

J&K skaters shine at 10th Ranking Open National Speed Skating C'ship 2025

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir contingent of over 40 talented skaters delivered an outstanding performance at the 10th Ranking Open National Speed Skating Championship 2025, held in Noida from 14th to 18th August. The young athletes brought several medals home, making the Union Territory proud on the national stage.

G.S. Khurmi, President of the Jammu & Kashmir Roller Skating Association, extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the medal



Medal winner skaters posing with officials.

winners. "This performance is a testament to the growing sporting culture in J&K. We

are proud of each player who represented the Union Territory with honor," he said.

In the Quads events, Samarjot Singh bagged one gold, Udhay Narayan Sharma clinched two gold and one silver, Arshjot Singh secured one gold and one bronze, while Adhira Kanotra earned one bronze.

In the Inline events, Divya Singh Janwal won one bronze, Tabish Haider Chib shone with one gold and one silver, Pavit Gupta claimed one silver and one bronze, and Tamanna Saini emerged as a strong performer with four silver medals. Notably, Udhay Narayan Sharma was declared the overall winner of the Ranking

Championship, cementing his position as one of the most promising skaters from J&K.

Team Manager Nitin Kanotra, along with Association members Kamal Anand (General Secretary) and Jatin Sabarwal, also expressed immense pride in the team's achievements and extended best wishes for their future endeavors.

The medal-winning performance has not only brought laurels to J&K but has also highlighted the growing potential of the Union Territory in speed skating at the national level.

JKPS Panjtirthi student wins bronze at 3rd RJK Gold Medal Open National Archery C'ship

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JAMMU: Showcasing remarkable talent and determination, Nilaakshi Singh, a student of Class 6 at JK Public School (JKPS), Panjtirthi, secured the third prize at the 3rd RJK Gold Medal Open National Archery Championship held in Haridwar.

The event was organized by the RJK Foundation in collaboration with the Haridwar Teerandazi Association and saw participation from skilled young archers across the country.

Nilaakshi's achievement not only brought pride to her school but also underscored the growing prominence of young talent in the field of archery. Her consistent practice and focused approach led her to this national-level recognition at a young age. Congratulating Nilaakshi, the Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah, praised her dedication and spirit. She stated, "Persistence is the last key that unlocks potential. Patience, persistence,



and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success." She added that the school remains committed to nurturing talent and providing platforms that empower students to shine beyond academics.

MOSAJ shines with 36 medals in District Shooting meet



Medal winner MOSAJ shooters posing with officials.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mission Olympics Shooting Academy Jammu (MOSAJ) continued its dominance securing a tally of 36 medals in the 14th Jammu District Shooting Championship which held under the

aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA). The medal tally included 15 gold, nine silver and 12 bronze in different categories and events of men and women.

"Young shooters of MOSAJ put up stellar

performances across various categories, competing against the finest marksmen of the region. Their remarkable consistency and precision brought laurels not only to the academy but also to J&K," informed Academy coach, Vishal Mehra.

Meanwhile, the JKRA president, SS Sodhi; chairman Kuldeep Jamwal, and general secretary, Sharat Chandar Singh lauded the efforts of MOSAJ in nurturing grassroots talent and promoting shooting culture in the Union Territory.

The success was equally attributed to the guidance of MOSAJ Coaches, Vishal Mehra and Aman Singh, whose mentorship has played a vital role in shaping young champions.

KCIS hosts Sahodaya Inter-School Role Play Competition on Patriotism

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: KC International School (KCIS) hosted the Sahodaya Inter-School Role Play Competition on the theme Patriotism on Thursday.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. Vikesh Kaur, President of the Jammu Sahodaya School Complex and Principal of Doon International School, Jammu as the Chief Guest of the event.

The event was also graced by worthy presence of Guests of Honour & Judges (Programme Manager & Centre Head, Brainpreneurs), Neerja Koul (Principal, Shemrock Elites School), and Gitanjali Mahajan (Entrepreneur & Educationist).

Adding to the pride of the day were Chaitanya



Winner students posing with KCIS faculty and other dignitaries.

Chowdhary, President KCIS, Anupama Sinha, Principal KCIS, Roma Gupta Vice Principal, KCIS and Sakshi Bhagat, Headmistress, KCIS.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, a soulful welcome song, and a welcome address by Vice Principal Roma Gupta. The competition then unfolded

with enthralling role plays by talented participants from various schools, which set the stage alive and captivated the audience.

KC International School was declared the Winner, but being the host school, the Winner's Trophy was graciously handed over to Jodhamal Public School; which was the next best performer, initially securing 2nd position.

1st Prize (Trophy awarded): Kanishta - Jodhamal Public School; 2nd Prize: Aavyukt - Army Public School, Jammu Cantt; 3rd Prize: Shanaya - International Delhi Public School, Jammu

Consolation Prizes: Amav Gupta 1st consolation (St. Peter's High School, Jammu), Atharv 2nd consolation (Doon International School, Jammu), and

Maanya 3rd consolation (Jammu Sanskriti School, Kathua).

The dignitaries praised the students for their creativity, confidence, and patriotic spirit. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Headmistress Sakshi Bhagat and culminated with the National Anthem, spreading a sense of pride, unity, and patriotism.

GGM Science College hosts ICETMR-2025, bridging global research communities

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The International Conference on Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Research (ICETMR-2025), hosted by Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, concluded on Thursday with an impactful valedictory session, celebrating two days of rich academic exchange and collaborative discourse.

The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) K.S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, as Chief Guest, and Sukhleen Kour, Director Planning, Higher Education Department, UT of J&K, as Guest of Honour. Organized in hybrid mode, the conference witnessed active participation from researchers and scholars

across India and abroad.

Spanning nine technical sessions held across three venues, the conference provided a dynamic platform for presenting cutting-edge research in a wide range of disciplines. In Chemical Sciences, 32 papers explored sustainable synthesis, nanotechnology, green chemistry, and healthcare applications. The Commerce, Economics, and Management sessions featured 13 presentations on digital entrepreneurship, global markets, and sustainable business models. Languages, Humanities, and Social Sciences saw the highest engagement with 44 papers discussing socio-political narratives, inclusive education, and cultural evolution. Life and Environmental Sciences drew 41 con-

tributors focusing on biodiversity, disease biology, and climate resilience.

The Mathematical and Computational Sciences segment highlighted AI, data analytics, and advanced mathematical modeling through 18 papers, while Physical and Earth Sciences showcased 31 studies on renewable energy, space physics, geosciences, and material innovations.

Eminent national and international experts delivered invited talks, and distinguished academicians chaired technical sessions, fostering a collaborative and intellectually stimulating atmosphere. A cultural evening organized by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages at Abhinav Theatre added a vibrant cultural dimension to the aca-

ademic proceedings.

Dr. P.S. Manhas, Convener of ICETMR-2025, presented a comprehensive report summarizing the thematic breadth of the conference. In his valedictory address, Prof. Chandrasekar lauded the efforts of GGM Science College and Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta for organizing a high-caliber event. He emphasized the importance of multidisciplinary research in shaping policy, solving global challenges, and aligning academic pursuits with societal priorities.

The conference concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Akanksha Parihar, marking the successful end of a landmark academic event.

Team Amrita wins Chess trophy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Vivek Chess Academy, in the old city area of Mast Garh, here organized Summer Cup Chess Tournament involving 24 participants.

The team led by Amrita Gupta won the title trophy by making it a 4-2 victory. The Results: Amrita Gupta bt Surinder Gupta; Gurpreet bt Parth; Pearl bt Raesha; Avni bt Atharav; Aroo lose to Prajanya; Gunjan lose to Anjali.

The winner team presented a cash prize of Rs 7,000 and title trophy. In total, four teams participated in



Winner players posing for a photograph.

this event which held under the guidance of Academy head coach, Vivek Gupta. Important to mention here that the Academy

holds such events on a regular basis so as to encourage and promote spirit of competition among the trainees.

Yogatvam conducts Yoga Sessions for first-year IPM students at IIM Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yogatvam, a leading institute in holistic wellness, has been invited to conduct Yoga Sessions for the first-year IPM students of the 2025-2028 batch at IIM Jammu. The sessions are scheduled from August 21 to 23, 2025, between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM.

The three-day series aims to introduce students to the fundamentals of yoga, focusing on physical well-being, mindfulness, and mental clarity-essential practices to support their academic journey and overall growth.

The first day's session,



held today, was successfully led by Gautam Verma, Co-founder of Yogatvam, who guided the students through foundational Asanas, breathing techniques, and meditation practices. The session witnessed enthusiastic partici-

pation and set a positive tone for the days to follow. Yogatvam remains committed to fostering wellness and balance among students, empowering them with tools to enhance focus, resilience, and inner harmony.

Samba District Yogasports Championship 2025 held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: The Yoga Association of Jammu & Kashmir organized the Samba District Yogasports Championship 2025 at Sunlight High School, Utter Behani, Samba.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 90 young yoga players representing various institutions across the district, showcasing their flexibility, discipline, and dedication to yogic practices.

The championship was inaugurated by local dignitaries, with S.D. Paramjeet Singh, Principal of Government High School, Utter Behani, serving as the Chief Guest. Rajinder Pangotra, Principal of Sunlight



High School, Utter Behani, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Both guests awarded medals and certificates to the winners in the presence of the organizing team and members of the Yoga Association.

The event was conducted

under the expert supervision of Mukesh Sharma and Aryaaveer Singh, both National Referees and Judges affiliated with the Yoga Federation of India.

In the Girls' category, Sonam Devi secured first place in the 8-10 years category, followed

by Priyanshi Gupta in second and Ruhi Angral in third. In the 10-12 years group, Komal Bhagat claimed the top spot, with Afsa Chowdhary and Shreya Bhardwaj following. Agya Bhagat emerged as the winner in the 12-14 years category.

In the Boys' category, Saksham Damathia topped the 8-10 years group, with Kamal Baloria in second place. In the 10-12 years category, Hitesh Pangotra took first place, followed by Akhil Sharma and Aryan. Vinayak Sharma led the 12-14 years group, with Manav Sharma and Manish Magotra securing second and third positions respectively.

In the 14-16 years boys' category, Vinod Kumar clinched the first position, followed by Sumit Sharma and Tanish Arora. The 16-18 years category saw Ayush Sharma emerge as the champion, with Anish Thappa and Mandeep Sharma taking the second and third spots.

Qammer Majid qualifies Ph.D

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Qammer Majid, son of Bader Majid and Pervaiz Akhter, resident of Dodson Bala, Tehsil Thanamandi, District Rajouri, has been declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Chemistry by the University of Jammu. He worked on the topic, "Studies on Molecular Interactions of Some Drugs in Aqueous Solutions of Deep Eutectic Solvents by Volumetric and Viscometric Methods" under the esteemed supervision of Dr. Ashwani Kumar.



Kabra Altaf achieves Ni Dan in Judo

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Champion judoka and qualified coach, Kabra Altaf has achieved the distinction of becoming Ni Dan (Second-Degree Black Belt) in Judo.

Kabra has a long list of achievements to her credit, including first Diploma in Sports from SAINIS from Kashmir Division of J&K. She was first female judoka to win gold medal at the National level from the Valley.

With having India camp to her list of achievements, Kabra has established herself as one of the accomplished and respected judokas from the region.

Her excellence has been recognized with the State Award in Judo, making her the first judoka from Kashmir judo to receive this honor. She secured this latest achievement by successfully clearing her Ni Dan examinations in New Delhi, organized by the Judo Federation of India.

Meanwhile, Kabra Altaf expressed heartfelt gratitude to Jammu and Kashmir Judo Association and to Alpha Aesthetics Gym and Spa for their continuous support.



Inter-Zonal District Level Sports Competitions continue at Khel Gaon

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Inter-Zonal District Level Competitions of Kabaddi, Football, Volleyball (U-19 Boys) and Chess (All Age Groups Boys), organised by the Youth Services and Sports Department, District Jammu, continued for the second consecutive day today at Khel Gaon, Nagrota.

In a thrilling Kabaddi U-19 boys final, Zone Bhalwal emerged victorious by defeating Zone Jammu with a close margin of 27-23 points. Earlier, in the semi-finals, Zone Bhalwal had defeated Zone Dansal (25-10), while Zone Jammu got the better of Zone Satwari (38-13).

In the Volleyball U-19 boys final, Zone Khour displayed superb skills and outplayed Zone Jourian by 2-1 sets. The semi-finals had seen Zone



Jourian beat Zone Akhnoor (2-1) and Zone Khour edge past Zone Jammu (2-1).

Meanwhile, in the Football U-19 boys category, Zone Jammu defeated Zone Bhalwal (3-1), Zone Satwari beat Zone Dansal (2-0), and Zone Akhnoor trounced Zone Marh (2-0). The semi-finals will be played tomorrow, with Zone Gandhi Nagar facing Zone Satwari in the first semi-final, while Zone Akhnoor will clash with Zone Jammu in the

second. The Chess events also showcased exceptional young talent. In Chess U-17 boys, Zone Jammu lifted the title, defeating Zone Bhalwal. Aarush Sharma, Agrim Sharma, and Harihar from Zone Jammu registered wins over their Bhalwal counterparts. In Chess U-14 boys, Zone Gandhi Nagar emerged winner, with Zone Bhalwal finishing runner-up. Rajwardhan Singh (Zone Jammu), Samyak Jain (Zone

Marh), and Ritvi Gandotra (Zone Gandhi Nagar) notched impressive victories.

Simultaneously, the interschool District Level Cricket Selection Trials for U-17 and U-19 girls were conducted by the department at Green Field, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, with around 40 girls participating.

These competitions are being organised under the patronage of Anuradha Gupta, Director General,

Youth Services and Sports J&K UT, and guidance of Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director YSS Jammu, along with Jetinder Mishra, Deputy Director Central, under the overall supervision of Sukhdev Raj Sharma, DYSSO Jammu.

The technical conduct of events is being managed by departmental experts including Ashok Kumar, Jasdev Singh, Tilak Parihar, Naresh Kumar, Harsinran Singh, Taranpal Singh, Gurbachan Singh, Nitin Sethi, Ajay Kumar, Rohit Gupta, and other convenors and officials.

The ongoing competitions continue to provide a vibrant platform for young players to showcase their talent, while also serving as the selection ground for higher-level events ahead.