

JKIIAN shines in CBSE Cluster XVIII Football Tournament U-17 Boys 2025-26



JK Public School faculty felicitating winner football team of the school.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani has once again proven its mettle on the sports field, with its Under-17 Boys Football Team delivering an outstanding performance in the CBSE Cluster XVIII Games 2025-26.

The prestigious tournament, held under the aegis of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), witnessed spirited competition and remarkable talent from schools across the region.

The football matches for the U/17 Boys category took place from 27 to 31 July 2025, drawing participation from 64 teams. Amidst intense matchups and high stakes, the JKPS Kunjwani team exhibited commendable skill, teamwork and

determination, making their way to the semi-finals with strategic game-play, which culminated in a well-deserved 3rd Position among 64 teams participated in this tournament.

The winners are Rudra Aman Singh (Team Captain), Gursimran Singh (Vice Captain), Harsh Sharma (Goal Keeper), Ishanveer Singh, Kunwarpaul Singh, Abdullah Rishu, Akshat Kumar, Harshvardhan, Anagh Balaria, Aadit Sahni, Arhan Malik, Manjot Singh, Chirag Lakshmi, Ayshvir Singh, Aradhay Sharma and Amanjot Singh.

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society and Rajesh Rathore, Principal JK Public School, Kunjwani, extended their heartfelt

congratulations to the entire team. They also acknowledged and appreciated the invaluable guidance and training provided by the school's Football Coach, Elija Sotra.

The CBSE Cluster Games organized annually, aim to foster a spirit of healthy competition and promote physical education among students. Participation in such esteemed tournaments not only sharpens athletic abilities but also imbues students with essential life values such as discipline, resilience, and the power of teamwork.

JK Public School remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing young talent, encouraging students to excel not only in academics, but also in sports.

Javelin Throw meet on August 7

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Athletics Association shall organise Javelin Throw competition to observe National Javelin Day at Athletics Arena, University of Jammu (JU), here on August 7.

"The event is being held to commemorate the victory of Neeraj Chopra in the Tokyo Olympics," informed general secretary of the Association, Sharat Chander.

The competition shall be held in under-

14, under-16, under-18, under-20 and Open categories in both boys and girls sections, a handout issued here today said.

Athletes, who desire to participate in this event, should report at the given venue at 5.30 am bringing along Aadhar card and Date of Birth certificates.

The participants need to contact Nirmal Singh (7889401211) and Gurcharan Singh (7006341648) for registration and related purposes, the handout added.

GCOE Jammu celebrates I-Day with seminar on 'role of youth in achieving Viksit Bharat @2047'

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JAMMU: GCOE Jammu organized a thought-provoking seminar on the theme "Role of Youth in Achieving Viksit Bharat @2047" as part of its commemorative events.

The program was attended by faculty members, second batch of students of ITEP and B.Ed. with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor.

The session commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by a brief address by the Principal, Dr Jyoti Parihar, who emphasized on the relevance of youth-led initiatives and innovation in shaping the vision of a developed India by the year 2047.

The speakers presented their views on key issues including education reforms, sustainable development, digital empowerment, environmental consciousness and inclusive growth. Each speaker



GCOE Jammu faculty posing for a photograph with students after the seminar.

brought unique perspective.

Senior Professors also addressed the students on the occasion. Prof Sunanda Rani spoke on the need for educational transformation, climate action and green growth. While Dr Rajinder Kour, Coordinator B.Ed. and M.Ed. Courses emphasized on entrepreneurial spirit among youth.

They also adjudged the event and gave valuable suggestions to the students.

During the program, the Principal welcomed the stu-

dents of ITEP from various states like Haryana, Odisha, Bihar, New Delhi and Himachal Pradesh who have joined the institution this academic year.

In her address, she expressed immense happiness over the growing student diversity on campus, calling it a reflection of the spirit of unity in diversity that India proudly upholds.

She emphasized that the presence of students from different linguistic, cultural and regional backgrounds

enriches the learning environment of the college.

She encouraged all students to embrace this diversity and build lasting bonds of friendship, collaboration and inclusivity.

The program was organized by Prof Balwan Singh, Dr Shalini Rana, Dr Suraj Prakash and Dr Ambica Sharma. Dr Davinder Kour was also present on the occasion.

The event was conducted and compeered by Prof Balwan Singh. He also

appreciated the efforts of the participants for their insightful contributions.

The program was a meaningful tribute to the spirit of independence and a reminder of the collective role the youth must play in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

The students who were adjudged as the best speakers were Salma Khatoun (1st), V Surjalakshmi (2nd) and Kriti Sharma (3rd). Peehu, Shivali and Rudrakshi also presented diverse views on the topic.

KCPS swimmers selected for National Aquatic Championship

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JAMMU: Samar Partap and Vanshika Gusain of KC Public School have been selected to compete in the prestigious Junior and Sub-Junior Aquatic Championships.

This remarkable achievement underscores the dedication and talent of our student-athletes and the support of KCPS's commitment to excellence in sports education.

The Jammu and Kashmir Swimming Association conducted selection trials at the KC Sports Club Complex, Jammu, to finalize the teams for the upcoming 51st Junior National Aquatic Championship and 41st Sub-Junior National Aquatic Championship.

Samar Partap has been selected to participate in the



KCPS faculty felicitating selected students.

41st Sub-Junior National Aquatic Championship, scheduled to be held at the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre, Bengaluru, Karnataka, from 4th to 5th August 2025. Vanshika Gusain will

compete in the 51st Junior National Aquatic Championship, to be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from 3rd to 7th August 2025.

They will compete against the top young swimmers from

across the nation, showcasing their skills in various events, including freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, and individual medley.

"We are incredibly proud of our student-athletes and their accomplishments," said Amarendra Kumar Mishra, Principal of KC Public School.

"These young swimmers have worked tirelessly to achieve this level of success, and their selection for the national championships is a testament to their determination and passion for the sport. We believe that this experience will not only enhance their skills but also foster their personal growth and teamwork."

The management of KC Public school congratulated the swimmers and wished them luck for the championship.

Akshit wins gold at 7th All India Inter Zonal Netball C'ship

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JAMMU: Akshit Arora, the only athlete from Jammu & Kashmir selected for the North Zone team, clinched the gold medal at the 7th All India Inter Zonal Netball Championship held at Punjab University, Chandigarh, from August 1st to 3rd.

Akshit thanked Akash Batra, an International Coach and Umpire from J&K, for his invaluable guidance and support.

Akshit's achievement is a proud moment for J&K, and we wish him continued success in his future endeavors, Akash said.

World University Games 2025: KIIT's medal-winning athletes felicitated



Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS with medal winner athletes at felicitation programme.

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BHUBANESWAR: KIIT & KISS felicitated 11 athletes from KIIT University who represented India in various sporting events and won medals at the recently concluded World University Games (WUG) 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany.

KIIT is the first university in India to have won so many medals in WUG in the last 65

years. Each athlete who won a silver medal at the WUG received a cash prize of Rs 3 lakh from KIIT & KISS, while bronze medal winners were awarded Rs 1 lakh. The awards were presented by Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, in the presence of several sporting personalities, including Olympians.

Expressing his delight over

the achievement, Dr. Samanta said that the highest number of players in the Indian contingent at the World University Games were from KIIT. India secured a total of 12 medals in the event, with KIIT athletes contributing 6 of them. This accomplishment is a matter of pride for both KIIT-KISS and Odisha, he added.

He also highlighted that

KIIT is the first Indian university to win the highest number of medals at the World University Games in the past 65 years.

Three KIIT students - Ankita in the 3000m Steeplechase, Praveen Chithralal in the Triple Jump, and Seeman in the 5000m Final - each won silver medals. Additionally, the Men's 4x100m Relay Team, the Women's 20km Race Walk Team, and Avinash Mohanty in Badminton secured bronze medals.

KIIT University showcased its sporting excellence across various events. In the Men's 4x100m Relay, Sahkanth Hoblidhar, Animesh Kujur, Lalu Prasad Bhoi, and Matyam Jayaram Dandapati won bronze medals. In the Women's 20km Race Walk event, Munitap Rajpathi, Mansi Negi, and Sejal Anil Singh walked in unison to clinch bronze. Avinash Mohanty also contributed with a bronze medal in Badminton, bringing KIIT's total medal tally to six.

Among others, Prof. Sharanjit Singh, Vice Chancellor of KIIT-DU; Registrar Prof. J. R. Mohanty; and Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Director General of the Sports and Yogic Sciences School, were present at the ceremony. Olympians Dutee Chand, Srabani Nanda, Amiya Mallick, Shradhanjali Samantray, and Bhavani Devi also graced the occasion.

JIAR secures Bronze in Yoga event



JIAR faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: Students of Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research (JIAR) brought laurels to the institution by winning Bronze medal in the Yoga event which held under the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education,

University of Jammu.

The talented medal winning team included Anayath, Pankaj Kumar, Brishwer, and Mohd. Saquium Zian Wani, who showcased exceptional dedication and skill thus earning third place.

Their achievement highlights JIAR's ongoing commitment to promoting holistic

development and excellence in all fields, including yoga and wellness.

The college appreciated Dr. Rajeev Singh, Assistant Professor in the Department of Swasthivritta and Yoga, who mentored and guided the students throughout their preparation, playing a key role in their success.

Heritageans excel at Cyber Sphere 1.0, Third Language Competition



Heritage School faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: Students of Heritage School delivered a remarkable performance at Cyber Sphere 1.0, the Inter-School IT Fest hosted by Jammu Sanskriti School on August 1 and 2, 2025.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from leading schools across the city, showcasing the immense talent and creativity of students in the field of Information Technology.

In the Digital Art category, Ira Dhwal of Class 5-C and Ranjay of Class 4-C, secured a Consolation prize each. Aviral of Class 12-A, earned a Consolation prize in Cut & Conquer. Abhay

Gupta of Class 12-A, won the Second Prize in Web Craft. In the Coding Challenge, Arav Punj, Bhupat Singh and Naman, all from Class 12-A, bagged Consolation prize each. The First Prize in BGMI was clinched by Aarav Kohli, Vidhush Raina and Aditya Sharma, Class 12-C, along with Tahaan of Class 11-C. In the Debate Competition, the team comprising Ravinav, Jhaanvi and Akshara, all from Class 10, secured the Second Prize, showcasing their critical thinking and articulation skills. Adding further pride to the school's achievements, Pavit Kour of class

IX B brought laurels by securing the Second Position in the Inter-School Third Language (Punjabi) Competition held at Jammu Sanskriti School on 2nd August 2025.

Speaking on the theme "Bahadur Shoorveer", she eloquently celebrated the courage and valour of brave heroes. Competing against participants from 14 reputed schools across the region, Pavit's confident delivery and impactful expression earned her well-deserved recognition.

Heritage School congratulated all the winners and participants for their noteworthy achievements.

DYSS introduces 'Cluster' system in sports

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JAMMU: With an aim to avoid unwanted rush and to provide fair chance to each participant to perform and excel in the annual domestic competition, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) has introduced 'Cluster' system.

Introduced on trials basis last sporting season, the 'Cluster' system has been adopted and incorporated permanently into the calendar of activities of the DYSS.

"Since the organising teams witnessed heavy rush of participants in various sports disciplines, especially at the inter-zone district level events, it was decided, in consultation with the senior offi-

cials of the department, to divide district Jammu into four clusters so as to make it a fruitful annual exercise," informed district (DYSS) officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma.

All the 14 zones of district Jammu have divided into four such Clusters of Jammu, Akhnor, Gandhi Nagar and R S Pura.

While Jammu Cluster included Jammu, Damsal, Marh and Bhalwal, the Akhnor Cluster comprised Chowki Choura, Khour, Jourian and Akhnor. The zones falls in Gandhi Nagar Cluster are Satwari, Miran Sahib and Gandhi Nagar whereas other three zones of Bishnah, R S Pura and Arnia falls in R S Pura Cluster.



CDOE, JU faculty with volunteers during a programme.

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JAMMU: The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu (JU), organized a month-long Beautification Drive including activities such as painting, chart-making, and campus clean-up efforts.

The initiative aimed to encourage creativity, environmental consciousness, and a sense of community engagement among students and staff.

The drive was inaugurated

by Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director, CDOE, who appreciated the enthusiasm of the volunteers and emphasized the importance of maintaining a vibrant and clean campus environment.

The concluding day was marked by an interactive session with Prof. Srivastava, who highlighted how such initiatives not only enhance the physical environment but also strengthen the institution's role in promoting sustainability and

social responsibility.

Faculty members, administrative staff, and NSS volunteers actively participated in the drive. Notable contributions were made by volunteers Ruby Gandotra, Radhika Dogra, Ananya Gupta, Taniya Sharma, Mehak, Shikhar, Ashima, Gurminder Kour, and Ekjot Singh. Dr. Rajber Singh Sodhi, Programme Officer, NSS Unit V, presented a brief report on the month-long activities and delivered the vote of thanks.