

Sandeep of Punjab lifts 124th Panthal Kesari Dangal Title

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KATRA: Wrestler Sandeep of Khama (Punjab) lifted 124th Annual Panthal Kesari Dangal title 2024 by defeating Wrestler Munish of Delhi in a neck to neck contest at village Panthal in District Reasi.

Sandeep was adjudged as the best Wrestler in the vishal Dangal, Dangal was organized by Shri Swami Nitya Nand Dangal Committee on the eve of Makar Sankranti.

The Winner of main bout Wrestler Sandeep was given a cash prize of Rs. 6,1000 in addition to "Gurj and Patta" while runner-up Wrestler was cash awarded with Rs. 50,000.

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Paul Mahajan was the chief guest on the occasion who witnessed the Dangal and encouraged the youths who Participated. Former Joint Secretary J&K Sports Council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association Shiv Kumar Sharma presided over the function.



DC Reasi Vishesh Paul Mahajan with wrestlers of main bout and other dignitaries.

SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, ASP Katra Vipan Chandern and DDC Chairman Panthal Rajinder Mengi were the guests of honour.

DSP Katra Surinder Singh Billoria, ACF, SMVDSB Vinay Khajuria, Tehsiuldar Katra Jatinder Singh, SHO Katra Nishant Gupta, Sher Singh Vice President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association Varinder Badyal and Ex Sarpanch Karnail Singh were the special guests.

In the said Dangal forty one bouts were played and

expenditure of Rs. 5,25,000 has been incurred for conduct of this one day long Dangal.

Second main bout was won by Wrestler Rashid of Domana Akhara Jammu who defeated Wrestler Jatinder of Hararyana winner Wrestler Rashid was cash awarded with Rs. 41,000 while runner-up Wrestler Jatinder got Rs. 30,000.

The third bout was won by Nadeem of J&K Police of Doda who defeated Wrestler Wajid of District Jajjar of (Haryana). Winner Wrestler

Nadeem was cash awarded with Rs. 18,000 while runner-up Wrestler Wajid got Rs. 13,000. 4th bout was won by Surjeet Singh of J&K Police of Reasi who defeated Wrestler Partik of Haryana winner Surjeet Singh was cash awarded with Rs. 12,000 while runner-up Wrestler Partik got Rs. 9,000. The proceedings of the Dangal were conducted by Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Welcome address was presented by Prittam Kumar Magotra. The vote of thanks was presented by Ex.

Sarpanch Rajinder Kumar Thappa.

Members who helped for conduct of this Dangal included Prittam Kumar Magotra, Mukesh Khajuria, Rajinder Kumar Thappa (Ex. Sarpanch), Parshotam Kumar Khajuria (Bittu), Barjesh Khajuria, Madan Lal Sanmotra, Ved Parkash, Om Parkash Sanmotra, Parshotam Kumar Mengi.

The bouts were appreciated by Sat Paul Verma, Om Parkash Verma, Raj Singh and Sunny Sharma.

Other Results: Kharpu of Jammu beat Ranjeet Singh of J&K Police, Dillar Khan of J&K Police beat Ambrish of Delhi, Ajay Sharma of Udhampur beat Shivam of Delhi and Liakat of Jammu beat Madan Singh of Roun Domail Akhara.

Shiv Kumar Sharma thanked District Administration, Police Department, media persons and people who witnessed the Dangal. He also appreciated bouts and organizers and technical officials.

'Arjuna awardee Sheetal Devi shines on Global Stage' Dr Varinder urges LG to allot residential plot to Paralympic Champion

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JAMMU: "Arjuna awardee Sheetal Devi, who has also won Best Youth Athlete of the Year award in Asian Paralympics has made Jammu and Kashmir blink on the international sports map. She has made each and every Indian and especially Jammu and Kashmir people proud of her achievements. She deserves all appreciation and maximum facilities to pursue her sports and also good residential accommodation as she comes from a very humble background".

This was stated by Dr Varinder Sharma, Co-convenor Professional Cell, BJP J&K who added that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha being chairman of Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has extended all help to the Paralympic champion Sheetal Devi who's getting coaching in archery at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board sports complex and has also been provided accommoda-

tion here itself.

Dr Varinder Sharma urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to allot a plot to Sheetal Devi at Katra so that she can have her home there.

He also urged the district administration of Kishtwar to ensure that Sheetal Devi's house that's in the most dilapidated condition in her village is reconstructed.

Since Sheetal Devi is a pride of the nation, the government must help her have a better accommodation of her own.

Born with a rare medical condition called phocomelia, which makes her the first and the only international para-archery champion without upper limbs, she has become the first sportsper-son from a remote village of Kishtwar district to receiving the 1st Arjuna Award for Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and deserves all appreciation and help that could enable her to practice well and bring more laurels

to the nation.

Sheetal Devi has been awarded the Arjuna Award from the President of India and honoured by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on her return from Asian Para Games 2023 from Hanzhou.

Dr Varinder said that no stone should be left unturned to provide her required training so that she gets prepared well for Paris Paralympics 2024 and brings home more medals.

Having won the best youth athlete of Asia awards, she has changed the culture of Indian Sports, attended KBC and met film star Amitabh Bachchan and been honoured by many corporate houses which have become a source of inspiration for many children in rural areas who don't get the opportunity to play sports.

Sheetal, Dr Varinder Sharma said, will inspire generations of young Indians and people across the world with her victory and will.

Army conducts Pir Panjal Kabaddi League



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DODA: Army conducted Pir Panjal Kabaddi League under Operation Sadbhavana at Sports Stadium, Doda.

The opening ceremony of the Pir Panjal Kabaddi League held on January 14, 2024 at Indoor Sports Stadium, Doda which was a spectacular affair, with youth and parents showing enthusiasm. Local schools, colleges and youth groups have enthusiastically joined the initiative, forming a total of 06 teams that will compete over the course of the tournament. This event is expected to not only showcase exceptional kabad-i talent but also highlight the spirit of unity and harmony. The tournament showcases not only their sporting talents but also instilled a sense of camaraderie and unity that will be cherished for years to come. A total of 100 civilians attended the event. The participating youth, along with families, the local community and supporters extend their heartfelt thanks to Indian Army for creating an environment where their talent and potential could flourish.

The tournament, in line with Khelo India initiative, is aimed at highlighting and promoting Pir Panjal Kabaddi as a sport other than cricket and volleyball which is quite popular amongst the youth.

War against drug peddlers, anti peace elements to continue: DGP

■ MASROOR AHMAD

KUPWARA: Director General of Police RR Swain on Monday said that war against drug peddlers and those who leave no stone unturned to vitiate peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir, will continue till its logical end.

Seeking cooperation of the people, the Director General said that the war waged against the drug peddlers and their masterminds can't be won without active participation of public.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a Public Darbar held in Kupwara - a part of public outreach initiative of J&K Police, tge DG said: "We know deeply how public cooperation is important for a social change. In this regard J&K Police is trying its every effort to reach out to masses



and get closer to them for the larger interest of the society."

He said that they also differentiate between those who are the masterminds of this drug trade and those who are working on the ground as their pawns. "My officers always say that we cannot work without people's cooperation, while keeping in mind that police is a service. We are thankful to public for extending their support and this is not just

a lip-service but straight from my heart as public cooperation is very important," he said.

The DGP also said that Special Police Officers (SPOs) are part of police family and they understand their issues as well. "We always try to provide help to SPOs, their families and children through different welfare schemes of the police and also try to induct them under regular police, which we have done on various occasions," he said.

"Today we have moved out of Srinagar to hold this grievance redressal programme at district level. The aim is to provide relief to the public and help resolve their problems through this initiative as people face a lot of issue", he added.

JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu in collaboration with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), National SC-ST Hub, Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) inaugurated the Business Accelerator Program for the SC-ST entrepreneurs in IIM Jammu Campus at Jagti on Monday.

The Chief Guest of the programme was Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, MSME Govt of India, and Guest of Honor Padma Shri Ravi Kumar Narra, President, DICC.

The event was presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Khurshid Dar, Head, CII, J & K and Ladakh, Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Centre for Diversity and Inclusion, IIM Jammu.

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She outlined MSME's commitment to fostering a vibrant business ecosystem, formalizing MSMES, and empowering women, ultimately contributing to the nation's GDP.

She urged participants to be ambassadors of MSME, highlighted various ministry schemes, and discussed initiatives like Atmanirbhar Bharat, Skill India, Champion, Samadhaan, and Udhyaam for MSME growth.

Acknowledging IIM

Viomini of KCPS shines at National Rhythmic Gymnastics C'ship

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JAMMU: Viomini Dogra, a class XII student from K C Public School (KCPS), bagged bronze medal in the seniors category as J&K Gymnastics team of Himani Gupta and Shiviangi, Sneha Devan and Viomini Dogra performed well AND managed to win bronze medals in the team championships ahead of Maharashtra and Haryana at the recently concluded National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship at Bengaluru.

Viomini showcased exceptional talent, dedication, and skill, earning the admiration and recognition of judges



KC Public School faculty felicitating Viomini Dogra.

and spectators alike.

The prestigious National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship brought together the most talented gymnasts from across the country.

VBSY reaches Panchayat Sureychak in Jammu

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JAMMU: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a nationwide initiative to spread the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a developed India by 2047, reached panchayat Sureychak of block Mandal Phallian on Monday. The VBSY van was greeted by the members of the Swagat Committee and the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the presence of the Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma. The VBSY van displayed the message of the Prime Minister on a large screen and also played a live telecast of his interaction with the beneficiaries of the central government schemes from across the country. The people of the panchayat took the Sankalp pledge to make India a developed nation by 2047 and expressed their support for the government's welfare programs. The event was also attended by Member Special Tribunal Rahul Sharma and other eminent public leaders. Representatives of all the line departments, such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, Animal Husbandry, Handloom and Handicraft, were also present at the venue and showcased their respective schemes through informative stalls. Jugal Kishore Sharma addressed the public and laid down the vision of the Government of India to make India a developed and prosperous country. He said that the VBSY is a unique initiative to reach out to the people at their doorsteps and make them aware of the various schemes and benefits that the government has launched for their empowerment and upliftment. He also appreciated the stories of transformation and development shared by the beneficiaries and took feedback from the public regarding the implementation of the schemes.

The VBSY is being undertaken across the Jammu district with effect from November 27, 2020 to cover all the 305 gram panchayats and 7 municipal councils and corporations.

The yatra aims to achieve saturation of flagship schemes of the government by ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach all the targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner.

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JAMMU: In a proactive move towards ensuring the success of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, the Director General Rural Sanitation, Jammu and Kashmir, Anoo Malhotra presided over a comprehensive district-wise review meeting, here on Monday.

The meeting witnessed active participation from the Assistant Commissioners of Panchayat (ACPs), underlining the collaborative approach towards achieving the mission's objectives.

The Director General emphasized the pivotal role each district plays in the Swachh Bharat Mission, urging ACPs to intensify efforts to promote sanitation and hygiene at the grassroots level. The Director General meticulously analyzed the progress of ongoing initiatives, highlighting successful practices and addressing challenges faced by dif-

ferent districts.

Malhotra presented a strategic roadmap for the upcoming phases of the Swachh Bharat Mission, emphasizing the need for creative solutions to address unique challenges in each district. The meeting showcased success stories and best practices from various regions, creating a collaborative platform for sharing insights and learning from one another.

During the interactive session, ACPs shared their experiences, providing

valuable insights into the ground-level implementation of the mission. Malhotra commended the efforts and encouraged a dynamic exchange of ideas to optimize strategies for enhanced effectiveness.

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