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“WE TRAIN TO EXCEL”

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS), a premier National Institute in the field of mountaineering and winter sports in Bharat, was established on 25 October 1983 in the picturesque Aru Valley of Pahalgam. Since its inception, the Institute has stood as a symbol of resilience, professional excellence, and national pride, carrying forward a distinguished legacy of training skilled mountaineers and adventure professionals for the nation. Today, under the dynamic leadership of Colonel Hem Chandra Singh, Principal, JIM & WS, and through the dedicated efforts and hard work of its staff, the Institute continues to scale new heights in training and excellence.
2. During the year 2025–26, the Institute successfully trained approximately 2,000 students across a wide range of summer and winter courses, further strengthening its commitment to excellence in adventure training and outdoor leadership.
3. As we present this half-yearly newsletter, we take pride in highlighting the Institute’s continued achievements, training milestones, and contributions towards promoting mountaineering and winter sports at both national and international levels. JIM & WS remains steadfast in its mission to inspire, train, and empower individuals with the spirit of adventure, discipline, and service to the nation.

Jai Hind

LIDDERWAT TRAIL RUN – III (23, OCTOBER 2025)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports successfully organized the 3rd edition of the Lidderwat Trail Run on 23 October 2025 along the scenic Aru–Pahalgam route. Covering approximately 17 kilometres, the trail featured rugged mountain terrain and pristine alpine forest landscapes, offering participants a challenging yet rewarding experience. The event was conducted in close collaboration with the Civil Administration, Pahalgam, and the Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department, reflecting a shared commitment to promoting adventure tourism and community engagement in the region. Around 300 participants from across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, took part in the event. This included approximately 180 male and 120 female runners, all demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm and endurance.

In the Male category, the top three positions were secured by:

- Mr. Amndeeep – 1st Position
- Mr. Hanas Raj – 2nd Position
- Mr. Pankaj – 3rd Position

In the Female category, the top three positions were secured by:

- Ms. Soniya – 1st Position
- Ms. Anjali – 2nd Position
- Ms. Aiman – 3rd Position

2. To recognize the spirit of participation and sportsmanship, 20 consolation prizes and 100 special prizes were awarded during the prize distribution ceremony held at Pahalgam. The event was graced by Colonel Hem Chandra Singh, Principal, JIM & WS, along with officials from the civil administration and the tourism department. The Lidderwat Trail Run continues to stand as a flagship initiative of JIM & WS, promoting adventure, resilience, and national integration through outdoor activities while showcasing the region's breath-taking natural beauty.



TOP 03 POSITIONS IN MALE CATEGORY



TOP 03 POSITIONS IN FEMALE CATEGORY



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LIDDER VALLEY PARAGLIDING FEST – I (01 DEC TO 04 DEC 2025)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its first-ever Paragliding Fest in the picturesque Pahalgam Valley from December 1 to December 4, 2025. The event brought together 25 skilled paragliding pilots from across the country, marking a historic moment for Jammu & Kashmir's growing adventure tourism landscape. This inaugural fest was envisioned to create new opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir by promoting adventure sports and identifying potential paragliding sites in the region. The competition featured two thrilling categories-**Accuracy Landing was held at Aru Valley (Take off from green top and landed at Aru Valley)** and **Maximum Altitude & Airtime was held at Pahalgam Valley (Take off from Nagraad top and Landed at Pahalgam Golf Course).**

Award Winners

Accuracy Category

- **1st Prize:** Mr. Ankit Kumar (New Delhi)
- **2nd Prize:** Mr. Anil Kumar (Himachal Pradesh)
- **3rd Prize:** Mr. Rakesh Kumar (Himachal Pradesh)

Maximum Altitude & Airtime Category

- **1st Prize:** Mr. Anil Kumar (Himachal Pradesh)
- **2nd Prize:** Mr. Vaibhav Rai (Himachal Pradesh)
- **3rd Prize:** Mr. GautamBharli (Himachal Pradesh)

2. The closing ceremony was graced by **Brigadier Maneesh Parthsarthy, VSM, Commander 1 Sector RR**, as the **Chief Guest**. The event was also attended by distinguished dignitaries including **Colonel Surinder Karki, CO 3 RR**, **Mr. Qaiser Mehmood (JKAS)**, **SDM Pahalgam**, and senior officials from the civil administration. All participating pilots were honoured with certificates and consolation prizes, while the top performers received cash awards in recognition of their exceptional achievements.



TOP 03 POSITIONS IN ACCURACY COMPETITION



TOP 03 POSITIONS IN MAXIMUM AIR TIME COMPETITION



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NATURAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITION – III (27 DEC 2025)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully organized the 3rd edition of the Natural Ice Climbing Competition at the scenic Chandanwari area of Pahalgam on 27 December 2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 30 trained climbers representing various regions of Jammu and Kashmir. It reflects the Institute's continued commitment to promoting adventure sports and nurturing mountaineering talent in the region. By providing a professionally managed platform under challenging natural conditions, JIM & WS once again demonstrated high standards of training and safety.
2. The icy terrain of Chandanwari offered an ideal setting, testing the participants' technical skills, endurance, and determination. The competition fostered a spirit of healthy competition and encouraged greater interest among youth in ice climbing and adventure activities.
3. JIM & WS continues to develop world-class mountaineering and winter sports capabilities, playing a pivotal role in positioning Jammu and Kashmir as a hub for adventure tourism. Such initiatives contribute significantly to skill development, tourism promotion, and positive youth engagement. The institute will continue to organize similar events in the future to further strengthen the culture of mountaineering and winter sports across the Union Territory.

Award Winners

- **1st Prize:** Mr. Junaid Wahid
- **2nd Prize:** Mr. Aamir Rehman Bhat
- **3rd Prize:** Mr. Ummer Shafi Khan



TOP 03 POSITION HOLDERS



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BASIC SKIING COURSE – 69 (02 JAN TO 15 JAN 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Basic Skiing Course–69 at Sonamarg. A total of 72 enthusiastic trainees (24 females and 48 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping & herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turns, traverse kick turns, stem turns, and stem swings. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on January 15, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 04 Females and 06 Males: Miss Vriti Khandelia, Miss Meghana S, Fg Offr Harshita Sharma, Cadet Charru Sharma Sqn Ldr Dhruv Verma, Mr Aryan Singh Kushwaha, Mr Anshumaan, Mr Vardaan Sharma, LAC Yogesh Vaghela, LAC Prathviraj Singh Chouhan,
- Best in Technique: Flt Lt Mamta Mehta & Cadet Divyansh Sharma
- Best Student: Miss Neha Rana was honoured with the Best Student of the course

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Basic Skiing Course – 69.



BEST IN TECHNIQUE



BEST STUDENT



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SPECIAL SKIING COURSE – 11 (07 JAN TO 16 JAN 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Special Skiing Course–11 at Sonamarg. A total of 41 NCC Cadets (10 girls and 31 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, sidestepping & herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turns and stem turn. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries.
3. The course concluded successfully on January 16, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute, awarded consolation prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Female and 02 Males: Cadet Preetika Digra, SUO Bhanu Pratap Singh & SUO Sajid Farooq

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Special Skiing Course – 11.



CONSOLATION PRIZES



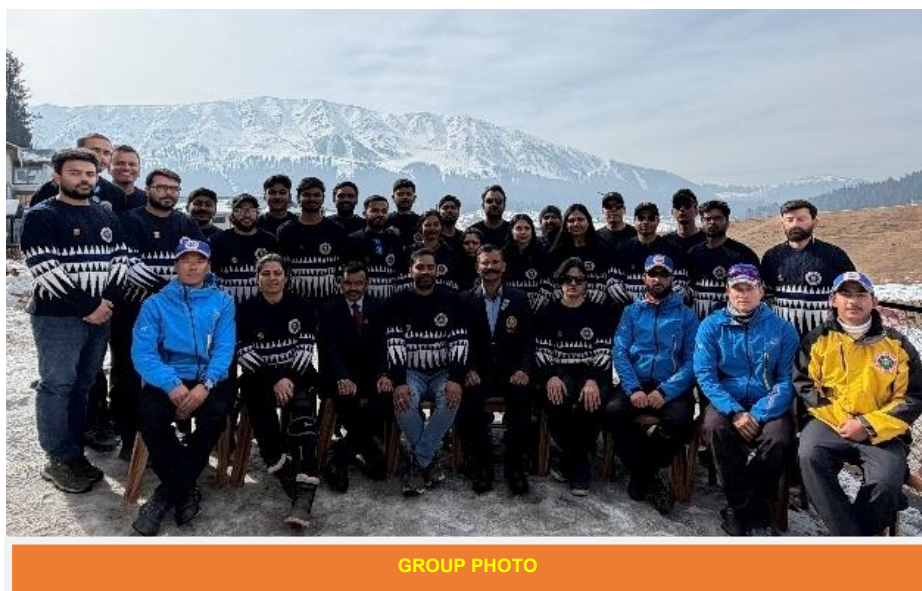
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SPECIAL BASIC SKIING COURSE – 05 (04 JAN TO 17 JAN 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Special Basic Skiing Course–05 at Gulmarg. A total of 33 enthusiastic trainees (08 females and 25 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping & herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turn, traverse kick turn, stem turn, stem swing and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on January 17, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Female and 03 Males: Miss Megha Chourdary, Mr Saurav Patra, Mr Parmar Hardipsinh, Mr Tahir Iqbal Bhat
- Best in Technique: Mr Rohit Kumar
- Best Student: Mr Shubham Gupta was honoured with the Best Student of the course



BASIC SNOWBOARDING COURSE – 05 (04 JAN TO 17 JAN 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM &WS) successfully conducted its Basic Snowboarding Course–05 at Gulmarg. A total of 32 enthusiastic trainees (08 females and 24 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of Snowboarding techniques, including an introduction to snowboard equipment's, heel & toe sliding, leaf turns, side-stepping, link turns, heel & toe turns, long & short turns and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on January 17, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Female and 03 Males: Miss Zenani Koul, Mr Shreyas S, Mr CW Pradeep Benda, Cadet Fahdullah Malik.
- Best in Technique: Cadet Tufail Ahmad Lone
- Best Student: Miss Anju Kumari was honoured with the Best Student of the course



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BEST STUDENT



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BASIC SKIING COURSE – 70 (19 JAN TO 01 FEB 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Basic Skiing Course–70 at Sonamarg. A total of 100 enthusiastic trainees (21 females and 79 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turns, traverse kick turns, stem turn, stem swing and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 01, 2026. Capt Anupam Singh, Medical Officer of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 02 Females and 07 Males: Mr Vijay Kumar, Mr Jaidev Rawat, Miss Shreya Singh, Mr Atharv Anant Athavale, Mr Girish Sai Doodi, Cpl Ashish, Cpl Shailesh Bahadur Singh, Sqn Ldr Aman Nidhi, SUO Vijay Gupta
- Best in Technique: Sqn Ldr Celeste Goel & Maj Bharati Nanda
- Best Student: Maj Bharati Nanda was honoured with the Best Student of the course

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Basic Skiing Course – 70.



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SPECIAL SKIING COURSE – 12 (23 JAN TO 01 FEB 26)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Special Skiing Course–12 at Sonamarg. A total of 40 enthusiastic trainees (15 females and 35 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping & herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turns and stem turns. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 01, 2026. Capt Anupam Singh, Medical Officer of the Institute, awarded consolation prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 02 Females and 02 Males: JUO Vikrant Singh, Cadet Muskan, Cadet Shaheena Choudhary & SUO Sheikh Asrar Ahmad

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Special Skiing Course – 12.



CONSOLATION PRIZES



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SPECIAL BASIC SKIING COURSE – 06 (21 JAN TO 03 FEB 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Special Basic Skiing Course–06 at Gulmarg. A total of 22 enthusiastic trainees (03 females and 19 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping & herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turn, traverse kick turn, stem turn, stem swing and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 03 2026. Col Ishwar Singh Thapa SM, VSM, MD, Principal Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering Gulmarg and former Principal of JIM & WS awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 02 Males: Mr Bunish Raina, Mr Ayaan Sharma
- Best in Technique: Mr B J Bhargav



CONSOLATION PRIZES

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BASIC SNOWBOARDING COURSE – 06 (21 JAN TO 03 FEB 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Basic Snowboarding Course–06 at Gulmarg. A total of 39 enthusiastic trainees (13 females and 26 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of Snowboarding techniques, including an introduction to snowboard equipment's, heel & toe sliding, leaf turns, side-stepping, link turns, heel & toe turns, long & short turns and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 03 2026. Col Ishwar Singh Thapa SM, VSM, MD, Principal Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering Gulmarg and former Principal of JIM & WS awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Females and 03 Males: Miss Rakshitha Shetty, Mr Parth Gupta, Mr Hrushikesh Yashwant Mande, Mr Siddharth Singh.
- Best in Technique: SUO Wahid Reyaz
- Best Student: Miss Gayathri Devi Gummalla was honoured with the Best Student of the course.



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BASIC SKIING COURSE – 71 (05 FEB TO 18 FEB 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Basic Skiing Course–71 at Sonamarg. A total of 54 enthusiastic trainees (16 females and 38 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turns, traverse kick turns, stem turn, stem swing and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 18, 2026. Capt Anupam Singh, Medical Officer of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 02 Females and 04 Males: Miss Muskan Agarwal, Miss Tezal Preet Dhanju, Mr Mohit Negin, Mr Pulkit, Mr Sourav & Cadet Rohan Parihar
- Best in Technique: Mr Qaaid Firdoos Hafiz & CPL Divya
- Best Student: Mr Gurpreet Singh was honoured with the Best Student of the course

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Basic Skiing Course – 71.



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INTERMEDIATE SKIING COURSE – 20 (05 FEB TO 18 FEB 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Intermediate Skiing Course–20 at Sonamarg. A total of 54 enthusiastic trainees (05 females and 49 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive range of Intermediate skiing techniques, including a revision of the introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, falling & recovery, side stepping, herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turns, traverse kick turns, stem turns, and stem swings. Additionally, new techniques such as dynamic stem swings, side slipping, parallel turns, wedeln turns, and gate attack for slalom were taught. Langlauf and skating techniques were also included in the course. The training further featured lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanches, and cold-related injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 18, 2026. Capt Anupam Singh, Medical Officer of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 05 Males: Mr Sheikh Babar Jahanzeb, Mr Asif Amin Ganai, Const Dixit Verma, Const Akshay Kumar & Const M Balacharan
- Best in Technique & Langlauf: Const Rahul Singh
- Best Student: Maj Bharati Nanda was honoured with the Best Student of the course

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Basic Skiing Course – 70.



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SPECIAL BASIC SKIING COURSE – 07 (07 FEB TO 20 FEB 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Special Basic Skiing Course–06 at Gulmarg. A total of 27 enthusiastic trainees (08 females and 19 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping & herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turn, traverse kick turn, stem turn, stem swing and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 20 2026. Mr Tariq Hussain Naik (JKAS), Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Development Authority, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 03 Males:
Mr Akki Agarwal, Mr Vinay Kewte & Mr Rok Yadav
- Best in Technique: Mr Kushamdeep Singh
- Best Student: Miss Salehabibi Shaikh was honoured with the Best Student of the course



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BASIC SNOWBOARDING COURSE – 07 (07 FEB TO 20 FEB 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Basic Snowboarding Course–07 at Gulmarg. A total of 41 enthusiastic trainees (14 females and 27 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of Snowboarding techniques, including an introduction to snowboard equipment's, heel & toe sliding, leaf turns, side-stepping, link turns, heel & toe turns, long & short turns and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on February 20 2026. Mr Tariq Hussain Naik (JKAS), Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Development Authority, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Female and 03 Males: Cadet Neha Singh Chandel, Mr Adurti Jaya Naga Satya Vinay, Mr Ritik Reddy & Cadet Arkam Bashir
- Best in Technique: Cadet Kanika Kumari Shan & Mr Janmajay
- Best Student: Mr Nayan Mote was honoured with the Best Student of the course



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BASIC SKIING COURSE – 72 (22 FEB TO 07 MAR 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Basic Skiing Course-72 at Sonamarg. A total of 58 enthusiastic trainees (15 females and 43 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turns, traverse kick turns, stem turn, stem swing and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on March 07, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Female and 05 Males: Cadet Jyothi C Neelammanamath, Mr Sambhav Baid, Mr Ashutosh Shakya, Mr Zulkifl Abdullah Khanday, Mr Rajas Deshpande & Mr Vatsal Soni
- Best in Technique: Mr Sachin Raju & Miss Prerna
- Best Student: Mr Vijay Farswan was honoured with the Best Student of the course

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Basic Skiing Course – 72.



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ADVANCE SKIING COURSE – 20 (22 FEB TO 07 MAR 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Advance Skiing Course–20 at Sonamarg. A total of 20 enthusiastic trainees (06 females and 14 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive range of advanced skiing techniques. It included a revision of ski equipment, traverse kick turns, stem turns, stem swings, dynamic stem swings, side slipping, parallel turns, wedeln turns, gate attack for slalom, langlauf, and skating. Advanced techniques such as skating with poles, long brook, middle brook, short brook (carving), off-piste skiing, mogul skiing, one-leg skiing, and downhill skiing were also taught. The course also included lectures on winter terminology, dos and don'ts, avalanches, and cold injuries. It culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on March 07, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Female and 01 Male: Miss Anmolpreet Kaur & Const Rahul Singh
- Best in Technique: Maj Bharati Nanda
- Best in Langlauf: Const Rahul Singh
- Best Student: Maj Bharati Nanda was honoured with the Best Student of the course.

4. Following the graduation ceremony, the trainees showcased their diverse cultural talents in a beautiful program themed around "National Integration," adding a vibrant and celebratory touch to the culmination of Advance Skiing Course – 20.



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SPECIAL BASIC SKIING COURSE – 08 (24 FEB TO 09 MAR 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Special Basic Skiing Course–08 at Gulmarg. A total of 24 enthusiastic trainees (04 females and 20 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of skiing techniques, including an introduction to ski equipment, sliding, gliding, schussing, fall and recovery, side stepping & herringbone, snowplough & braking, snowplough turn, traverse kick turn, stem turn, stem swing and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on March 09, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute and Lt Colonel Vikas Dhuria (Retd), awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 01 Female and 02 Males: Miss Myra Batra, Mr Yogesh Sarpe & Mr Yogesh Mishra.
- Best in Technique: Mr Muthyala Jeeva Sai
- Best Student: Mr S Sai Preeth Reddy was honoured with the Best Student of the course



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BASIC SNOWBOARDING COURSE – 08 (24 FEB TO 09 MAR 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its Basic Snowboarding Course–07 at Gulmarg. A total of 34 enthusiastic trainees (15 females and 19 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive array of Snowboarding techniques, including an introduction to snowboard equipment's, heel & toe sliding, leaf turns, side-stepping, link turns, heel & toe turns, long & short turns and slalom. It also included lectures on winter terminology, do's and don'ts, avalanche and cold injuries. The course culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a thrilling slalom competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on March 09, 2026. Col Hem Chandra Singh, a distinguished adventurer and Principal of the Institute and Lt Colonel Vikas Dhuria (Retd) awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 02 Females and 03 Males: Miss Lavanya Sriram, Miss Vaishnavi Sanjay Khare, Mr Saheel Lokhande, Mr Sujith & LC Akshay Samotra
- Best in Technique: Mr Preetam Singh Rana & LCPL Nidhi
- Best Student: Cadet Tsering Chosphal was honoured with the Best Student of the course



BEST IN TECHNIQUE



BEST STUDENT



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MEJULIYAN BAGESHWAR PARAGLIDING FEST – I (16 & 17 MAR 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM & WS) in collaboration with Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) successfully conducted first-ever Paragliding Fest in the picturesque Menjuliy Village of Bageshwar district Uttarakhand on 16 & 17 March 2026. The event brought together 20 skilled paragliding pilots from across the country, marking a historic moment for Uttarakhand's growing adventure tourism landscape. This inaugural fest was envisioned to create new opportunities for the youth of country by promoting adventure sports and identifying potential paragliding sites in the region. The competition featured two thrilling categories—**Accuracy Landing** and **Maximum Altitude & Airtime**.

Award Winners

Accuracy Category

1st Prize: Mr Manish

2nd Prize: Mr Pankaj

3rd Prize: Lt Colonel Vikas Dhuria (Retd)

Maximum Altitude & Airtime Category

1st Prize: Mr Bharat

2nd Prize: Mr Manish

3rd Prize: Lt Colonel Vikas Dhuria (Retd)

2. The closing ceremony was graced by Colonel Hem Chandra Singh, Principal, JIM&WS and NIM, as the Chief Guest. The event was also attended by distinguished dignitaries, including Smt Shobha Arya (District Panchayat Officer, Bageshwar), Mr Lalit Paswan (Former MLA), Mr Deepak Kumar Khulbe (District Panchayat Member), Mr Lakman Kumar Laxmu (Regional Panchayat Member), and other officials from the civil administration. All participating pilots were honoured with certificates and consolation prizes, while the top performers received cash awards in recognition of their exceptional achievements.



TOP 03 POSITIONS IN ACCURACY COMPETITION



TOP 03 POSITIONS IN MAXIMUM AIR TIME COMPETITION



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SEARCH & RESCUE COURSE (SNR) – 01 (12 MAR TO 26 MAR 2026)

1. The Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering & Winter Sports (JIM & WS) successfully conducted its first Search & Rescue Course (SNR) - 01 at Pahalgam. A total of 06 enthusiastic trainees (01 female and 05 males) from across the country participated, aiming to foster a connection with nature, instilling a spirit of adventure & rescue techniques, build character, courage and confidence.
2. The curriculum covered a comprehensive range of search and rescue techniques. It included an introduction to rescue equipment, rescue stretchers, and the making of improvised stretchers; rope ladders and zip lines; rock rescue, including one-man rescue, cliff rescue, face rescue, and single & double mariner rescue; river and raft rescue techniques with retrieval methods; and helicopter rescue operations covering helipad preparation, casualty winching, and casualty evacuation. The course also covered map-reading skills, including map-to-ground and ground-to-map orientation; effective use of GPS for navigation; snow rescue operations, including avalanche rescue; and glacier rescue techniques such as crevasse rescue. Additional lectures were delivered on first aid and CPR, audio & visual signals/radio communication, cold injuries and high-altitude illness, and the role of defence forces with special reference to SNR. It culminated in a written test, practical assessments, and a challenging endurance competition.
3. The course concluded successfully on March 26, 2026. Capt Anupam Singh, medical officer of the Institute, awarded prizes and completion badges to the graduates. The ceremony aimed to boost morale and recognize outstanding achievements.

Prizes and Awardees:

- Consolation Prizes were bestowed upon 02 Males: Mr Nihal Sarkar & Mr Paras Sharma.



CONSOLATION PRIZES



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