Sandeep of Punjab lifts 124th Panthal Kesari Dangal Title

KATRA: Wrestler Sandeep of Khanna (Punjab) lifted 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 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



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

Katra Surinder Billoria, ACF. Singh 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

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 defeated Wrestler Jatinder of Harayana 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 runerup Wrestler Wajid got Rs. 13,000. 4th bout was won by Surject Singh of J&K Police of Reasi who defeated Wrestler Partik of Harvana 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 bv 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 accommodation 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 sportsperson 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

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

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

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 kabaddi 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

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu in collaboration with Ministry of Micro, and Medium Enterprises (MSME), National SC-ST Hub, Dalit Indian Chamber Commerce (DICCI) 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 Kumar President, DICCI.

The event was presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Khurshid Dar, Head, CII, J & K and Ladakh, Gadekar,



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu felicitating Chief Guest, Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, MSME Gol.

Diversity and Inclusion, IIM Jammu.

The event commenced with an address about the program by Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Centre for Diversity and Inclusion, IIM Jammu.

Mercy Epao emphasized the role of IIM Jammu in providing formal management training, access to industry mentors, and capacity-building interventions for the upliftment of marginalized sections, contributing to nation-building.

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 SkillIndia, Champion, Samadhaan, and Udhyam for MSME growth.

Jammu's support, she appreciated their role in handholding the SC-ST community and contributing to the nation-building

IIM Jammu launches second batch of Business

Accelerator Program for SC-ST entrepreneurs

Padma Shri Narra emphasized DICCI's pivotal role in uplifting the SC-ST community and its collaboration with academic institutions, government bodies, and Entrepreneurs for their welfare. He underscored the importance of staying grounded in their endeav-

Prof. B.S. Sahay, welcomed the second batch of the Business Accelerator Programme and mentioned the success of the first program starting at Noida.

Highlighting Jammu's status as the youngest IIM, he credited Dr. Milind. P. Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors, other Board Members, along with faculty 15th position among all IIMsin the NIRF Rankings.

He also acknowledged key initiatives, including the Center for Small Business Development and the unique, Center for Diversity and Inclusion, inaugurated \mathbf{Former} Ramnath Kovind.

Emphasizing Jammu's commitment to India's growth, he reiterated the institute's role in realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, outlined by the Narendra Modi, The Prime Minister.

He encouraged participants to explore the campus, enjoy their stay, and stressed the importance of discipline in lives. He reiterated that the Business Accelerator Program aims to promote entrepreneurship and create more opportunities for small and medium enterprises, playing a gaps across the country. K.K. Sharma, General Manager, National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC), MSME, Govt. of

India, highlighted the uniqueness of the Business Accelerator Programme as a platform for learning industry best practices.

Khurshid Dar, Head, CII, J & K and Ladakh mentioned that the Business Accelerator Program is a remarkable initiative, and the collaboration between IIM Jammu, MSME, DICCI, and CII reflects a collective commitment to foster entrepreneurship among the SC-ST community. This program will undoubtedly contribute to the

individuals Entrepreneurs. The inaugural ceremony culminated with the National Anthem and vote of thanks by Dr. Vedika Saxena, Member, Center for Diversity and Inclusion, IIM

economic empowerment of

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, toe 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

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at 134 for six.

Puducherry in Delhi.

JAMMU: Yash Dhull's susceptible technique

against raw pace was exposed by Umran

Malik as Delhi's young batting stars collec-

tively struggled in seamer-friendly conditions

with only 42 overs play possible across four

days of a Ranji Trophy Group D game here.

Having lost to Puducherry in the opening

game, Delhi under new skipper Himmat

Singh logged home their first point of the sea-

son as the match ended with visitors tottering

However, the worrying point was another

failure by the Delhi top order against a tier-2

domestic side like J&K after being bowled out

for less than 200 in both innings against

After only three overs of play was possible

on first three days, Delhi's batters got some

chance of a hit with 39 overs being sent on the

Debutant Salil Malhotra (1) was bowled by

Jammu and Kashmir also got a point.



and get closer to them for the larger interest of the society. He said that they also dif-

ferentiate 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

Dhull fails again as Delhi's young batting

line-up flatters to deceive against J&K

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

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

STATE TIMES NEWS 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 Shivangi, Sneha Dewan 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 Gymnastics Rhythmic Championship together the most talented gymnasts from across the

Viomini, demonstrated her expertise in the graceful and technically demanding art of rhythmic gymnastics. Her stunning routines, accompanied by captivating music and intricate choreography,

left the audience spellbound. By seamlessly blending gymnastic elements with dance and expressive movements, Viomini showcased her exceptional creativity and

Under the guidance of coach Ravinder Singh, Viomini tirelessly prepared for this championship.

Her determination, perseverance, and countless hours of training paid off as she proudly secured a position in the esteemed top three at the national level. Speaking about Viomini's outstanding achievements, Principal of School, Public Amarendra Kumar Mishra.

expressed utmost delight, stating, "We are incredibly proud of Viomini's accomplishments. Her ability to seamlessly blend gymnastics and dance is a testament to her exceptional talent and creativity. Not only did she showcase her skills, but she also demonstrated her versatility by incorporating expressive movements into her routines." Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Vice Chaiman Arjun Chowdhary, Arti Chowdhary, MDPrincipal Amarendra Kumar Mishra and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey congratulated Viomini and wished her luck for the future.

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

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.

DG Rural Sanitation reviews district-wise progress under SBM-G Mission

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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 Assistant Commissioners Panchayat (ACPs), under-

lining the collaborative approach towards achieving the mission's objec-

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.

The Director General encouraged ACPs to foster community involvement and ownership of the mission, highlighting the role of awareness campaigns and education in sustaining behavioral change.

The Director General reiterated the mission's significance in fostering a cleaner and healthier rural environment, expressing her commitment to achieving the ambitious goals set by the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin. meeting concluded with a sense of shared commit-Malhotra as expressed confidence in the collective efforts to elevate Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin to new heights in Jammu and Kashmir.

was beaten for pace by Umran.

Rohit and Dhull, who hit four boundaries, Dhull's struggles against express pace have come to light in his stint with Delhi Capitals

in the IPL and he even had a hard time putting bat on ball against Anrich Nortie at DC

His sequence of scores in Ranji Trophy this season is 2, 23 and 18. In his last 10 completed innings across three formats, Dhull has failed to get a single fifty plus score. In fact, DDCA sacking him from captaincy

hasn't changed his fortunes and there is a feeling in DDCA corridors that Dhull, who is more comfortable against slow bowlers, could come down the order at No. 4 or 5 to regain Vaibhav Kandpal (0), who has the right

kind of backing from powerful quarters of DDCA, found his defence breached by Rohit while skipper Himmat (8) also was adjudged plumb in-front. Once dependable duo of Jonty Sidhu (16) and Ayush Badoni (12) were also gone, Delhi were reeling at 60 for 6. It was Anuj Rawat (47 not out) and Hrithik

unbroken seventh wicket and saved Delhi from further embarrassment. Delhi 1st Innings 134/6 in 42 overs (Anuj Rawat 47 not out). Match drawn. Points:

Shokeen (25 not out), who added 74 for the

Delhi 1, J&K 1.