

JU inaugurates Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament 2025-26

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, inaugurated the Annual Calendar of Inter-Collegiate Events 2025-26, marking the beginning of a new season of competitive sports activities.

The opening event of this year's calendar is the Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament 2025-26, a flagship competition that aims to promote health, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among students.

These prestigious annual events provide a vibrant platform for the students of the University's affiliated colleges to showcase their sporting talent and competitive spirit.

They play a pivotal role in encouraging the youth to



Participating teams posing for a photograph with Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports JU and other officials.

adopt an active lifestyle while fostering unity and friendship through the traditional Indian sport of Kabaddi.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU, inaugurated the tournament by interacting with the participating teams, conducting the cere-

monial toss, and extending his best wishes to all players.

In his address, he underlined the significance of traditional sports such as Kabaddi in nurturing discipline, resilience, and teamwork among students.

The ceremony was attended by several prominent faculty members and officials, including Dr. Mandeep

Singh, Dr. Vimal Kishore, Ravish Vaid, Vikas Karlopiya, Gagan Kumar, Jai Bharat, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Dr. Mahak, Harinderpal Singh, Richa Mandla, and Rishiv Sharma, along with participants from various affiliated colleges. Their presence reflected the University's collective commitment to

promoting sports culture.

The inaugural day of the tournament witnessed thrilling matches and an exceptional display of skill, strategy, and competitive spirit by the teams. The results were as follows:

GDC Hiranagar defeated GDC Ramnagar by 6 points, MIET Jammu defeated GDC Mendhar by

11 points, GDC Chenani defeated GDC Basohli by 11 points, GDC Doda defeated GDC Marh by 12 points, GDC Gaghwal defeated Dogra Degree College by 8 points, BDC Udhampur defeated GDC Bishnah by 27 points, and GDC Khour defeated GDC Dharmari by 5 points.

The tournament is being held under the overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, with the dedicated staff of the Directorate working tirelessly to ensure discipline, fair play, and smooth execution.

The technical panel of referees and officials including Anil Sharma, Ajay Gupta, Dheeraj Sharma, Keshav Singh, Amandeep Singh, and Gagan Kumar, ensured professional officiation and adherence to the rules of the game.

JKPS Panjirtirhi students shine at 6th J&K UT Kudo Tournament 2025

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JAMMU: "Champions are not just measured by medals, but by the courage they carry and the respect they earn."

The 6th Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Kudo Tournament 2025, organized by the J&K Kudo Association, was held at the Indoor Stadium, Srinagar. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the UT, showcasing incredible talent and sportsmanship.

Amidst fierce competition, two young athletes from JK Public School (JKPS), Panjirtirhi -Satvik Gupta of Class VIII and Ojaswin Gupta of Class VI - demonstrated exceptional skill and determination.

Their hard work and perseverance paid off as both students clinched gold medals, bringing immense pride and laurels to their school. The Principal of JKPS Panjirtirhi, Suman Banbah, congratulated the Jakians on their remarkable achievement. She praised their dedication and spirit, saying, "Your victory is a reflection of countless hours of hard training, unwavering focus, and an unbreakable mindset. Push your limits, face challenges, and be persistent."



DPS Jammu students clinch 1st position in District-Level Football Junior Cup 2025

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JAMMU: Delhi Public School Jammu students Syed Adil Abbas (Class XI-G) and Vahin Mengi (Class VIII-F) brought laurels to the school by winning the 1st position in the J-Town Football Junior Cup 2025, organized by A7 Sports Management at Isle of Ball, Jammu. Both competed in the Under-15 category and showcased exceptional talent and teamwork. In recognition of their outstanding performance, Adil and Vahin have also been selected to represent Jammu at the state-level football championship scheduled to be held in New Delhi in November 2025. The esteemed management of DPS Jammu, under the visionary leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh, Director, S.S. Sodhi, and Principal, Ruchi Chhabra, congratulated the winners, their parents, and coach Alfred Jacob for



their dedication and perseverance. They further extended their best wishes to the young footballers for continued success in the forthcoming state-level championship and beyond.

Fencers Shreya, Vishal, Ajay qualify for Asian Games Core Group

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JAMMU: Out of 13 shortlisted Fencers who represented Jammu and Kashmir in the Core Group selection trials for the prestigious Asian Games 2026 held on September 13 and 14, 2025, only 3 have sealed their spots for the initial Core group.

The qualifiers are Shreya Gupta, Vishal Thapar and Ajay Kumar, who showcased exceptional talent and determination to emerge successful.

The trials conducted at SAI NCOE Patiala (Epee) and Army Sports Institute Pune (Sabre) and SAI NCOE Aurangabad (Foil) witnessed intense competition as athletes from all over India vied for selection.

While it was a tough campaign for many, the success of these 3 fencers has brought pride to Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the region's



growing presence in national sports.

The top 12 ranked fencers of India from each gender and category shall be shortlisted for the initial Core group. The final core group shall be finalised after scrutinising performance of fencers in the coming Senior National Fencing Championship.

It was a fabulous display of fencing

skills by Shreya Gupta who sealed her berth in women sabre despite being injured during pool matches but that did not deter her determination to beat her competitors and securing 5th spot.

Vishal Thapar also played impressively and secured second spot in Men's Sabre while Ajay secured 11th

spot in Men's Epee.

Their qualification not only marks a personal milestone but also strengthened India hopes of a strong display of fencing in the upcoming continental event.

Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhul Gul has lauded their achievement calling it an inspiration for young players in the Union Territory.

Meanwhile, office bearers of J&K Amateur Fencing Association have appreciated the extraordinary performance of these fencers. President, Mrs Nisha Sharma and General Secretary, Bhanu Vijay Sharma said that J&K Amateur Fencing Association has been working for last 30 years tirelessly for bringing best out of these fencers, now it is dream come true.

KC Public School organises counselling skills session



Salony Priya, Director, Ummeed Counselling and Consulting Services, Kolkata speaking in a session at KC Public School.

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JAMMU: KC Public School conducted a three-day follow-up session under the Basic Counselling Support (BCS) program by Salony Priya, Director, Ummeed Counselling and Consulting Services, Kolkata, a counselling psychologist with over 25 years of experience in the

field.

The sessions, held from 11th to 13th September 2025, focused on strengthening counselling support, enhancing student engagement, and guiding teachers through small-group supervision and one-to-one interactions.

Over the course of three

days, the sessions addressed multiple aspects of student growth and well-being across different classes such as collecting student feedback to design meaningful sessions, role of the counsellor in maintaining student data and coordinating with teachers, proper documentation (both hard and soft copies), remedi-

al teaching, and strategies for strengthening academic foundations. Group counselling sessions were structured around objectives, reflections, and outcomes.

Speaking on the occasion, Salony Priya highlighted the role of continuous counselling support in building resilience, confidence, and responsibility among students. She emphasized that structured interventions not only improve academic performance but also prepare students for life beyond classrooms.

The KCPS management expressed gratitude to Priya for her valuable insights and reiterated their commitment to holistic student development through sustained counselling and guidance programs.

DYSSO Samba launches major Inter-Zonal Sports tournament with anti-drug pledge

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SAMBA: The District Youth Services and Sports Office (DYSSO) Samba, under the guidance of Director General Anuradha Gupta, successfully launched the Inter Zonal District Level Gatka, Fencing and Wrestling Competition for Under-19 boys and girls here at the Indoor Sports Stadium, on Monday.

The prestigious tournament, meticulously supervised by DYSSO Dharnvir Singh along with ZPEO, has drawn enthusiastic participation from 67 talented athletes from across five zones of the District. The competition features 20 participants in Gatka, 31 in Fencing and 16 in Wrestling, showcasing the diverse sporting talent of the region.

A significant highlight of the event was the administration of a pledge to all participants, committing to increased



sports participation while maintaining a strict stance against drug abuse. This initiative underscores the department's commitment to promoting both physical excellence and moral values among youth.

The tournament represents a major step forward in nurturing young athletic talent and fostering a culture of

healthy competition in the district. The dedication and sportsmanship displayed by participants exemplify the true spirit of the event, contributing to its overwhelming success.

The DYSSO extended heartfelt appreciation to all participants, officials and supporters who have made this championship a resounding success.

Heritageans shine at 6th District Jammu Yogasana Sports C'ship 2025



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JAMMU: Students of Heritage School brought laurels to the institution with their outstanding performance at the 6th District Jammu Yogasana Sports Championship 2025, held on 10th August 2025, at the Community Hall, Gurudwara Singh Sahib, Sheikh Nagar, Jammu.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from young yoga athletes across the district.

The Heritageans excelled with remarkable victories - - Meera Sharma, of class 4, clinched the gold medal in Rhythmic Yoga, -Rihaansh Singh Salathia, of class 4, secured the gold medal in Artistic Yoga, -while Vaanini and Vaanya, of class 6, impressed with their performance winning the silver medal in Rhythmic Pair, Sub Junior Category.

The Heritage family congratulated the winners for their remarkable achievements.

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JAMMU: The 2nd B.B. Choudhary Memorial Badminton Tournament concluded at the Police Line Badminton Hall on Monday, organized by the Choudhary family especially Indu Bhushan in collaboration with the Kings Badminton Club.

B.B. Choudhary was a remarkable sports person who had a close affiliation with the J&K Police and this Badminton Hall for the past 10 years.

Vinod Kumar, IPS, DIG, IRP, Jammu Zone, served as the Chief Guest, while

APS Ratnuchak conducts investiture ceremony

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JAMMU: Army Public School Ratnuchak formally conducted its Annual Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2025-26. The ceremony constituted the official installation of the newly elected Students' Council members.

Proceedings commenced with the ceremonial flag hoisting by Sonal Sharma Principal, followed by invocation and welcoming remarks. The elected council members participated in a formal procession, demonstrating their preparedness for leadership responsibilities.

The investiture protocol included the formal confer-



ment of badges and sashes upon designated office bearers, including Aryan Sharma Head Boy, Aditi Sharma Head Girl, Vice Heads, Sports Captains, and

Prefects. Subsequently, the oath of office was administered, wherein members pledged adherence to principles of responsibility, integrity, and ethical governance.

The Principal delivered the keynote address, emphasizing that authentic leadership emanates from service orientation, dedication, and commitment to student welfare

rather than positional authority. The ceremony culminated with the National Anthem, inspiring the newly appointed leaders toward exemplary service.

This distinguished occasion reinforced the institutional commitment to fostering leadership excellence and community service among students.

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DIG, IRP Jammu Zone, Vinod Kumar with others at a programme.

Gulzar Singh Slathia, former IGP, presided over the ceremony.

Vinod Kumar expressed appreciation for the efforts taken by Indu Bhushan and

his family. He emphasized that sports are a key way to keep healthy and away from all intoxication. He also distributed prizes to the winners of the tournament.

More than 200 players participated in this significant event, and a large number of sports enthusiasts were present, including Dr. O.D. Sharma, Vice President of the Badminton Association of India, and all senior players

All matches were conducted under the supervision of Sukhdev Singh, Anil Gurkha, Rohan Slathia, and Yasir Choudhry.

DYSS holds selection trials at Reasi

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REASI: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organized district level under-19 selection trials in the disciplines of Cricket, Weightlifting and Football for Reasi at General Zorawar Singh Stadium and Indoor Sports Complex, here on Monday.

The selection process took place under the guidance of district (DYSS) officer, Tarsem Singh, who advised the young athletes to give their best because they will be part of the district teams for the forthcoming inter-district Divisional activities.

The technical officials,



Weightlifters posing with officials at selection trial.

who supervised the trials included Opinder Pal Singh, Goutam Kundal, Vikas Singh, Ankush Sharma, Kuldeep Raj,

Arun Dev Singh, Mohd. Riaz, Manjeet Singh, Arpita Mahajan, Asha Devi, Rahul Bakshi and Jagdev Singh.