

Organising committee holds review meeting

Stage set for historic Katra Dangal

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KATRA: The stage is set for the historic 18th Mission Dosti International Kanta Kushti, involving foreign wrestlers, at sprawling SMVDSB Sports Stadium, here on October 22.

To finalise the arrangements for the mega event, a review meeting which took place here on Sunday was attended by members of the core group and heads of various committees to finalise the fixture and related arrangements.

Held under the chairmanship of Shiv Kumar Sharma in the presence of members of the hosts, Katra Indian Style Wrestling Association, the meeting assigned the jobs



President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma with other members at a meeting in Katra.

to various committees, already formed for the successful conduct of the mega event.

Earlier, the conduct committee presented the list of participating wrestlers and subsequently finalised the technical penal. Shiv

Kumar Sharma presented a detailed report of the event.

Meanwhile, the organising committee felicitated the visiting guest, retired SP of J&K Police, Prithvi Raj Sharma, a veteran wrestler and promoter of the game for being part of

the event.

Speaking to the members, Prithvi Raj Sharma expressed his happiness over young members taking keen interest in conduct of the international event. Himself a wrestler and an enthusiast of wrestling, Sharma wished

success to the organising committee.

Those spoke on the occasion, Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Sohan Singh Thakur (Sonu), Prabhat Singh (Mangli), Ranjeet Singh and Varinder Sharma.

List of participating Wrestlers: Sumit Malik, Arjuna Awardee (India); Ahmed Mirza (Iran), Sandeep Khanna (National Gold medalist); Tedo (Georgia), Divya Kakran, Commonwealth medalist (UP); Benia Min (J&K), Gani, Reza (Iran), Rashid, Babba, Nadeem, Munir, Peeza, Ranjeet Singh, Yuvraj, Surjeet, Madan Singh, Babloo, Jarnail, Sunil, Dillar, Gulshan, Subash Singh (Reasi) and Anil Kumar.

Delhi FC in collaboration with Pegasus FC conducts open trials



Delhi FC and Pegasus FC members posing with participating footballers during an open trial at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Delhi Football Club (FC), in partnership with Pegasus Football Club (FC), hosted an open trial event at a grand scale, drawing the participation of over 300 talented football enthusiasts.

The event took place on Saturday at Birla Open Minds School, Channi Himmat, here.

Under the supervision of Delhi FC's professionals, including Neeraj, Akshay, and Rajat, alongside Pegasus FC's officials Rohit Salgotra and Deepanshu Rastogi, the trials were conducted with fair judgment.

Delhi FC, owned by Ranjit Bajaj, and Pegasus FC, under the ownership of Bhisam Batra, came together to create this opportunity for aspiring footballers. Delhi FC expressed gratitude to all participants, officials, and supporters for their enthusiastic involvement, making the event a memorable one. Bhisam Batra said "This collaboration would not have been possible without the support of Arun Malhotra (Technical Committee Member AIFF) who makes sure the kids from J&K get best of opportunities at all times. Also we are thankful to Delhi FC for coming down to Jammu for these trials."

Balwant Thakur inaugurates art exhibition at KC Public School

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: KC Public School organized an art exhibition-cum-sale on Saturday in the school premises featuring an exciting collection of artworks created by the students of the school.

Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, a renowned artist and cultural icon, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. With his presence, the event was an enriching experience for all art enthusiasts and patrons alike.

The exhibition served as both an opportunity for students to showcase their artistic abilities and a platform to support and encourage their journey as budding artists.

The funds raised from the sale will contribute towards the service programme that the school undertakes and for development of art cur-



Chief Guest, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur visiting exhibition-cum-sale at KC Public School.

riculum, enabling the school to provide better resources and opportunities to its students in the field of art education.

Appreciating the work done by students of KCPS, Thakur said that the art exhibition has helped the budding artists to show self-expression and has played a role in nurturing their creative thinking skills, encour-

aging self-expression, and promoting an appreciation for the visual arts.

Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary, MD Arti Chowdhary, Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey expressed their appreciation for the magnificent hard work done by the students and their mentors.

34th North Zone Junior Athletics Championship commences

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: 34th North Zone Junior Athletics Championship commenced here at newly laid down Synthetics Athletics Track at Jammu University Jammu after a lapse of almost 32 years.

About 1000 athletes and officials from nine States/UTs are taking part in the championship which was declared open by Kavinder Gupta, former Speaker and former Dy. Chief Minister J&K as a Chief Guest and B.S Billawaria, Dy. Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation as Guest of Honour. Number of Sports luminaries from J&K UT including Prof (Dr) Ashutosh Sharma, former President J&K Athletics Association, Dushyant Sharma former President Wrestling Federation of India



Chief Guest, Kavinder Gupta, former Speaker posing with other dignitaries and winners athletes at Jammu.

International Wrestler, Vijay Saraf General Wushu Association of India, Kiran Watal Vice-President Gymnastics Federation of India, Sunil Sharma General Secretary Archery Association of J&K, Kuldeep Singh Jamwal former President J&K Rifle Association,

Harbhajan Singh President J&K Weightlifting Association, Rajan Sharma General Secretary J&K Boxing Association and International Referee, Deepak Handa President Ju-Jitsu

Association of J&K, Yudhvir Singh General Secretary J&K Weightlifting Association, Ravinder Singh Sr. Vice-President J&K Athletics Association and International Athlete, Ajay Sharma

National Athlete, Vinod Bhatia General Secretary J&K Yoga Association, Sarwant Singh Gill former General Secretary Cycling Association of J&K and various other officials and national athletes were present.

All guests and athletes were welcomed by Suneel Mahajan, President, Sharat Chander Singh, General Secretary J&K Athletics Association, Varinder Kour Joint Secretary and Mandeep Kour National Athlete at the venue.

Kavinder and Billawaria appreciated the efforts of J&K Athletics Association.

The championship is being conducted under the overall supervision of Sharat Chander Singh Organizing Secretary of the Championship.

Jodhamal top-ranked Co-Ed Day School in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School has once again been ranked as the top School in J&K, consecutively for the ninth year in a row in the India School Rankings 2023-24 published by the prestigious Magazine, Education World.

This year the School has gone a notch higher than the previous years as the School gets the Rank 1+ in both J&K and Jammu in the category of Co-Ed Day Schools.

For the past 17 years, Education World, in collaboration with C-Fore has been conducting a nationwide survey and more than 15,000 top schools all over India participate in this survey.

Jodhamal's continuing success can be attributed to improved performance



Principal Jodhamal Public School, Girish Kumar receiving prestigious award.

across the 14 parameters like Academic Reputation, Competence of Faculty, Co-Curricular Activities, Infrastructure, Discipline, Community Service, Sports Education, Leadership, Management quality, Life Skills & teacher-student ratio. Over the past four

months C-fore personnel interviewed more than 25,000 parents, principals, teachers and senior school students in 350 cities countrywide, and persuaded them to rate schools in their region on a ten-point scale across 14 parameters of education excellence.

Recently, the award-winning Schools of respective states were felicitated in New Delhi, wherein Girish Kumar, Principal of the School received this prestigious award on behalf of the school.

Dilip Thakore appreciated Jodhamal Public School for giving the education par excellence to the next generation. Sharing his happiness on this moment of pride, Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee of the School said "The award is a testimony of the hard work, dedication, and sense of purpose of each and every stakeholder of the Jodhamal fraternity". He also thanked the staff, students and parents of team Jodhamal for their collaborative approach and hard work which made this award possible.

Alisha Mahajan qualifies Ph.D

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Alisha Mahajan has been declared qualified for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from School of Economics, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU).

The scholar has worked on the topic, entitled "Environmental Stringency and Environmentally Sensitive Goods: Trade Perspective of G-20" under Dr. Kakali Majumdar, Associate Professor, School of Economics, SMVDU.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, and other committee members congratulated Alisha Mahajan and wished her a bright future.

Mathwar all set to host 10th International Kesari Dangal on Oct 20

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Holy place Mathwar in District Jammu is all set to host the 10th International Kesari Dangal on October 20 at Baba Ballo Dev Sathan.

The decision regarding organization of this mega historic Indian Style Dangal was taken by the organising committee headed by Baba Yash Paul Sharma.

National, international and local wrestlers are expected to arrive in the Dangal which is being organised in collaboration with the Indian Style Wrestling Association. Foreign wrestlers like Tedo of Georgia apart from Indian wrestlers, including National Gold medalist Sandeep Khanna, will be a part of the International event. The Mathwar Kesari Dangal has become a yearly event for last few years. Baba Yash Paul Sharma informed that the event is being organized as an official competition and would be held as per the norms of J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Shiv Kumar Sharma.

National Wrestlers from Punjab, Maharashtra and Chandigarh besides International Wrestlers



from USA, Ukraine and England are going to participate in daylong historic and famous Wrestling Competition. Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department Sanjeev Verma will be chief guest on the occasion while Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar will inaugurate the event. Baba Yash Paul Sharma informed. He urged upon the people and sports lovers to come to witness the grand event. The inaugural function of the competition shall be held at 1:00 PM on October 20 (Friday) at Baba Ballo Dev Sathan Mathwar and the prize money for the major bout is Rs 1,00,000.

Elaborate arrangements are being made for the lodging of visiting wrestlers and the Committee members have been put on the job for the smooth conduct of the said competition.

This is a major attraction for the people of Jammu and Kashmir who wait anxiously every year to see this UT's biggest wrestling event, it has generated a wave of confidence, love, brotherhood, peace and entertainment among the people of neighbouring States.

IDPL: Karate Tournament for AAG Boys begins at Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Kishtwar, under the guidance of Director Youth Services & Sports J&K, Subash Chander Chhibber, successfully organized the Inter-District Provincial



Level (IDPL) Tournament in the discipline of Karate AAG Boys today at Gulabgarh-Paddar of District Kishtwar.

The event, held under the diligent supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officers Kishtwar, Kharati Lal Sharma, witnessed a display of exception-

al talent and sportsmanship from participants representing various districts of Jammu province.

The tournament, aimed at nurturing sports talent and fostering camaraderie among the youth from all 10 districts of Jammu province, unfolded with an inaugura-

tion ceremony graced by Chief Guest Hari Krishan (BDC Member) at Gulabgarh Paddar, Kishtwar.

The chief guest highlighted the significance of such tournaments in providing a platform for budding athletes to showcase their skills and dedication. He commended the

organizers for their efforts in promoting sports at the grassroots level.

The dedication and sportsmanship exhibited by the young participants were lauded by officials from the Youth Services and Sports District Kishtwar, further elevating the prestige of the

tournament.

This Karate AAG Boys tournament not only promotes physical fitness but also instills values of discipline and teamwork among the youth, aligning with the broader vision of nurturing holistic development through sports.

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