

IIM Jammu hosts three-day live painting workshop with painter K K Gandhi

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu has unveiled a truly historic and first-of-its-kind initiative, a three-day live painting workshop from Sep 6 to 8, 2025 at IIM Jammu Jagti Campus by the internationally acclaimed Painter Kamlesh K. Gandhi (KK Gandhi), fondly known as the "Nature Man." The workshop was inaugurated with the first symbolic brushstroke jointly painted by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and K.K. Gandhi, marking a rare confluence of art, culture, and academia on campus. As part of IIM Jammu's 10th Year Celebrations, this live painting workshop stands as a symbolic reflection of the Institute's growth. Each brushstroke mirrors values of creativity, resilience, imagination, harmony, and innovation that define its academic journey.

Over the next three days, the IIM Jammu campus will transform into a living stu-



Painter K K Gandhi with Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu and others at a workshop.

dio, where students and faculty will witness creativity unfolding in real time as K.K. Gandhi paints before their eyes. His art, deeply inspired by the landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir, captures the essence of nomadic tribes, towering mountains, flowing rivers, and the eternal harmony between nature and human life.

For the students of IIM Jammu, this initiative carries profound significance. While management education often focuses on strategy, data, and decision-making, this workshop opens a

window to imagination and creativity. By observing the making of art, students imbibe patience, perseverance, and the power of perspective, qualities indispensable for future leaders and entrepreneurs. It reinforces the truth that leadership is not only about efficiency but also about empathy, vision, and the ability to recognize beauty amid complexity. The audience will thus experience a rare spectacle, the birth of a complete artwork before their very eyes, created by a maestro whose canvases serve as soulful reflections of

nature and the timeless lives of tribal communities.

Born in 1960 in Jammu and Kashmir, Gandhi's journey from entrepreneurship to global recognition as an artist is a testament to passion and perseverance. His work deeply reflects his roots and serves as an inspiration for future generations, urging them to embrace their cultural identities while pursuing excellence. This celebration not only honors his legacy but also reinforces the importance of integrating diverse influences into education and personal develop-

ment. Through such initiatives, the Institute continues to foster an environment where creativity and cultural appreciation thrive.

As IIM Jammu continues to foster such meaningful initiatives, it paves the way for a vibrant exchange of ideas that bridges tradition and modernity. Celebrated for his realistic style and purity of expression, he has been conferred the Award of Honour by the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (2015), named Artist of the Day at the Jaipur International Art Festival (2013), and recognized by the JCK Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages.

This live painting workshop at IIM Jammu is not just an artistic presentation; it is a celebration of life, nature, and imagination. It marks a landmark moment in IIM Jammu's journey, weaving together heritage and innovation and leaving behind an indelible impression that will resonate with generations to come.

Duleep Trophy: Shubham Khajuria's masterclass keeps North Zone hopes alive

Unconquered on 128 seasoned campaigner wins hearts

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BENGALURU: Notching up his 8th First Class century to give the North Zone innings respectability after being at a precarious 38/2 at one stage against disciplined bowling lineup, talented opening batter, Shubham Khajuria kept the hopes of the North Zone team alive to seal berth in the Duleep Trophy finals as he along-with brilliant Nishant Sindhu guided their team to 278/5 at stumps on a rain-interrupted day-3 of the Duleep Trophy semifinals at BCCI COE Ground-1 Bengaluru, on Saturday.

In reply to South Zone's mammoth first innings total of 536 runs, North lost two quick wickets early in the day in the form of in-form batsmen-skipper Ankit Kumar (06) and Yash Dhull (14), however, opener Shubham Khajuria and number-4 Ayush Badoni consolidated the innings and made a partnership of 63 runs to take the score to 101/3 in 26.3 overs before Badoni was dismissed on 40



runs off 57 balls with 5 boundaries.

Shubham while continuing his batting brilliance was joined by Nishant Sindhu, who salvaged a sinking ship to take the score to 272 runs before his departure, thus making a big partnership of 171 runs along with Shubham.

Shubham, in particular, won hearts with his masterclass and was in awe-inspiring touch, showing stellar grit, solidity, sublimity, elegance and brilliance to notch up a magnificent unbeaten century, scoring 128* runs off 245 balls, studded with

20 fours and one six, while Nishant scored 82 runs off 148 balls with 9 fours and one six. Kanhaiya was unlucky to be run-out on nought.

Shubham (128) and Sahil Lotra (01) were at the crease at the draw of stumps today.

With the final day of play left in the match, North Zone are still trailing by 258 runs having 5 wickets in hand. Still anybody's game with slight edge to South Zone.

Earlier, on first two days, South Zone had scored a massive total of 536 runs. N Jagadeesan top scored with 197 runs off 352 balls with 16 fours and 2 sixes, while Devdutt Padikkal, Tanay Yhyagarajan and Ricky Bhui contributed 57, 58 and 54 runs to the total respectively.

For North Zone, Nishant Sindhu was the pick of the bowlers, who took 5 wickets by conceding 125 runs in 47.2 overs, while Anshul Kamboj bagged 2 wickets. Mayank Daggar and Sahil Lotra claimed one wicket each.

Senior Girls Football Team of Ladakh flagged off



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LEH: The Senior Girls Football Team of Ladakh was officially flagged off on Saturday to represent the Union Territory of Ladakh in the 30th Senior National Women's Football Championship (Rajmata Jijabai Trophy) 2025-26, scheduled to be held in

Amritsar, Punjab.

The ceremony was graced by Bhanu Prabha, IAS, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports, UT Ladakh; Sumera Shafi, Under Secretary, Sports; and Tsering Angmo, General Secretary, Ladakh Football Association.

The team will compete under the leadership of Head

Coach Stanzin Gilik,

Assistant Coach Rohan Darjee, and Team Manager Sadhana Rai.

The UT administration and sports fraternity extended their best wishes to the players as they carry Ladakh's spirit and determination into the national stage.

Commr Secy YSS reviews performance, functioning of JKSC

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Yasha Mudgal on Saturday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to assess the overall functioning and performance of the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC).

The meeting was attended by Special Secretary YSS, Director Finance YSS, Secretary JKSC, Executive Engineer JKSC and other senior officers of YSS and JKSC.

While reviewing the human resource issues of the department, the Commissioner Secretary underscored the need to expedite the process of filling all vacant positions. She emphasized that adequate staffing is essential for the optimal functioning of sports infrastructure across the Union Territory.

Highlighting the importance of



Commissioner Secretary YSS, Yasha Mudgal chairing a meeting.

youth engagement in sports, the Commissioner Secretary directed JKSC to conduct population-wise analysis of youth participation in sports activities across J&K and analyse the same with respect to the national average. She further instructed that a comparative study be undertaken with other states that have demonstrated success in

sports development, and adopt their best practices to boost sports culture across Jammu and Kashmir.

In order to enhance the competitive performance of athletes in J&K, the Secretary JKSC was asked to formulate a comprehensive plan aimed at increasing medal tallies in national and international competitions.

Highlighting the potential of J&K as an emerging global sports destination, the Commissioner Secretary advised the JKSC to examine the feasibility of hosting international sporting events, including World Championships, in the Union Territory, which will significantly contribute to enhancing the global visibility of Jammu & Kashmir as a sports destination.

She also stressed on the importance of media visibility and directed the J&K Sports Council to ensure that all sports events receive adequate publicity before, during, and after their conduct.

During the meeting, Secretary JKSC delivered a detailed presentation covering key aspects of the Council's operations like institutional functioning, upcoming projects, major achievements, upcoming international and national championships and the status of the ongoing works under the Capex /PMDD.

MIER College of Education organises workshop on Novel Methods of Assessment

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JAMMU: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of MIER College of Education, in collaboration with IIT Jammu, organised an interactive workshop on Novel Methods of Assessment at the college campus on Saturday. The event aimed at equipping faculty with innovative alternatives to traditional examinations, focusing on practical, student-centric approaches to evaluation.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Adit Gupta, Principal, MIER College of Education, who emphasised the significance of reimagining assessment to develop creativity, critical thinking, and holistic learning among students. He highlighted the importance of aligning assessment strategies with contemporary educational needs.

This was followed by an introduction and overview by Dr. Amitash Ojha, Assistant Professor and the Head of the Department (HoD) of Humanities & Social Sciences at IIT Jammu. He outlined the objectives of the



Resource person speaking at a workshop at MIER College of Education.

workshop and stressed the importance of moving beyond conventional modes of testing to incorporate innovative, reflective, and learner-centered methods.

An engaging icebreaker activity, "Best and Worst Assessment I Ever Took," encouraged participants to reflect on their personal experiences with examinations and set the tone for the day's deliberations. The technical sessions were conducted by the faculty of IIT Jammu, who shared diverse and practical strategies for transforming assessment practices.

The first session on Project-Based Assessment was led by Dr. Garima Singh,

Assistant Professor, who emphasised designing real-world projects aligned with learning outcomes. Faculty members shared ideas for mini-projects relevant to their disciplines, reinforcing the idea that projects enhance creativity, problem-solving, and application of knowledge.

In the second session, Dr. Ankita Yadav, Assistant Professor, spoke on Peer and Self-Assessment, underlining the role of collaborative rubric-making and reflective practices. Participants compared self and peer assessments, discovering how these assessments can empower learners to take ownership of their progress.

The third session on Gamification and Digital Tools, conducted by Dr. Shafkat Shafi Dar, Assistant Professor, showcased engaging platforms like Kahoot and Mentimeter. A live demonstration highlighted how technology can make assessments interactive, motivating, and data driven.

The fourth session on Creative Assessment by Dr. Ankit Kathuria, Associate Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, introduced alternatives such as digital storytelling and video presentations by students. Faculty brainstormed ways to integrate these methods into their subjects, reinforcing

ing that creativity develops critical thinking and communication.

A group activity challenge followed, where teachers in their respective groups picked a topic and brainstormed how it could be assessed through a creative format.

The workshop concluded with a reflection exercise where participants pledged to adopt at least one new assessment method in their classrooms in the coming month. Dr. Amitash Ojha summarized the key learnings. The formal proceedings ended with a vote of thanks by Jasleen Mohial, Coordinator IQAC, who acknowledged the efforts of the resource persons and the enthusiastic participation of faculty members.

The workshop was marked by active participation, insightful discussions, and practical demonstrations, leaving faculty members inspired to reimagine assessment practices to make learning more meaningful and student-centered.

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu (JU XI) cricket team scripted a spirited 19-run triumph over Media XI Cricket Club in a gripping T20 clash at the University grounds, turning a friendly contest into a showcase of grit, flair and discipline.

Batting first, the hosts compiled 161 for 7, with skipper Raj Kumar Bakshi setting the tempo through a fluent 40 off 28 deliveries, supported by Niranjn Singh's composed 38. A late burst from Sandeep Bakshi carried the innings past the 160-run mark in the stipulated 20 overs.

For Media XI, Yash Khajuria bowled with fine control, taking 2 for 17 in his three overs, while Raman picked up 2 wickets for 25. Subash Singh Sumbria and skipper Rahul Khatri also chipped in with a wicket each.

Media XI's chase promised fireworks, especially after Asif Wani's explosive 29 from just 16 balls. Yet, timely breakthroughs and mounting pressure from



Winner team posing for a photograph.

the University bowlers stifled the reply, leaving the visitors stranded at 142 for 9. Rajesh Khatri's miserly 3 for 16 and Bakshi's all-round show with both bat and ball sealed the outcome, while a supporting spell from Shantul Raina shut down any late fightback.

After the match, winning captain Raj Kumar Bakshi remarked, "Cricket is not just about winning matches, it is also about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Staying fit and following good habits helps us perform better on the field and lead a healthy life off it as well."

Dawood Iqbal Baba,

Director Sports, University of Jammu, under whose patronage the match was organised, applauded the initiative aimed at spreading the message "Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life."

He lauded Media XI's efforts in raising awareness about drug abuse and promoting healthy lifestyle practices to keep youth engaged in nation building.

"The University of Jammu is committed to organising such matches regularly to inspire the younger generation and support the cause of a drug-free and healthy society," he assured.

POWERGRID Inter Regional Carrom Tournament-2025

Corporate Centre women, ER-II men win team championship

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AMRITSAR: In the three day, POWERGRID Inter - Regional Carrom Tournament 2025 being played at Amritsar, Corporate Centre(CC) clinched Womens' Team championship by defeating Northern Region-III(NR-III) in the finals held on Saturday.

Earlier Corporate Centre(CC) defeated Western Region-I (WR-I) and Northern Region-III (NR-III) defeated Northern Region-II (NR-II) in the semifinals. Third place was achieved by NR-II by defeating WR-I.



A carrom match in progress.

In the Mens' category Eastern Region-II (ER-II) clinched the Team championship by defeating Western Region-I (WR-I) in the

finals. In the semifinals held earlier ER-II defeated SR-I whereas WR-I got better of NER. NER achieved third spot by defeating SR-I in the

position match.

Similarly in the Doubles Event, Pooja and Shewata of Corporate Centre clinched Womens' Doubles Title by defeating Priya and Ananika of Northern Region-III in the finals held today.

Earlier, Pooja and Shewata defeated Rupali and Priyanka of Northern Region-II in first semifinal whereas Priya and Ananika defeated Swapna and Saswati of Eastern Region-II in the other semifinal. Third place was achieved by Rupali and Priyanka of Northern Region-II by defeating Swapna and Saswati of Eastern Region-II.

NCC Wing of GGM Science College extends relief to flood-hit families

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JAMMU: The NCC Wing of GGM Science College, Jammu, continued its humanitarian service through an ongoing four-day relief camp dedicated to assisting families affected by the recent floods. On the third day of the initiative, NCC cadets reached out to the severely impacted Mangoo Chak area, distributing essential clothing and other relief materials to nearly 60 distressed families. The relief team was formally flagged off from the college premises by Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, under the supervision of Lt. (Dr.) Devinder Kumar Sharma (ANO), in the presence of



GGM Science College faculty with NCC cadets.

Prof. P. S. Thakur and Dr. Ashaq Hussain.

Expressing appreciation, Dr. Gupta commended the NCC cadets for their dedicated service. He remarked, that the spirit of service and discipline that NCC embodies is clearly reflected in such

initiatives. Our cadets are not only nurturing leadership qualities and a sense of commitment but are also extending compassion and solidarity to society in moments of crisis. This drive stands as a testimony to their dedication, and the college is proud to sup-

port such noble efforts."

The camp remains focused on delivering maximum assistance to flood-hit populations across Jammu, with cadets working tirelessly to ensure timely relief. Their active engagement highlights the role of youth in disaster response, demonstrating how educational institutions can inspire civic responsibility and humanitarian values.

Through these efforts, the NCC Wing of GGM Science College is not only providing immediate support to affected families but also reinforcing the message of resilience, empathy, and community service values that remain central to nation-building.