

# Young author from JKPS Kunjwani marks a remarkable debut with ‘The Shadows Uncovered’

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Jammu, celebrated the literary milestone of its young talent, Vedanshi Chib, a student of Class VIII, who has made a dazzling foray into the world of fiction with the launch of her debut book The Shadows Uncovered.

The book, available in hardcover, paperback, and e-book formats on Amazon and Kindle, has already begun garnering attention for its imaginative plotline, captivating narration, and refreshing style of storytelling.

Speaking with joy and pride, Vedanshi shared, "It was my childhood dream to write a book, and that dream has finally come true



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating a student.

with The Shadows Uncovered." Her words reflect the determination and passion that propelled her to achieve this extraordinary feat at such a young age.

Vedanshi acknowledges the profound influence of celebrated authors Sudha Murty and Enid Blyton, whose works ignited her love for words and inspired her to create her own world

of characters and ideas.

Applauding her accomplishment, Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore said, "Such achievements stand as powerful reminders of the importance of nurturing young talent and encouraging students to pursue their passions beyond the classroom.

Appreciating the literary debut of Vedanshi, Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society said, "With her debut, Vedanshi has not only realized her own cherished aspiration but also set an inspiring example for her peers—proving that creativity, dedication, and perseverance can indeed transform dreams into reality, regardless of age."

# JU organises Punjabi Literary Symposium in collaboration with Punjabi Sahitak Sabha

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JAMMU: The Department of Punjabi, University of Jammu (JU), in collaboration with Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R.S. Pura (Regd.), organised a Punjabi Literary Symposium to honour the celebrated Punjabi poet Harjit Singh Uppal. The event also marked the official release of Uppal's latest book of Ghazals and poetic expressions titled "Shabad Sargam." The symposium was graced by eminent literary and academic figures. Prof. Sushma Devi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest, while Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary (Retd.), JKAACL, presided over the function. Renowned Punjabi Ghazalkar Sh. Pal Gurdaspuri attended as the



Department of Punjabi, JU faculty with Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R.S. Pura members at a Punjabi Literary Symposium in JU.

Guest of Honour. The event served as a platform to acknowledge Harjit Singh Uppal's significant contributions to Punjabi literature. His poetry, rich in cultural depth and emotional resonance, was explored through two research papers presented by Dr. Harjinder Singh and Dr. Harsimran Singh.

Prominent Punjabi authors

including Dr. Monojit, Dr. Baljeet Singh Raina, and Shamsher Singh Chohalvi also shared their reflections on Uppal's literary journey and the impact of his writings.

Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Head, Department of Punjabi and Convener of the symposium, welcomed all dignitaries and highlighted the importance of such events in foster-

ing academic discourse and cultural exchange. She reaffirmed the department's commitment to promoting Punjabi language and literature.

Dr. Harjinder Singh coordinated the event, while Dr. Pritam Singh served as the Organising Secretary. The symposium concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Harjinder Singh.

# Inter-college Fencing meet of JU held

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JAMMU: Following the laid down annual calendar of activities, University of Jammu (JU) organised two-day inter-college Open Fencing (men and women) Tournament at Fencing Hall on the main campus, here on Wednesday.

The competition held in all three events of Epee, Sabre and Foil in both the categories under the guidance of qualified technical panel.

The Results

MEN: Epee: Shivansh Kapoor PG JU, Ist; Atul Kumar, PG JU, Silver; Vishal Dev, GDC Udhampur and Mohinder Kohli, GDC Reasi, joint third. Foil: Aadhar



Winner team receiving trophy at JU on Wednesday.

Khajuria, GCET Jammu, Ist; Aryan Kumar, GDC Udhampur, 2nd; Vishal Dev, GDC Udhampur and Rohit Sharma, GDC Reasi, joint 3rd. Sabre: Harshit Kohli, Trikuta, Degree

College, Ist; Vatsal Gandotra, Trikuta Degree College, 2nd; Suryansh Gandotra, Trikuta Degree College and Anish Sharma, Trikuta Degree College, joint 3rd.

WOMEN: Sabre: Chhavi Sharma, DRD College of Pharmacy Kathua, Ist; Ashu Rani, PG JU, 2nd; Mansi Sharma, PG JU and Anjali Devi, GDC Reasi, joint 3rd. Epee: Preeti

Devi, GDC Reasi, Ist; Biddu Kumari, GDC Dharmari, 2nd; Diksha Rajput, GDC Dharmari and Rajni Thakur, GDC Dharmari, joint 3rd.

The technical panel for Fencing comprised Adarsh Slathia, Parvinder Sharma, Padam Dev Singh, Mohd. Tariq, Rahul Sharma and Javed Ahmed Choudhary.

KABADDI: Results: GDC Kathua beat GDC Rajouri by 14 points; GDC Doda beat IMS Patoli by 24 points; GDC Chenani beat GDC Marheen by eight points; GCET Jammu beat GDC Kunjwani by 18 points; GDC Reasi beat GDC Khour by 26 points and MIET College beat GDC Poonch by 03 points.

# Rajouri Police organises Volleyball Tournament



Rajouri Police posing with volleyball teams.

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RAJOURI: Rajouri Police organised a volleyball tournament at Nowshera as part of the Civic Action Programme 2025. The tournament saw enthusiastic participation from local

youth, with teams competing in a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship.

The event was graced by SDPO Nowshera and SHO Nowshera, who interacted with players and spectators. A large number of

locals attended, contributing to the event's success.

Such initiatives reflect Rajouri Police's commitment to promoting youth engagement and strengthening community-police relations.

# Heritage School coaches shine at state-level sports events



Heritage School faculty felicitating school coaches.

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JAMMU: Heritage School celebrated the remarkable achievements of its coaches, Preeti Gupta and Rohan Kundal, at recent state-level sports tournaments.

Preeti Gupta, the school's Badminton Coach, clinched the Gold Medal in the Mixed Doubles category at the 2nd B. B. Choudhary Memorial Badminton Tournament, held at Police Line

Badminton Hall from 12th to 15th September 2025. Her dedication and outstanding performance brought great pride to the school.

Rohan Kundal, Basketball Coach, led his team to secure the Runner-Up Trophy at the 3rd Rajinder Magotra Memorial Basketball Tournament, held at Mini Stadium Parade from 12th to 14th September 2025. His effective leadership and teamwork played a pivotal role in the team's success.

The Heritage School fraternity congratulated both coaches and wishes them continued success in their future endeavours.

# Inter-school Jammu boys' U-19 meet begins

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JAMMU: Part of the annual calendar of activities, the inter-school under-19 boys competitions of district Jammu in six sports disciplines of Table Tennis, Yoga, Badminton, Kurash, Netball and Wrestling, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) got underway at different venues, here today.

The competition declared open by district (DYSS) officer, Sukhdev Raj Sharma at Badminton Hall of MA Stadium in the presence of participants, officials and the other senior officers of the department.

Amidst interactions with



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

the players and those technical officials, the district officer advised them to conduct the competition following the laid down norms of the concerned sports associations and national federations.

Meanwhile, in Badminton,

semifinals line up has been drawn with four teams of Heritage School, IDRS Chowadhi, APS Akhnoor and DPS Jammu winning their respective games.

The technical panel for today's scheduled events included Sanjay Khajuria,

Kamal Singh, Sunil Abrol, Jatinder Kumar, Karanjeet Singh, Mandep Singh, Hardev Singh, Amolak Singh, Rekha Ratra, Gourav Sharma, Anil Kumar, Rajesh Bandral, Umesh Kumar and Govind Singh.

The Results: BAD-

MINTON: Quarterfinals: Heritage beat ST. Xavier 2-0 (21-14, 21-16); IDRS Chowadhi beat MIER 2-0 (21-08, 21-15); APS Akhnoor beat KC Gurukul by 2-0 (21-09, 21-04); DPS Jammu beat APS Domana 2-0 (21-15, 21-14).

# GDC Mahanpur NSS Unit commences ‘Sewa Parv’ with donation drive

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MAHANPUR: The NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur commenced the celebration of "Sewa Parv" on Wednesday. Observed from 17th September to 2nd October, Sewa Parv aims to promote community service, social responsibility, cleanliness, health, and Gandhian values among students and the larger community.

To mark the beginning of the fortnight-long celebration, a Donation Drive was organised on the first day. NSS volunteers enthusiastically collected clothes, hygiene kits, books, and stationery items from the college staff and students. The initiative received overwhelming support, reflecting the col-



Students and faculty of GDC Mahanpur during a programme.

lective spirit of service and generosity within the institution.

Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the college, appreciated the dedication of the NSS volunteers and highlighted the importance of such initiatives in fostering empathy and social awareness among youth.

Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS

Programme Officer, expressed gratitude to all staff and students for their enthusiastic participation and generous contributions. The event was coordinated by Dr. Jasrotia under the guidance of the Principal.

The teaching and non-teaching staff members, including Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma,

Nisha Bhagat, Prof. Binti Sharma, Prof. Renu, Dr. Hilal, Romesh Lal, Mango Ram, and Kishori, actively contributed to the drive.

A team of 15 dedicated NSS volunteers, including Megha, Shivani, Anshika, Anshu, Nehu, and Sheetal, successfully conducted the drive within the college campus.

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UDHAMPUR: Bharat Scouts and Guides Association district Udhampur today handed over 25 bags and boxes containing food and ration items, meant for the rain effected people, to the Additional Deputy Commission (ADC) Udhampur.

"The eatables have been collected by the Scouts and Guides from homes and localities as part of the humanitarian aid to those effected by the devastating floods and landslides in district Udhampur. The idea was to make the youngsters sensible for their role towards the society," said



BS&GA district Udhampur handing over ration items for rain effected people to ADC Udhampur.

vice president of the district association, Ashok Kumar.

The ADC Udhampur appreciated the gesture of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and asked other edu-

cation, culture and social organisation to come forward and such initiatives for those badly effected in the rural pockets.

Among other prominent present were Scouts, Guides, Masters and Guide Captains of Braham Rishi

Shanti Vidya Peeth and Indira Memorial HSS Udhampur as also Ashwani Kumar, Principal and Prof. Shayista (incharge unit of Government Degree College), Anuradha Verma (Guide Captain) and Jeevan Singh (Scout Master).

# Asmita Women’s Wushu League Srinagar concludes

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SRINAGAR: Asmita Women's Wushu League concluded with well attended closing function which held at Indoor Stadium, Polo Ground, here on Wednesday.

Those outstanding players were felicitated by chief guest, Kuldeep Handoo, Dronacharya Awardee and Chief Coach of India. He lauded the initiative of organizing the Women's League, describing it as a significant step towards empowering young female athletes and providing them with a professional platform to showcase their talent.

Also present were Sadat



Medal winners of Asmita Women's Wushu League posing with officials.

Aslam Wani, vice president

Wushu Association of J&K;

Hilal Ahmad, Manager,

Indoor Stadium Polo Ground;

Mohammed Maqsood Rather (joint secretary), Ajaz Hussain (KIC Handwara), Irfan Ahmad Wani (PMDP Shadipura), and Rameez Ahmad Dar (KIC Shopian).

Those best performers in this League were presented medals and certificates of participation. Meanwhile, the Association also inaugurated the Open Kashmir Wushu Championship.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mohammed Maqsood Rather, joint secretary, Wushu Association of J&K, who expressed gratitude to Kuldeep Handoo and other guests for encouraging the athletes.

# Rajouri, Poonch Judo meet from Sept 29

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JAMMU: Postponed in view of the natural calamities due to the floods and landslides, district Judo Championships of twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch shall now take place from September 29 at Sports Stadium, Rajouri under the banner of Judo Association of J&K.

This was stated in a handout issued by the Association here today. Those eligible players in

both boys and girls sections across different weight and age groups have been advised to contact the concerned coaches and office bearers of the district association.

The entries can be submitted to president of Rajouri District Judo Association, who is also organising secretary of the two-day event, which is being organised as part of the annual calendar of activities.