

JK Public School Kunjwani organises stirring workshop on ‘Operation Sindoor’ to ignite patriotism among youth

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani, resonated with the spirit of patriotism as it hosted a compelling and thought-provoking workshop on "Operation Sindoor", delivered by the valiant and highly decorated officer of the Indian Army, Captain Rao.

The session was designed to instill a deep sense of national pride among students and motivate them to pursue a life of honour in the armed forces.

Captain Rao captivated the students of Grades 11 and 12 with a powerful narrative of Operation Sindoor - a decisive military operation that demonstrated India's unflinching response to the Pahalgam terror attack. With precision and passion, he unfolded the strategic brilliance and indomitable



Captain Rao delivering lecture during a workshop on "Operation Sindoor" at JK Public School Kunjwani.

courage of the Indian Army, offering the students a glimpse into the grit and heroism that define our defence forces.

Beyond recounting battlefield exploits, Captain Rao emphasized the core values

that shape every soldier - discipline, integrity, patriotism, and selfless service. He also shed light on the rapid modernization of the Indian Armed Forces, elaborating on cutting-edge technologies and advanced warfare capa-

bilities that are redefining the contours of India's military prowess.

A special focus was laid on sensitizing students about the responsible use of social media, particularly in safeguarding national interests.

Furthermore, Captain Rao provided invaluable guidance on career pathways into the armed forces, elaborating on the SSB (Services Selection Board) procedure, the CDS (Combined Defence Services) examina-

tion, and the NDA (National Defence Academy) entry points - empowering aspiring candidates with clarity and direction.

The session also revisited India's major counter-terror operations including the

Parliament attack, 26/11 Mumbai strikes, Pulwama, and the recent Pahalgam incident, reinforcing India's zero-tolerance stance against terrorism. In a heartening gesture towards inclusivity, Captain Rao cel-

ebated the growing role of women in uniform, encouraging young girls to seize the opportunity to serve the nation with equal pride and valour.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore extended his deepest gratitude to Captain Rao, remarking, "Workshops like these are not just informative-they are transformative. They sow seeds of courage, resilience, and patriotism in young hearts. We are immensely honoured to have hosted such an inspiring session."

JK Public School, Kunjwani remains steadfast in its mission to provide students with holistic learning experiences that go beyond the classroom - nurturing responsible citizens, future leaders, and proud torchbearers of the nation's legacy.

Expert Talk on ‘Vision Transformer and Its Applications’ by Prof Deepak Mishra held at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Central University of Jammu, hosted a distinguished expert lecture on the cutting-edge topic "Vision Transformer and its Applications", delivered by Prof. Deepak Mishra from the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, research scholars, and students of ECE department.

Prof. Mishra, an academician and researcher in the domains of computer vision, elaborated on the emerging role of Vision Transformers (ViTs) in image classifica-



VC CUJ Prof. Sanjeev Jain honouring resource person, Prof. Deepak Mishra from IIST, Thiruvananthapuram.

tion, object detection, and computer vision tasks.

He provided an in-depth overview of the underlying architecture, advantages over convolutional neural networks (CNNs), and real-world applications in remote sensing, medical imaging, and autonomous systems.

The session was highly

engaging and intellectually enriching, offering participants valuable insights into state-of-the-art deep learning models and their interdisciplinary applications.

Attendees had the opportunity to interact directly with Prof. Mishra during the Q&A session, which sparked stimulating discussions

around AI-driven research frontiers.

The expert talk was coordinated by Dr. Haneet Kour under the supervision of Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha, HoD, ECE, who is known for promoting high-impact research initiatives in space technology at the university.

As a mark of honor and

appreciation, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, presented a memento to Prof. Deepak Mishra and expressed his gratitude for sharing his expertise with the university community.

Prof. Jain also emphasized the importance of such expert talks in fostering a research-oriented culture and motivating students to explore advanced topics in science and technology.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and group interaction, leaving the participants inspired and intellectually empowered.

The session marked a significant step towards enhancing academic collaborations and promoting innovation-driven learning at CU Jammu.

ADGP Armed felicitates DySP (Retd) Surjeet Choudhary

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SRINAGAR: Anand Jain, ADGP Armed J&K, on Friday felicitated retired Dy. SP Surjeet Choudhary in a felicitation ceremony held at Armed Police Headquarters Srinagar, for his exceptional achievements in Masters Athletics at both National and International platforms.

Choudhary clinched three gold medals at the Open Masters Athletic Meet held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, securing top positions in the 100-meter race, Long Jump, and Triple Jump.

His athletic journey continues to inspire, with a remarkable record that includes gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze at national-level events in the year -2023; three gold medals in India-Bangladesh Masters Athletics Meet 2018



and three Gold Medals in Khelo Masters Games 2023 (Delhi); and gold in 100m, silver in Long Jump and Triple Jump in Khelo Masters Games 2025. He aims to represent India in the upcoming Olympic Masters Games.

A former member of the J&K Police Central Sports Team, Choudhary served the

force with distinction for decades, particularly in the field of athletics. His dedication to fitness and sports post-retirement continues to serve as an inspiration for youth and fellow officers.

Anand Jain, ADGP Armed commended his contributions in policing and sports arena and extended best wishes for his future competitions.

Akhnoor Sports Club honours badminton players



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AKHNOOR: Akhnoor Sports Club held a felicitation ceremony to honour the winners of the 1st RS Sports Academy Open J&K Badminton Championship Tournament-2025, held recently at R.S. Pura.

The event was graced by President of Akhnoor Sports Club, Dharam Paul Gupta, who congratulated the victorious players across various age groups and applauded their dedication and skill.

Gupta presented a trophy-

shaped memento to Ashok Magotra, recognizing his outstanding contribution and performance. He also honoured emerging talents Ashish Kumar, Raghav Sharma, Yasleen Kour, and Saksham Sharma with individual mementos for their victories in different age categories of the championship.

Dharam Paul praised the players for their exemplary performance and sportsmanship. He reaffirmed the Club's commitment to the promotion of sports in the

Akhnoor region and assured that Akhnoor Sports Club will continue to support sportspersons in achieving their goals.

"Our mission is to stand by budding athletes and provide them with the resources and encouragement they need to excel," he added.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by Executive Members of the Club, badminton coaches, proud parents of the athletes, and prominent citizens of Akhnoor.

The atmosphere was filled with pride and motivation as parents expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Club for recognizing and supporting their children's sports aspirations.

The players also thanked the Club for acknowledging their efforts and pledged to continue working hard to bring laurels to their town and state.

YSS finalises J&K Contingent for Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme Cultural exchange programmes strengthen unity, brotherhood: DG YSS

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JAMMU: "The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) is not only dedicated to nurturing sporting talent but also committed to the holistic development of young minds. Through initiatives like the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP), we aim to foster cultural understanding, camaraderie, and national integration among youth from diverse backgrounds." This was expressed by Anuradha Gupta, Director General of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, during the inauguration of the Inter-Divisional Youth Exchange Programme held at the Police Auditorium in Gulshan Ground here.

The event marked the selection of the J&K contingent for the upcoming Inter-



DG YSS J&K, Anuradha Gupta lighting ceremonial lamp.

State YEP, scheduled to take place in Kurukshetra, Haryana, from July 22, 2025.

Anuradha Gupta presided as the chief guest, joined by Joint Directors Dr Vinakshi Koul (Jammu) and Mohammad Rashid Kohli (Kashmir) as guests of honour. Deputy Directors

Jitender Mishra (Central) and Megha Bogia (Planning), along with Accounts Officer Sunil Kotwal and District YSS Officer Sukhdev Raj Sharma, were also in attendance.

Addressing a vibrant gathering of youth and departmental officials, the Director

General emphasised the transformative potential of such exchanges and said that participants are not just representatives but ambassadors of J&K's rich heritage. She remarked that these programmes offer invaluable exposure, enabling young minds to embrace new perspectives and adopt best practices from across the nation.

She further assured that the department would expand such initiatives, ensuring more frequent opportunities for youth engagement. Commending the organisers, she lauded the seamless execution of district and divisional-level programmes.

Earlier, Joint Director Jammu underscored the importance of cultural exchange in her welcome

address, highlighting the department's achievements. Joint Director Kashmir delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the Director General's leadership in steering the department with vision and efficiency.

The event also featured captivating cultural performances. In the folk song category, troupes from Kathua and Budgam captivated the audience while Doda and Budgam won accolades in folk dance. Avishi Gupta, Simran and Muntaho and girl other speakers from both divisions impressed the judges in the declamation contest.

The proceedings were skillfully conducted by Mohammad Yousuf Dar, renowned anchor and physical educationist of the department.

Jammu Softball Association elects Office Bearers, EC members



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JAMMU: Jammu District Softball Association conduct elections of Office Bearers and Executive Committee (EC) Members at Jammu Club, here on Friday.

The association followed the election process as per the guidelines of Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council. Elections were conducted under the supervision of Election Officer, Padam Dev Singh (Joint Secretary JKSA & Sports Promoter).

Veena Gupta was elected as Chairman, while Mohinder Singh elected as President, Dr. Varinder Sambyal as first Vice President and Naveen Singh elected as second Vice President.

Pushpinder Singh was elected unanimously as Secretary of the Association, Ajay Singh as Joint Secretary while Pawan Sadotra as second Joint Secretary. Yogesh Mahajan was unanimously elected as Treasurer of the association.

Executive Committee members include Sachin Sharma, Jasbir Singh, Aman Bhatt, Jaskaran Singh and Harleen Kour. Harvinder Singh nominated as Chairman Technical Committee, Madan Mohan as Advisor, Rawat

Singh as Convenor and Varinder Singh as Member Technical Committee.

Veena Gupta assured the house that Softball Sport will reach great heights in Jammu in coming times.

She also said, "I will be always ready to support this noble cause and present government is committed to uplift Sports and games in UT of Jammu & Kashmir."

Pushpinder Singh, Secretary Jammu District Softball Association said, "We all will work together for the betterment of athletes in Jammu District."

Mohinder Singh, President Jammu District Softball Association lauded the Jammu District Athletes have enough talent to prove their capabilities and will bring laurels in forthcoming Nationals.

Waseem Raja Khan, General Secretary JKSA and Sudhir Singh, Member Disciplinary Commission JKSA were also present in the meeting as an Observers.

The vote of thanks was presented by Yogesh Mahajan, newly elected Treasurer of the Association.

Aashita Sadhotra of JKPS Panjtirthi shines at 7th Jammu Division Karate C'ship 2025

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JAMMU: The 7th Jammu Division Karate Championship 2025, organized by the Traditional Karate-do Association of Jammu and Kashmir, witnessed remarkable performances from young martial artists across the region.

Among the standout participants was Aashita Sadhotra, a student of Class 4 from JK Public School (JKPS), Panjtirthi, who clinched the gold medal in her category, making her school and family proud.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah, congratulated the Jakiian on her outstanding achievement. She applauded the young champion for her dedication, discipline, and determination at such a young age.

Motivating the Jakiians, she said, "If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride, then you'll be a winner. All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." Banbah further emphasized the importance of sports and co-curricular activities in shaping confident and resilient individuals. She expressed pride in the consistent achievements of Jakiians and encouraged all students to continue striving for excellence both in academics and extracurricular pursuits.



CDOE, JU holds lecture on ‘Various Approaches of Teaching Practice’

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JAMMU: The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu (JU) organized on Friday a Guest Lecture on the topic "Various Approaches of Teaching Practice" (Herbartian, RCEM, and Constructivism) in the old building of CDOE.

The programme started with the welcome address by Dr Anuradha Goswami, Coordinator of the M.A Education program, who introduced Resource person Dr. Madhu Singh (former Principal Khalsa College of Education).

The session was designed to equip Students of M.A Education with useful knowledge and skills to effectively undertake teaching practice and prepare appropriate lesson planning.

Dr. Madhu Singh shared a valuable insights on how various approaches to lesson planning act as a bridge between theoretical knowledge and practical Teaching experience. The



lecture provided a detailed about Herbartian, RCEM and Constructivism approach and its importance in laying a strong foundation for enhancing their teaching skills. The students were guided on the structure of the lesson, types of activities, assessments used and how learning outcomes are defined and achieved.

Interactive sessions, live demonstrations and group activities were also conducted during the session.

Prof. Pankaj Shrivastava, Director CDOE presided over the function. While addressing the gathering, he

focused on how this lecture would provide students practical strategies for classroom organizations, time management, student engagements & more focused and productive learning environment, thereby preparing them both for academic and professional challenges in Education.

The inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Anuradha Goswami acknowledging the support given by Prof. Anupama Vohra, Dr Ankit Sharma and Anjela Gadroo and others to make the program, a grand success.