

Punjab wrestler lifts Akhali- Buttan Dangal title

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JAMMU: Wrestler Chotta Sudham of Hoshiarpur in Delhi lifted 14th Akhali Buttan Dangal title defeating Karan of Indian Railways, who belongs to Jalandhar in Punjab, in a close contest that took place at Village Buttan in Panchyat Akhali-Buttan in district Reasi.

Chotta Sudham was adjudged as best wrestler of the Dangal and presented with a cash prize of RS 60,000 by the Akhali-Buttan Dangal Committee. Runners-up of the main bout, Chotta Sudham got Rs 40,000 from the organisers.

Around 100 wrestlers from J&K, Punjab, Chandigarh and Haryana participated in this Dangal. In total, 50 bouts played in this over Rs 4 lakh event.

The second main bout won by Rashid (Rs 25,000)



Former Joint Secy JKSC, Shiv Kumar Sharma with wrestlers of main bout and others.

of Domana Akhara in Jammu, who defeated Chotta Jassa of Badawal (Rs 15,000) in Punjab. In third main bout, Surjit Singh (Rs 20,000) of J&K Police a resident of district Reasi trounced Bobby (Rs 15,000) of Badawal in Punjab.

The SDM Katra, Deepak Dubey was the chief guest, who presented the cash

prizes. He also encouraged the young wrestlers to work hard so as to excel at the National level. Tehsildar Katra, Jatinder Singh and BJP district president Reasi, Rohit Dubey were the guests of honour.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, former Joint Secretary of J&K State Sports Council and president of J&K

Indian Style Wrestling Association presided over the valedictory function.

Retired Joint Director BOSE, Koushal Kumar; BJP mandal president Katra, Romesh Chander Sharma; president district Reasi Democratic Azad Party Surinder Bhagat and ex-Sarpanch, Rattan Singh were among other prominent present.

J&K Sambo team leaves for SIA National Sambo Championship



J&K Sambo team and officials posing for a group photo before leaving for Nationals.

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JAMMU: 17 players of J&K Sambo team with two officials on Tuesday left for participation in the SIA National Sambo Championship 2023 which is scheduled to be held at Divisional Sports Complex, Garkheda. Parisar Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Aurangabad, Maharashtra from January 26 to 28, 2024. Players of the selected

team members are Rishi Mehra, Piyush Bhanu, Rakesh Sambyal, Abhishek Choudhary, Keshav Sharma, Abhay Partap Bhanu, Gorav Saini, Dhairya Sheel Singh, Ayush Khajuria, Tannay Johal, Kameshwar Saini, Samridh Khajuria, Ange Gupta, Anmika Sharma, Piyush Swroop and Ishant Gupta. Brijesh Bhanu as Team Manager and Gopal Dass as Team Coach and National

Qualified Referee Great A Honey Sharma and Anamika Sharma accompanied the team.

Prof (Dr) Ashutosh Sharma President J&K Olympic Association flagged off the team at Olympic Bhawan Karan Nagar Jammu and gave best wishes for the championships and brought laurels for J&K UT by winning number of medals. Prominent others present were Rajesh Dutta, Vikas Gupta and Sahil Sharma.

IIM Jammu inaugurates General Management Program Batch IV

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) Jammu inaugurated the General Management Program (GMP) Batch IV.

The ceremony was presided over by Prof. B. S. Sahay, the Director of IIM Jammu who joined online, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Executive Education & Corporate Consulting (EE&C) Chairperson, Dr. Rambalak Yadav, Chairperson, Doctoral Program, IIM Jammu, Dr. Eshika Aggarwal, Program Director and Dr. Prakrit Silal, Program Director were in atten-



IIM Jammu faculty at inaugural ceremony of General Management Program Batch IV.

dance during the session. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Eshika Aggarwal, Program Director.

Dr. Aggarwal mentioned, "We pave the way for participants in the

General Management Program by emphasizing hands-on experiences like case studies and class participation, guiding them to chart a new course in their management journey."

Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Executive Education & Corporate Consulting (EE&C) Chairperson, mentioned, "We evolve with purpose, tailoring leadership development for corporate and govern-

ment entities. From specialized functional programs like AI and machine learning, we adapt to meet diverse industry needs, ensuring a dynamic and relevant educational landscape."

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu delved into the importance of executive education and reiterated, "As we embark on a journey of continuous improvement and growth, we extend a warm welcome to the inaugural residents of our MDP residence. Emphasizing the value of peer learning, we believe face-to-face interactions foster a more enriching educational experience compared to online class-

es, ensuring mutual benefit and collaborative growth."

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu urged participants to actively engage in learning and make the most of the opportunity by actively engaging with faculty and fostering connections with peers to enhance their learning journey.

"Residing on campus provides an authentic experience of the program, far superior to remote class settings like hotel rooms, offering a profound immersion in the educational atmosphere,"

Dr. Prakrit Silal, the Program Director, extended a vote of thanks.

Sumit Kaith qualifies NET

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JAMMU: Sumit Kumar Kaith, son of Mohan Lal Kaith (SSP Railway Jammu) and Pushpa Kaith (Associate Professor, SCERT Jammu), resident of village Chatha Gujran, Block Marh, District Jammu has qualified National Eligibility Test (NET), in Geography, the result of which was declared recently by UGC.

Sumit did his post graduation from Delhi School of Economics (Geography).



Arti Devi qualifies NET

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JAMMU: Ph D Scholar, Arti Devi, daughter of Mehandar Singh, resident of Halyan (Charota), Tehsil Assar, District Doda has qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) in History, the result of which was declared by University Grants Commission (UGC) recently.



26-member JKCA U-23 Women's OD Team leaves for Mumbai



26-member JKCA U-23 Women's OD Team posing with officials before leaving for Mumbai.

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JAMMU: Chitra Singh Jamwal led 16-member Women's U-23 One-Day Team of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has left Jammu for Mumbai to participate in the Women's U-23 One-Day Trophy, commencing from January 26, 2024.

J&K will begin their campaign against Odisha on January 26 at MIG Cricket Club Mumbai, which will be followed by the match against Saurashtra on January 28 at Sachin Tendulkar Gymkhana, Kandivili Mumbai, the match

against Haryana at the same venue on January 30. Then J&K will take on Rajasthan on February 1 at MIG Cricket Club Mumbai, to be followed by the matches against Sikkim and Mizoram on February 3 and February 5 respectively at Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy BKC, Mumbai. J&K will lock horns with Goa in their last group match on February 7, 2024 at Dadoji Konddev Stadium, Thane.

The Team: Chitra Singh Januwal (Captain), Sheena Saraf, Bawandeep Kaur, Ananaya Sharma (VC), Aditi

Aryan, Manya Banotra, Mariya Noorain, Lalita (WK), Arveen Riyaz, Mahroof Anjum, Ayushi Ambardar, Shambhavi Rajput, Sehrih Tariq, Aanvi Singh, Kajal Bhagat and Khushboo Aftab.

The team is being accompanied by Irshad Hassan as the Manager, Meenu Singh Slathia as Head Coach, Anuradha Sharma as Co-Manager, Summayah Jan as Bowling Coach, Satika Sharma as Trainer, Mujtaba Wani as Video Analyst and Bisma Gulzar as Physiotherapist.

Handball selection trials on Jan 24, 25

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Handball Association is going to conduct the selection trials for 38th Sub Junior National Handball Championship (Boys & Girls) which is scheduled to be held at Gangrar Tehsil in Chittorgarh District of Rajasthan from February 7 to 11, 2024.

Selection trials will be conducted at Playing Field Shastri Nagar Jammu from January 24 to 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

Player born on or after January 1, 2009 is eligible to play and all the President/Secretaries of affiliated units of the association asked to send their players at the afore-said venue for trials.

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JAMMU: The UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the inspiring direction of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, commenced an extensive Faculty Development Program (FDP) from 23rd Jan to 31st Jan 2024 on the theme "Information and Communication Technology" (ICT).

During the inaugural event, Prof. Sanjeev Jain stressed the importance of ICT in the contemporary education system. Under his guidance and supervision, the university has been reenergized and revamped in various fronts in ICT.

Dr. Neelika Arora,



A dignitary speaking at FDP in CUJ.

Director of UGC-MMTTC, CUJ, informed that this FDP program includes 149 faculty members from various educational institutions across India.

The inaugural session was conducted by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Singh (Coordinator) and Dr. Bhavna Arora (Co-coordinator).

The first day of the work-

shop witnessed informative sessions conducted by the experts Dr. Pradeep Tomar and Dr. Yashwant Singh, Registrar and Head Department of Computer Science and IT. The talks were very informative and focused on various ICT trends related to NEP 2020.

A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr.

Akshay Kumar.

Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of UGC-MMTTC at the university, leads the initiative alongside Dr. Akshay Kumar, the Deputy Director. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Singh, Program Coordinator, and Dr. Bhavna Arora, Program Co-Coordinator, have been instrumental in shaping the program's structure and content. The event included the gracious presence of the Dean of Students Welfare, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean School of Physics and applied Sciences Prof. Vinay Kumar, Head Department Education Prof. Asit Kumar Manrty, Head Department of Mass Communication and New Media Dr. Abhay SD Rajput and others.

Workshop on 'Know Your Genes' organised by Science Club, Utsaah



Chief Guest Prof. Naresh Padha, former DAA speaking at a workshop.

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JAMMU: Science Club, Utsaah organized a one day workshop on "Know Your Genes" in collaboration with Department of Zoology, University of Jammu (JU). The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Satnam Kour, Chairperson, Utsaah, The clubs, JU. Chief Guest Prof. Naresh Padha, former DAA and Guest of Honor Prof. Seema Langer, Dean Life Sciences motivated the students. Prof. Padha said that all the science fraternity should come together to develop scientific temperament in all the students of the University. The invited speaker Dr Sawarkar Sharma, Director, Centre for Molecular Biology spoke about the human gene and its genetic make-up. He elaborated about the genes that makes what we are. With his long standing research work in the field of genetics he shared

in-depth insights about life-style diseases for awareness among the audience. Dr Chinnmoyee Maharana, Coordinator of Science Club gave a vote of thanks. Among the guests were Prof. Namrata, Prof. Sushel Verna, Prof. Venu Koul, Prof. Parnil, Dr Geeta Sharma, Dr Arti, Dr Parvinder, Dr Pankaj, Dr Raman. Inaugural session was conducted by Dr Sarabjeet Kour.

Seminar followed by laboratory visits where they were demonstrated about the isolation of DNA, gel electrophoresis and visualization techniques used for DNA or genes.

They also participated in a gene model making competition in a group of four students. These models will be displayed in the BRSA auditorium ground on 24th Jan. on finale day along with prize announcements and certificate distributions.

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ANANTNAG : Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, Yasha Mudgal, on Tuesday joined the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" (VBSY) in the historic chinar town of Bijbehara, Anantnag. As part of ongoing yatra, Yasha Mudgal engaged with local residents, evaluating the progress on various Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the area. She sought feedback from them regarding the impact of these initiatives on their lives besides asking about their development needs and aspirations.

Commissioner Secretary emphasized Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's, vision behind Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, which focusses on widespread awareness, reaching the unreached, facilitating utilization of government welfare schemes, and saturation of schemes. The yatra has played a pivotal role in fostering development, promoting engagement with government schemes, and achieving saturation under citizen-centric programs, she added.

Under the initiative, IEC mobile van created awareness among the people about central government schemes



Comm Secy Tourism, Yasha Mudgal joining VBSY in the historic chinar town of Bijbehara.

and screened videos of Prime Minister's addresses, testimonials from beneficiaries and informative clips and a special message from Prime Minister, in which he encouraged people to pledge to work for progress and prosperity of the country.

On the occasion, the enthusiastic participants lauded the Central Government for directly delivering the benefits of flagship schemes to the people. Through several events, the tangible impact of key initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Samman Nidhi, and others were showcased.

Besides, individuals shared their success stories under "Meri Kahani Meri Zaban" initiative illustrating the real

impact of schemes like PMAY, UMEED, PMJAY, KCC, PM Kissan, Poshan Abhiyan, Old Pension on their lives. The event captivated the audience with a vibrant display of mesmerizing cultural presentations showcasing theme based performances including 'Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke', Nukkad Natak and songs by the school students at the venue.

Commissioner Secretary interacted with the beneficiaries, felicitating and handing over certificates for several centrally sponsored schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (G) and PM Awas Yojana (U). Appreciation letters were presented for achievements under Jal Jeevan Mission, PMEGP, and Swachh Bharat

DSD launches PM Vishwakarma Scheme in Dist Jammu

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JAMMU: In a significant step by the UT administration, J&K has become the first UT in the country to implement the PM Vishwakarma Yojna (PMVY). In continuation to its efforts, the Director of skill Development (DSD), Sudershan Kumar on Tuesday inaugurated the training programme for first batch of 30 trainees in Darzi craft being imparted at Government ITI R S Pura. Subsequently, the DSD virtually launched P.M Vishwakarma Training at ITI Anantnag, ITI Doda, ITI Udhampur and ITI Kulgam for those who work with their hand tools.

The aims and object of the scheme for recognition of artisans and crafts of people through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card as well as basic training of 5-7 days with a stipend of Rs 500 per day. The scheme will also provide a modern toolkit of Rs 15000 free of cost to trained Vishwakarma besides linkage with credit based soft loans and marketing support for expansion of their business. G.M Bhatt, Jt Director Jammu, B. Babu, Jt Director, RDSD GoI, Ravi Gupta, A.D, DSD, Gurmeet Singh A.D, RDSD Jammu were also present.