

# JU hosts Client Counselling Competition to foster real-world legal skills

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JAMMU: The Law School, University of Jammu (JU), on Tuesday organized an engaging Client Counselling Competition, designed to simulate critical attorney-client interactions for its students.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Emphasizing the societal impact of legal counselling, he commended the Law School for integrating practical simulations into legal education, stating, "Such initiatives empower students to navigate real-life disputes with sensitivity and professionalism."

Earlier, Prof. Seema Rohmetra, Director of the Law School, in her welcome address expressed, "This



DIG J-S-K Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma with faculty and winner students at JU.

competition bridges the gap between theoretical learning and real-world legal practice. By engaging in simulated client interactions, our students develop not just legal acumen but also the human touch required in

the profession. Such initiatives align with our vision of producing socially responsible and practice-ready lawyers."

A distinguished panel of High Court advocates, including Adv. Rajnish

Raina, Adv. Meenakshi Slathia Kaur, Adv. Aarti Bahl, Adv. Geetanjali Goswami, Adv. Kiran Thakur, and Adv. Deepak Sangral, adjudicated the competition, bringing invaluable real-world insights.

Additionally, Adv. Amit Gupta and Adv. Ilesh Sharma witnessed the proceedings and interacted with participants.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Monica Narang and Dr. Nitin Sharma of the Legal Aid and Legal Literacy Committee.

Faculty mentors, including Dr. Shubha Vats, Dr. Bindu Sangra, Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, Dr. Pallvi Mathavan, Dr. Mrinalini Khrey, Dr. Rajneesh Khajuria, Dr. Vandita Sharma, Dr. Upasana

Sharma, and Dr. Nitin Sharma, played a pivotal role in guiding participants.

The student organizing committee comprising Navneet Bhagat, Aditi, Simran Sharma, Aamna Sadiq, Musafir, Palak, and Rupal ensured the event's seamless execution. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to winning teams, judges, participants, and volunteer clients.

The knowledge partner Kamal Taneja (J&K & Ladakh Law Journal & LEGAL EAGLE E-Library) and S. Randhir Singh (Study IQ IAS) engaged with students, offering support for competitive exam preparation and legal updates.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Monika Bhardwaj.

# JKCA's 10-day Fitness, Fielding Camp for women gets underway

Focus on Yoga, Fielding, Strength & Conditioning: Brig Gupta

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Associations's 10-day Physical Fitness and Fielding Camp for women players began simultaneously at Jammu and Srinagar simultaneously this morning.

"At Jammu the camp is being held in two sessions (morning and evening) due to large strength of players, while in Srinagar only one session is being held," said Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA.

He said the syllabus of the Camp includes Yoga, Strength & Conditioning and Fielding under the watchful eyes of Coaches and Support Staff.

JKCA has already held Talent Hunt Camps at both the Headquarters of Jammu and Srinagar involving



around 400 women cricketers across all age groups.

It is pertinent to mention here that women cricket is on the rise as JKCA Senior Women's team sealed berth in the quarterfinals last season and U-15 Women's team also qualified for the quarterfinals two seasons before.

Around 20 women cricketers made it to the Zonal

teams, Challenger Trophies and NCA Camps from last few seasons. While the Association provides all the requisite facilities and exposure tours to the women cricketers, the Selectors, Coaches, Trainers and other allied Support Staff leaves no stone unturned in enhancing standard of women cricket.

# Randhawa felicitates Jagriti for historic gold

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JAMMU: Legislator, Ch Vikram Randhawa on Tuesday felicitated Jagriti Sangotra, who excelled with a gold medal in the 17th National Kalarippayattu Championship which held in Kerala.

Randhawa congratulated Jagriti for her outstanding performance and wished her good luck for the future endeavours. He appreciated her dedication, hard work, and determination in mastering the ancient martial art of Kalarippayattu.

He encouraged her to continue striving for excellence and serve as an inspiration to other young athletes.

Jagriti's historic achievement not only highlighted



MLA Ch Vikram Randhawa felicitating Jagriti Sangotra.

her personal talent but also reflects the growing strength of Kalarippayattu in J&K.

The entire Kalarippayattu fraternity, along with the people of J&K, take pride in her success.

# Goswami, Magotra flag off trekking group to Himachal

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JAMMU: Dharamshala Himalayan Trekking Programme organized by Tawi Trekkers, the premier trekking organisation of J&K, commenced today with 90 students, both boys and girls, of MHAC School, Nagbani, here leaving for Dharamshala to participate in the prestigious adventure activity.

The group being led by Sourav Deep Singh, a trained mountaineer and a seasoned trekker of Tawi Trekkers, also includes four teachers of the school, Vinod Manhas, Geetika Jamwal, Gayatri and Vishal Sharma.

Three young sport climbers, Vikas Singh, Kashish Bharti and Suksham also accompanied the group as junior leaders. During the four days



Group of trekkers of MHAC School, Nagbani, Jammu with the dignitaries before their departure for Dharamshala in Himachal.

sojourn in Dharamshala area, the trekkers would visit Meleodganj, Chamunda, Dalai Lama Temple, the headquarters of Tibetan Government in exile; Bhagshunag, Water fall, Dharamkot, popularly called mini Israel; Gallu temple,

the beautiful Dharamshala stadium, the sacred Norbulinga Institute and monastri and Tapovan besides Nagini Devi enroute their return journey to Jammu.

However, the special attraction of the programme

is a visit to a sprawling tea garden and a tea manufacturing company where the students shall learn the complete process of production of tea.

Students taking part in this Trekking Programme besides being explained the

benefits of such venture in the personality development of a child shall also be taught to respect nature and environment and not create a clutter of left over in the jungles enroute.

Earlier, the group was flagged off by Chairman of the Club Anil Goswami, a former Union Home

Secretary; Padma Shri Prof Lalit Magotra and Principal of MHAC School, Nagbani Sonia Anand from Kala Kendra Jammu in the presence of Ram Khajuria and Vivek Chauhan, both

Advisors to the club, staff of the participating school and a large number of parents of the students.

Second group of trekkers of MHAC School Nagbani shall leave for the trekking on June 13.

# ICAI J&K Branch conducts CA Student National Talent Search-J&K Round



ICAI J&K Branch members posing with winner participants.

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), under the aegis of the Board of Studies (Academic), on Tuesday organized the CA Student National Talent Search 2025 - Jammu Round on 9th and 10th June 2025 at ICAI Bhawan, Jammu.

The program was inaugu-

rated by CA Sourav Pargal, Chairman of the J&K Branch, who encouraged students to make the most of such platforms that foster leadership and confidence.

The event was coordinated by CA Sanchit Aggarwal, Treasurer of the Branch, with active support from CA Ayush Mahajan, Executive Member, and CA Amit Gupta, Vice

Chairman. CA Jatin Malhotra, Secretary of the J&K Branch, appreciated the students' dedication and assured continued efforts by the branch to empower and support the student community through such meaningful initiatives.

Winners of the Talent Search - Jammu & Kashmir Round in Debate C o m p e t i t i o n :

Aaishwardhan Sharma, first and Prashant Sharma, second. Elocution Competition: Amulaya Mahajan, first and Harshita Jasrotia, second. Essay Writing Competition: Nihar Gupta, first, Vanshika Gupta, second and Akash Phull, third. Pitch Deck Competition (Team): Gouri Sharma & Kunal Sharma, first. Quiz Competition (Team): Anmol Bucha & Tejas Gupta, first.

The winners will now represent the J&K Branch at the Regional Level of the competition. The top teams from the national finals stand a chance to win attractive cash prizes and recognition by ICAI.

The J&K Branch extended congratulations to all the winners and participants, and remains committed to nurturing the talent and potential of future Chartered Accountants.

# Ridima enthral students at summer camp at Jyotirpunj Ashram

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JAMMU: About a hundred students of Sacred Heart Public School, Purkhoo Camp had a musical bonanza at Jyotirpunj Ashram, Chalani village where they visited for Summer Camp. Braving heat waves, the Ashram nestled in a thick cover of fruit and other trees provided a natural setting for a summer camp and musical goldmine.

The Ashram has been established and run by the nationally acclaimed Hindustani vocalist, septuagenarian Nadayogi Vijay Kumar Sambyal, popularly known as 'Rangeley Thakur'. The Jyotirpunj Ashram is a sylvan retreat located around 30 kilometres at Chalani village under Aitham panchayat in Nagrota mandal of Jammu district.

This Sunday the secluded ashram was abuzz with young students and their



Ridima Bajpai reciting raag Brindabani Sarang at Jyotirpunj Ashram.

teachers. As a part of the Summer Camp, the school, in association with Tarakeshwara Foundation of Visakhapatnam, had scheduled a Hindustani vocal recital by Ridima Bajpai in the ashram. She was accompanied by Pt. Divyansh Shastri on the harmonium and Vid. Rajveer Singh on the tabla.

Eighteen-year-old Ridima enthralled the young students with her remarkable

rendition of raag Brindabani Sarang. While she chose to skip bada khayal in vilambit laya due time constraint, she started with her alaap in madhya laya followed by chhota khayal in drut laya. With her mellifluous voice, she orchestrated a silky weave of swaras, making the audience spellbound. She concluded her concert with a beautiful bhajan from Avadhoot Gita, that served as an icing on the

cake. The concert was also attended, among others, by the two daughters of late Padma Sahdev, a legendary Dogri poetess and Padmashree awardee. The veteran Vijay Kumar Sambyal, former director AIR, Jammu, visits the school every Saturday, along with his main disciple, Ridima, to teach Hindustani music to a select batch of students.

# Certificate Course in Theatre at JU, a wonderful opportunity to transform personalities

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JAMMU: With the noble mission to offer a platform where students can sharpen their creative skills and transform their personalities to become a better version of themselves, Skill Development & Career Planning Vertical (SDCPV) of Skill Incubation Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC) in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu is offering a well-structured 30-Day Certificate Course in Theatre in synchronization with the inclusive vision for education of Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Jammu University. The course is being conducted under the supervision of Prof Alka Sharma, Director, SIIEDC and Prof. Garima Gupta, coordinator SDCPV and being coordinated by Mr. Sumeet Sharma, Drama

Instructor, DSW who is also a National Awardee in Theatre Direction. Besides this, experts in the field of theatre and personality development would mentor the participants. The efficacy of the course can be ascertained from the heartening feedback received from the participants of the previous session who vociferously advocate its success in making them explore their self and surroundings and not just understand their innate capabilities but to use it effectively. The course is designed to provide a fertile ambience and immersive experience to the participants where their creativity flourishes and confidence nourishes and in addition to attaining the acting skills, they involuntarily imbibe the soft-skills like effective communication & public speaking, understanding of body language, controlling emotions & expres-

sions, confidence, spontaneity, team-spirit and more. Minimum qualification for registration is 12th pass. The course will commence from 20th June 2025 at University of

Jammu and registration is open till 18th June 2025. As there are limited seats, the admission would be based on prior screening if required. For registration, the office of Dean

Students Welfare, University of Jammu can be visited during office hours or the candidates can contact the course coordinator at 7006283212.

# Chisti to visit China for exposure trip

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JAMMU: Ayeera Chisti of J&K among 28 named in the Indian Wushu team for the foreign exposure training in China from June eight to July two.

The event is being held in view of the 17th World Wushu Championship at Brazil from August 30 to September seven, a handout issued by the Wushu Association of J&K here today informed.

Ayeera Chisti was recently topped the ranking in 52 kg weight category during the Senior selection trials which held at Dehradun from in April last. On the basis of her performance,



the technical committee of Wushu Association of India shortlisted her as one of the member of the Indian team for the exposure trip.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has sanctioned the 28-member Indian

Wushu team at Cost to Government, the handout mentioned.

Bronze medal winner in Junior World Championship and National Games, Ayeera Chisti has to her credit many medals.

Meanwhile, Wushu Association of J&K office bearers including president Vijay Saraf, Bhavneet (general secretary), Ranjeet Kalra (vice president) and Sohiti Sharma congratulated Chisti for her achievement. Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul also extended good wishes to Chisti for the upcoming event.

# Spectrum King's Pampore triumphs in thrilling at Hassanpora Premier League



Winner Spectrum King's Cricket Club, Pampore posing for a photograph.

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PAMPORE: In a nail-biting encounter, Spectrum King's Cricket Club, Pampore emerged victorious against Royal Friends Cricket Club in a highly anticipated cricket match at Hassanpora Premier League.

The winning team displayed exceptional skill and determination, piling up a mammoth score of 204 runs. The win proved to be a historic win in an electrifying atmosphere which will always stay afresh in the memory lanes of cricket.

The team owners, Gowhar Bhat and Sarfaraz Rashid deserves special accolades for

his unwavering support and vision.

The team's outstanding performance was a testament to the exceptional coaching of Ex-Ranji player Asif Jeelani, who has been instrumental in grooming the team and taking it to great heights. Under his guidance, the team has consistently demonstrated remarkable improvement, and this win is a shining example of their hard work and dedication.

Spectrum King Cricket Club Pampore's journey has been truly appreciable. Forged with a group of young, talented local boys from Pampore and Pulwma.

The team has risen to prominence with the active support of Coach Asif Jeelani and Secretary Sarfaraz Rashid Bhat defeating a strong team like Royal Friends Cricket Club a remarkable achievement, and it speaks volumes about the team's spirit and potential.

This victory is not just a win for the team, but also a proud moment for Pampore's cricketing community. Spectrum King's Pampore has brought new name and fame to Pampore's cricketing horizons, and we look forward to seeing the team continue to excel in the future.