone (23) also contributed to the team's good total. Vanshaj Sharma and Anqib Nabi also chipped in with 12 and 11 runs respectively. For Goa, Heramb Parab and Felix Alemoa took 3 wickets each, while skipper Darshan Misal bagged 2 wickets. Shubham Tari and Deepraj Gaonkar claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Goa scored 238 runs in 41 overs, thus losing the match by a big margin of 73 runs. Ishan Gadekar top scored with 66 runs off 40 balls, studded with 10 fours and 2 sixes, while Kashyap Bakle scored 54 off 63 balls with 2 fours and 2 sixes and Aryan Narvekar contributed 51 off 63 balls with 6 fours and one six. Left-arm spinners Vanshaj Sharma and Abid Mushtaq took 3 wickets each, while medium pacers Anqib Nabi and Sunil Kumar bagged 2 wickets each. Off spinner Sahil Lotra claimed one wicket. For his fabulous all-round show, Abid Mushtaq was declared as the player of the match. J&K Coach Ajay Sharma was also honoured by the organisers for his reputation and skill on the occasion. Member Administration JKCA, Brig Anil Gupta and Member Cricket Operation JKCA, Mithun Manhas congratulated the team for this fabulous start in the tournament. Now, J&K will face Himachal Pradesh in the next outing at the same venue on June 2, 2025.

Ashoka Law College students attend National Lok Adalat proceedings in Kathua

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KATHUA: Students of Ashoka Law College, Kathua participated in an educational visit to the National Lok Adalat held at the District Court complex in Kathua. The Lok Adalat was organized under the supervision of the District and Sessions Judge, Kathua. The visit aimed to provide law students with practical exposure to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and the functioning of Lok Adalats in India's legal

system. Hitesh Bhargav, Assistant Professor at Ashoka Law College, accompanied the students during the visit. The students keenly observed the proceedings and gained valuable insights into the resolution of legal disputes through amicable settlement and negotiation. The visit was appreciated by the students as a meaningful learning experience bridging theoretical legal studies with practical observation.



Students of Ashoka Law College, Kathua participating in an educational visit to the National Lok Adalat at Kathua.

DIS Jammu hosts IIMUN, inaugurates multipurpose Champion Zone



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma with faculty at a programme.

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JAMMU: Doon International School (DIS) Jammu hosted the inaugural day of its distinguished India's International Movement To Unite Nations (IIMUN) conference on Saturday, which is set to continue for the next two days. The event has brought together an impressive assembly of 570 students from reputed CBSE schools across Jammu and neighbouring regions. The event was honoured by the presence of the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, J&K, Satish Sharma; Member of the

Legislative Assembly, Ch Vikram Randhawa; former Director General of Police, S.P Vaid; ADGP Armed, Anand Jain; Col. Harinder Singh and Padma Shri recipient, Faizal Ali Dar. In addition, the ceremony was graced by the school's distinguished leadership team, including Chairman G. N. Tantray, Vice Chairman M. A. Tantray, Principal Dr. Vikesh Kaur; Director Leesan UI Nabi, Director Shazia Mushtaq, Vice Principal Dr. Sarita Moza Koul, Academic Manager Gazia Khan and Headmistress Shivali Singh Pathania. A key highlight of the day was the formal inaugura-

tion of the new Multipurpose Sports Facility Ground consisting of a combination of unique Basketball court, Volleyball court, Badminton court and skating rink which was unveiled by Sports Minister Satish Sharma in the presence of other guests and school dignitaries. All the distinguished guests appreciated the earnest endeavours of DIS in nurturing not only the academic excellence but also providing abundant opportunities to the young leaders of the nation for incredible exposure leading to holistic development.