

## VCA JK XI outplays Narayana Cricket Club by 36 runs in night encounter



Winner Veterans Cricket Association J&K XI team in jubilant mood.

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JAMMU: The Veterans Cricket Association (VCA) J&K XI registered a convincing 36-run victory over Narayana Cricket Club in a thrilling night T20 encounter played at the picturesque MA Stadium, Jammu.

Winning the toss, VCAJK XI skipper Vivek Suri elected to bat first. The opening stand between Rafiq and Aneesh added 47 runs before Rafiq was dismissed by a brilliant catch at long-on by Abhishek Bharti. Quick dismissals of Aneesh and Nazar gave NCC bowlers a strong

comeback, but a crucial 36-run partnership between Vivek Suri and Rajeev Chopra stabilized the innings. Despite regular breakthroughs by NCC, VCAJK XI managed to post 136/9 in 20 overs. For NCC, Pradyuman, Surinder Bhat, and Abhishek Bharti claimed two wickets each, while Rohit and Sunil chipped in with one apiece.

Chasing 137, NCC openers started aggressively, scoring 13 runs in the first over. However, disciplined bowling from VCAJK XI restricted the flow of runs, leading to

regular wickets. Rohit (32) and Rajpal (25) offered resistance, but their efforts were not enough as the team was bundled out for 100 runs, handing VCAJK XI a 36-run win.

For the victors, skipper Vivek Suri, Arman, and Bawa Barjinder picked up two wickets each, while Nazar, Shakur, and Syed claimed one wicket apiece.

The match, played under lights at MA Stadium, drew enthusiastic spectators and showcased the spirit of competitive cricket among veteran players.

## Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha honours excelling students of Vishwakarma community

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JAMMU: Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha, Jammu, organized a grand honour ceremony today at its Head Office Hall, Jammu, to felicitate the excelling students of the Vishwakarma community for their outstanding academic and professional achievements. The program aimed at encouraging the younger generation to pursue education with dedication and uphold the legacy of hard work and excellence in society.

The event was graced by Brig. Vijay Sagar Dhiman as the Chief Guest. He presented awards and certificates of recognition to the meritorious students who had excelled in academics and competitive examinations. In his address, Brig. Dhiman underlined the importance of education in shaping individuals and communities. He encouraged the students to continue striving for higher goals with sincerity and discipline while also appreciating the Sabha's efforts in motivating the



Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha members with students at felicitation programme.

young generation through such constructive initiatives. Chairman of the Sabha, Rattan Lal Chagotra, applauded the successful conduct of the event and praised the organizers for their dedication. He also called for unity and integrity among community members to ensure the collective progress and upliftment of the Vishwakarma Samaj.

President of the Sabha, Shashi Verma, in his keynote address, highlighted the achievements and ongoing efforts of the Sabha in sup-

porting the community. He pledged to continue raising issues such as scholarships for OBC students, the implementation of the Mandal Commission recommendations in toto, and political reservation for OBCs in local bodies as well as the state assembly. He also reminded the gathering of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's powerful slogan "Educate, Organise, and Agitate" urged the community to adopt it as a guiding principle.

The Sabha honoured students of Class 10th, 11th, and

12th who scored above 75%, alongside achievers who excelled in competitive examinations and professional fields. Among the distinguished achievers felicitated were Sonali Salgotra (JKAS), Dr. Lisa Manhotra (MD Medicine), Tania Verma (Prosecuting Officer, JKPSO), Dr. Rakesh Verma (World Council of Professors), Vikas Kumar (M.Sc. Biotechnology), Vanshika (Bronze Medalist in Wushu National Championship), Shashant Kataria (Sub Inspector, JKP), Sitanshu Jaral (M.Sc. International Hospitality & Tourism Management, UK), and Ridvik Verma (Winner of Mr. India title).

The felicitation of these achievers filled the atmosphere with pride and joy. Parents, dignitaries, Sabha members, and a large number of community participants witnessed the proud moments, appreciating the hard work of the students and the Sabha's efforts to recognize them.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the office bearers of the Sabha, reaffirming their commitment to supporting educational growth and the holistic upliftment of the Vishwakarma community's youth.

Prominent dignitaries present at the event included Jagdish Verma & Puran Chagotra (Vice-Chairmen), Vijay Kumar (General Secretary), Sham Lal Cashier, Joginder Pal (District President), Rakesh Chalotra (Vice-President), Vandana Sagar Chagotra (Mahila Wing President), Raj Kumar Chalotra (Vice-President), Parshotam Kumar (Vice-President), Advocate Amarjeet Chagotra, Ashwani Angotra, and Anil Salgotra (Legal Advisors).

The honour ceremony not only celebrated the academic brilliance of the students but also reinforced the message that education, unity, and social upliftment remain the pillars of progress for the Vishwakarma community.

## FICCI FLO JKL distributes flood relief material under Phase-3 in Jammu

Aarti Chowdhary emphasizes commitment of FICCI FLO JKL to community welfare

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JAMMU: FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh (JKL) on Sunday continued its humanitarian initiative by launching Phase 3 of its ongoing Flood Relief Donation Drive, reaching out to families severely affected by the recent floods across the region.

The third phase witnessed the active participation of Aarti Chowdhary, Chairperson, FICCI FLO JKL, who along with her dedicated team handed over the relief material to Minister Satish Sharma, extending solidarity with the affected communities.

As part of this phase, a total of 150 sets of relief material were handed over to Cabinet Minister Satish



FICCI FLO JKL members with Sports Minister Satish Sharma at a drive.

Sharma for distribution in his constituency. Another 50 relief sets were handed over at Gorkha Nagar to Neha Mahajan, President, BJP Mahila Moreha, J&K. Each relief kit comprised essential items including blankets, mattresses, bed sheets, and pillows to provide immediate comfort

and support to flood-hit families.

The core FLO JKL team accompanying the Chairperson included Varuna Anand, past Chairperson and National Initiative Head Partnerships and Collaboration; Sona Mehta - Treasurer and Shipra

Aggarwal- Joint Treasurer.

Speaking on the occasion, Aarti Chowdhary reiterated the organization's commitment to social responsibility and welfare. She said, "As we enter Phase 3 of our relief efforts, our resolve remains stronger than ever. We are committed to ensuring that every affected family receives the support they need to rebuild with dignity. FLO JKL stands with the people, not just today, but throughout their journey of recovery." The Cabinet Minister

Satish Sharma appreciated the efforts of FICCI FLO JKL, describing the initiative as a timely and compassionate step that brought much-needed relief to flood-affected families. He acknowledged the organization's commitment to community welfare and assured full support for such noble causes.

The FLO JKL leadership confirmed that subsequent phases are already being planned to ensure wider outreach and sustained assistance across the Union Territory of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 1st to 15th September 2025 at its Jagti Campus. As part of the fortnight-long initiative, a special Cleanliness Drive was organized on 14th Sept 2025, reaffirming the Institute's commitment to hygiene, environmental sustainability, and community responsibility.

The Cleanliness Drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, officers, staff, and students, who actively took part in the initiative, underscoring the importance of cleanliness in daily life. Multiple groups comprising students, faculty, and staff carried out cleanliness activities across different areas of the campus, ensuring comprehensive coverage.



IIM Jammu students after the cleanliness drive.

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Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu, highlighted that Swachhata Pakhwada is a reminder of the role educational institutions must play in shaping environmentally conscious leaders of tomorrow. He underscored the importance of sustainable practices that align with the vision of a self-reliant India.

Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, stated that SwachhataPakhwada reflects the Institute's vision of creating socially responsible leaders. He emphasized that environmental consciousness and sustainable living are essential values that must be integrated into academic learning and daily practice.

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, remarked that the participation of students in large numbers is a testimony to their awareness and commitment towards cleanliness and sustainability. He added that such drives instill a sense of discipline, ownership, and responsibility among the younger generation.

Also present during the occasion were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research; Prof. Ravij Seth, Professor of Practice; Prof. P.P. Maheshwari, Professor of

Practice; Prof. Prashant Mishra, Professor of Practice; and Dr. Dharendra Prajapati, Assistant Professor; IIM Jammu, along with officers, staff, and students of IIM Jammu.

The event was supported by Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu; Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs; and Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Co-Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, along with the Student Affairs Office, ensuring smooth coordination and active involvement.

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## Karate Belt Grading Test held



Belt winner players with officials.

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JAMMU: Renmee Gojyuru Karate Do Federation of India organised belt grading test at Dil Khush Usmandarwar Army

Cantonment Nagrota, near here today.

The test was conducted under the supervision of Shihan Sanjeev Dewan, 6th Degree Black Belt All India

Karate Do Federation and Gojyuru RGKFI chief instructor of India.

In this day-long exercise, the participants underwent demonstrations and written test conducted by the qualified officials.

Results: Brown: Mayank Resutra, Karti Verma and Pranav Y. Green: Shivan AR and Piyaas Ghose. Yellow: Arpita Singh, Yavanika, Aava Yadav, Divyansh Kumar Singh, Sanika Rahul Yadav, Aaradhya Rahul Yadav, Sejal, Shirisha Kiran Nirmal, Parnal Kiran Nirmal, Diyan Somasecy, Vivian Ray, Navya Ray and Anuj Singh.

## Centre for Molecular Biology CUJ hosts Induction-cum Orientation program

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JAMMU: The Centre for Molecular Biology, Central University of Jammu under the visionary leadership and with immense support of Vice chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain organised the students Induction cum orientation program 2025 to welcome the newly admitted students for Integrated B.Sc.-M.Sc. Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biotechnology program.

The students in both the programs have been admitted through the CUET and Department of Biotechnology, GOI supported GATB-25 based entrance examination ranking.

This year the Centre for Molecular Biology, Central University of Jammu attracted a very large number of applications for both the programs. The Centre has admitted high-ranking students from all over India with great diversity for both the program.

The event was designed to facilitate the students' transitions into the university ecosystem and update them with academic rules & regulations, university infrastructure, creative and supportive cultural environment, and opportunities offered by the university for career and personal growth.



The event marked the beginning of their academic journey with an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and encouragement. The program opened on a graceful note with the soulful Saraswati Vandana followed by the address by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain to the gathering with an inspiring message that "Education is about developing curiosity and the courage to ask questions that shape the science that serves the betterment of human societies".

His words resonated deeply with the young minds in the hall. He interacted with students and encouraged them to engage their energies and talents in excelling in the academics and research in the field of biotechnology for improving the lives of the citizens of Bharat, our beloved nation.

Further, the Centre for

Molecular Biology has started the first batch of Integrated B.Sc.-M.Sc. Biotechnology program from this year.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, has sanctioned and announced the support of Rs. 2.5 crore to the Centre for development and upgrade of the laboratory setup for better laboratory and research skill development of the students of the centre.

The august gathering of the faculty members of the centre, scholars and students, was also addressed by the Dean, School of Life Sciences, Prof. Sunil Dhar. In his message to the students, he emphasized the role of the rapidly evolving field of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology in the developing economy and betterment of society. He said that "the more you participate and explore the laboratories the more you will realize your true potential to

contribute to research and discovery."

Further the gathering was addressed by the Director, CMB, Dr. Narendra K Bairwa, he welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members, scholars, newly admitted students, and seniors. He expressed his and on behalf of faculty members of the centre, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed, Dr. Praveen K Mehta, Dr. Shelly Sehgal, Dr. Sudhir Sehgal, Dr. Fareda Akhtar, shared their own personal stories of resilience and perseverance to inspire the new entrants. They spoke about the challenges faced during their own student lives, the hurdles of research and the determination required to achieve milestones in science. These narratives of resilience were met with admiration and gave the students valuable life lessons.

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University of Jammu under the guidance of faculty members and with the support of university administration and staff members.

He highlighted the recent policy announcement and implementation by the Government of India on BIOE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment) policy and importance of Biotechnology in present time and coming future.

All the faculty members of the centre welcomed and interacted warmly with the freshers. Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed, Dr. Bairwa, Dr. Praveen K Mehta, Dr. Shelly Sehgal, Dr. Sudhir Sehgal, Dr. Fareda Akhtar, shared their own personal stories of resilience and perseverance to inspire the new entrants. They spoke about the challenges faced during their own student lives, the hurdles of research and the determination required to achieve milestones in science. These narratives of resilience were met with admiration and gave the students valuable life lessons.

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## J&K's Yudhvir Singh Charak makes India-A cut

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JAMMU: J&K's talented speedster Yudhvir Singh Charak has got the National Selectors' nod for India-A 3-match One Day Series against Australia, commencing from September 30, 2025.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) today announced the India A squads for the upcoming three-match one-day series against Australia A, to be played in Kanpur later this month. The series will take place at Green Park Stadium on September 30, October 3 and October 5, with all games starting at 1:30 PM IST.

Yudhvir had displayed a fabulous bowling show in the Ranji Trophy, Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy last season. He took 26 wickets in the seven Ranji Trophy matches played last season and 9 wickets in the seven matches of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, besides performing reasonably well in Vijay Hazare Trophy too. Yudhvir's art of wobbling the ball both ways, coupled with genuine pace makes him the bowler to watch out for. "My ultimate goal is to don the India colours and this is the best opportunity to make it to that level," said Yudhvir. He lavished praise on JKCA for its role in his achievement. Member Administration JKCA, Brig Anil Gupta and Member Cricket Operations JKCA, Mithun Manhas while congratulating Yudhvir Singh for this achievement said more cricketers from J&K are in the fray for India-A and even India call up.

India A squad for the 1st one-day match: Rajat Patidar (Captain), Prabhsimran Singh (WK), Riyan Parag, Ayush Badoni, Suryansh Shedge, Vipraj Nigam, Nishant Sindhu, Gurjapneet Singh, Yudhvir Singh, Ravi Bishnoi, Abhishek Porel (WK), Priyansh Arya, Sinarjeet Singh.

India A squad for 2nd and 3rd one-day: Tilak Varma (Captain), Rajat Patidar (VC), Abhishek Sharma, Prabhsimran Singh (WK), Riyan Parag, Ayush Badoni, Suryansh Shedge, Vipraj Nigam, Nishant Sindhu, Gurjapneet Singh, Yudhvir Singh, Ravi Bishnoi, Abhishek Porel (WK), Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh.

