

# KC International Youth Conclave 2025 concludes a call for global harmony

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: KC International School hosted the prestigious Youth Conclave from 25th to 27th July 2025, uniting young minds under the shared vision of keeping the spirit of hope alive in every heart. The conclave marked a significant step towards realising the collective dream of world peace and global solidarity. It drew to a close on 27th July with a captivating closing ceremony that celebrated the delegates' remarkable achievements and reinforced the spirit of international cooperation and understanding.

The ceremony was dignified by the revered presence of the Chief Guest, Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, along with distinguished Guests of Honour - Professor Rajeev Rattan, Director, CDC and Ram Savak, Special Secretary to the Government, Home Department, J&K.

The programme was further enriched by the esteemed presence of Chaitanya Chowdhary, President, KCIS; Vishal



JMC Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav along with distinguished Guests at programme at KC International School.

Chowdhary, Vice-President; Saroj Mahajan, General Secretary; Dr. Shikha Chowdhary, Finance Secretary; Anupama Sinha, Principal; Roma Gupta, Vice Principal; and Vasu Dev Singh Chib, President of the KC International Youth Conclave.

The event commenced with a warm welcome by the Senior School Coordinator, Ms. Aarti Aggarwal, setting a gracious tone for the evening. This was followed by the ceremonial sapling presentation and the traditional lamp lighting to invoke divine blessings. An enthralling yoga performance

captivated the audience, showcasing the spirit of harmony and well-being. Further, President KCITYC, graciously outlined the proceedings, key highlights and upcoming sessions to the esteemed guests and delegates, ensuring everyone was well-oriented for the event ahead.

The evening's highlight was the eagerly awaited award distribution ceremony, where outstanding delegates were honoured for their exceptional diplomatic skills and insightful research across various Indian and international committees. The event then transitioned

into a series of heartfelt felicitations, expressing gratitude to the Secretariat, Organising Committee and Executive Board for their tireless efforts in making the conference a resounding success.

The venerated Chief Guest, Dr. Devansh Yadav, delivered an inspiring address that deeply resonated with the audience.

He emphasized the pivotal role of diplomacy in addressing global challenges and highlighted the importance of fostering international collaboration for a brighter and more harmonious future.

Speaking directly to the youth, he also urged them to use mobile devices wisely and to be mindful of their time on social media, reminding them that they are the future builders of our nation and the world. Anticipation filled the air as the moment arrived to announce the Best Delegation Award and the First Runner-Up.

At KCIS, we deeply uphold the value of giving, inspired by the timeless Indian principle of Atithi Devo Bhava. "The guest is equivalent to God." In keeping with this spirit of sportsmanship and mutual respect,

the winner's trophy-though rightfully earned by KCIS-was graciously presented to KC Public School. The First Runner-Up trophy was proudly awarded to GD Goenka School in recognition of their commendable performance.

Director General Kunwar Langer delivered an inspiring address, encouraging delegates to uphold the spirit of diplomacy. He emphasized continued collaboration toward global solutions for future challenges.

The ceremony concluded on a gracious note with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the Principal, Anupama Sinha, who extended her sincere gratitude to all the distinguished dignitaries for their esteemed presence and expressed deep appreciation to every individual whose dedication and hard work contributed to the resounding success of the conclave. The closing ceremony culminated with the resonant notes of the National Anthem, a fitting tribute to the unity and purpose that defined the entire event.

# National level archers' delegation meets LG



Delegation of National-level Archers calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: A delegation of National-level Archers Hrithik Sharma, Shubham Sharma, and Amit Thakur called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Monday. They were accompanied by Abhilasha Chaudhary, National Archery

Team Coach. The members of the delegation expressed their gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for his continued encouragement and support to archery and other sports disciplines in the Union Territory.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Archer Hrithik

Sharma for securing a silver medal at the FISU World University Games 2025, recently concluded in Germany. He also extended best wishes to the Archers for their upcoming games and assured them all support from the administration.

# LG Sinha honours Kuldeep Khoda, alumnas of KU

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha honoured Kuldeep Khoda, visionary police leader, acclaimed administrator and distinguished alumnas of the University of Kashmir during the Mega Alumni Meet-2025 at University of Kashmir.

Kashmir University Mega Alumni felicitation ceremony presided over by CJI Justice Gavai with Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister and other justices of Supreme Court and CJ High Court J&K.

The citation presented to Kuldeep Khoda, reads, "We take immense pride in honouring Kuldeep Khoda, a visionary police leader and one of the most respected officers to have served the Jammu and Kashmir Police. A member of the 1974 batch of the Indian Police Service, Dr. Khoda's distinguished career was marked by courage, strategic foresight, and unwavering commitment to public service. Kuldeep Khoda, a distinguished alumna of Amar Singh College (1966-1970), University of Kashmir, later joined the prestigious IIT Delhi, and subsequently the Indian Police Service (1974 batch). He rose to become the Director General of Jammu & Kashmir Police (2007-2012), where he was instrumental in restoring public confidence and normalcy during a critical era of political tension. In 2013, he was appointed



the first Chief Vigilance Commissioner of the newly formed Jammu & Kashmir State Vigilance Commission, entrusted with upholding integrity and transparency in public life. A decorated officer, Khoda's leadership earned him numerous accolades, including the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services, Prime Minister's Medal for Excellence in Public Administration, and international recognition (Wembley Savvy Award, USA) for launching the proactive Village Defence Committees to combat terrorism. A committed advocate for peace and development, he continues to offer insightful perspectives on security, civic harmony, and institutional reform in regional and national forums. The University of Kashmir is honored to celebrate Kuldeep Khoda-a visionary who has shaped the safety and integrity of his homeland while representing its values on the world stage."

# Heritage School inaugurates J&K's first school-based golf academy

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JAMMU: Heritage School marked a historic milestone on 28th July 2025 with the inauguration of its state-of-the-art Golf Academy, becoming the first school in Jammu to introduce professional golf training within its academic and sports curriculum. This visionary initiative, the dream project of Chairman Mr. Sunil Gupta, reinforces the school's commitment to holistic education by introducing students to unique sports that develop focus, discipline, and resilience.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by the Principal, Akash Pradhan, who expressed immense pride in the school's latest achievement and extended his gratitude to all dignitaries for their support and presence.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Maj Gen Shamsheer Singh Jamwal, who is a highly decorated officer of the Indian Army who was awarded the Mahavir Chakra for his extraordinary bravery during the 1971 Indo-Pak war. A gallant soldier and a passionate golfer, General Jamwal continues to inspire generations with his presence on the greens of the Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

The ceremony was further graced by distinguished Guests of Honour Brigadier Pankaj Chib, a respected officer of the Corps of Intelligence and an avid golfer known for his encouragement to young players at the Sidhra Golf Course. Colonel Shiv Choudhary, President of the Sainik Colony Association, a motivational speaker and passionate golfer.

Manav Gupta, Secretary Golf Course Sidhra, praised the school's efforts in mainstreaming golf and emphasized the importance of early exposure to build sporting excellence.

The event also welcomed Special Guests. Wing Commander R.S. Chib, former Cabinet Minister of J&K, a renowned golfer and mentor to new enthusiasts. Sunita Gupta, Founder Chairperson of Heritage School, vision laid the foundation for the institution's continued growth.

Adding expertise to this ambitious initiative, Showket Maqbool, a certified golf coach and expert, will be heading the Junior Golf Programme at the school. Among other eminent dignitaries present were Sanjay Wahi, Dr. Yudhveer Gupta, Dr. Sunil Gupta, Col. Parmar; J.P. Singh (IPS) Jagjit Kumar (IPS) and Vijay Saraf, along with the Sunil Gupta Chairman Heritage School and the Members Board of Trustees. In his speech, the Chief Guest applauded the school for its pioneering role in bringing golf to the school level and called it a game for all ages that teaches patience and precision. He appreciated the management's efforts to motivate students through such a unique sporting opportunity. He remarked that golf, like soldiering, demands strategy, calmness, and mental strength. He congratulated the school for its visionary leadership and assured his continued support in promoting golf among the younger generation. Twenty-five students enthusiastically participated in the drive practice session, marking the beginning of their golfing journey. The event drew to a close with a heartfelt vote of thanks presented by the Vice Principal, Rashmi Thakur, who expressed sincere gratitude to the esteemed dignitaries, special guests, school management, and staff for their unwavering support in making this landmark occasion a memorable success.

# KPS discusses acceptance of Private Member's Bill for community welfare

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu held a meeting on Monday under the chairmanship of its president K. K. Khosa to discuss the development about acceptance of the Private Member's Bill by the President of India titled "The Kashmiri Pandits (Recourse, Restitution, Rehabilitation and Resettlement) Bill, 2022" of the Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley.

The bill was introduced by Vivek Tankha, Member of the Rajya Sabha from Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The members observed that the bill was comprehensive in nature and care has been taken to cover all aspects of the causes, fallout and the reversal of the exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits by their resettlement back in the Valley with honour dignity and full sense of security.

Apart from thanking the president for her approval, the members expressed their gratitude to the Narendra Modi led government for allowing the placement of the bill in the Rajya Sabha for discussion although it will be involving a huge expenditure and normally such a bill is introduced only by the government.

The members noted that this is the first time after the unfortunate exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits in 1989-90, any such issues will come up for consideration in the parliament.

The Sabha appealed the GoI to ensure the enactment of such a law by supporting the bill or introduce an official bill on the similar lines so that the displaced community which has been longing for a return and rehabilitation back in the valley for the past three decades can be resettled before it is too late.

The members who attend the meeting were Deepak Dhar, Ashwani Koul, S.L. Bagati, G.J. Kampassi, Subash Dhar, Rajinder Tiklu, Dr. Sujata Sathoo, Dr. Usha Tikoo, Prof. R. K. Ganjoo, Nimmi Braroo, Vinod Bhat, V. K. Mukhi, Satish Khoda, S.K. Koul, Bharat Bushan Gosain.

# Sikh Bodies condemn Kada/Kirpan ban in Rajasthan Judiciary Exam, demand intervention from PM

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JAMMU: Prominent Sikh leaders and representatives from various organizations including Balvinder Singh (Vice President, DGPC Jammu), Surjit Singh (General Secretary), and DGPC Members Tejinder Singh, Harjit Singh, and Avtar Singh member DGHPC Jammu strongly condemned two alarming incidents of religious discrimination against Sikh candidates on Sunday. Baptized Sikh aspirant Gurpreet Kaur of Patiala was barred from appearing in the Rajasthan High Court Civil Judge recruitment examination in Jaipur for wearing the kirpan/Kada - an article of faith protected under Article 25 of the Indian Constitution. On the same day, in Hisar (Haryana), another Sikh student was reportedly denied entry into a CET examination centre for wearing a Kada, another sacred symbol of



Vice President DGPC Jammu, Balvinder Singh talking to reporters on Monday.

Sikh identity. Kaur later shared a video from outside the exam venue, affirming she was disqualified solely for carrying the kirpan. "This is not an administrative lapse-it is a direct violation of constitutional freedoms," stated Balvinder Singh, invoking Article 25, Explanation I: "The wearing and carrying of kirpans shall be deemed to be included in the profession of the Sikh religion." Singh expressed profound disappointment at the silence of Sikh leaders within political

parties whose governments continue to enable such discriminatory practices-both nationally and in the Union Territory. "If they claim to represent the Sikh Panth, they must explain these repeated exclusions under their own watch," he said. "Silence in the face of injustice diminishes leadership and disheartens the community." Speakers questioned the BJP-led Rajasthan Government's stance on minority rights, pointing out the contradiction between public praise

for Sikh Gurus and the ongoing denial of basic constitutional freedoms to baptized Sikhs.

Singh also highlighted international recognition of the Five Kakar, including their acceptance in global military institutions, adding: "It is painfully ironic that the world respects our faith while our own systems restrict us." He recalled similar incidents in Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Jammu, acknowledging that local advocacy has led to some improvements, but emphasized that recurring vio-

lations across India indicate deep-rooted systemic neglect. Surjit Singh (General Secretary, DGPC Jammu) voiced concern over the government's failure to issue clear directives to prevent such affronts to Sikh religious sentiments-despite repeated appeals, including by Sri Akal Takhat Sahib. All present at the press conference recalled that during the Mughal era, Guru Teg Bahadur attained martyrdom while defending the religious symbols-particularly the Janenu-of the Hindu community. Leaders urged the government to recognize the growing resentment among Sikh community members, warning that their continued marginalization is becoming increasingly unbearable. The group appealed to Sri Akal Takhat Jathedar, Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, to take up the matter directly with the Prime Minister and Union Home

Minister, urging a prompt and just resolution. Among the attendees were Balbir Singh Aji, Jatinder Singh, Satpal Singh, Daljit Singh, R.S. Sodhi, Harasis Singh, Manjeet Singh, Harmohinder Singh, Gurjit Singh, Rajinder Singh Sudan, Janak Singh, Manmohan Singh, and Makhhan Singh.

## NOTICE

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### NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of The President of India, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Diesel Shed Ludhiana City invites bids through e-tendering system from open market.

**Name of Work:** Calibration of Diesel Shed IMTES including Wheel profile and under truck inspection Gauges & Lab equipment for a period of three years.

**Estimated Cost of Work (Approximate):** Rs. 6,34,332.60 (Including GST) (Six Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Two and Sixty Paise Only)

**Tender Security Amount (Earnest Money Deposit):** Rs. 12,700/- (Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Only)

**Bidding start date:** 05.08.2025

**E-tender closing Date & Time:** 19.08.2025 at 11:00 hrs.

**Date and time of opening of E-tender on IREPS website:** 19.08.2025 at 15:30 hrs.

**Validity of Tender:** 45 days from date of opening

**Type of Tender:** Open tender

**Contract Period:** 36 Months from Date of award of contract

**Website:** www.ireps.gov.in

No.: DSL/LDH/7-1/2024 Dated: 23.07.2025 2293/25

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Jammu to Srinagar

IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM

Srinagar to Jammu

IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

### FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE

11078 Jhelum Express

Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi

12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express

Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi

12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express

Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi

Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)

Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM

Fare:  
Chair Car (CC): 715  
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320  
Booking: Available on IRCTC

Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)

Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar

Fare:  
Chair Car (CC): 660  
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270  
Booking: Available on IRCTC

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Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953

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Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291
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Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637
Emergency	2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012
Dental Hospital	2544670
Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar	2430041
Emergency	2431740
Child Hospital	2577023
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AMBULANCES

Indian Red Cross Society	2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248

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Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705
City	2544263
Canal	2554064
Roop Nagar	2597522
Gangyal	2480026
Bar Brahmana	220020
Akhnour	252481
Kathua	234313
Samba	243280
Katra	232451
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JKSRTC General Manager	2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand	2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service	2576562
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WATER SUPPLY

Company Bagh	2542582
Parade	2544979
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Narwal	2430031

ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS

Canal	2554147, 2554199
Parade	2542289, 2543398
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Shastri Nagar	2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258
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CIVIC SERVICES

Municipality	2547846, 2542192
Health Officer	2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal	2547440

### FIND CINEMA

SAIYAARA (HINDI)

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PVR KC JAMMU 10:00 AM / 11:30 AM / 01:10 PM / 04:20 PM / 7:30 PM / 10:40 PM

THE FANTASTIC FOUR (HINDI)

WAVE ONE CINEMA 10:00 AM / 10:55 AM

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WAVE ONE MOVIES 10:15 AM / 4:15 PM / 7:00 PM

SUPERMAN (HINDI)

WAVE ONE MOVIES 5:45 PM

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