

J&K Wrestler Babba lifts 30th Dera Kesari Dangal title

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JAMMU: Pahelwan Babba of Kot Bhalwal in Jammu and a trainee of Domana Akhara lifted the 30th Annual Dera Kesari Dangal title outplaying Feeza of Billawar in Kathua, who serves with J&K Police in the main bout of the played at holy Shrine of Dera Baba Banda Bahadur in Reasi on Baisakhi festival.

Dangal was organized by Dera Baba Bandha Bahadur Prabandhak Committee, Baba Banda Bahadur Sikh Samardi in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association (JKISWA) under the overall



DDC Chairman Reasi, Saraf Singh Nag with other dignitaries and winner wrestler.

supervision of president JKISWA, Shiv Kumar Sharma and Baba Jatinder Paul Singh Sodhi (Gaddhinashen). Saraf Singh Nag, Chairman, DDC Reasi was

the Chief Guest, who distributed cash prizes among the winners and runners-up wrestlers. Shiv Kumar Sharma, former Joint Secretary of J&K State Sports Council presided over

the function while Master Popsy, ASP Reasi was the guest of honour.

In all, 39 bouts decided in this day-long Dangal. Winner of the title bout, Babba given away Rs 6,000 cash prize while Feeza got Rs 5,000. In the second main bout, Bablu of J&K Police of Basantgarh (Udhampur) defeated Kalu of Sonipat Haryana to receive a cash prize of Rs. 5,000. Runners-up Kalu presented Rs 4,000 prize money.

The third main bout went to Ranjeet Singh of J&K Police, who defeated Atul of Delhi and 4th bout won by

Mam Hussain of J&K Police beating Ankush of Sonipat.

The vote of thanks was presented by Shiv Kumar Sharma. Shiv Kumar Sharma appreciated the organisers organizers.

Dera Baba Banda Bahadur Prabandhak Committee members, who helped in conduct of this dangal included were Jatinder Paul Singh Sodhi (Gaddhinashen), Sant Kumar Juneja (vice chairman), Prem Dureja (president), Dr. Shiv Shanker Pahwa (coordinator), Ved Makker (general secretary) and Darshan Rewari (vice president).

Veterans Cricket Association J&K wins match



Participating teams posing for a photograph after the match.

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JAMMU: Veterans Cricket Association J&K defeated CBOA Superkings by 3 runs in a keenly contested match played at MA Stadium, here on Friday.

Vivek Suri, Captain of Veterans Cricket Association J&K, win the toss and elected to bat first but his decision backfired as in form batsman Amit Kumar went cheaply on 4 runs.

But Ashish Singh played a sheet anchor role and crafted valuable partnerships first with Vivek Suri of 28 runs and with Vighat of 49 runs and took the score of VCAJ&K to 152 runs in stipulated 20 overs. Ashish made unbeaten 72 runs followed by Vighat 22 runs and Vivek Suri 10 runs.

For CBOA Superkings Rahul Jasrotia took 2 wickets whereas Anmol Kamal and Sahib

claimed one wicket each.

Chasing 153 runs to win, CBOA Superkings started their innings on a steady note but lost Bikram Chib on 11 runs. Gourav and Anil Virldly rotated the strike well but were out after being set on the crease as bowlers of VCAJ&K bowled on nagging line and length.

CBOA Superkings were 96 runs for the loss of 3 wickets in 13 overs when match was stopped due to technical reasons giving VCAJ&K a 20 run victory by D/L method.

Anmol Kamal remained unbeaten on 23 whereas Gourav and Anil contributed with 24 and 22 runs respectively. For VCAJ&K Saching Singh and Uttkansh Slathia took one wicket each. Ashish Singh of VCAJ&K was declared as Man of the Match for his brilliant innings.

AIFF ushers new dawn for Women's Football

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NEW DELHI: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has decided to revamp and restructure Women's Football in the country, in line with the Strategic Roadmap Vision 2047.

To give women's football a refreshed look and create improved economic opportunities, the AIFF's has taken up the task of revamping the Hero Indian Women's League (IWL). Starting next season, it will be mandatory for the top eight participating teams in the IWL, to have minimum 10 Indian players on a fully professional annual contract worth a minimum of Rs 3.2 lakhs.

Having arrived at this decision, the Executive committee of the AIFF, which met at the Football House today also stressed its goal to further strengthen Women's Football in India by rapidly expanding the Hero IWL in the coming seasons. While the 2024-25 season will have 10 teams in the top division followed by two other divisions, the 2025-26 season will have a four-tier league with the last tier being the state leagues across the country.

The AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said, "This was a landmark Executive Committee meeting, where crucial decisions were taken that would directly impact the



AIFF team after the meeting at New Delhi.

future of football in India and take it in a direction that was elaborated by the Strategic Roadmap, Vision 2047. We have, collectively, as a team, deliberated on various challenges, gaps and have come up with projects and initiatives that will impact the future of Women's Football, in a way that has not happened in India in the past".

"The members of the Executive Committee are experienced, and with their wisdom, we were able to come up with solutions that will help us create a vibrant structure. We have taken decisions for the league structure of Women's Football, minimum salary regulations, and we think this will attract more girls to play football and will help the growth of Women's Football in India. Women's Football in India will be able to move ahead to reach the global level.

"This is a World Cup year

for Women's Football and we will set a lot of activities for the women's game," Chaubey said.

The Executive Committee has decided to create 'Project Diamond' for elite players' development. The FIFA Talent Development Scheme (TDS), led by FIFA Chief of Global Football Development, Arsene Wenger, will play an active role in Project Diamond. All development wings of Indian Football, including those of Hero ISL and Hero I-League clubs, and elite academies, are expected to be a part of it. Project Diamond is aimed at producing an 'Iconic Star', who has the quality and skills to play at the highest level of the beautiful game.

An Elite League will be created as a part of Project Diamond - FIFA Talent Development Scheme officials will visit India early in May 2023 to hold discussions on

the subject.

Apart from these decisions, the Executive Committee has taken up the task of creating a comprehensive grassroots programme, Blue Cubs, that would help in developing the foundation for Blue Tigers. It also includes an elite grassroots programme that is thoroughly multi-dimensional with collaborations at multiple levels including government NGOs, clubs and others. This is again a part of the Strategic Roadmap 'Vision 2047', which aims to engage 35 million children in football by 2026 and take the number up to 100 million by 2047.

The AIFF secretary general, Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran said, "We made our vision and our goals very clear and published and articulated them. We will use them as the guiding light and the principles for our work going forward. Based on that, we have come up with action plans and initiatives today. I would like to thank the Executive Committee for deliberating on and approving the projects that will shape the future of Indian Football. This will help us achieve our short and long term goals under Vision 2047".

"We have never had a comprehensive grassroots structure and initiatives and we hope that through Blue Cubs and Project Diamond we will

be able to have a robust grassroots and an elite player development structure in our system," he said.

The Executive Committee has decided to give equal importance to the amateur structure in football to raise the level of competitive opportunity and security for the players at this level. To execute this, it has decided to introduce the Institutional League, where 10 teams from across the country will play on a home and away basis. The winners of the league, where the teams will be decided in a bidding process, may get an opportunity to play in the Cup tournament at the National level. This will surely help the legacy institutional teams get the heritage treatment.

Meghna Sharma qualifies NET

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JAMMU: Meghna Sharma, daughter of Kuldeep Sharma and Amita Sharma and granddaughter of Lt Ram Saran Magotra, resident of Paqtoli Mangotrains, Jammu has qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET) in Psychology, the result of which was declared by University Grants Commission (UGC) recently.



Brook's ton seals SRH's 23-run win over KKR

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KOLKATA: England's new batting sensation Harry Brook brought a high-flying Kolkata Knight Riders down to earth with a sensational 55-ball century as Sunrisers Hyderabad cantered to its second victory by 23 runs in an IPL match, here on Saturday.

Young Brook finally managed to crack the IPL code in style with SRH managing a massive 228 for 4 in their stipulated 20 overs on a batting beauty. Their bowlers despite some hammering from home skipper Nitish Rana and Rinku Singh were restricted to 205 for 7 in 20 overs.

Brook, who was roped in after his exploits in Pakistan, finally announced his arrival in style, when he smashed four fours and two sixes inside first three overs to give SRH the best start of the season.

Bought by SRH for a whopping Rs 13.25 crore, Brook had managed only 29 in first three

games but found his rhythm with a 55-ball-100 as he smashed 12 fours and three sixes. This was 16th edition's first century.

In reply, it was always going to be difficult for KKR to maintain a run-rate of 11 plus per over but skipper Rana (75 off 41 balls) did launch into SRH bowlers with half a dozen sixes and had 'Man of the Moment' Rinku Singh (58 not out off 31 balls) for company in their 69-run stand off only 6.2 overs. This was after KR were reduced to 96 to 5 within first 10 overs.

Once T Natarajan got rid of Rana, it was left to Rinku to pull off yet another heist as 57 were needed off last three overs.

But Bhuvneshwar Kumar (1/29 in 4 overs) gave 10 in the 18th over while Natarajan (1/54 in 4 overs) went for 16 in the penultimate over.

With Rinku on strike and 32 needed off last over, Umran Malik (1/36 in 2 overs) came

back well to dismiss Shardul Thakur with the first delivery and effectively sealing the game as the southpaw was stranded at the other end for first two deliveries. Rinku face four balls but Umran bowled fast and full to keep him under check with only eight runs being conceded.

Earlier, having got a reprieve on 45, when he was dropped by rookie leg-spinner Suyash Sharma an easy chance off his own bowling, Brook got to his 50 off 32 balls.

Brook also overturned a caught-behind decision off Lockie Ferguson when on 61, as he hammered the Kiwi fiery pacer in the same over five fours, en route to the first century of the season, which came off a single off Umesh Yadav in the final over.

Opted to bowl, KKR fielding was also a big letdown as

Skipper Aiden Markram also played an impactful innings in the middle when he raced to a 26-ball fifty as the

duo stitched together 72 runs from 47 balls.

After Markram's departure, young left-handed batter

Abhishek Sharma (32; 17b) gave a fine support as the duo also added 72 runs (33b) to pile on KKR's misery.

SCOREBOARD	
SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	
Harry Brook not out	100
Mayank Agarwal c Varun b Russell	09
Rahul Tripathi c †Rahmanullah Gurbaz b Russell	09
Aiden Markram (c) c Russell b Varun	50
Abhishek Sharma c Thakur b Russell	32
Heinrich Klaasen † not out	16
Extras	12
Total	228/4
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS	
Rahmanullah Gurbaz † c Umran Malik b Kumar	00
Narayan Jagadeesan c sub (GD Phillips) b Markande	36
Venkatesh Iyer c Markram b Jansen	10
Sunil Narine c Markram b Jansen	00
Nitish Rana (c) c Washington Sundar b Natarajan	75
Andre Russell c Jansen b Markande	03
Rinku Singh not out	58
Shardul Thakur c Washington Sundar b Umran Malik	12
Umesh Yadav not out	01
Extras	10
Total	205/7

Ambedkar Jayanti observed at IIM-J with patriotic fervour



IIM-J students and faculty during Dr. Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti celebration.

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JAMMU: IIM Jammu on Friday observed Ambedkar Jayanti with patriotic fervor marking the 132nd birth anniversary of the Father of the Indian Constitution, Dr. Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu; Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics; Cmr: Kesavan Baskaran; Chief Administrative Officer, Shri Shailesh Lohiya; Librarian, faculty, officers, staff, and students of IIM Jammu offered floral tributes to Dr. B.R Ambedkar on his 132nd birth anniversary.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu termed Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was the real architect of the Indian Constitution. He reiterated that Baba Saheb was the epitome of social equality who worked for welfare of all sections of society. "He led millions of the oppressed to a life of self-respect, dignity, and responsibility and showed

them a path that not only led to their development but also the development of India" he added.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics mentioned Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was a great statesman and a unifying force for being the head of the constitution drafting committee. He also stressed that Dr. Ambedkar is a great inspiration for all of us as he teaches us how to live for the people and how to dedicate life to the upliftment of the underprivileged and stay committed to unity in society.

The IPM second batch students gave a PowerPoint presentation on the life and legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar along with patriotic songs sung in many regional languages ranging from Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Bengali, etc. During the program, all the faculty, officers, staff, and student members spoke about Dr. B.R Ambedkar and his extensive contribution to the nation.

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Health Day

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JAMMU: Health awareness is crucial for early detection, prevention and ensuring effective treatment. Keeping this in view, JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi organised World Health Day to create value and awareness among jakians about not just physical health but mental and emotional well-being as well.

Manita, the Incharge highlighted the theme for World Health Day 'Health for All'.

Jakians exhibited a skit to highlight that physical, mental and social health are the three dimensions of the health triangle which contribute to the overall well being, and needed to be equally balanced.

Jakians recited inspiring poems on "Health and hygiene and healthy



Glimpses of World Health Day celebrations at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

Netball selection trials today

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JAMMU: The Netball Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall be holding selection trails to pick up UT team (Boys and Girls) for forthcoming First Fast 5 Sub-Junior and Junior National Netball Championship to be held at Delhi.

The trails shall take place at GGM Science College Jammu on April 15, 2023 from 5:00 PM onwards.

The trails shall be followed by the coaching camp at the same venue till the departure of the team.

As such all the desired players are advised to attend the trails selection process.

lifestyle". Jakians also displayed different banners to highlight different myths about the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of different diseases.

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah said, "You can't enjoy wealth, if you're not in good health. Embrace your health. Eat to live and not live to eat".

She urged the jakians to follow the Some tips to stay fit which include-Eat a combination of different nutritious foods, including fruit, vegetables, legumes, nuts, and whole grains; Maintain an adequate amount of sodium and sugar in the diet; Reduce eating junk food; Follow cleanliness; Exercise regularly. Have sound sleep and get a medical check-up regularly besides drink adequate water.