

**Rangyug's SIP- 2025 concludes with vibrant performances**

**GCW Parade, GCW Gandhi Nagar students present self-devised acts**

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JAMMU: The Second Edition of the Summer Internship Programme (SIP 2025), organised by Rangyug Performing Arts Foundation, came to a meaningful conclusion on Thursday after 60 hours of intensive creative engagement.

The programme, specially designed for the students of GCW Parade Ground and PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar, aimed to empower young women through the performing arts. It offered a wide array of sessions that nurtured expression, confidence, and artistic skills.

At the concluding ceremony, the students showcased a vibrant array of performances, including solo acts, group songs, and a specially devised theatrical performance, "Meri Awaaz"-all created during the internship. Their presentations mesmerised the audience and beautifully reflected their learning, creativity, and growth throughout the programme.

The Chief Guest on the occasion, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Nodal



GCW Parade and GCW Gandhi Nagar students posing with dignitaries.

Principal, All Colleges of Jammu Division, applauded the initiative and said that the enriching internship programme, initiated by Rangyug, has added a new dimension to student development. Facilitating this meaningful experience reflects our commitment to NEP 2020's vision of holistic and multidisciplinary education. Rangyug's creative leadership, professionalism, and dedication to empowering young minds through the arts have made a lasting impact. Such collaborations foster creativity, confidence, and practical exposure while enhancing real-world readiness among young women

learners.

In his remarks, Deepak Kumar, Director, Rangyug, said, "This internship was about unlocking creative potential and nurturing discipline. Rangyug has always believed in the transformative power of the arts-not just for skill-building, but for self-realisation and social change. Our aim is to foster creativity, critical thinking, and leadership through theatre, music, dance, and cultural expression. The confidence and growth shown by these young learners is truly inspiring."

Over the course of the internship, students engaged in a range of disciplines

including theatre, music, dance, yoga, compering, lyrics, and studio production. From theatre games, diction and voice training to Kathak basics and hands-on music recording, the curriculum fostered self-expression, creativity, and collaborative learning.

Mentors who guided the participants through this journey included eminent names like Deepak Kumar, Ashutosh Sharma, Pankaj Pradhan, Vicky Gill, Parshottam Kumar, Madhvi Sharma, Raj Kumar Behrupia, Mohit Sharma & party, S. Amarjeet Singh, Narinder Sharma, Dr. Priya Dutta, and Shivan Gupta,

among others. The SIP programme was coordinated by Ashish Sharma.

The participants themselves expressed their heartfelt appreciation. One student shared, "This internship helped me discover a new side of myself. I now feel more confident on stage and in life." Another added, "Learning directly from professionals in real studio setups and performance spaces was a dream come true."

As a mark of their successful completion, certificates were distributed to all the students who participated in SIP 2025.

Rangyug remains dedicated to fostering community, culture and creativity through the performing arts, with SIP standing tall as one of its most impactful youth initiatives to date.

Among others, those present at the valedictory function included Pankaj Pradhan, S. Amarjeet Singh, Raj Kumar Behrupia, Dr. Rajesh Kant Dr. Randeher Kour, and faculty members from the Music and other departments of the college.

**APS BD Bari inaugurates lawn tennis facility**

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JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) BD Bari inaugurated its new lawn tennis courts, marked by a ceremonial 'drawing of the curtain'.

Major General Mukesh Bhanwala, General Officer Commanding 26 Infantry Division and Patron of the school, served as the chief guest.

He was joined by Brigadier Aniket Dilip Deo (Chairman APS BD Bari), Lt Col Kanwar Rohit Singh (SO APS BD Bari), and Neeta Rawal (Principal APS BD Bari).

During the event, Major General Bhanwala interacted with students and demonstrated his skills in a friendly match. He showcased his tennis prowess with an ace 'Service' to open the



Major General Mukesh Bhanwala, GOC 26 infantry Division inaugurating lawn tennis courts.

match. He inspired the young athletes to embrace sports as a vital component of life.

The highlight of the occasion was the felicitation of Diksha Bhat, the school's Special Educator, who received the "Rising

Star AWWA - Award of Excellence" from Major General Mukesh Bhanwala, General Officer Commanding. The Patron lauded the school's outstanding infrastructure and celebrated its many achievements.

**Pankaj Verma qualifies Ph.D**

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JAMMU: Pankaj Verma, son of Kuldeep Kumar, resident of Mehtabpur Tehsil and District Kathua has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computer Application by Arni



University Himachal Pradesh.

He worked on the topic, "A Framework to Detect and Analyze the Impact of Social Bots in Propaganda Proliferation on Social Networks" under the supervision of Dr. Sunita Mahajan.

**Gold medalist Vimal Jit felicitated by Rajyogini BK Sudarshan Didi**

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JAMMU: Vimal Jit Singh, a proud bodybuilder from Jammu and Kashmir, was today felicitated at the Om Shanti Meditation Center, 248/A B.C. Road, Jammu, for his remarkable achievement in winning a gold medal in the 55kg category at the 15th Men's South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship held recently in Thimphu, Bhutan.

This victory is historic as it marks the first international bodybuilding gold medal for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, bringing immense pride to the region and highlighting the emerging talent in the field of fitness and sports.

The felicitation ceremony was led by Rajyogini BK Sudarshan Didi, Senior Northern Zone Coordinator of the Sports Wing, Rajyoga Education and Research Foundation (RERF). She was joined by BK Ravinder Bhai and BK Surinder Bhai Ji, who together honored



Bodybuilder, Vimal Jit Singh being felicitated.

Vimal Jit Singh for his exceptional dedication and performance on the international stage.

During the event, Vimal Jit Singh credited his success to God, acknowledging the spiritual strength and inner peace he gained through meditation and discipline, which played a crucial role in his journey to victory.

The gathering also served to inspire young athletes, as speakers emphasized the importance of spiritual well-being, focus, and positive

thinking in achieving excellence in sports. The Rajyoga Education and Research Foundation, through its Sports Wing, continues to support and motivate sportspersons across the nation by integrating values-based training with athletic discipline.

The felicitation concluded with blessings from the dignitaries and renewed encouragement for Vimal Jit Singh as he continues to strive for excellence and bring further accolades to the region and the country.

**Model Academy organises week-long Capacity Building Programme for teachers**

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JAMMU: Model Academy School successfully concluded a week-long Capacity Building Programme for its faculty from July 3 to July 14, 2025. The initiative, aimed at enhancing teaching effectiveness and professional growth, featured a series of interactive sessions conducted by seasoned educators and experts.

The programme began with a session on Effective Communicative Skills by Maneka Khanna, Academic Manager (Primary Wing), who emphasized clarity, active listening, and empathetic engagement through activities like Chinese Whisper, Emotion Charades, and Barrier Games.

Principal Pramod Kumar Srivastava led an insightful workshop on Active Learning, highlighting techniques such as think-pair-share, jigsaw tasks, simulations, and the use of multimedia tools to boost classroom participation and



Model Academy School faculty at closing ceremony of a week-long Capacity Building Programme.

learner engagement.

A session on Effective Pedagogies and Outcome-Based Education by vice-principal, J.K. Dhiman focused on aligning teaching strategies with student learning needs and modern educational outcomes.

A comprehensive two-day workshop on the School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) was conducted by Academic Managers, Dr. Pooja Mishra, Prince

Sharma, and Manju Vali offering domain-wise insights for quality improvement and implementation.

Rupa Gupta, Joint Director, MIER, conducted a powerful session on Empowered Leadership for Impactful Learning, equipping educators with dynamic leadership strategies to foster enriched learning environments.

An advanced workshop on Use of AI and IT Tools for Question Paper Framing was

led by Dr.Moolraj Sharma, Professor and Head, Centre for Educational Technology, MIER College. The session introduced educators to generative AI tools for enhanced assessment practices.

Additionally, a two-day training on Tata Edge Smart Class was facilitated by Mahesh Sharma, Area Academic Trainer, focusing on digital integration and tech-enabled teaching approaches.

Dr. Adit Gupta, Director,

appreciated the school's initiative in organizing such comprehensive and insightful sessions on diverse educational themes. The programme was efficiently coordinated by Divya Rathore, In-charge Trainings, who ensured its smooth execution. The sessions received enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from faculty, reaffirming the school's strong commitment to continuous professional development.

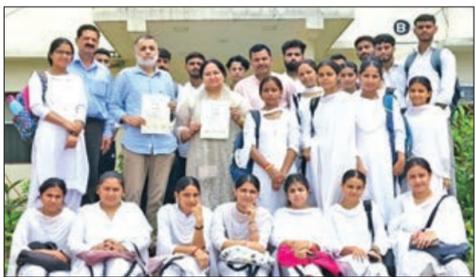
**GDC Marh marks successful culmination of Internship Programme**

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JAMMU: To foster the entrepreneurial and research skills amongst the students as a part of NEP 2020 guidelines, Government Degree College, Marh conducted 15 days summer internship for B.A/B.Sc./ and B.Com Semester Vth students.

These students underwent the internship course at different institutes, which commenced on July 1st and concluded on 15th July, 2025. The internship was conducted under the overall guidance of Prof Rameek Kaur, Principal of the College.

Speaking on the occasion she expressed her satisfaction on the successful completion of the internship programme and appreciated the partner institutes and students for their zeal to learn new skills aligned with NEP-2020.



Students posing with faculty members.

The internship programme was aimed to provide hands-on exposure, practical insights aligned with student academic curriculum so that students can contribute effectively to the society as a responsible citizens.

During the course of the internship, students were placed at Industrial Training Institute, ITI, Jammu (32 students), Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship

Development Institute Regional office Jammu, JKEDI (26 students) and Supertech (India) computer Education (26 students) where they engaged in real-time projects and gained valuable professional experience.

On the culmination of internship Programme at Govt. ITI Jammu, Er Abdul Rashid Sheikh, Principal ITI Jammu, highlighted the

importance of skill in day to day life.

He emphasized upon the participants to undergo different skill programmes for effective contribution in Nation building.

As per him in the contemporary world, a degree holder with skill is more effective and relevant as compared to a degree holder without Skill. In order to achieve the mission of Viksit Bharat 2047, every individual is supposed to be equipped with some skill.

Dr. Vinod Kumar (Incharge Internships JKEDI, Jammu), Puneet Mahajan, Director Super-Tech Computers, Jammu and Reena Wazir, Course Coordinator of Super-Tech Computers also highlighted the importance of such skill courses and their relevance in day to day life at their respective centres on con-

cluding day while interacting with the participants.

It is pertinent to mention that the college also signed MOU with ITI Jammu to strengthen industry-academia collaboration and organise more such programs so as to bridge the gap between education and employ-ability.

On the concluding session of the internship program students presented their experiences, learning, and project outcomes. Faculty mentors appreciated the student dedication and highlighted the importance of such practical engagements in shaping future careers.

Dr. Intiaz Shahid, convenor of Internship Committee coordinated all the internship programmes along with Major subjects in-charge, Prof. Anita Kumari, Dr. Ashu Jolly, Prof. Asha Kumari, Dr. Balvinder Saini and Prof. Surbhi Gupta.

**Inter-Zonal Dist Level Tournament: Kho-Kho, Volleyball final matches held**

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DODA: The 6th day of the second phase of the Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament witnessed high-octane action at Government Degree College Grounds and City Middle School Grounds Doda on Thursday.

The ongoing tournament is being organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Doda to promote athletic excellence and team spirit among school children.

The day featured intense competitions in Kho-Kho and Volleyball, drawing participation from over 240 enthusiastic students and players representing 10 different zones of District Doda. In the Under-14 Girls Kho-Kho final, an exciting match unfolded between Zone Gundna and Zone Thathri. With swift reflexes and coordinated teamwork, Zone Gundna triumphed over Thathri by a margin of 7 points.

In the Under-14 Boys Volleyball final, teams from Zone Bhallessa and Zone Bhagwah battled it out in a gripping contest. Both teams demonstrated excellent form, but Zone Bhallessa emerged victorious with a 2-1 set win, thanks to their strategic game play and resilience.

The matches were marked by spirited competition, commendable discipline and enthusiastic support from fellow participants and spectators.

**84 JU, College students complete Summer Internship at JKEDI**

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JAMMU: A fresh batch of 84 students from Jammu University (Bhaderwah Campus), Government Sri Prapat Memorial Rajput (SPMR) College, Jammu, Government Degree College (GDC), Marh, Jammu and Government College for Women (GCW), Parade, Jammu completed their mandatory summer internship at Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Institute (JKEDI), the other day.

The students underwent 10-day (60 hours) Summer Internship at the Bari-Brahmana campus of the institute and JKEDI District Centre Jammu.

As per the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, all undergraduate students have to complete 60 hours of internship program for completion of

their degree program. The students were introduced to the role and functioning of the JKEDI. They gained exposure to the program verticals of the institute, all aimed at promoting entrepreneurship as a viable career choice in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

A series of sessions related to core principles of entrepreneurship, decision making, time management and leadership were held for the interns, offering real-time exposure to running a successful business venture. These activities helped the interns to gain insight into the challenges faced by an entrepreneur and the ways to overcome them.

At the valediction ceremony held at Bari Brahmana Campus, Joint Director JKEDI Chand Kishore Sharma discussed the importance of innovation and

emphasized on entrepreneurship as a career choice in today's competitive environment.

Meanwhile, two Internship programmes commenced at Bari Brahmana campus of the institute and JKEDI District Centre Udhampur where 71 students of Government SPMR College of Commerce and 23 students from Bhaskar Degree College Udhampur are undergoing the mandatory internship of 60 hours/10 days. The internship programs are being conducted by a team of expert faculty of the JKEDI under the overall supervision of the Director, JKEDI.

Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Institute (JKEDI) is dedicated to foster entrepreneurship and self-employment in the region through training, research and development activities.

**APS Damana organises collaborative plantation drive**

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JAMMU: In a laudable stride towards fostering ecological equilibrium and sustainable living, Chenab Brigade along with Deputy Director Forest Protection Force, J-2, Sidhra, Jammu organized a successful Plantation Drive at Army Public School Damana on Thursday.

Under the theme "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam", the initiative was envisioned to heighten students' awareness about the critical importance of nurturing nature and taking concrete steps towards a greener, healthier planet.

The drive commenced under the sagacious leadership of the Brig Kumar Anand, Chairman APS Damana who warmly welcomed

Anwar Aftab Shah, Deputy Director, Forest Protection Force, J-2, Sidhra, Jammu and Nasreen Shah.

The special guests present on the occasion were Surbhi Anand, FWO Chenab Brigade, Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana, Col Bhavy Kulshreshtha, Mrs Shalini Mathur and Akshita Anand.

The dignitaries along with enthusiastic students of classes I to VI -Syed Anwar Shah (IVA), Mihika Singh (IV B), Lakshaya (V B), Gurvansh Kumar (V C), Lavanaya (VI C), Atharva Sharma (VI D) and Sushma Parihar, PRT planted various saplings of indigenous species such as Peepal, Rudraksh, Amla, Arjun, Bel thereby contributing to the augmen-

tation of the green cover.

The saplings were planted along with the engraved name plates of the guests and students with a thought that when the students grow, so will the trees.

This verdant initiative not only embellished the school premises with lush foliage but also imbued the students with an enduring sense of accountability towards Mother Nature.

In his eloquent address, Chairman APS Damana insisted that the plantation drive is not just about planting trees; it's about nurturing a culture of environmental responsibility among students. We want students to understand that every sapling planted is a

commitment to the future.

Anwar Aftab Shah, Deputy Director, Forest Protection Force signified the indispensable role of trees in mitigating climate change and preserving ecological equilibrium.

Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana holds that this plantation stands with its focus on sustaining the plants; to foster a culture of responsibility towards nature among students.

She ensured that these saplings will surely be taken care of thereafter. The event culminated with an expression of gratitude extended to all participants and a collective resolve to perpetuate such eco-conscious undertakings in the times to come.