

# CLUJ conducts Inter-College Fencing Championship

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Inter-College Fencing Championship for Men and Women, organized by the Cluster University of Jammu, was successfully conducted under the supervision of Government MAM College, which was entrusted with the responsibility of organizing the tournament.

Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director of Physical Education and Sports at Cluster University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest.

In his address, Dr. Bakshi underscored the importance of student participation in sports and physical activities. He proudly highlighted the achievements of Cluster University's athletes, noting that many have competed at the international level and secured gold medals at national competitions.

He also shared that, with the support of the Vice



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Chancellor and Dean Students Welfare, Daljeet Singh Manhas, a proposal has been prepared for the introduction of a comprehensive Sports Policy to strengthen the university's sporting framework and encourage wider participation.

In the men's section, Government GGM Science College emerged as the over-

all champion, scoring 11 points, followed closely by SPMR College of Commerce, which secured the runner-up position with 10 points. In the women's category, GCW Gandhi Nagar claimed the championship title with a total of 16 points, while SPMR College of Commerce once again earned the runner-up spot with 9 points.

Ujjwal of GGM Science College was adjudged the Best Player in the men's section, while Ms. Sanwari Rajput of GCW Gandhi Nagar earned the same recognition in the women's section for her outstanding performance.

The event was attended by prominent members of the university and college sports departments, including

Prof. Tarsem Lal, Convener of the Sports Committee at MAM College, and Prof. Sonam Mehta, Incharge of Fencing at MAM College. Also present were Ravi, Physical Director of SPMR College of Commerce; Neenu Sahwney, Physical Director of MAM College; Neelam, Assistant Physical Director of MAM College; and Ms. Kajal Premi, Physical Director of GCW Gandhi Nagar.

The matches were officiated by a panel of experienced and certified referees, including Bisham Singh, an international referee; Javed Ahmed, an international fencer and national referee; Anthony Mattoo, a national referee; and Rahul Sharma, also a national referee. Their professionalism and expertise ensured fair and smooth conduct of the tournament.

# Intra-Mural Gatka meet held at GDC RS Pura



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Organised by the Department of Physical Education, an intra-mural Gatka competition held at GDC RS Pura aimed at reviving traditional martial arts and fostering cultural values among students.

The event took place under the guidance of Principal of the College, Dr. Preetpal Kour, who encouraged students to actively participate in indigenous sports. She highlighted that Gatka, apart from being a self-defence technique, strengthens courage, discipline, and teamwork.

The competition witnessed energetic participation and skillful performances by students,

who displayed agility, precision, and sportsmanship. Winners were awarded medals while all participants were applauded for their dedication. The title trophy in women section went to Khushpreet Kour while Simran Preet Kour remained runners-up. In men's section, Gurutej of semester-third was winner and Sarabjeet Singh, runner-up.

Dr. Roopali Slathia, PTI proposed the vote of thanks to the Principal and the convener Sports Committee Dr. Anupama Pandotra. Also present were Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Prof. Geetika Goswami, Prof. Sunil Kumar, Prof. Rajinder Singh and Prof. Kiran Lata.

# KCIS hosts Inter-School Swimming Competition 2025



Medal winner swimmers posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: KC International School proudly hosted the much-anticipated Inter-School Swimming Competition 2025, an event that brought together some of the finest young swimmers from leading schools across Jammu.

The event was graced by eminent dignitaries. The Chief Guest, Sukhdev Raj Sharma, District Youth Services and Sports Officer,

inspired the gathering with his presence. The Guests of Honour included Mr. Ramandeep Singh Soodan, President of the J&K Swimming Association, Vikas Magotra, Senior Swimming Coach, Sports Council Jammu, Chaitanya Chowdhary, President, KCIS.

The competition showcased electrifying performances as participants competed in different categories-

Under-12, Under-14, and Under-17. The poolside atmosphere was vibrant with excitement, echoing cheers and encouragement for budding swimmers striving for excellence.

After intense rounds of competition, the results were declared with KC Public School clinching First Place, KC International School securing Second Place, and Jodhamal Public School

taking Third Place, making it a proud moment for all participating institutions.

In his motivating address, the Chief Guest emphasized the significance of sports in fostering holistic development and urged young athletes to pursue their goals with dedication, discipline, and persistence.

The event celebrated teamwork, perseverance, and the spirit of healthy competition. It served as a reminder of the vital role sports play in shaping confident and resilient individuals.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Principal Anupama Sinha, acknowledging the efforts of students, coaches, and organizers. The day ended on a patriotic note with the rendition of the National Anthem, filling the atmosphere with pride and unity.

# Historic Milestone: Mithun Manhas set to become BCCI President

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) proudly celebrates the historic appointment of Mithun Manhas, a distinguished member of JKCA, as the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), effective September 28, 2025.

This monumental achievement has filled the people of Jammu & Kashmir with immense pride, marking a significant moment for the region's sporting legacy.

Manhas, a young and dynamic sports personality has an illustrious career adorned with numerous records and firsts. Under his visionary leadership, JKCA has scaled new heights, elevating the standard of cricket in the region. His efforts have not only enhanced J&K's reputation



in the cricketing world but also provided a platform for aspiring cricketers from the region to shine on national and international stages.

However, this joyous occasion was briefly overshadowed by a frivolous writ petition filed in the Jammu Wing of J&K & Ladakh High Court by Sudershan Mehta and a few disgruntled individuals seeking to stay Mr. Manhas' election on baseless and presumptuous grounds. The Court, in its wisdom, dismissed the petition today, questioning Mr. Mehta's locus standi as well as the territorial jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the writ.

Mehta, a retired junior police officer and self-proclaimed ex-cricketer, claims to be the President of a Jammu-based cricket club. However, JKCA records reveal an ongoing intra-club dispute regarding the legitimacy of his position. Furthermore, the club he represents has not organized or participated in any cricketing activities for nearly a decade, rendering it a mere namesake entity.

Mr. Mehta's past is marred by allegations of morally corrupt practices during his tenure as an office bearer of JKCA, including drawing allowances while receiving a regular salary as a policeman without approval from his parent department. He is also currently facing a defamation case in a Kashmir court. It's obvious that the instant petition was filed with mala fide intent.

Through his actions, Mehta has demonstrated an inability to accept the remarkable progress made by JKCA under its current leadership. His repeated attempts to impede the association's functioning

with fabricated allegations reflect a mindset driven by envy and obstructionism.

The dismissal of this baseless petition reaffirms the unwavering support for Mr. Manhas and his transformative contributions to cricket in J&K and beyond. The people of Jammu & Kashmir stand united in celebrating this proud moment, undeterred by the actions of a few pessimists.

JKCA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mithun Manhas on his well-deserved appointment as BCCI President and wishes him success in leading Indian cricket to greater heights.

Senior Advocates Rahul Pant and Sunil Sethi assisted by Advocate Rajat Gupta argued the case on behalf of BCCI and JKCA before the Court of honourable Justice Sanjay Dhar. Advocate Arif Sikander represented Mr. Mithun Manhas. JKCA has also thanked the learned advocates for placing facts before the Court because of which Sudershan Mehta failed in his nefarious design.

# JKCA to host historic 8 national matches this season

**Invites journalists to seek accreditation**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) is set to host a landmark season featuring a total of 8 prestigious national matches, showcasing cricket at its finest across the region's twin divisions. The thrilling lineup includes 3 Ranji Trophy (Senior Men), 3 CK Nayudu Trophy (U-23 Men), and 2 Cooch Behar Trophy (U-19 Men) encounters, promising unparalleled excitement and high-quality competition.

A marquee highlight of the season will be the high-

voltage Ranji Trophy clash against the legendary 42-time champions Mumbai, scheduled at SK Stadium Srinagar from October 15 to 18, 2025. This will be followed by another intense Ranji Trophy face-off with Rajasthan at the same venue from October 25 to 28, 2025. The action then shifts to JKCA Hostel Ground Jammu, where the J&K team will battle Meghalaya in the Col CK Nayudu Trophy from October 26 to 29, 2025. Soon after, the senior squad returns to the same ground for a Ranji Trophy match against Hyderabad from

November 16 to 19, 2025. At Jammu University Ground, the U-19 squad will showcase their talent in a thrilling Cooch Behar Trophy encounter against Mumbai from November 23 to 26, 2025. They will then take on Baroda from December 1 to 4, 2025, continuing the cricketing fervor in the region. Capping off this historic season, JKCA will host two more CK Nayudu Trophy matches against Baroda and Goa at JKCA Hostel Ground Jammu, scheduled between February 6 to 9 and February 13 to 16, 2026.

In light of this remarkable cricketing calendar, JKCA cordially invites sports journalists from both Jammu and Kashmir regions to apply for accreditation to cover these momentous events. Interested media personnel must submit their written applications to the Member Administration JKCA either by hand at JKCA Offices in Jammu/Srinagar or by post, no later than October 5, 2025. Journalists based in Kashmir should direct their applications to Gulzar Ahmad, Administrative Officer, Srinagar. Brigadier Anil Gupta,

Member Administration JKCA, emphasized, "Only journalists and cameramen accredited by the JKCA will be granted access to these exclusive venues. We also remind all media representatives that no video recording or live broadcasting of the matches is permitted, in respect of the exclusive media rights held by the BCCI. JKCA reserves the right to reject any application without prior notice or explanation." This unprecedented cricketing season marks a proud chapter for Jammu and Kashmir cricket, inviting everyone to witness and celebrate the game at its best.

# Kuldeep leaves for Chennai Pro Kabaddi League

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: General secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association and technical director Asian Kabaddi Federation, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta today left to get involved in a technical committee member of Pro Kabaddi League starting from September 28 at Chennai.



Dr. Gupta has also been appointed technical delegate in IIIrd Asian Youth Games to be held in the month of October at Bahrain and was also part of the 19th Asian Games at Hangzhou, China. He also acted as technical delegate in 16th Asian Games at Ghanzhou, China - 2010 and 14th Asian Games at Busan, Korea 2002.

# Rajouri hosts Inter-District Divisional Level Volleyball Tournament for U19 Boys

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Rajouri on Saturday declared open the Inter-District Divisional Level Under-19 Boys Volleyball Tournament with a grand opening ceremony followed by the first round of matches. The initiative marks a significant stride in promoting youth engagement in sports and nurturing competitive volleyball talent across the region.

The launch event was presided over by Chief Guest Bikram Kumar, whose presence added gravitas to the occasion. He was joined by Guests of Honour, including Retired Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports Mohammad Din, Dy. SP D.A.R. Akshay Khajuria and SHO Rajouri Abid Bukhari, all of whom extended their support and encouragement to the young athletes participating in the tournament.

The semi-final matches delivered high-energy performances and showcased the emerging talent from across districts. In the first semi-final, Jammu outplayed Rajouri, with Sandeep Singh from Jammu earning the title of Man of the Match for his outstanding performance. The second semi-final saw Kathua defeat Samba, where Tanush Singh Manhas from Kathua was declared Man of the Match for his skillful play.

The final match, scheduled for tomorrow, will feature a thrilling contest between Jammu and Kathua to determine the divisional champions of the Under-19 Boys Volleyball Tournament.

This sporting event is being organized under the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Mohammad Qasim, with activity support provided by ZPEO Baljarallan Wali Mohammad, who is currently handling the activity charge.

The event was led by SSP Poonch Shafket Hussain, accompanied by Addl. SP Poonch Mohan Lal and other senior police officers and officials of District Police Poonch.

The ceremony was graced by Ashok Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Poonch as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Jasbir Singh,

# First J&K Police Martyrs Hockey Tournament begins

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: District Police Poonch on Saturday organized 1st Edition of the J&K Police Martyrs Hockey Tournament at the Hockey Ground, Poonch, in honour of the brave martyrs of Jammu and Kashmir Police who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

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SSP Poonch Shafket Hussain at inaugural ceremony of J&K Police Martyrs Hockey Tournament at the Hockey Ground, Poonch.

Principal SKC Government Degree College Poonch as the Guest of Honour. Speaking on the occasion,

SSP Poonch paid heartfelt tributes to the martyrs of J&K Police and emphasized the importance of remembering their sacrifices. He said, "This tournament is not only a tribute to our martyrs but also a means to

channel the energy of our youth in a positive direction through sports, discipline, and teamwork. District Police Poonch is committed to keeping alive the legacy of our brave hearts while promoting sports culture in the region."

The tournament commenced with enthusiastic participation, as teams from across the region competed in the opening matches, making the event a befitting tribute to the memory of the martyrs.

# HPS organises Teacher's Workshop on Pedagogical Innovation and AI Integration

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Humanity Public School, under the visionary leadership of Principal Gaurav Charak and Vice Principal Anku Charak, organized a comprehensive Teacher's Workshop aimed at enhancing pedagogical skills and integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into education. The event took place at the school's Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) and witnessed enthusiastic participation from the entire teaching faculty.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Shakeela, followed by the pres-



entation of bouquets and the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Principal, Vice Principal, and school dignitaries including Administrative Incharge Akashdeep Raina, High/Middle Wing Incharge Namrata Sharma, Primary Wing Incharge Vandana

Sharma, and IT Incharge Er. Varinder Kumar. Renowned counselling psychologist and educator, Dr. Deepika Chawla, served as the resource person, accompanied by Saleem Malik, Territory Manager from Blueprint Publications. Dr. Chawla, an expert in child and

behavioural psychology, conducted engaging sessions on Teaching-Learning Styles, Teacher-Student Behaviour across Disciplines, and Study of AI for Teachers - The Need of the Hour. The sessions emphasized practical strategies for effective classroom man-

agement, catering to diverse learning styles, and the relevance of AI tools in modern education. Teachers actively participated in discussions, sharing insights and challenges, thereby fostering a collaborative learning environment. The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session, enriching the participants' understanding of contemporary educational practices. Principal Gaurav Charak and Vice Principal Anku Charak expressed gratitude to Dr. Chawla and Malik, presenting them with mementos as a token of appreciation.

# Quarter-Final thrillers mark day-6 of 20th J&K Police Martyrs' Memorial Football Tournament

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The 20th J&K Police Martyrs' Memorial Football Tournament 2025 entered its high-stakes knockout phase with gripping quarter-final matches played at the Synthetic Turf TRC Ground in Srinagar.

Football enthusiasts witnessed a day filled with intense competition, remarkable performances, and electrifying energy as teams clashed for a coveted spot in the semi-finals.

In the first quarter-final, Kashmir Avengers and STFC played out a tense goalless draw during regulation time, leading to a dramatic penalty shootout. Kashmir Avengers held their nerve to clinch the match 5-4 on penalties. Sahil Manzoor of Kashmir Avengers was named Man of the Match for his composure

and critical contributions during the shootout. The second match saw Downtown FC deliver a dominant performance against BSF, securing a comfortable 2-0 victory. Both goals came from Sahil Khursheed, whose clinical finishing earned him the Man of the Match title.

In the third quarter-final, hosts J&K Police demonstrated strength and strategy, defeating SWFC Baramulla with a decisive 3-1 win. Goals from Fasil Rashid, Rishab Verma, and Hayat Bashir ensured their place in the semi-finals. Rishab Verma was awarded Man of the Match for his commanding presence in the midfield and a crucial goal.

The result of the fourth match between J&K Bank and ARCO FC was awaited at the time of reporting.

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