

JK Public School Kunjwani organises International Day of the Girl Child



Glimpses of International Day of the Girl Child celebration at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: A special assembly was conducted by the students of Primary Wing of JK Public School Kunjwani on the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child in order to raise awareness about the unique challenges and oppor-

tunities that girls face, promoting gender equality and empowering girls to reach their full potential. The assembly began with a prayer followed by the school song and sharing of thought of the day. Students presented a Nukkad Natak high-

lighting the view to promote awareness about the rights of the girl child to bridge the gender divide and to lay emphasis on the importance of girl's education, health and nutrition. The morning assembly ended with a beautiful dance

performance on the songs 'O Re Chirya' and 'Deewarein Unchi Hein' followed by inspirational words by School Principal, Rajesh Rathore. He lauded the joint efforts of students and teachers for presenting such a wonderful assembly. He invoked par-

ents and teachers to extend their best possible support, as well as groomed girls bring laurels to their parents, home and Alma Mater. He appreciated teachers for writing such a powerful script & making them enact brilliant-

"Having a girl child is God's greatest gift to parents today. A daughter is always so loving, caring and affectionate, come what may. We must equip & empower them with all the requisite skill sets, so as to make them emerge champions", he summed up.

Participating wrestlers from Iran, Georgia Katra Dangal to witness Rs 3 lakh bout



Ahmed Mirza Tedo Reza

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KATRA: The 18th edition of the historic Kanta International Indian Style Maha Dangal shall witness highest ever Rs three lakh bout at SMVDSB Sports Stadium, here on October 22.

This was disclosed by the organising secretary of the mega event at the holy town, Shiv Kumar Sharma saying that the top two bouts shall have Rs five lakh prize money in men section.

The day-long most popular sports event of the Union Territory shall have 21 bouts (fights) in men section and two exclusive women contests between budding talent of the country. The women bouts shall have a price tag of Rs 90,000.

Dangal shall be held under the overall supervision of Shiv Kumar Sharma, who happens to

be president of the J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association.

Other prominent members of the organising committee are Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri) and Sohan Singh Thakur (Sonu).

"Three prominent foreign wrestlers contesting in this Kanta Dangal are Ahmed Mirza and Reza of Iran and Tedo of Georgia. The main bout is mostly probable shall be played between the foreign wrestlers, who have already confirmed their participation," informed Shiv Kumar.

The expensive sports event is being organised by Katra Indian Style Wrestling Association in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, J&K Police, J&K Bank Limited, NHPC, PWD and Divisional Administration of the J&K Government.

International Girl Child Day celebrated by Poonch Taekwondo Club

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POONCH: Poonch Taekwondo Club on Wednesday celebrated International Girl Child Day in collaboration with Kreedha Bharti unit of Poonch. Around 100 budding and outstanding taekwondo girls of district Poonch took part in the celebration held at Gita Bhawan, here.

The chief guest of the occasion was Sunita Sharma, Head Master Government High School Purani Poonch. While Jyoti Bhalla President Mahila Morecha and Khaterpaul Sharma President S.D Sabha Poonch were the Guests of Honour of the occasion.

Other distinguished guests present were Jatinder Sharma Head Master GMS



Girls posing with officials during International Girl Child Day celebration being organised by Poonch Taekwondo Club.

Khorinar, Devinder Kour Master GMS Khorinar and Ashok Johar.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Rajinder Singh Physical Education Teacher and chairman Poonch Taekwondo. He also highlighted the achievements of

Poonch girls in taekwondo at national and international levels.

The Chief Guest met with all the budding taekwondo girls and congratulated all on the occasion of International Girl Child Day. She congratulated

Rajinder Singh Taekwondo Coach for giving excellent platform to the girls by imparting them free Taekwondo training at sports Stadium Poonch. She applauded the efforts of girls who brought laurel to Jammu and Kashmir UT by winning medals at national level.

Jyoti Bhalla also congratulated all the girls and congratulated Poonch Taekwondo Club for organising the felicitation programme.

Prominent others present were Sarla Bakshi PEM, Ajay Sharma Head Master, Amit Sharma Joint Secretary PDTA, Kulvinder Kour Teacher, Gurwant Kour Teacher, Richa Sharma Teacher and Majid Hussain.

District Jammu dominates opening day of Inter District Divisional Level softball Competitions



Participating teams posing for photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: District Jammu boys dominated the opening day of Inter District Divisional Level Competitions of all age group boys in the discipline of Softball,

which commenced on Wednesday at GGM Science College Ground, here.

In u/19 boys, District Samba beat District Kathua by 2-0 score while District Jammu beat District Kathua by

9-5 score. In u/17 boys, Jammu beat Kathua by 12-1 score.

During the inaugural function DYSSO Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma interacted with participants and advised them to play the game with full strength and sportsmen spirit. The tournament is being organised under the patronage of Director Youth Services and Sports JK UT Subash Chander Chibber under the guidance of Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Suram Chand Sharma and the overall supervision of DYSSO Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma. The matches were officiated by panel of experts of the Department.

Distt Open Table Tennis Championship Madhav to meet Sourav in junior boys finals

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UDHAMPUR: Madhav Sharma to meet Sourav Sharma in the final of junior boys section in the ongoing District Open Table Tennis Championship, organised by District Table Tennis Association Udhampur under the aegis of J&K State Table-Tennis Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, here.

Earlier in Semi-final match-

3-0 sets and Palak Khajuria beat Shruti Thakur by 3-1 sets and entered the final.

In the senior women category semi-final matches, Sonika Devi beat Kajal Devi by 3-0 sets and Akshima beat Palak Khajuria by 3-1 sets and entered the final.

In the senior men category quarterfinals, Sourav Sharma beat Yogeshwar Singh by 2-1 sets and Mannat Arora beat Prince Gupta by



es played on Wednesday, Madhav Sharma beat Ayush Gupta by 3-1 sets and Sourav Sharma beat Archit Mahajan by 3-1 sets.

In the junior girls section semi-final matches, Sonika Devi beat Anshika Sharma by

2-0 sets and entered the semi finals.

Today's matches were officiated by Maninder Singh and Sahil Malgotra. Final matches and prize distribution ceremony will be held tomorrow at 2:00 PM.

DG felicitates CISF athletes for exceptional performance at Asian Games



Nina Singh, Incharge, DG CISF felicitating winner athlete.

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NEW DELHI: A ceremony was organised at CISF HQs, New Delhi to felicitate medal winners of CISF in the Asian Games held at Hangzhou, China and 72nd All India Police Wrestling Cluster-2023 held at Karnal (Haryana) organised by Haryana Police under the aegis of All India Police Sports Control Board.

Nina Singh, Incharge, DG CISF and other Senior Officers of CISF were present during the ceremony.

Nina Singh extended congratulations to exceptional athletes, Kishore Kumar Jena and Akshima for their remarkable achievements in the prestigious Asian Games held at China. Both athletes showcased exemplary skills and dedication, bringing glory to the nation.

Kishore Kumar Jena, a prominent javelin thrower, secured a remarkable silver medal in the highly competitive Javelin Throw event by throwing Javelin to 87.54 meters. He also qualified for Olympics-2024 to be organised at Paris (France).

Akshima, a true champion in the sport of Kabaddi, emerged victorious with a gold medal in the Women's Kabaddi competition.

The exceptional sportsper-

sons of CISF won 15 Gold Medals, 11 Silver Medals and 13 Bronze Medals thereby taking the tally to total 62 medals in the 72nd All India Police Wrestling Cluster-2023 held at Karnal (Haryana) by Haryana Police. DG CISF also felicitated all the medal winners.

Nina Singh applauded Kishore Kumar Jena, Akshima and other sportspersons for their hard work, determination, and sportsmanship. She said that, these exceptional athletes and sportspersons have demonstrated the highest level of dedication and excellence in their respective sports. They have made the CISF and the entire nation proud. We are privileged to have them as a part of our organization.

In the recognition of their extraordinary efforts, Smt Nina Singh, Incharge, DG CISF awarded cash reward of Rs.5,00,000 to Akshima, cash reward of Rs.4,00,000 to Kishore Kumar Jena and suitable cash reward to the sportspersons who won medal in Wrestling Cluster-2023.

The Gold Medalist, Akshima and the Silver Medalist, Kishore Kumar Jena expressed their gratitude to the CISF for its unwavering support and encouragement.

JKCA Sr Women's Preparatory Camp Teamwork guides HP to outplay J&K by 5 wkts

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JAMMU: Teamwork helped young but well-knit side of Himachal Pradesh to outplay Jammu and Kashmir by 5 wickets in the ongoing practice match series as part of JKCA Senior Women T20 Team's Preparatory Camp at JKCA Hostel Ground, here on Wednesday.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, J&K scored a modest total of 99 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Openers Shivanti Gupta and Anju Tomar after a sedate start took the score to 56 runs in 11 overs before Shivanti retired hurt at her individual score of 31 runs off 38 balls, studded with 3 boundaries. Anju contributed 37 runs off 42 balls with 4 fours.

Both the batters, especially Anju played too many dot balls in the earlier part of the innings and



Members of Himachal Pradesh Sr Women's T20 team posing for a group photograph.

J&K were 19/0 in the first six overs. However, both compensated it with a galaxy of boundaries as J&K were 79/2 in 15 overs and managed to add just 20 runs in the last 5 overs to finish the innings at 99/5 in the allotted 20 overs. Chitra Singh Jamwal scored 13 off 17 balls, while Nadia

Chowdhary and Rubia Syed fell cheaply on 7 and 5 runs respectively.

For Himachal Pradesh, Sonal Thakur, who bowled consistently well in this series was the pick of the bowlers, taking 2 wickets by conceding 21 runs in her 4 overs, while Rajana Thakur and Nikita Chauhan claimed one wick-

et each. Himachal Pradesh, in reply chased the target in 18.4 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process, thus won the match by 5 wickets.

Riding on brilliant partnership by Shivani Singh and Vasvi, coupled with good start by the openers- Neha Kaith and Nancy, Himachal Pradesh despite

a few hiccups chased the target comfortably in the 19 over. Shivani Singh and Vasvi scored unbeaten 25 runs with 3 boundaries each, while Neha and Nancy contributed 22 and 11 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, Nadia Chowdhary took 2 wickets by conceding 24 runs in 4 overs, while skipper Sandhya Sayal and Rubia Syed claimed 1 wicket each. Both the teams will take on each other in the final practice match of the series at the same venue tomorrow. Chandigarh was also part of this practice match series.

The team of Himachal Pradesh is being accompanied by Dr Geeta Mehta as the Manager; Yoginder Puri and Rahul Sharma as Coaches; Veena Pandey as Trainer and Dr Manisha Chaudhary as Physiotherapist.

Wrestling Assn elects wrestlers to represent J&K in National Games



Selected wrestlers posing with former International Wrestler of India, Dushyant Sharma and others.

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JAMMU: As many as seven grapplers will be representing Jammu and Kashmir in the 37th National Games scheduled to be held at Goa from October 26 to 29, 2023.

The squad was finalised by the Wrestling Association of J&K during the selection trials held at the Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu.

As per the official communiqué, Former International Wrestler of India and first Gold Medal Winner for J&K in National Games held at

Pune, Maharashtra in 1994, Dushyant Sharma was the special invitee on the occasion.

He congratulated the selected wrestlers and wished them for the prestigious competition.

The selected wrestlers are in women category (50-kg): Sanjana Sharma, in men's category:- (57-kg Freestyle): Anil Singh, (67-kg Greco Roman): Netar Singh, (74-kg Freestyle): Jarnail Singh, (97-kg Greco Roman): Sahil Sharma, (125-kg Freestyle):

Ishaq Ahmed and (130-kg Greco Roman): Daler Khan. Jai Bharat and Ravinder Kumar to accompany the team as coach and manager respectively.

Prominent wrestlers and sports lovers among others were present on the occasion are Vijay Palahwan Senior Vice-President, Om Parkash Treasurer Wrestling Association of J&K, Dheeraj Sharma, Swaran Lal, Suraj Bhan Singh and Satpal Singh were the observer from J&K Sports Council.