

Farooq Khan presents medals to wrestlers

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JAMMU: Two-day 26th Men Free Style and Greco Roman and 12th Women Wrestling Championship, organised by Wrestling Association of J&K, concluded with the holding of valedictory function at J&K Police Sports Complex, Gulshan Grounds, here on Friday. Advisor to the LG, Farooq Khan was the Chief Guest, who gave away the medals to the winner and runners-up wrestlers. He complimented the Wrestling Association of J&K for holding the competition amidst COVID-19 Pandemic situation while encouraging women in the power game. Speaking to the gathering, Chief Guest congratulated the wrestlers for close bouts. "A good beginning that women wrestlers compete in front of a huge gathering. Extremely happy to find talented stuff in the wrestling discipline. With the building of infrastructure at the gross root level, I hope J&K would



Advisor to LG, Farooq Khan posing with medal winners at the closing ceremony of J&K UT Wrestling Championship at Gulshan Ground, Jammu on Saturday.

improve at the National and International level in the times to come," said Farooq Khan. President of J&K Olympic Association (JKOA), Dr Ashutosh Sharma, who was Guest of Honour, informed the gathering about the activities of the Olympic Association. A host of members of the JKOA and office bearers of sports associations were among those prominent present. Earlier, president of the

Wrestling Association, Dushyant Sharma gave a brief note of the two-day event and thanked the chief guest for encouragement. He also appreciated the LG led Government of the improved infrastructure and hoped that J&K may also improve in terms of coaches and equipment. He informed that around 150 wrestlers from various districts and departmental team of J&K Police took part in this championship. And,

now the talented wrestlers will form the J&K teams for the upcoming National events. General secretary of J&K Rifle Association, Sharat Chander Singh welcomed the distinguished gathering. The Results: MEN: FREE STYLE: 57 KG: Ajeet Malhotra, Jammu, Ist; Bopinder Singh, Kathua, 2nd and Rahul Mehra, Jammu, 2nd. 61 kg: Saleem, Kathua, Ist; Vicku Sharma, JKP, 2nd

and Mohd Shanat, Jammu, 3rd. 65 kg: Sunny Sharma, JKP, Ist; Deepak Kumar, Jammu, 2nd and Iqbal Mohd, Jammu, 3rd. 70 kg: Munir Hussain, Jammu, Ist; Arif Khan, JKP, 2nd and Mohd Ghulam, Jammu, 3rd. 74 kg: Mohd Hariz, JKP, Ist; Mohd Saleem, Kathua, 2nd and Mohd Jaya, Samba, 3rd. 8 kg: Rajesh Sharma, JKP, Ist; Hamam Hussain, JKP, 2nd and Bah Hussain, Kathua, 3rd. 92 kg: Abdul Rashid, Samba, Ist; Nadeem, Doda, 2nd and Abhishek Manhas, Jammu, 3rd. 98 kg: Benia Amin, JKP, Ist; Nisar Ahmed, JKP, 2nd and Sanjay Kumar, JKP, 3rd. 125 kg: Ishaq Ahmed, JKP, Ist; Liyaqat Ali, Jammu, 2nd and Radhaya Krishan, Jammu, 3rd. GRECO ROMAN STYLE: 60 KG: Rohit Singh, JKP, Ist; Sunil Singh, Jammu, 2nd and Gagan Deep Rambal, Jammu, 3rd. 67 kg: Sahil Sharma, Jammu, Ist; Sahil Baloria, JKP, 2nd and Umar-

Bin Rasheed, Budgam, 3rd. 72 kg: Suraya Dev, JKP, Ist; Sukhvinder Singh, Jammu, 2nd and Maqsood Ahmed, JKP, 3rd. 77 kg: Pankaj Kumar, Jammu, Ist; Riyaz Hussain, JKP, 2nd and Sushil Singh, Jammu, 3rd. 87 kg: Bahadur Khan, JKP, Ist; Ranjeet Singh, JKP, 2nd and Vireshwar Bhardwaj, Jammu, 3rd. 97 kg: Roshan Sharma, JKP, Ist; Shubham Singh, JKP, 2nd and Ali Mohd, Kathua, 3rd. 130 kg: Diler Khan, JKP, Ist; Surinder Singh, Jammu, 2nd and Javid Khan, JKP, 3rd. WOMEN: 50 KG: Pooja Devi, Kathua, Ist; Mousmi Choudhary, Kathua, 2nd and Mehul Sharma, Jammu, 3rd. 57 kg: Samriti, Jammu, Ist and Nitika Sharma, Jammu, 2nd. 65 kg: Riya Chib, Jammu, Ist; Gulshan Bibi, Jammu, 2nd and Vishali Devi, Jammu, 3rd. 72 kg: Jaspreet Kour, Jammu, Ist; Mansi Dogra, Jammu, 2nd and Sukriti Sharma, Jammu, 3rd.

Railways restore travel concession to sportspersons

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JAMMU: Acting on the request of Union Sports Minister, Kiren Rijjiu, the Ministry of Railways has restored the travel concession to the sportspersons for various National level competitions held in the country. Important to mention here that the Indian Railways had discontinued with the past practice of travel concession to the sportspersons. However, after media highlighted the issue, the Union Sports Ministry in a swift action approached the Railways Minister and got the concessions restored in the interest of sports. Now, the new notification, issued by the Railways, across various categories, the sportspersons have got 75 per cent concession in second class and 50 per cent in first class travel

with immediate effect. "The Union Sports Ministry deserves appreciation for their prompt action in the interest of sports and sportspersons of the country. Sportspersons need to be encouraged in all spears of life," said international football player from Jammu, Arun Malhotra. The sports associations in J&K also welcomed the restoration of the travel concessions by the Railways. "Travel cost across the country for sports events remain a major concern for an athlete, so restoration of old practice of concessions would go a long way in further encouraging the sports," said former Volleyball coach of University of Jammu and Treasurer with Volleyball Association of J&K, Ramesh Sharma.

FFMA holds protest in support of Dharmarth Trust employees



FFMA members raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Freedom Fighters Memorial Association (FFMA) on Saturday held a protest in support of Dharmarth Trust employees who are protesting for last 48 days in support of their demand of constitution of a board for all the temples under Dharmarth Trust or merger of same with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. FFMA members assembled at Dogra Shourya Sthal, Amphalla and raised

slogans against J&K administration for not resolving issues of Dharmarth trust employees. "This is a genuine and justified demand of employees," Rajiv Mahajan Vice Chairman FFMA said while addressing media. He urged Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to bring an ordinance for removing present structure of Dharmarth Trust besides constituting new council by framing new laws to run affairs of trust properly besides protecting temples'

property. He further demanded constituting an independent Commission to conduct an audit of all properties of temples under Dharmarth Trust within J&K and outside made by persons having control on it from 1947 to till date and bringing the same on white paper. He said that open loot of sources and possessions of Raghunath Temple by Dharmarth Trust has reached such an extent that after selling of land belonging to different temples in J&K, now some valuable books worth several crores have been reportedly stolen. He demanded CBI enquiry for all misdeeds of Dharmarth Trust. Others present in the protest included Ved Gandotra Chairman, R C Puri President, Sukhinder Singh Maini Organiser and Parbhat Kapahi.

Haryana wrestler Vicky wins Sool-Pamote Dangal

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JAMMU: Vicky of Sonipat in Haryana bagged the 11th Sool-Pamote Dangal title after he defeated Ishaq Ahmed (Lallu) of J&K Police in the main bout that took place at Village Pamote Nalla in tehsil and district Reasi. Wrestler Vicky was adjudged as the best wrestler of the Dangal, which was organized by Sool-Pamote Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association (JKISWA). The title winner Vicky was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 12,000 while runners-up, Ishaq Ahmed (Lallu) got Rs. 9,000. The DDC Councillor, Rajinder Kumar Mengi was the Chief Guest, who distributed cash prizes among the winner and runner-up wrestlers. Former Joint Secretary of J&K Sports Council and president of JKISWA, Shiv Kumar



Wrestlers contesting for main bout posing with guests at Village Pamote Nalla in Reasi.

Sharma presided. BDC Chairman, Chander Mohan Singh and SHO Katra, Sunil Sharma were the Guests of Honour. Prominent persons present on the occasion included social worker Sohan Singh Thakur, Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Sarpanch Jarnail Singh, Sarpanch Kabir Sabha Reasi, Surinder Kumar Bhagat, Ex-Sarpanch Rattan Singh, Ex-Sarpanch Ramesh Chander, Om Parkash Verma, Deepak Wazir, Incharge Police Chowki

Sool, Ali Imran and Kamal Kishore. In all, 65 bouts decided in this one day Dangal and an expenditure of Rs. 2,00,000 has been incurred. Sohan Singh Thakur has contributed Rs. 21,000 as financial assistance to the organizers while Sanjeev Khajuria of Delhi and Ex-Sarpanch Karmal Singh contributed Rs. 5,100. The second main bout was won by Sachin of Sonipat, who beat Babba of Kot Bhalwal of Domana Akhara Jammu.

Sachin received a cash prize of Rs 7,000 and Babba got Rs 5,000. In third main bout, Ankush of Sonipat emerged winner outplaying Ajay Sharma of Udhampur. Ankush and Ajay presented cash prize of RS 6,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively. The fourth bout went to Muneer of Nagrota, who trounced Sonu of Sonipat. Muneer and Sonu got Rs 6,000 and Rs 4,000 respectively as cash prize. The organising committee included Rattan Lal Sharma (chairman), Raj Kumar (Baboo), (president); Joginder Kumar (Pappu), Panch and vice chairman, Gian Chand (Panch), Mohan Lal, Sohan Lal, Chain Singh, Kartar Singh (Numberdar) and Kuldeep Kumar (Numberdar). Other Results: Subash of Choprashop beat Romesh of Amritsar; Shubam of Sonipat beat Amir Khan of J&K Police

Chadha expresses displeasure over resignation of Sukhvinder from PDP

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JAMMU: Former State Treasurer PDP and President Citizen's Forum, R K Chadha has expressed displeasure over resignation of PDP Founder Member Sukhvinder Singh. In a press statement issued on Saturday, Chadha said, "I felt extremely sorry to note resignation of PDP founder member Sukhvinder Singh out of frustration and humiliation by Jammu party office-bearers. Sukhvinder remained the most trusted, decent and loyal member of PDP and before that in Janta Dal, helped Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in all possible ways with finances and time, at the cost of his very humble background. Treating a person like Sukhvinder in such a disgusting manner, is matter of shame for Mehbooba Mufti, as all Founder members have left PDP only because of such behaviour." He further said that there is a vast difference between Founder Members of Jammu leaving PDP and members leaving in Srinagar. "Jammu founder members gave everything to form PDP but Srinagar Members minted money and enjoyed top Ministerial posts which were offered obligingly by Mehbooba Mufti and Mufti Sayeed," he asserted.

Amandeep Cricket Academy wins Friendship Cricket Series by 2-1



Winner and runner-up teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Amandeep Cricket Academy defeated Vishal Cricket Club Jammu by three wickets in the third match and won Friendship Cricket Series for under-19 by 2-1 at Amandeep Cricket Academy Amritsar. Batting first, Vishal Cricket Club scored 189 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 30 overs. Kanhiya Wadhwan and Rohan Gill played a fine innings of 67 runs each while Arnava added 16 runs to the total. For Amandeep Cricket Academy, Jaideep Singh

grabbed three wickets while Garv, Gurteg Singh, Ajay and Prabal took one each. In reply, Amandeep Cricket Academy chased the target in 28.5 overs making 190 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Parth played a match winning knock of 88 runs followed by Arsh and Gurteg, who smashed 40 runs each and Prabhat made 22. For Vishal Club, Sachin Sharma scalped three wickets, Aqib took two and Abay Tondon and Kartik claimed one wicket each. for his magnificent batting,

Parth was declared as Man of the Match. Jaideep Singh from Amandeep Academy was declared best Batsman whereas Kanhiya Wadhwan and Kartik Mehra of Vishal Club Jammu were declared as Man of the Series and best bowler respectively. Today's match was officiated by Twinkle, Karan and Raj. Madan Mohan was accompanied the Vishal Club team as a coach. During the valediction function, Manish Sharma, India-A player, was the Chief Guest while Rajesh Gill

member Indian Cricket Association and former Ranji Player was the Guest of Honour. Chief Guest appreciated the Jammu Vishal Club team for showing professional cricketing skills in batting, bowling and fielding during the series. He further said that all the Jammu players are very talented, good approach towards the game and can play a big cricket. He also advised them to work hard and to remove their little mistakes in net practices. Rajesh Gill thanked the management of Amandeep Cricket Academy specially Dr. Shehbaz Singh and Lovely for providing an opportunity to the Jammu cricketers for three matches cricket series. He also invited Amandeep Academy Cricket team for 5 matches cricket series of 50 overs game at Jammu.

JTGC Sidhra organises Lohri festival 'Kids Putting Camp'



Principal Secretary PDD, Rohit Kansal posing with participants and officials.

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JAMMU: Jammu 'Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), Sidhra on Saturday organized 'Lohri Festival Kids Putting Camp' to inculcate competitive spirit among the children. Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, Rohit Kansal, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, said that putting contest is an innovative way to entice budding players towards golf and nurture talent in Jammu and Kashmir. Secretary, Jammu 'Tawi Golf

Course, Manav Gupta said that such events will be organized on regular basis to encourage young golfers. Jammu 'Tawi Golf Course is also working to establish a full-fledged Golf Academy. A total of 16 children between the age group of 5-13 years participated in the event. The event was divided into two categories which include under-9 years and under-13 years. In under-13 years category, Reyana Satya Gupta got 1st

rank, Shambhavi Gupta got 2nd rank and Abdullah Daud got 3rd rank. In under-9 years category, Armaan Kansal got 1st rank, Tehleeq Ahmed got 2nd rank and Adhyayan Langer got 3rd rank. Presently, these budding golfers were trained by National Golf Academy of India (NGAI) certified Professional Coach Rohit Gupta. Among others, parents and sports lovers were also present on the occasion..

GDC Sidhra organises extension lecture on modern career avenues

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JAMMU: Career Counselling Cell, Government Degree College (GDC) Sidhra organized an extension lecture through online mode on the topic "Modern Career Avenues: Building Minds for Future" under the Manodarpan initiative of Higher Education Department, as a part of Atma Nirbhar10 Abhiyan, MHRD, Govt. of India. The resource person was Dr. Neelika Arora, Assistant Professor, Department of HRM&OB Central University of Jammu, who deliberated on the different career options for the youth including growing industry of Actuarial Science, Journalism, Mass Communication and health & wellness besides the trending career fields such as Civil Services, MBA, Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary.

She motivated the students to follow the practice of entrepreneurship not only be the boss of their life but an inspiration for others in society. Principal, Dr. Monika Sharma thanked the resource person and emphasized that through the adoption of modern farming practices students can build a dream life for them. The most important thing is to follow their heart. Earlier programme started with the welcome address of Coordinator Career Counselling Cell Dr. Punam Rani Assistant Professor History and concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. Mussarat Chowdhary Assistant Professor Economics. Others present were Prof. Harpreet Kour, Dr. Mehmood Ahmed, Dr. Satbir Kour, Naiyareen Khan, Anu Chadha, Dr. Reetu Gupta and Tushar Sharma.

Lawyers' protest demanding open entry in courts continues



Lawyers during a protest at Jammu.

JAMMU: The ongoing agitation of lawyers practicing in Jammu wing of J&K High Court and Subordinate Courts, demanding open entry in courts continued unabated and completed 93 days on Saturday. On the occasion, lawyers held a Dharna at Janipura Court complex and raised slogans in support of their demands. The Lawyers Action Committee has been carrying ahead the agitation since October 15, 2020 in protest against continuation of suspension of normal functioning of High

Court and Subordinate Courts since March 2020 and on few other issues. The protest was attended by advocates J A Kazmi (former vice president Jammu Bar), H C Jalmeria (Convener of Action Committee), S K Anand, C S Gupta (Former Secretary Jammu Bar), B R Sharma (Former Vice President Jammu Bar), Rajinder Kumar Chanyal, M L Gupta, Inderjit Abrol, Khilari Lal Kouran, Mohd Usman Slaria (former vice president Jammu Bar), Sabodh Singh Jamwal, J P Sharma, Ashok Misra,

Madan Lal, Rakesh Sharma, Kuldip Singh Parihar, Manohar Gupta, Bansil Lal Sharma, Meharban Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Jatinder Singh, Ashwani Thakur, Kunal Chib, Manohar Lal, S C Sharma, Parvinder Singh, Dharminder Singh, Vir Ranshor, Umesh Sharma, Dinesh Singh Jamwal, Mulkh Raj, Arvind Bandral, Vijay Gupta, Rakesh Dogra, Alisha Kohli, Richa Gupta, S M Wazahat, S Z Ahmed, Azhar Khan, Kamal Mangotra, Sushil Sharma, Sukhvinder Singh, Sanjay Verma, Atul Raina and H Bhatt.

Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha to hold elections on February 14

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JAMMU: Elections for the post of President and General Secretary of Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha J&K (Regd) will be held as per procedure and methods laid down in Sabha constitution on February 14, 2021. It was stated by the Chairman of Election Committee, Adv Amarjeet Chargoetra while addressing a press conference in Jammu on Saturday. Giving further details, Chargoetra said that besides Election Committee, a Grievance Board is has been set-up which would be headed by Puran Chargoetra (9419132900) to listen to various complaints. "Voting right has been given to Pradesh body (Maximum 51 members), District body (Maximum 35 members) and Unit body (Maximum 8 members) besides some Patrons/senior citizens who wish to participate. Any bonafide member of PVS with recommendation of any



Adv Amarjeet Chargoetra addressing a press conference.

unit head or member/s can also contest. Voters list shall be published by January 20, 2021 and nominations will be accepted upto January 24, 2021. The polling shall be held on February 14, 2021," he added. Chargoetra further said that a member can contest for only one post. "Om Parkash Kataria (9419701323) shall be the observer. For any query, one can contact Joginder Angotra (9419356974). All units/ District Bodies of

J&K UT are requested to send list of their executive body members (Maximum eight members) and District body members (Maximum thirty five) by January 19, 2021 failing which existing list of members shall be treated as final. The membership fee of Rs 20 shall be collected at time of voting," he asserted. Others present on the occasion included Balwant Kataria, Sham Chargoetra and Om Kataria and Joginder Pal.