

# Div Com attends Students Painting workshop- Viksit Bharat Ke Rang, Kala Ke Sang

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar attended Viksit Bharat Ke Rang, Kala Ke Sang- a Students Painting workshop organized by Divisional Administration in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Regional Centre, Jammu and Kashmir here at Conventional Centre.

The one-day workshop was organized as part of Sewa Parv celebrations centered on the theme "Vision of Viksit Bharat".

Students from different colleges and schools painted their ideas and aspirations for developed India. The creative artworks and paintings highlighted different dimensions of progress and nation-building.

The Divisional Commissioner interacted with the participants and lauded their paintings and artwork. He listened to the



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar along with students and other dignitaries.

vision and ideas painted by the students in their colorful paintings.

He said that the Sewa Parv is being organised by all departments including Health, Rural Development from 17 September to 02 October 2025 featuring art and culture activities, cleanliness and plantation drives, health and blood donation camps, social outreach programmes and awareness campaigns on government Schemes.

More than one thousand

students participated in the event. They also extended their heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the Prime Minister on his birthday. The workshop collectively emphasized the guiding principles of public service, cultural pride and youth responsibility in realizing the vision of a developed India.

The paintings made by the students reflected the role of quality education, research and technological advancement as essential pillars of

development. Several artworks also focused on comprehensive healthcare, sustainable growth, clean rivers and green landscapes, reflecting students' early concern and vision for a healthy and balanced environment.

Youth participation strongly underlined the importance of gender equality, women-led growth and the pivotal role of young leaders in building the future of the nation. At the same time,

the students' works placed a strong emphasis on India's traditions, cultural wealth and crafts as integral elements of a modern and self-reliant Viksit Bharat.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu lauded the wholehearted participation of students and observed that such initiatives nurture respect for heritage while instilling a sense of responsibility towards nation-building.

Regional Director, IGNCA Regional Centre Jammu & Kashmir, Ms Shruti Awasthi, highlighted the significant role of culture and heritage in shaping the vision of Viksit Bharat and reaffirmed IGNCA's active role in advancing this initiative.

Officials from Divisional Commissioner office, District administration, Lecturers, Teachers, staff and students were present.

# Donation-cum-Distribution Drive organised at GDC Mahanpur

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MAHANPUR: As part of the ongoing "Sewa Parv" in connection with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, the NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur organized a Voluntary Donation cum Distribution Drive on 18th September 2025. The initiative aimed at promoting "Sarvodaya"- the upliftment of the needy, poor, and underprivileged - a core Gandhian philosophy.

The beneficiaries of this noble drive were primarily the flood-affected families and elderly individuals from nearby areas.

On the second day of the event, relief material including clothes, bed sheets, hygiene kits, food items, medicines, and study materials were collected and distributed.

The donations were made voluntarily by the college staff and students, who came forward enthusiastically to contribute for this humanitarian cause.



The entire programme was organised by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS Programme Officer, under the guidance and supervision of the College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan. Both the Principal and NSS P.O., along with a dedicated group of NSS volunteers, personally handed over the collected materials to the beneficiaries.

In addition to general relief items, a significant number of academic books were also distributed among underprivileged stu-

dents to aid their educational journey. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan lauded the efforts of the staff and students for their wholehearted participation and generous contributions.

NSS Volunteers including Megha Salaria, Ruchika Sharma, Bishu Devi, Shivani Proch, Taruna Sharma, Shilpa Verma, Damini, and Pallavi Sharma played an active role in the successful execution of the drive, showcasing exemplary spirit of service and compassion towards the society.

# UIET JU organises student induction program for new batch

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KATHUA: The University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, inaugurated a one-week Student Induction Program to welcome the incoming students of the 2025-26 academic session.

The program commenced with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Rocky Gupta, In-charge Principal, UIET, Kathua Campus.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector and Coordinator, UIET, congratulated the new entrants and encouraged them to actively engage in both curricular and co-curricular activities for their holistic development.

The inaugural session featured two prominent resource persons. Ajay K. Sharma, Chartered Accountant and member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, delivered a lecture on "Personality Development," highlighting the role of self-awareness, emotional regulation, communication skills, and confidence in personal and pro-



Professional growth.

Er. Ritika Gupta, Assistant Professor, School of Management, UIET, spoke on "Professional Ethics," educating students about integrity, accountability, empathy, diversity, and responsible conduct in the professional world. As part of the induction, students were taken on a campus tour covering labs, workshops, and hostels to familiarize them with campus facilities. The day concluded with an interactive Mentor-Mentee session, fostering connection and support for the new students.

# DYSS holds inter-zonal Wrestling, Yoga meet of Jammu

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JAMMU: Following the annual calendar of activities, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) today organised inter-zone district level Wrestling and Yoga competitions of district Jammu at MA Stadium, here.

While the wrestling meet held at Judo Hall in all three age groups of under-14, under-17 and under-19, the Yoga event held in under-19 age group only at Kabaddi stadium.

These competitions were supervised by the district (DYSS) officer, Sukhdev Raj Sharma.

The technical penal for today's competition comprised Sanjay Khajuria, Kamal Singh, Sunil Abrol, Jatinder Kumar, Karanjeet



Singh, Mandep Singh, Hardev Singh, Amolak Singh, Rekha Ratra, Gourav Sharma, Anil Kumar, Rajesh Bhandral, Umesh Kumar and Govind Singh.

**The Detailed Results: WRESTLING: Under-14 year: 35 Kg:** Arun Malgotra of Chowki Choura, Ist; Honey Singh of Bhalwal,

2nd. 38 Kg: Udhay Singh of Akhnoor, Ist and Mohit of RS Pura, 2nd. 41 Kg: Chintu Kumar of RS Pura, Ist and Balraj Sharma of Chowki Choura, 2nd. 44 Kg: Aarav Sharma of Akhnoor, Ist and Mazed of Bishnah, 2nd. 48 Kg: Arun Singh of Bhalwal, Ist; Maha Chib of RS Pura, 2nd. 52 Kg: Vishiv

Choudhary, Ist; Naresh of RS Pura, 2nd. 57 Kg: Shivansh Prashar of Akhnoor, Ist and Samar Partap Singh of Chowki Choura, 2nd. 62 Kg: Deepak Changotra of Bishnah, Ist and Vishal of Jammu, 2nd. 68 Kg: Prithvi Raj of Akhnoor, Ist and Vignesh Singh of Jammu, 2nd. 75 Kg: Honey Singh of Marh, Ist and Krishna of Bishnah, 2nd.

**WRESTLING Under-17 year:** 45 Kg: Amit, Akhnoor, Ist and Ashok Kumar, RS Pura, 2nd. 48 Kg: Jaiveer, Akhnoor, Ist and Deepak Kumar, RS Pura, 2nd. 51 Kg: Vansh Sharma from Chowki Choura, Ist and Sadil, Bishnah, 2nd. 55 Kg: Mohit, Bhalwal, Ist and Sourav, RS Pura, 2nd. 60 Kg: Raman, Ist; Maha Chib of RS Pura, 2nd. 65Kg: Dalbir,

Akhnoor, Ist and Rahul, Chowki Choura, 2nd.

**WRESTLING: Under-19 year:** 57 Kg: Daljeet Singh, Khour, Ist and Shubam Kumar, Jourian, 2nd. 61 Kg: Nitin Mangotra, RS Pura, Ist and Pranav, Bishnah, 2nd. 65 Kg: Varun Singh, Khour, Ist and Shravan Singh, RS Pura, 2nd. 70 Kg: Dishan Singh Chib, Bhalwal, Ist and Yuvraj Singh Chib, Jammu, 2nd. 74Kg: Mohit Kumar, Bhalwal, Ist and Anshu Choudhary, RS Pura, 2nd. 79 Kg: Bishaish Chib, Bhalwal, Ist and Sujal Chalgotra, Jourian, 2nd.

**YOGA Under-19:** Surinder Rajput, Jammu, Ist; Shaurya Bhandral, Bhalwal, 2nd; Sandeep Kumar of Bhalwal, 3rd; Romil Bhat, Bhalwal, 4th and Adresh Koul, Bhalwal, 5th.

# Hindi Fortnight inaugurated at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Department of Hindi & Other Indian Languages and the Hindi Cell of the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) jointly inaugurated the Hindi Fortnight celebrations with great enthusiasm and academic fervour. The event was held under the guidance and inspiration of Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

The Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony was Prof. Chandrakant Singh from the Department of Hindi, Central University of Himachal Pradesh. Special Guests included Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar; Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' Welfare; Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Head, Department of Hindi; and Dr. Priyanjan, Assistant Director, Hindi Cell.

The event began with the



Prof. Chandrakant Singh with CUJ faculty.

ceremonial lighting of the lamp followed by a soulful Saraswati Vandana presented by the research scholars of the Hindi Department. Prof. Bharat Bhushan, in his welcome address, highlighted the importance and objectives of celebrating Hindi Fortnight.

Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh emphasized that Hindi is more than a lan-

guage - it is the soul of Indian culture and unity. He encouraged students to play a proactive role in the growth and promotion of Hindi. Prof. Ritu Bakshi noted that Hindi's simplicity and adaptability have made it a language of global appreciation, especially in the digital era.

Chief Guest Prof. Chandrakant Singh

described Hindi as a bouquet of dialects representing India's folk culture. Comparing Hindi to a lotus surrounded by petals of other Indian languages, he underlined the bright future of Hindi on the global stage and called upon the youth to become "Hindi soldiers" to safeguard regional languages and cultural identity.

Judges of the poetry and speech competitions - Prof. Paramvir Singh, Dr. Aman Bhardwaj, and Dr. Amita Gupta - were felicitated. The session was conducted by Dr. Vandana Sharma, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Priyanjan.

The Hindi Fortnight will continue till 30th September with various competitions for students, staff, and school participants, promoting the spirit of linguistic pride and national identity.

# Red Ribbon Club volunteers of GGM Sc College visit Home for Aged and Infirm

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JAMMU: In continuation of the activities taken under the Seva Prav Program by the College, the Red Ribbon Club of GGM Science College, Jammu organized a compassionate visit to the Home for the Aged and Infirm, Amphalla, Jammu.

The initiative was carried out under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College, and was supervised by Dr. Rozy Bamba, Convener, Red Ribbon Club accompanied by Dr. Sunita, Dr. Nisha and Dr. Poanam.

A group of dedicated student volunteers spent the day interacting with the elderly residents, sharing warm conversations, and extending care.

They also offered assis-



Students of Red Ribbon Club of GGM Science College with faculty at Home for the Aged and Infirm, Amphalla.

tance in small daily tasks, bringing moments of joy and comfort to the aged. The visit not only highlighted the value of empathy and service but also provided students with meaningful exposure beyond their academic life.

The experience enabled students to understand the

importance of community service, instilling in them a sense of social responsibility. It also helped them reflect on values of compassion, respect for elders, and the need to care for the most vulnerable sections of society.

While interacting with the volunteers, on the occasion,

Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta appreciated the initiative, and added that, the Red Ribbon Club has always been at the forefront of nurturing a culture of service, care, and social awareness among students. Such visits prepare our youth to be sensitive citizens, ready to contribute positively to society.

# Antriksh of J&K wins bronze in Oman Roll Ball event

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JAMMU: Antriksh Gupta, who was part of the Indian team that took part in the International Invitational Roll Ball Championship at Oman, returned with Bronze after India finished third. The team, on arrival to India, felicitated by the national body of roll ball and others associated with the game, a handout issued by the Roll Ball Association of J&K here today informed. The Indian team displayed exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament, ultimately securing the third place, the handout added. "Antriksh, a vital part of the team's success, has brought immense pride to the Nation and the local sporting community," said general secretary of the Association, Madhu Sharma. Meanwhile, the Association thanked J&K Sports Council for the continued support to the game of Roll Ball.

## Kuljeet Singh qualifies Ph.D

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KATRA: Kuljeet Singh, son of Bhart Singh and Naina Devi, a resident of Village Natna (Draman), Tehsil Rajgarh, District Ramban, has been declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Mathematics by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra. He carried out his research on the topic "A study on certain aspects of some curves and surfaces in euclidean spaces" under the supervision of Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Mathematics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra.



# PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar hosts Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi Tournament



Participating teams posing for photograph with faculty members and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The Department of Physical Education and Sports of PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, under the aegis of the Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), organized the Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men and Women) Tournament for the academic session 2025-26 on 18th and 19th September 2025.

Dr. Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the host college, welcomed the chief guest, Prof. (Dr.) K. S.

Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor of CLUJ.

In his keynote address, Prof. Chandrasekar emphasized the significance of indigenous Indian sports like Kabaddi in building discipline, resilience, and camaraderie among youth. His words inspired the young athletes to pursue excellence with sportsmanship.

Ankur Mahajan, Registrar, and Dr. Twinkle Suri, Dean Academic Affairs, CLUJ, graced the event as guests of honour. Several eminent academi-

cians and dignitaries, including Dr. Satinder Kour, Dr. D. S. Manhas, Dr. Chandler Shekhar Gupta, Dr. Monika Sharma, Dr. Mohammad Zubair Kalis, and Dr. Meenakshi Bhandral, attended the event. Principals of other colleges, such as Dr. Jyoti Parihar (GCOE) and Dr. Rajinder Singh (SPMR Commerce College), were also present alongside senior faculty members.

The tournament was coordinated by Prof. Shrdha Anand, Convener, College Sports Committee, and

Kajal Premi, Physical Director, with strong support and guidance from Dr. Geetanjali Andotra.

The event began with the chanting of mantras by Dr. Vijender Sharma, followed by a formal opening conducted by Prof. Sugandha Mahajan.

The inaugural men's match saw GGM Science College defeat MAM College by a margin of 23 points. In the women's category, the host team, GCW Gandhi Nagar, secured a convincing 28-point win over SPMR Commerce College.

# JU Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament enters semi-final stage

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JAMMU: The Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men) Tournament 2025-26, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education,



University of Jammu (JU), has entered its most thrilling phase as the semi-finalists have been decided. After four days of intense competition, the tournament is set to conclude tomorrow with the much-anticipated semi-final and final matches, promising an electrifying end to this prestigious event. Day four was marked by high-energy performances, showcasing the skill, strength, and tactical brilliance of the participating teams. The matches kept spectators on the edge of their seats as teams demonstrated remarkable coordination, agility, and sportsmanship - hallmarks of the traditional sport of Kabaddi. In the quarter-final clashes, GDC Kathua outplayed GDC Doda with a convincing 17-point lead. The PG Department of the University of Jammu secured a 10-point victory over GDC Chenani. GDC Bharderwah edged past GDC Reasi by 5 points, while MIET College narrowly defeated GCET in a close contest, winning by 4 points. These victories have now set the stage for an exciting showdown among the top contenders in the semi-finals. The tournament is being held under the leadership of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, whose efficient team has ensured smooth conduct with a strong focus on discipline and fair play. A panel of officials - including Anil Sharma, Ajay Gupta, Dheeraj Sharma, Keshav Singh, Amandeep Singh, Raki Sharma, and Gagan Kumar- has ensured that all matches are officiated with professionalism and adherence to the rules of the game.