

# 42nd International Kundrorian Arli (Katra) Dangal on today

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KATRA: Kalka Mandir Dangal Committee is organizing 42nd International "Kundrorian Arli (Katra) annual Dangal 2024 (Kanta Kushti Dangal) at village Kundrorian Arli behind Railway Station Katra in Tehsil Katra and District Reasi on tomorrow at 1.00 PM.

The decision to this effect was taken in a meeting held at the venue of Dangal. The meeting was presided by Social activist, prominent wrestling promoter, leading businessman and Hotelier Karnail Singh.

Others who attended the meeting were Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakari), President Katra Indian Style Wrestling Association, Vijay Kumar, Ram Krishan, Mohan Lal, Kaku, Krishan Singh, Om



Kalka Mandir Dangal Committee members during a meeting at Katra on Friday.

Parkash, Ram Chand, Bindu Sanmotra, Sham Lal Sanmotra, Rashid Mohd, Bablu, former Sarpanch, Girdhari Lal and Nasib Chand.

Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakari) said about 42 invited wrestlers from Iran, Georgia and different States of India

like Delhi, Hararyana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are likely to participate in the historic and famous Vishal Dangal.

Karnail Singh said a notable feature of this Dangal is conducted regularly at Kundrorian Arli for the last 42

years.

Cash prizes for the first bout is Rs.2 lakh for the 2nd bout is Rs. 1.25 lakh for the one more second bout is Rs.1.25 lakh and for the third bout is Rs.1.00 lakh, he said.

It was decided that first bout will be played between Mirza of Iran and Monu Dhaiya of

Delhi. second bout will be played between Benia Min of J&K Police and Devinder of Kohali (Amritsar), another second bout was played between Hedo of Georgia and Kalu of Barobal (Chandigarh) and third bout was played between Akash of Delhi and Major of Dera Baba Nanak (Punjab).

The decision of referee in each bout will be final. Only invited wrestlers can participate and they must report at the venue (Akhara) before 12.00 PM. Wrestlers who come late, they are not allowed to participate.

Meanwhile, all the invited wrestlers want any more information regarding Dangal they can contact to Naresh Kumar ( Pappu Lakari) on 87130-88888.

# Medical facilities at Bakshi, M A Stadium LG Office supports Vansh Trust's demand

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JAMMU: A genuine demand by the Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation to introduce much needed medical facilities within sports hub of MA Stadium in Jammu and Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar, received a positive response from the office of the LG J&K, Manoj Sinha. The initiative from the sports foundation got LG Secretariat support when the request for establishing a dispensary was forwarded to the Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department.

Further, the Foundation asked for sparing the services of one Physician and



Nurse for such medical facilities, which too got the LG office endorsement asking the Administrative Secretary for necessary action.

Important to mention here that Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation, through its secretary,

Kuldeep Kumar Gupta approached the LG J&K, Manoj Sinha asking for opening of Dispensary and allied facilities so as to facilitate thousands of sportspersons visiting the sports hub on daily basis.

"It was felt in the recent past that players getting injured during training sessions could not get the much needed first aid, so each time such incidents are reported to the GMC Hospital Jammu and Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar. Our submission for basic medical facilities at twin venues shall go a long way in building confidence among the players," said secretary of the Foundation.

# Ganguly calls for balance between bat and ball in IPL



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NEW DELHI: Former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Friday urged the BCCI to find a way to strike a balance between bat and ball, highlighting the plight of the bowlers in the ongoing Indian Premier League on flat decks and extra batter in the form of an Impact Player.

The pitches so far in the latest edition of IPL have been a batters' paradise. With power-hitters on every side, teams have crossed the 200-run mark with ease.

"Not easy for the bowlers. They are

being carted all over and that's one area that needs to be looked at in the future, the balance between bat and ball," Ganguly said ahead of Delhi Capitals match against Mumbai Indians.

Starting from the ongoing season, the IPL governing body also allowed bowlers to deliver a maximum of two bouncers in an attempt to restore parity between batting and bowling.

Some have flagged the 'Impact Substitute rule as one of the reasons behind the high-scoring matches imbalance as teams are now essentially playing with an extra batter which gives them the freedom to go hard at the bowlers leading to scores of 230 reaching 260-270.

The Capitals have scored over 400 runs in the two games that they have played at their home venue here.

Last week at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, SRH amassed 125 runs during the power-play.

Opener Travis Head scored a blistering 16-ball fifty on his way to a sensational 89 off just 32 deliveries.

"Our batting is also strong, we have given away 400 runs but scored them too. The wicket here is too good, batting friendly wicket," Ganguly added.

The former BCCI chief is not the only one who has expressed concern for the bowlers, the legendary Sunil Gavaskar had earlier called for bigger boundaries.

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NEW DELHI: Former India star Yuvraj Singh has identified the swashbuckling Suryakumar Yadav and pace ace Jasprit Bumrah as key to the team's prospects in the upcoming T20 World Cup owing to their ability to "change the complexion of a game" in a jiffy.

Yuvraj, who was pivotal to India's title triumph in the inaugural edition of the tournament back in 2007, said Suryakumar will need to have a good outing for the team to win the cup for the second time while also suggesting that Bumrah needs to be at his best.

"Suryakumar Yadav," Yuvraj was quoted as saying by ICC.

He added, "Because the way he plays, he can change the complexion of a game in 15 balls. And he is definitely a surety... for India to win this T20 World Cup, Surya is going to be the key."

"I think Jasprit Bumrah is also the key with the bowling and I would like to see a leg-spinner in the squad as well,



like Yuzvendra Chahal as he has been bowling really well.

"But being a batter, I would say Suryakumar Yadav."

While dissecting the options of who should be India's first-choice wicket-keeper, Yuvraj expressed satisfaction with veteran Dinesh Karthik's form in the IPL but said if he is not part of the playing XI, there is no point picking the 38-year-old in the squad as the younger Rishabh Pant and Sanju Samson have been playing

extremely well.

"DK has been batting well, but the thing with DK is that the last time they picked him and the T20 WC was on he didn't get to play," Yuvraj noted.

"If DK is not in your XI I don't think there is any point in picking him. There is Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson and both guys are in great form and obviously they are younger."

"I would like to see DK in the mix, but if he is not going to

play then you would rather have someone who is younger and can make the difference."

Yuvraj knows just how important Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are to India's fortunes in the T20 showpiece and refused to put an end date on when he thinks the duo should retire from international cricket.

Instead, Yuvraj suggested that Rohit and Kohli should consider giving up on playing T20I cricket after the T20

World Cup and concentrate on other formats.

"As you get older people start talking about your age and they forget about your form," Yuvraj stated.

"These guys have been great players for India and they deserve to go when they want."

"I would like to see more younger players in the T20 format, because it gets the load off them playing 50-over and Test matches. After this World Cup I would like to see a lot of younger guys come into the team and make the T20 side for the next World Cup."

Yuvraj picked Chennai Super Kings left-hander Shivam Dube as one player that he wants to see in the squad, thanks to his explosive batting.

"I would like to see Shivam Dube in the squad," he said. "He has been in and out of the team, but this IPL he has been batting very well and he is someone who can be the game-changer."

"There are a lot of other guys who have been playing for a while now, but I would like to see Shivam Dube in the mix," he added.

# High-flying RR look to maintain winning run against resurgent LSG

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LUCKNOW: High-flying Rajasthan Royals will look to continue their winning momentum and consolidate their position at the top when they take on a resurgent Lucknow Super Giants, who would be gunning for revenge at home in an IPL match here on Saturday.

Former champions RR have looked in ominous form this season with seven wins from eight games, and they could be a tough nut to crack for LSG.

LSG, meanwhile, too have played some good cricket and are placed fourth with five wins from eight games.

But going into Saturday's match, RR would certainly be the favourites as they have registered a hat-trick of victories after a rare blip against Gujarat Titans.

Assam batter Riyan Parag has been the flavour of the season for RR in the batting department. The youngster reinvented himself and has been the team's highest scorer with 318 runs from eight games.

The return to form of Yashasvi Jaiswal, who was struggling a bit this season, has further strengthened RR's batting. While chasing a 180-run



target in the last game against Mumbai Indians, Jaiswal smashed an unbeaten 104 off 60 balls to power his side to a comfortable nine-wicket win.

Jaiswal's return to form is something RR's opponents should really be worried about given the devastation the youngster and Jos Buttler can wreak at the top of the order.

RR's batting typically revolves around skipper Sanju Samson, who has scored 314 runs so far; and with West Indian Shimron Hetmyer capable of hitting top gear, the 2008 IPL champions have a potent lineup.

The likes of Rovman Powell and Dhruv Jurel, though, need to contribute more.

RR also boast of a potent bowling attack comprising the experienced Trent Boult, Avesh

Khan and Sandeep Sharma, whose 5 for 18 against Mumbai Indians has really fired up the side.

The team's spin department is also in the safe hands of the experienced duo of Yuzvendra Chahal and R. Ashwin, although the latter has struggled this season.

Chahal, however, is RR's best bowler with 13 wickets from eight games.

LSG, on the other hand, would be seeking revenge after having lost the first tie to RR by 20 runs this season.

Besides revenge, LSG would look to register a hat-trick of victories and scale up in the leaderboard. KL Rahul's side is also on a high after two successive wins, but the India player knows the shortcomings in the top order.

When Rahul and his opening partner Quinton de Kock are on fire, LSG's batting looks ominous. The problem arises when the opening duo has an off day.

That area was, however, covered by Marcus Stoinis in their last game against Chennai Super Kings, where the Australian scored an unbeaten century.

Despite losing Rahul and de Kock early in the chase of 210/4, Stoinis played one of the best knocks in this IPL, remaining unbeaten on 124 off 63 balls to hand LSG a six-wicket win.

Stoinis' return to form augurs well for LSG middle-order, where the likes of Devdutt Padikkal, Nicholas Pooran and Deepak Hooda need to take up more responsibility.

On the bowling front, LSG would be hoping their pace sensation Mayank Yadav is fit for the RR game after sitting out for a few games due to a lower abdominal strain.

"He is with (assistant coach) Lance Klusener and the rest of the guys in Lucknow, training and getting ready. So I think, anything from the next game onwards, we'll look to bring him

back in," LSG bowling coach Mome Morkel had said ahead of their last game against CSK.

Teams (from): Rajasthan Royals: Sanju Samson (c), Jos Buttler, Shimron Hetmyer, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Dhruv Jurel, Riyan Parag, Donovan Ferreira, Kunal Rathore, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Sen, Navdeep Saini, Sandeep Sharma, Trent Boult, Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan, Rovman Powell, Shubham Dube, Tom Kohler-Cadmore, Abid Mushtaq, Nandre Burger, Tanush Kotian, Keshav Maharaj.

Lucknow Super Giants: Quinton de Kock, KL Rahul (c & wk), Deepak Hooda, Ayush Badoni, Marcus Stoinis, Nicholas Pooran, Krunal Pandya, Ravi Bishnoi, Mohsin Khan, Shamar Joseph, Yash Thakur, Manimaran Siddharth, Prerak Mankad, Arshad Khan, Krishnappa Gowtham, Amit Mishra, Kyle Mayers, Ashton Turner, Matt Henry, Naveen-ul-Haq, Devdutt Padikkal, Yudhvir Singh Charak, Mayank Yadav and Arshin Kulkarni.

Match start time: 7:30 PM (IST).

# There is a lot left in the tank: Du Plessis on RCB snapping six-game losing streak

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HYDERABAD: Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper Faf du Plessis expressed his delight at his side ending its six-fixture losing streak in the IPL, reminding one and all that there is still a lot left in team's tank.

Bottom-placed RCB emerged victorious against third-ranked SunRisers Hyderabad, winning by 35 runs. With this win, RCB has two successes in nine clashes, having lost the remaining seven.

"We have worked really hard for the last two games to get to this point," de Plessis was quoted as saying in an RCB release to the players in the dressing room after the conquest on Thursday.

"We have scratched, we have fought, and everyone can say that they feel like they have given everything, so we deserve this feeling."

"We are all sitting here feeling we are proud of our work, but there is a lot left in the tank."

Although RCB is not out

of the playoffs race yet, they have a lot of catching up to do still needing to win all their remaining matches in order to stay in contention for a play-off berth.

As for the SRL meet, du Plessis took a calculated call in opting to bat first. Ideally, during evening matches, teams prefer to chase due to the dew factor.

But, given SRLH's brutal outing with the bat this season, especially batting first, the decision was commendable and was backed by assistant coach Malolan Rangarajan.

"Faf, well done on taking the call of batting first. It might have been a little bit too obvious, but saying that you want to bat first and make the opponent do something different; brilliant! And, to follow that up with the start both of you (Du Plessis and Virat Kohli) gave was brilliant," he said.

Additionally, Rangarajan was also all-praise for Rajat Patidar (50 runs off 20 balls) and Karm Sharma (2-29) for their match-winning

role. "Rajat, high-quality innings. It felt like the pitch was spinning a bit, keeping a bit low, but you made it look like we were playing on a concrete pitch," he continued.

"You got us to a stage where even if we lost a couple of wickets, we were ahead of the game. To me, that was one of the most important phases of the game, and you stood up like the champion you are."

"Karn, I remember speaking to you maybe a week back, had a very honest chat about how you felt about not playing and the work you have put in behind the scenes."

"You worked very well specifically for every batter before the game, and very happy to see how you ended up bowling today; well done," concluded Rangarajan.

RCB next takes on Gujarat Titans in Ahmedabad on Sunday before returning home against the same side on May 4.

# Upbeat Delhi Capitals take on struggling MI as playoff race intensifies

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NEW DELHI: Bolstered by Rishabh Pant's brilliant batting form and inspiring leadership, the resurrected Delhi Capitals will aim to continue their upward march in the IPL points table when they take on an inconsistent Mumbai Indians here on Saturday.

The Capitals have endured a rollercoaster season so far, showing flashes of brilliance while also succumbing to embarrassing defeats.

But three wins in the last four matches have helped them climb to the sixth spot and a win against MI will strengthen their claim to a play off spot.

On the other hand, after a familiar poor start, MI bounced back with three wins in their next four matches but a comprehensive nine-wicket thrashing by Rajasthan Royals put an end to

their resurgence. They are tottering on the eighth place on the points table and can ill-afford to lose.

DC's biggest positive has undoubtedly been skipper Rishabh Pant's form, which appears to be improving with each game.

He has looked sharp behind the stumps and seems to be batting with freedom. He was at his belligerent best during a match-winning unbeaten knock against Gujarat Titans on Wednesday.

It would be fair to say that the southpaw is in prime position to make India's squad for the T20 World Cup despite stiff opposition from the likes of Sanju Samson, Dinesh Karthik and Ishan Kishan.

In Jack Fraser-McGurk, DC have found an able top-order batter who can exploit the power-play but more is expected of



opener Prithvi Shaw, given that his only responsibility is to bat as he is used as an Impact Substitute.

David Warner missed out the previous game, making way for Shai Hope, who couldn't capitalise on the opportunity, and the veteran Australian might be brought back in the playing XI.

needs to step up. Pace spearhead Anrich Nortje is having a forgettable season and has leaked runs at 13.36 which has been a major problem for Delhi.

The likes of Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar and Ishant Sharma have been plagued by injuries leading to inconsistent runs.

They were taken to the cleaners by MI batters, who piled on 234/5 earlier in the season. And DC would be wary of a similar performance.

MI's resurgence this season began with a win against DC and the five-time champions would hope for an encore in the crucial clash.

For Mumbai, Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma have got runs but all of them have found form in patches. It's time for the likes of Tim

David, Ishan Kishan and skipper Hardik Pandya to contribute a big way and take some pressure off the top trio.

While the batting department has occasionally looked good, the bowling remains a massive cause of concern.

Jasprit Bumrah has expectedly been MI's standout bowler. He has led the attack with 13 wickets at an economy rate of 6.37. However, new addition Gerald Coetzee has been inconsistent in his maiden IPL. Though he has an economy of 10.10, the South African pacer has accounted for 12 wickets in eight games.

But barring the two seamers, Mumbai's bowling has disappointed.

Delhi Capitals: Rishabh Pant (c), David Warner, Abishek Porel, Ricky Bhui, Yash Dhull, Shai Hope, Prithvi Shaw, Tristan Stubbs, Kumar

Kushagra, Swastik Chikara, Ishant Sharma, Jhye Richardson, Rasikh Dar Salam, Vicky Ostwal, Anrich Nortje, Mukesh Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav, Praveen Dube, Khaleel Ahmed, Sumit Kumar, Axar Patel, Gulbadin Naib, Lalit Yadav, Jake Fraser-McGurk.

Mumbai Indians: Hardik Pandya (c), Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Dewald Brevis, Jasprit Bumrah, Piyush Chawla, Gerald Coetzee, Tim David, Shreyas Gopal, Ishan Kishan (wk), Anshul Kamboj, Kumar Kartikeya, Akash Madhwal, Kwena Maphaka, Mohammad Nabi, Shams Mulani, Naman Dhir, Shivalki Sharma, Romario Shepherd, Arjun Tendulkar, Nuwan Thushara, Tilak Varma, Harvik Desai, Nehal Wadhwa, Luke Wood.

Match starts 7.30pm IST.