

# Gallantry Remembered, Gratitude Expressed: JKians' Ode to Kargil Warriors



Glimpses of Kargil Vijay Diwas celebration at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani, observed Kargil Vijay Diwas with great enthusiasm and reverence. The special assembly was anchored by Amilia from Grade VI, whose energy and zeal set a spirited tone for the event.

The assembly began with invocation of the Lord Almighty to always bless the motherland and always ignite

the eternal flame of bravery in the heart of every Indian. A soulful patriotic song 'Taaqat Watan Ki Humse Hai' set the mood for the event and infused the spirit of patriotism.

The office bearers present on the occasion were the Director, JK Educational Society Shashi Chaudhary; Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore; Vice Principal Roopinder Kaur

and Coordinator Primary Wing Anju Raj.

One of the main highlights was a skit enacted by the students of the theatre club. The selection brought alive the valour and emotional strength of Capt Vikram Batra along with his soldiers during the Kargil war leaving everyone present deeply touched.

After leading his troops to a daring and successful assault

on Point 5140, also known as Tiger Hill, Captain Batra radioed back to base with these electrifying words 'Yeh Dil Maange More' at a time when battles were being fought on icy ridges at 16,000+ ft. It was not just a signal of victory - it reflected his unyielding spirit, his thirst for more challenges and his passion to serve the nation beyond limits. Capt Batra's slogan became a ral-

lying cry for Indian troops and inspired the entire nation.

Students recalled the stories of bravery recounting the significance of war, and urged their peers to cherish their hard-earned freedom. Poems by Sparsh Shukla and Surania Sharma dedicated to the soldiers were recited with deep emotions. They saluted the soldiers who had paid the ultimate sacrifice on the

Tiger Hills in extreme circumstances.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore addressed the gathering, expressing his pride in the students' heartfelt participation and reinforcing the significance of remembering and celebrating our national heroes.

He said, 'I salute all the brave hearts, gallant soldiers, who never thought even once about their parents, mem-

bers of the family or their financial conditions while facing their enemies and made the supreme sacrifice to safeguard the honour of their Motherland.

Paying heartfelt homage to martyrs, he made special mention to two of the immortal statements, scribbled by Capt Manoj Kumar Pandey PVC in his diary, 'If death strikes me before I prove my blood, I swear, I will kill

death". The other one was "Some goals are so worthy, it's glorious even to fail".

The event concluded on a solemn yet uplifting note, leaving every student with a deeper understanding of what it means to serve the nation. It was a reminder that while soldiers are guarding the borders with guns, we, as citizens, must guide the soul of our country with values, integrity and unity.

## J&K Shooter Abhay Gupta shines at MASPED Cup Budapest 2025

### Finishes among top international shooters in Centre Fire & Standard Pistol Events

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BUDAPEST: In a moment of pride for India and Jammu & Kashmir, Abhay Gupta, a professional sports shooter hailing from Jammu, delivered a commendable performance at the 4th MASPED Cup held in Budapest, Hungary, finishing 6th in the 25m Centre Fire Pistol event and 15th in the 25m Standard Pistol event, competing among Olympic-level athletes from across the globe.

In the 25m Centre Fire category, Abhay started strong, leading the rankings from the very beginning and holding the top gold medal spot until the final round. In a nail-biting finish, a single-point difference in the last series pushed him from the leading position to 6th overall, still securing a remarkable place among the best.

His performance drew widespread applause and appreciation from international peers, many of whom noted his calm presence, technical



mastery, and sportsmanship on the field. The event saw participation from Olympic medalists and European champions, making Abhay's ranking all the more impressive.

"The experience was deeply humbling. Competing alongside Olympic

medalists and holding the lead for most of the match was proof that our training is moving in the right direction," said Abhay after the match.

Abhay is training under the guidance of Jaspal Rana (Arjuna Awardee and Dronacharya Awardee), a legend in Indian shooting. Speaking about his student, Rana said, "Abhay is showing the right mindset and maturity. His performance in Budapest was strong and composed. We are very proud of him - this is just the beginning, and together we're planning a much bigger road ahead."

Abhay is currently undergoing intensive training between Delhi and Dehradun, with full-time dedication to his sport. He has emerged as one of the promising faces of shooting from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

His efforts have also received recognition and encouragement from leadership back home. Minister

for Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, personally congratulated Abhay over during his stay in Budapest and expressed happiness over his strong performance on such a prestigious global platform.

Abhay also extended his heartfelt gratitude to Rashid Ahmed, for his pillar support over the years. He also acknowledged support of Jammu & Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA), particularly Sharat and Rajesh Virdhi "I am not doing this for medals or glory," Abhay said, "I train every day with a mission - to make my state of Jammu & Kashmir and my country proud. I want to be a part of the change, showing what focused youth from J&K can achieve globally when given the right guidance."

His Budapest performance stands as a testament to the rising potential of athletes from Jammu & Kashmir - a region fast becoming known not just for its natural beauty, but for producing world-class sporting talent.

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JAMMU: The grand inaugural ceremony of the 4th Edition of the KC International Youth Conclave (KCIYC) unfolded with great fervour on 25th July 2025 at KC International School Jammu. This landmark event marked the commencement of three intellectually engaging days, brimming with vibrant debates, nuanced deliberations, and dynamic diplomatic negotiations by an impressive cohort of delegates from premier CBSE schools across Jammu.

The ceremony was honoured by the esteemed presence of Chief Guest, Sham Lal Sharma, Member of the Legislative Assembly, J&K, whose presence lent immense prestige to the conclave.

The event was further elevated by Guests of Honour, Ela Choudhary (JKAS), Financial Advisor, Smart City, Jammu, and the inspiring presence of President KCIS, Chaitanya Chowdhary; General Secretary, Saroj Mahajan; Finance Secretary, Dr. Shikha Chowdhary; Principal, Anupama Sinha; and Vice Principal, Roma Gupta and Vasu Dev Singh Chib, President of KC International Youth Conclave.

The ceremony commenced with the auspicious lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment, followed by a soul-stirring welcome song and a captivating Ganesh Vandana, which imbued the atmosphere with reverence and cultural pride.

Vice Principal, Roma Gupta, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants. She underscored the vital role of Model United Nations in nurturing global citizenship, fostering cross-cultur-

al understanding, and developing diplomatic acumen among emerging leaders.

A symbolic highlight featured the presentation of gavel by the Chief Guest to Executive Board Members, representing their commitment to fairness, impartiality, and excellence in steering committee proceedings.

In a compelling address, Honourable MLA, Mr. Sham Lal Sharma, advised students to embrace challenges, gain inner strength, and cultivate self-confidence. He emphasized the lasting significance of perseverance and hard work in realizing ambitions, the power of youth voices in shaping a compassionate, inclusive society and the importance of diplomacy, constructive dialogue, and collective action in addressing today's most pressing global issues.

He further encouraged delegates to step beyond their comfort zones, listen to diverse perspectives, and emerge as responsible global citizens equipped to confront complex challenges.

Delegates were introduced to the prestigious committees, each envisioned to be a crucible for thought-provoking discussions and transformative ideas that drive positive change.

The crescendo of the event arrived as Secretary General, Hiteswar Singh Thakur, officially declared the three-day conclave open, a moment that was met with thunderous applause and palpable anticipation from all attendees. This was promptly followed by an engaging ice-breaking session, designed to foster camaraderie, encourage meaningful interactions, and lay the groundwork for robust collaboration in the days ahead.

Principal, Anupama Sinha, delivered a heartfelt

vote of thanks, expressing deep gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries, staff, and student participants. In her address, she remarked, "It is with immense pride that we witness the gathering of bright young minds, united in the spirit of dialogue and innovation. Our gratitude to our honoured guests for inspiring our students to reach for new heights. May these three days ignite a passion for learning, friendship, and mutual respect among all delegates." She reiterated the school's commitment to empowering students to become catalysts of positive change, and wished all participants a truly enriching and memorable experience.

The inaugural ceremony concluded with the national anthem, as the audience stood in unison-ushering in an atmosphere of hope, unity, and anticipation for the intellectually rich days to follow.

## Asmita Women Weightlifting League on July 30

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Weightlifting Association shall hold Asmita Khelo India Women Weightlifting League at Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, here on July 30.

The event is sponsored and guided by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) as part of the sports events exclusively meant to encourage women athletes in the Union Territory of J&K.

"Those interested eligible female weightlifters have been advised by the Association to report to the organising secretary, Dayal Singh at Weightlifting Hall, MA Stadium, here at 3:00 PM on July 29," informed General Secretary of the Association, Yudhvir Singh.

## AIIMS Jammu student Aarush Gupta conferred with Rashtrapati Scout Award



Aarush Gupta, an MBBS student from the 2023 Batch of AIIMS conferring with the Rashtrapati Scout Award at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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JAMMU: AIIMS Vijaypur, Jammu takes immense pride in announcing that Aarush Gupta, an MBBS student from the 2023 Batch, has been conferred with the prestigious Rashtrapati Scout Award at a grand ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 22nd July 2025.

Representing the Union Territory of Jammu &

Kashmir, Aarush received the Rashtrapati Scout Award Certificate, personally signed by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, in recognition of his outstanding service, leadership, and discipline in the field of scouting.

Aarush began his scouting journey in Grade 4 and has shown unwavering commitment ever since. His achievements include participation in multiple national-level

camp and training programmes. He qualified for the Rajya Puraskar Award in 2019 and was felicitated by the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, in 2021. Demonstrating continued excellence, he successfully cleared the President Scout Award Testing Camp in 2022, culminating in the honour bestowed at the national level this year.

Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar

Gupta, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, congratulated Aarush on this remarkable achievement, stating, "It is a proud moment for the entire AIIMS family. Aarush's recognition at the national level reflects the spirit of discipline, leadership and holistic growth that AIIMS Jammu strives to instil in its students."

Dr. Shruti Sharma, Additional Professor, Department of Anaesthesiology, and mentor to Aarush, also extended her warm wishes, applauding his perseverance and passion.

She remarked, "Aarush has brought great honour to our institute. His dedication serves as an inspiration to his peers and juniors alike."

AIIMS Jammu congratulates Aarush Gupta on this momentous achievement and wishes him continued success in his academic and personal endeavours.

## Ashni qualifies Ph.D

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UDHAMPUR: Ashni Devi, daughter of Late Lahar Singh, resident of Shiv Nagar, Udhampur has been

declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Botany by Shri Jagdish Prasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala (JJT) University, Rajasthan.

She worked on the topic, "Investigating the Genotoxicity of Novel Chemical Mutagens in Durum Wheat: a Study of Mutagenic Effects and Potential Implications for Crop Improvement" under the supervision of Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Khah, Assistant Professor, Shri JJT University Rajasthan and Dr. Kewal Kumar, Associate Professor, Govt Degree College, Ramnagar, J&K.

