

Mega Dangal organized in Udhampur

Sports powerful way to channelize energy of youth positively: Sunil

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UDHAMPUR: The local villagers of Bricdan and the Dangal Committee of Lerhi organized a grand Dangal event, attracting numerous participants and spectators from the region.

The event, held in Udhampur, celebrated the rich cultural heritage and traditional sportsmanship of the area.

Sunil Verma, District President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The event also saw the presence of Shafiq Ahmed, Sub Inspector; Chaudhary Mohammad Rashid, District Secretary of NC; Captain Rattan Singh, Block President of JKNNC Majalta; Amarnath, Retired Principal and Block President of Zib Thathi; Akash Verma, District President of Youth NC



Participating wrestlers posing for a photograph with Sunil Verma, NC leader and others.

Udhampur; Sham Lal Sharma, Block Secretary; and Ritik Sharma, Block President of NC Block Tikri. The Dangal witnessed intense and thrilling wrestling matches, showcasing the exceptional talent and hard work of the participants. The audience, comprising local residents and visitors, cheered enthusiastically, adding to the electrifying atmosphere of the event. Speaking on the occasion,

Sunil Verma expressed his admiration for the dedication of the organizers and the enthusiasm of the participants. He stated, "Events like this Dangal are essential in preserving and promoting our cultural traditions. They not only bring the community together but also inspire the younger generation to stay connected to their roots. I am proud to see such a vibrant display of sportsmanship and community spirit here today."

Sunil Verma also laid stress upon diverting youth towards sports amidst the rising concern of drug abuse. He emphasized, "Engaging in sports is a powerful way to channel the energy of our youth positively. It keeps them healthy, disciplined, and away from the menace of drugs. Our collective efforts should focus on providing more opportunities for the youth

to participate in such constructive activities."

Verma also commended the efforts of the local villagers and the Dangal Committee of Lerhi for their meticulous planning and execution of the event. He assured that the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference would continue to support initiatives that foster communal harmony and cultural preservation.

Sunil and other dignitaries congratulated the winners and participants, encouraging them to pursue excellence in their future endeavors.

Among those who were present on the occasion include Prakash Verma organiser, Dara Singh ex-panch, Subhash Singh, Vinay Sharma, Vikram Choudhary, Tarun Sharma, and madan Lal, all members of member Dangal committee.

Girls Boxing, Fencing events held at Udhampur



Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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UDHAMPUR: Part of the annual calendar of activities, Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised inter-zone district level competitions for girls in the disciplines of Boxing, Fencing and Kickboxing as also selection trials for Handball at different venues, here today.

The whole event supervised by the district (DYSS) officer, Udhampur, Romesh Chander Mishra involving around 200 female students from different zones of the district.

The Technical panel com-

prised Ajay Sharma, Rishi Sharma, Bandana Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar, Sourabh Pandit, Ravi Kumar, Nitika Sharma, Vikey Kumar, Nisha Kumari, Jagdish Kumar, Ranjeet Singh, Naveen Kumar, Mayank Mengi, Neetika Sharma and Yash Paul Sharma.

The Results:
BOXING: Under-17: 44-46 kg: Pooja Devi, Zone Udhampur, Ist. 42-44 kg: Archita Manhas, Zone Udhampur, 2nd; 46-48 kg: Asha Devi, Zone Udhampur; Ist; 48-50 kg: Suranshi, Zone Udhampur, Ist.

FENCING: Under-14:

Epee: Sharanya, Zone Udhampur (Winner), Utkarsha, Zone Udhampur (Runner-up). Foil: Ashwathi, Zone Udhampur (winner) and Mehnaz Akhter; Zone Tikri (runners-up). Sabre: Adia, Zone Udhampur (winner); Shivanshi, Zone Udhampur (runners-up). Under-17: Epee: Mannesvi, Zone Udhampur (winner); Arshi, Zone Udhampur (runners-up). Foil: Alankrita, Zone Udhampur (winner); Ridhi, Zone Tikri (runners-up). Sabre: Jagriti, Zone Udhampur (winner); Urvashi, Zone Udhampur (runners-up).

DC inaugurates Inter-Zone Dist Level Sports Tourney



A dignitary presenting plant pot to DC Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas and kabiddi match in progress.

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KATHUA: The District Sports Stadium in Kathua buzzed with excitement as the Inter-Zone District Level Tournament for U14 and U17 boys and girls commenced on Saturday.

The event was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, who officially declared the tournament open. While interacting with young athletes, Dr. Minhas emphasized the importance of sports in maintaining good health and a sound

mind besides inculcating the spirit of team effort and sportsmanship. He encouraged the participants to stay hydrated and give their best. He said the administration has made adequate arrangements for drinking water, refreshment and medical aid facilities on the venue.

Chief Education Officer, Kishore Kumar, who was the guest of honour along with Zonal Physical Education Officers, field staff, Activity In-Charge Dharminder Singh Shelly

and Parveen Singh, besides the staff of the DYSSO office Kathua were also present.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer Sunil Singh Sambyal, provided an overview of the tournament's progression, detailing the journey from school-level competitions to the current inter-zone district level. He highlighted the meticulous planning and coordination that went into organizing the event.

The tournament is being conducted under the

patronage of Director Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chhiber; with guidance from Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Ved Parkash, and under the supervision of DYSSO Kathua, Sunil Singh Sambyal.

Today's competitions for U17 boys included Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Football, Volleyball, Chess, Wrestling, Badminton, Rope Skipping, Table Tennis, and Cricket. These events took place at various venues including Sports Stadium Kathua, Sports Stadium Hiranagar, and Higher Secondary School Boys Kathua.

In Kabaddi, Zone Kathua defeated Zone Marheen by 3 points.

In Volleyball, Zone Sallan won against Zone Marheen with a score of 2-1 sets.

In Table Tennis, Zone Marheen emerged victorious over Zone Kathua with a 2-1 win, while in Kho-Kho, Zone Sallan claimed victory.

Jodhamal students excel in 2nd UT Open Roller Skating Championship

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JAMMU: The skaters of Jodhamal School brought laurel by winning bagful of medals in 2nd UT Open Roller Skating Championship.

The students were coached by Kamal Anand and Ritish Janwal, Skating Coaches of Jodhamal School.

The winners in the speed event include Arhaan Singh with a gold medal in the 500m, Samaira Mahajan with two bronze medals in the 500m and 1000 m, and Mysha Kaur with a gold and silver medal in the 500m and 1000m, respectively. Other notable winners are Jasreen Kaur silver medal in the 500m, Avika Anand gold medal in the 500m, Shreya gold and silver medal in the 500m and 1000m, Naisha Verma one bronze medal each in the 500m and 1000m, Viraj Chib silver medal in the 500m, Pearl Suri one silver medal each in the 500m and



Medal with students being felicitated by Jodhamal Public School faculty.

1000m, Gunvika one gold medal in the 500m, Parini Gupta gold and silver medal in the 500m and 1000m, Pavit Gupta one gold medal each in the 500m and 1000m, Nirvaan bronze medal in the 1000m, Riyana one gold and one bronze medal in the 500m and 1000m, Krishav bronze medal in the 1000m, Sanvit bronze medal in the 1000m, Sahraj bronze medal in the

1000m, Nalinaksh bronze medal in the 500m, Medhans silver medal in the 500m, Arav one silver medal each in the 500m and 1000m, Anandini one bronze medal each in the 500m and 1000m, Andrew bronze medal in the 500m, Anahita silver medal in the 500m, Aritra silver medal in the 500m, and Gursangat Kaur silver medal in the 500m. The winners were

felicitated by the Trustees Nandan Kuthiala and Arati Kuthiala. Girish Kumar, Principal of the School, appreciated the participants and said that the route to success lies in hard work and dedication.

He applauded the efforts of the students and their coaches for winning the maximum medals in this tournament and for bringing the laurels to Jodhamal.

CRIME REPORT

Woman among 4 notorious drug smugglers booked under PIT NDPS Act

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked 3 notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla after obtaining formal detention order from competent authority.

The notorious drug smugglers namely Irfan Ahmad Sheikh son of Mushtaq Ahmad resident of Dewanbagh Baramulla, Ishfaq Ahmad Khan son of Abdul Rashid resident of Harshnag Kreeeri A/P Chuntipathri Tangmarg & Iddries Khan son of Mohd Shafi resident of Noorkhah Boniyar have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smugglers have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu.

Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against the said drug smugglers and were involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Town Baramulla, Kreeeri, Noorkhah, Boniyar & other areas of District. Despite their involvement in many FIRs, they did not mend their activities and were again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth.

Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked a lady notorious drug smuggler under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla after obtaining formal detention order from competent authority.

The notorious lady drug smuggler namely Muskaan Begum wife of Irfan Ahmad Sheikh resident of Dewanbagh Baramulla has been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked lady drug smuggler has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Srinagar.

Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against the said lady drug smuggler and was involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Town Baramulla & other areas of the district. Despite her involvement in many FIRs, she did not mend her activities and was again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth.

Police destroy Poppy cultivation

STATE TIMES NEWS

HANDWARA: As a part of persistent efforts to curb the menace of drugs in the society, Police along with civil administration launched a special drive against illegal cultivation of Poppy in Bonibath Vilgam Handwara.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 32/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Vilgam and investigation has been initiated.

PSA slapped on miscreant

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against ANEs, Police in Baramulla booked a person namely Bilal Ahmad Shalla @Jana son of Ghulam Qadir resident of Stadium Colony

Baramulla under Public Safety Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority.

The booked person has been detained and subsequently lodged in District Jail Udhampur.

Pertinent to mention that many cases are registered against him and was involved in disturbance of L&O and subversion. Despite his involvement in many FIRs he did not mend his anti-national & social activities.

Notorious drug peddler arrested; vehicle seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in Pulwama arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

A police party of Police Station Pulwama under the supervision of SHO PS Pulwama intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK13H-0836 at a checkpoint established at Gangoo Crossing. During search, 7.58 grams of Herion like substance was recovered from the drug peddler identified as Muzamil Gul son of Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh resident of Samboor, Pulwama. The drug peddler has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

In this regard, a case FIR number 97/24 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pulwama and investigation has been set into motion.

Theft case solved, 2 arrested, stolen bike recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has solved a theft case registered at



Police Station Bari Brahmana, arrested two accused persons and recovered stolen bike from their possession.

On May 23, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Bari Brahmana by one Sunil Kumar, son of Balraj, resident of Dera, Smailpur, Bari Brahmana regarding theft of his motorcycle bearing registration No. JK21/9153.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 63/2024 U/S 379/411 IPC has been registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and investigation started to work out the said theft case.

During the course of investigation, police has arrested two accused who upon sustained questioning confessed their involvement in the instant case.

The arrested accused have been identified as Rajan Yadav, son of Subash Yadav, resident of Maharajpur,

Tehsil and district Dabriya (UP) at present Telli Basti, Bari Brahmana and Wasim Akram, son of Iqbal Hussain, resident of Sandi, tehsil and district Jammu. Further on their disclosure stolen bike has been recovered.

2 bootleggers nabbed with 67 bottles of illicit liquor, Rs 1,181,00 cash

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against the sale of illicit liquor in the Samba district, Police has arrested a two bootleggers along with 67 bottles of illicit liquor of 750 ml each and recovered cash of rupees 1,18,100/- from their possession in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba.

A police party of Police Station Samba headed by SHO PS Sambaduring vehicle checking at nakaNud, intercepted anAlto Car bearing registration No. JK08F-9567 coming from Samba side for its checking. During checking, 67 bottles of illicit liquor and cash of rupees 1,18,100/-were recovered from the possession of accused persons sitting in the car.

The arrested accused persons have been identified as Gopal Sharma, son of Mulkh Raj, resident of Krishanpur Dogara tehsil Billawar district Kathua and Varun Sharma, son of Tara Chand, resident of Gujjuru Nagrota tehsil Ramkot district Kathua.

In this connection, a case FIR No. 148/2024 U/S 48(a) Excise Act has been registered at PS Samba and investigation started.

Driver dies in tractor accident

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SUNDERBANI: Tractor driver has died on the spot during a road accident at Lambedi, 13 kilometer away from Nowshera.

According to the information, the tractor driver identified as Harmeet Singh alias Happy (20) son of Bhola Singh, resident of Lamberi Tehsil Nowshera of district Rajouri. When he reached Lambedi with gravel from the crusher lost control and the front part of the tractor lifted up. Due to this the driver got stuck in the middle, people nearby ran to help and pulled the driver out with difficulty. The driver died on the spot. After the post-mortem, the police handed over the body to the family members. Police Chowki Limberi have registered the case and started investigation.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 5 vehicles seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu.

Police Post Pounichak detained one tractor trolley bearing chassis No.MBNBU53AAPTF66839 Engine No. EZ.4001/SFF24269 found loaded with bajri without form A.

Police Station Gharota, detained tractor trolley bearing regd.no. JK02DF/6754 loaded with sand,without Form A.

Police Post Sidhara detained 03 vehicle 1. Dumper bearing registration no.JK19A-0786 loaded with Sand, 2. Dumper bearing registration no. JK02CS-6145 loaded with RBM without form- A and 3. JCB Machine

bearing registration no.JK02AS-6647 without form A.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

While giving the details SP RuralJammu,conveyed that Jammu Police is committed for protecting the public property and to eradicate the menace illegal mining in the area.

SSP Jammu recommends strong action against vehicles continuously indulging in bovine smuggling

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant move to combat the issue of bovine smuggling in the Jammu District under operation kamdhenu, the SSP Jammu has written to the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Jammu, detailing the involvement of specific vehicles in this illegal activity. The letter highlights the proactive steps taken by the police authorities to address this menace.

Despite the efforts of the police to curb this illegal trade by booking the smugglers under relevant sections of the law and continuously seizing the vehicles used in the transportation of bovine animals, a concerning trend has been observed. Drivers of the seized vehicles, after obtaining bail or surety bonds, manage to secure the release orders for these vehicles from the courts. Subsequently, these vehicles are once again employed in bovine smuggling activities.

To counteract this issue, the Jammu Police has identified 58 vehicles that have been repeatedly involved in bovine smuggling. The letter to the RTO requests for the suspension or cancellation of the registration certificates of these vehicles to prevent their further use in illegal activities. This decisive step aims to strengthen the enforcement against bovine smuggling and ensure that vehicles previously used for such activities are permanently removed from circulation.

The police authorities are committed to continuing their efforts to eradicate bovine smuggling and seek the cooperation of all stakeholders to achieve this goal.

Anti-tank mine found in Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A rusted anti-tank mine was found on a river bank in Samba district on Saturday, police said.

The lethal device was noticed by a villager on the banks of Basanter river near Bainglar village this afternoon, said a police official.

The villager informed the concerned police post and a bomb disposal squad was rushed to neutralize the mine, he added.

Fire near headquarters of National Conference in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Fire broke out in a commercial complex near the headquarters of National Conference (NC) in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said.

A commercial complex near the Zero Bridge caught fire this evening and the flames engulfed two restaurants, the officials said. The complex is in close proximity to Nawa-i-Subah, the headquarters of the NC.

Fire tenders were rushed to the spot and were trying to control the fire, the officials said. There were no reports of any casualty in the incident.