

JK Public School Kunjwani shines at 25th Sub-Junior National Wushu C'ship 2025-26



Director, JK Educational Society, Shashi Chaudhary and Rajesh Rathore, Principal, JK Public School, Kunjwani felicitating medal winner student.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani has once again demonstrated its sporting excellence on the national stage. At the 25th Sub-Junior National Wushu Championship 2025-26, held from 26th to 31st May in Tamil Nadu, the school's prodigious talent, Dhruvika Gupta, clinched two Bronze Medals in different categories, bringing immense pride and honour to the institution.

Her remarkable achievement is a brilliant reflection of her dedication, discipline, and relentless spirit. Congratulating Dhruvika on her outstanding national-level performance, Shashi Chaudhary, Director, JK Educational Society, and Rajesh Rathore, Principal, JK Public School, Kunjwani, felicitated the young champion and praised her for her grit and perseverance.

They also acknowledged and appreciated the

unflinching efforts of Pawan Kumar, School Coach, and Subash Chander, Head of the Sports Department, whose consistent mentorship and rigorous training played a pivotal role in shaping this proud moment of victory.

JK Public School continues to nurture champions, proving that with the right support and determination, students can excel not only in academics but also in the competitive arenas of national sports.

Three-day CBP on 'National Professional Standards for Teachers' concludes

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KATHUA: District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Kathua (HQ-Basohli) organized a three-day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on "National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST)" for Heads of Institutions (HOIs) of Higher Secondary Schools (HSSs) and High Schools (HSs) across Kathua district from 17th July to 19th July 2025.

The training was held at Government Model Higher Secondary School (Boys), Kathua, under the supreme guidance of B. K Pathak, Principal, DIET Kathua.

A total of 50 school heads, comprising 15 Principals and 35 Headmasters participated in this transformative initiative aimed at aligning school leadership with the visionary goals of the

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and NPST Framework.

The programme was formally inaugurated by B.K. Pathak, who, in his inaugural address, underscored the pivotal role of capacity building, academic leadership, and inter-institutional collaboration in effectively implementing NEP 2020. He emphasized that training of HOIs is essential for fostering a shared vision of excellence in teaching-learning and educational leadership.

A team of experienced and dedicated resource persons from DIET Kathua and other institutions of the district led sessions on various core components of NPST, educational planning, and leadership development. Pooja Rajput, delivered insightful sessions on the Highlights of NEP 2020 and Continuous Professional Development

(CPD) for Teachers, Head Teachers, and Teacher Educators.

Vikas Malpotra, Senior Lecturer, DIET Kathua, elaborated on the Roles, Responsibilities, and Functioning of DIETs and SCERTs, along with planning and monitoring mechanisms for effective implementation of academic objectives. He also discussed assessment tools aligned with the NPST Framework.

Isha Mahajan conducted the session on Teaching as Profession, Balwant Raj, Senior Lecturer, DIET Kathua, conducted sessions on developing content and training modules based on NCF-SE competencies.

Amol Sharma, Viney Kumar, and Hardev Kumar provided in-depth guidance on key NPST domains, such as Core Values & Ethics and Knowledge & Practice.

Daleep Kumar, Senior Officer from DIET Basohli, sensitized participants on professional growth and development of teachers.

Tara Chand Sharma, Associate Professor at JKSCERT, Divisional Office Jammu, also interacted with the participants during the programme. His valuable insights and experiences greatly enriched the sessions.

The programme was further graced by the presence of distinguished educationists including Prof. Swaran Singh Jaral (Former Principal, DIET Basohli), Ram Paul (Former Associate Professor, SCERT Divisional Office Jammu), and Tarsem Singh (Former Senior Academic Officer, JKBOSE), whose presence added immense value to the deliberations and

The Retired Joint Director H R Pakhroo also interacted with the participants during the

training programme, sharing his valuable insights and experiences.

The valedictory session was again graced by B.K. Pathak, who commended the active engagement of all participants and lauded the contributions of the resource team.

He emphasized that the CBP was not merely a training programme, but a strategic step towards empowering HOIs to act as academic leaders and change agents in the successful realization of NEP 2020 at the grassroots level.

The programme was coordinated under the supervision of Vikas Malpotra, Senior Lecturer, DIET Kathua. The vote of thanks was delivered by Jai Bharat, Head of Department, DIET Kathua. The Anchoring and session management were efficiently handled by Balwant Raj, Senior Lecturer, DIET Kathua.

Asmita Pencak Silat League begins in Srinagar



Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul with other dignitaries at inauguration ceremony.

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JAMMU: The Asmita Pencak Silat League got underway at Indoor Stadium, Polo Ground, Srinagar. The event, organized under the Khelo India initiative, aimed at promoting sports excellence and empowerment among women athletes across India. Around 500 female athletes from different districts of

J&K have gathered in Srinagar for the three-day competition, a handout issued by the organisers, Pencak Silat Association of J&K, here on Saturday informed.

The event is being held under the aegis of the Sports Authority of India and the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council. Nuzhat Gul, Secretary of the J&K Sports

Council was chief guest in the opening function. She emphasized the importance of increasing women's participation in sports and praised the development of Pencak Silat across the country, particularly among female athletes.

The guest of honour, Mamta Shree Ojha, Director of Khelo India Games, Sports Authority of India, lauded the

efforts of the organizers and praised the host state for facilitating such a grand event with enthusiastic participation and public support.

Other dignitaries present at the event included Abhinav Sharma, Deputy Director, Khelo India Games; Aman Sharma, High Performance Director, SAI; Gopal Kandpal, Joint Commissioner, SAI; Nuzrat Gazala, Sports Officer JKSC, Kashmir; Hilal Ahmad and Mohd Iqbal, Managers, J&K Sports Council and Gautam Shukla.

The Asmita Pencak Silat League 2025 marks a significant step towards empowering women through martial arts and further solidifies Kashmir's growing role as a hub for national and international sporting events.

LG meets CWSN Sanaskriti School Jammu



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha meeting with CWSN of Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu at Raj Bhawan.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday met the Children With Special Needs (CWSN) of Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu, at Raj Bhawan.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the talented students on their remarkable performance in sports disci-

plines like Volleyball and Badminton, at the Special Olympics Bharat's National Unified Sports Meet held at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He said their inspiring journey and extraordinary skills exemplify their determination, perseverance, teamwork, and the true spirit of inclusion on the national

platform.

He also underscored the crucial role of inclusive education, acknowledging the transformative power of sports in fostering confident and capable individuals.

During their visit to Raj Bhawan, the students- Jasjeet, Mannan, Mridul, Anand, Uttman, Varaspreet,

Praful, and Sparsh Sharma- were accompanied by: Rohini Aima, Principal-cum-Vice Chairperson, Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu; Harpreet Singh Anand, Chairperson; Avneet Kaur Budhraja, Vice Principal; and the school's special educators: Bhawna, Komal, Ujjwal, and Ambica.

Army's Operation Sindoor outreach programme held at Humanity Public School

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School hosted a special outreach session under Operation SINDOOR, an initiative by the Indian Army to highlight India's powerful response post the Pahalgam attack, celebrating the spirit of national courage, sacrifice, and unity.

The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guest Lt. Col. Rohit Sharma, Second-in-Command for commanding officer, 157 Inf Bn (TA) (H&H) Sikh in the Indian Army, who addressed the students and shared deep insights on the operation and the role of the armed forces in safeguarding the nation. He also interacted directly with the students of Classes



10th, 11th, and 12th, inspiring them with real-life stories of bravery and patriotism.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome and the presentation of a bouquet to Lieutenant Colonel

Rohit Sharma by Principal, Gaurav Charak, Ravinder Sadhu(A.O.), Parsidhi Singh (Incharge Hr. Sec. Wing) and Vikas Sharma (coordinator, Hr. Sec. Wing) followed by a detailed and motivating presentation

by the guest himself. The outreach aimed to instill a deeper sense of pride, responsibility, and national duty among the youth.

Gaurav Charak, the respected Principal of Humanity Public School, delivered the formal vote of thanks, appreciating the Army's efforts in connecting with students and fostering values of discipline and courage.

The session concluded with a note of gratitude from the school, thanking Lieutenant Colonel Rohit Sharma and his team for their inspiring presence and contribution. The event ended with a patriotic chant - "Jai Hind! Jai Bharat!" - echoing the pride and honour of being part of a nation protected by such brave warriors.

Bhavya wins Silver in KV School Games

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JAMMU: Bhavya Sharma of Aim 10x Shooting Academy and a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya Nagrota (KV) brought laurel to J&K winning Silver medal in 54th KV School Games which held at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara in Punjab.

A young shooter of KV Nagrota, who trained by Aim10x Shooting Academy, secured 395/400 score in 10 mtrs Air Rifle in under-19 Girls event.

President of Aim 10x Shooting Academy, Amarjit Singh thanked



the management of the KV Nagrota for encouraging sports in the institution.

He further said that the

Academy was committed to guide and train young shooters to excel at the National and international level.

IIM Jammu concludes Dealer Development Program for HPCL



Tejinder Pal Singh Cheema, DGM-RE, Analytics & Branding, NFZ (North Zone), HPCL speaking at programme.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu concluded the Dealer Development Program for HPCL, conducted from 16th to 18th July 2025, under the aegis of NSE Academy.

The three-day training program, held at the Vedanta MDP Centre (Nyay Classroom), aimed to build strategic competencies, branding insight, and customer-centric thinking among HPCL dealers across regions.

The valedictory ceremony, held on 18th July 2025, was marked by thoughtful reflections, faculty addresses, and a formal certificate distribution session.

The event commenced with a welcome, followed by a comprehensive program report presented by Dr. Baljeet Singh, Program Director, IIM Jammu who highlighted the key learning outcomes and engagement formats of the training.

Tejinder Pal Singh Cheema, DGM - RE, Analytics & Branding, NFZ (North Zone), HPCL encouraged the participants to apply the tools, frameworks, and insights gained from the program in real-world contexts to drive brand value and customer loyalty.

Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy (EE&C), emphasized the importance of continuous learning, agility, and innovation in dealership opera-

tions. He noted IIM Jammu's growing role in providing executive education tailored to dynamic industry needs.

Brigadier Neeraj Soni, (Retd.) faculty, IIM Jammu, lauded HPCL and its dealers for their commitment to skill development and professional growth. He encouraged dealers to engage IIM Jammu students for hands-on experience, enabling students to better understand real-world challenges and offer practical solutions.

He emphasized that such collaborative initiatives bridge the gap between theory and practice, fostering meaningful transformation at the grassroots level.

Present on the occasion were Deepak Raveendra Barnwal, Chief Regional Manager, HPCL, J&K; Akash Gupta, Senior Executive, NSE Academy.

The valedictory ceremony also featured a certificate distribution ceremony, followed by a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Vinod C. Durge, Program Director, who expressed gratitude to all stakeholders including HPCL leadership, faculty members, and participants for their wholehearted engagement and contributions.

Plantation drive conducted at PM Shri KV Jammu Cantt



JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav inaugurating plantation drive at PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Jammu Cantt.

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Clean Jammu Green Jammu campaign, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), in collaboration with the Urban Forestry Division on Saturday organised a grand plantation drive here at PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Jammu Cantt.

Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav-the Chief Guest-inaugurated the drive by planting a sapling in the presence of the school Principal Sunil Kumar Yadav. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of students, teachers, NCC cadets, Scouts and Guides and officials from JMC and Urban Forestry.

As many as 1000 saplings

were planted by the participants, making a significant contribution towards greening the environment.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Devansh Yadav encouraged the students and citizens from all walks of life to actively participate in such plantation drives to protect and preserve the environment. He highlighted the importance of balancing academics with sports, environmental initiatives, and inculcating discipline and good manners as key values in life. As a unique initiative a special QR code indicating the name of the plant parent, scientific name of the plant and other allied information was allotted to each student as each plant was adopted by a student for future care.

The School Principal expressed gratitude to the Jammu Municipal Corporation and Urban Forestry Division for including Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Jammu Cantt in this meaningful initiative. He presented mementos to the guests as a token of appreciation.

The event was also attended by Lt. Col. H.R. Ohja, Col. M.S. Tomar, Vice Principal Amit Kumar, Divisional Forest Officer Ashwani Kumar Mittal, IEC Incharge JMC Dr. Divya Sharma, AFO JMC and Dr. Rabia Khan along with other officials and dignitaries.

The plantation drive concluded with a renewed pledge to continue efforts in creating a cleaner and greener Jammu.

Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions conclude in Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: District Kishtwar witnessed a vibrant culmination of the Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions, organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports.

These competitions held over the past days across various zones, concluded successfully today at multiple venues marking a celebration of youth talent, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

The event was conducted under the guidance of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Jaffer Haider Sheikh, whose con-

Chess, Cricket, and Athletics.

The events were efficiently coordinated under the supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Inderwal, with the dedicated support of zonal staff and volunteers.

The Department appreciated the enthusiastic participation of students and the commitment of sports officials and school authorities in ensuring the smooth execution of the competitions.

These zonal-level events serve as an important foundation for scouting talented youth who will



tinued efforts have significantly uplifted the sporting culture across the district.

Among the highlights, Inderwal Zone conducted a wide range of competitions for U/19 Boys and Girls in the disciplines of Volleyball, Badminton,

represent the district in higher-level tournaments.

The Department of Youth Services & Sports Kishtwar remains committed to its mission of fostering holistic development through sports and physical education.