

Yudhvir applauds wrestlers for reviving traditional sport

‘Dire need to divert youth’s attention towards sports’

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President lauded the wrestlers for their efforts in preserving the traditional and thrilling sport of wrestling. He emphasized the need to regain the sport's lost prominence by harnessing the enthusiasm displayed by the younger generation.

Speaking at a function during the Dangal Championship organized by the Jagti Dangal Committee on the outskirts of Jammu, Sethi acknowledged the remarkable interest and encouragement wrestling receives among today's youth, despite the dominance of cricket and football in the sports landscape.

"The enthusiasm for wrestling among the youth is amazing and encouraging," Sethi remarked and commended the wrestlers for their dedication to the sport, which has allowed it to continue captivating audiences and attracting new participants.



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi introducing wrestlers of main bout.

In the Dangal, Wrestler Bhupinder from Punjab has won the Dangal title by defeating his opponent Benia Min Wrestler from Jammu. More than 82 fights were organized in the Dangal.

Sethi also highlighted the efforts of the Modi government in promoting sports across the country. He pledged to remain at the forefront of efforts to boost sports in his constituency, ensuring that talented individuals receive the recognition they deserve at the state and national levels.

He also raised concern over the increasing drug activities in the society. He emphasized the dire need to redirect the attention of the youth towards sports as a

means to combat this pressing issue, adding that engaging the youth in sports activities can play a crucial role in diverting their attention away from drugs and channeling their energy towards positive pursuits. "Sports not only promote physical fitness and mental well-being but also foster discipline, teamwork, and a sense of purpose among the participants."

The senior BJP leader also reaffirmed his commitment to supporting initiatives that promote sports and nurture sporting talent in Jammu and Kashmir. He extended his congratulations to the competitors and organizers of the event, acknowledging their commitment to making the championship exciting and captivating through their exceptional performances.

Sethi also called upon parents, teachers and community leaders to actively encourage and guide the youth towards sports as a healthy and constructive outlet for their energy and aspirations. By fostering a sports culture and providing the necessary resources and support, Jammu and Kashmir can create a generation of resilient, disciplined, and focused individuals who are less likely to fall prey to the menace of drug abuse.

Udhampur, Oriental students leave for trekking



Principal of Aryan Oriental Convent HSS Udhampur, Kiran Jamwal flagging off the 45-members for trekking.

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JAMMU: Kiran Jamwal, Principal of Aryan Oriental Convent Higher Secondary School, Udhampur flagged off the 45-member third group, including 21 girls of the school for Dhamarshala Himalayan Trekking Programme being organized by Tawi Trekkers J&K in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh. Chairman of the school, Upkar Singh Jamwal along with two teachers, Mohd Arif Wani and Shilpa accompanied the group which was led by Sonam

Sidharth and Siksham Verma. Meanwhile, the second group of trekkers from Oriental Academy Senior Secondary School, Jammu returned after a thrilling experience.

It may be mentioned here that Tawi Trekkers J&K has been organizing Himalayan Trekking Programmes in Dalhousie -Chamba, Kullu-Manali and Dhamarshala areas of Himachal Pradesh since 1994. Over the years these programmes have emerged as the most popular

activity of the club for students during summer vacations in which over 15,000 boys and girls have participated so far.

"The aim of the club to organize these short treks for budding trekkers is to 'Catch Them Young' and imbibe in their minds a spirit of adventure, love for nature and above all a supreme sense of self confidence so as to mould them into bold and responsible future leaders and builders of the country," said president of the Club, Ram Khajuria.

Tug of War trials on June 24

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Tug of War Association shall hold selection trials to pick up teams for the upcoming 25th Sub-Junior, 36th Junior and 36th Senior Women National Tug of War Championships to be held in Tamil Nadu from July 21 to 23.

The trial shall be conducted by the selection committee of the association at Unique International Public School, Gadigarh here on July 24 from 10:00 AM onwards, a handout issued here on Saturday informed. The selection process shall take place under the overall supervision of Hardeep Singh Anand, president of the Association. Those selected players shall be attending the coaching camp at the same venue from July 8.

District Srinagar Pencak Silat championship commences at Polo Ground

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SRINAGAR: The two-day district championship event organized by District Srinagar Pencak Silat Association in collaboration with Pencak Silat Association of J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council commenced at Indoor Hall Polo Ground Srinagar, on Saturday.

More than 790 players drawn from different schools and clubs are participating in the championship.

In-charge manager of Indoor Sports Complex, Mohammad Iqbal was the chief guest on the inaugural ceremony.

Besides, office bearers of the state and district association units of J&K Pencak Silat Association were also present on the occasion.



A player receiving Player of the Match award.

Speaking at the event, M Iqbal said that the athletes of J&K have shown a considerable improvement in performance at both national and international levels. This spurt in the performance is an

outcome of the availability of modern-day training facilities, coupled with the grooming of athletes on scientific lines along with the emergence of robust sports culture, he added.

"The participants shall compete in different age groups including pre-teen, sub-junior, junior in both boys and girls besides senior men and women events will also be held," said Irfan Aziz Botta Treasurer, Indian Pencak Silat Federation.

The best formers of the event will be shortlisted for the forthcoming state and national level championships to be held this year, he maintained.

Meanwhile, the first match of the three-match series between South Kashmir Sports Council Cricket Academy and Baramulla Cricket Academy was played at Jhelum Stadium Baramulla.

The Baramulla Cricket Academy after winning the toss elected to bat first. The

team bundled out for 154 runs in their allotted quota of 25 overs, losing all wickets in the pursuit.

Burhan bowled a brilliant spell conceding 30 runs and claiming 4 important wickets. He jolted the opponents and they were unable to recover from the damage inflicted by his tight line and seam.

While chasing the target South Kashmir Cricket Academy scaled down the finish line in 24.1 overs for the loss of 8 wickets. Thanks to the vital knock of Adnan who scored well and compiled 37 runs, South Kashmir Academy pocketed the first match of the encounter.

Burhan for his brilliant spell was adjudged player of the match. He received the winning memento from the ace cricketer of J&K, Parveez Rasool.

One more cricket match was played under a community program at KNS Stadium Radpora Srinagar between the local teams yesterday.

The match was played under floodlights starting in the evening and was in progress till late night. The matches played under floodlights have been a game-changer in increasing community participation in sports.

Meanwhile, Sports Council Gymnastic Academy is

imparting training and aims to provide the same level of training and facilities in all the districts of J&K. The unwavering support of the athletes ensures they have the best resources to excel in gymnastics and like the existing academy, the equipment, and arena at the new facility will be of top-notch quality.

With the establishment of a new academy, the Sports Council aims to further strengthen the gymnastics scene in the region and provide opportunities for talented athletes in Srinagar, and groom gymnasts for the national and international levels.

KCPS students complete adventure trek to Saach Pass in Himachal Pradesh

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JAMMU: Twenty students of KC Public School (KCPS) recently completed a two day's adventure trek in the Saach Pass region of district Chamba, Himachal Pradesh under the aegis of the International Award for the Young People (IAYP) and the Adventure Ideal of the Round Square.

They were escorted on the trek by Dr. Ram Thakur, Ajay Thappa, Rajni Dubey, Nishu Dubey and Rahul Thakur. The team of student trekkers consisted of Aadhar Kapoor, Aarush Sharma, Arnav Gupta, Dyuti Sharma,



KCPS Jammu students and faculty during trekking at Saach Pass.

Mayank Padey, Naitik Mohan, Rahul Anand, Ri a Nargotra, Shaurya Mahajan, Shivika Singh Manhas, Diya Dubey, Agrima Parashar,

Adhiraj Singh Jamwal, Nayan Pandita, Diya Salathia, Subhagi Sharma, Aashvi Sharma, Ojasvi Sambial, Kritin Jain and Sarvani Chowdhary.

On the first day of the trek, they undertook a steep climb of about 6 kilometers from

Satnala to the ancient heritage temple of Chamunda Devi located at the village of Devi Kothi at an altitude of about 8000 ft.

After paying obeisance at the shrine, they descended to Satnala for lunch prepared by the school cooking team. On

the second day of the trek, they trekked from Bairagarh to Kala Ban at an altitude of about 10000 ft. However, they could not make it to Saach Pass since it was still closed due to heavy snow on the ground.

During the second day's trek, the students benefited a lot by studying high altitude flora such as stunted rhododendron, Bhoj Patra trees and a variety of alpine flowers like Primula.

11 of the 20 students completed the trek to fulfil adventure requirement for the Bronze Award of the IAYP and the rest of them enjoyed the trek as students of an exclusive school from J&K affiliated to the Round Square.

Jammu Cadet Judo meet held



Medal winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Judo Association today organised Jammu District Youth (boys and girls) Championship at Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here.

Manager Indoor Complex, Suraj Bhan Singh was chief guest in the prize distribution of the day-long competition while Vikas Gupta, vice president of Judo

guest of honour.

The event took place under the supervision of Suraj Sharma, general secretary of the Association while Manish Chatwal was organising Secretary.

The bouts officiated by Ritika Slathia, Jugal Kishore, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal, Danish Sharma, Rohit Sadhotra and Raman Sharma.

The Medals Winners: GOLD : Sumit, Hitesh Sumbria, Hitesh Mehra,

Sourav Singh, Arihaant Mahajan, Aryan Sharma, Zayin Dobriyal, Tushar Raina, Abhijai Partap Singh, Anjali Rajak, Shivanshi, Niharika Sharma, Nandini Chib, Bhumika Dhar, Anshika Sharma, Nirjala Kumari. SILVER: Nixon, Jot Parkash Singh, Arti, Prachi, Leisha Gupta, Avika, Arohi Sharma, BRONZE: Akshainie, Vidanshi, Saniya, Kashvi Chopra, Swastika.

Murder of Under Trial in Jail HC orders Rs 5 lakh compensation to deceased’s family

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court issued orders to the government to pay Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the family of an under-trial who was killed by a co-prisoner inside Central Jail Srinagar nearly a decade ago.

"The fact that the respondent State has failed to properly manage the jail barracks and allowed condition to deteriorate to such a level that a co-prisoner was able to take out a stone/brick from the wall, which shows clear negligence and callousness on the part of the respondents (authorities)", Justice Sanjay Dhar said and directed the government to pay the compensation to Muhammad Ismail Shah, who was an under-trial in a murder case.

The authorities, the court said, have themselves admitted that the jail building was very old and the co-prisoner managed to take out a stone from the wall of the jail which he used as a weapon of attack upon the deceased.

Justice Sanjay Dhar observed that the jail authorities have failed to ensure safety and security of the unfortunate under-trial prisoner and said, "Therefore, they cannot escape their responsibility for the custodial death of the deceased".

This negligence and callousness on the part of authorities, the court said, has resulted in the death of the deceased inside the jail. The court observed that even though the deceased was an under-trial in a murder case, the authorities were not absolved of their liability to ensure his safety & security in the jail. Observing that the prisoner cannot be deprived of his constitutional rights except in accordance with law, the court said the deceased in the instant case despite being an under-trial prisoner in a murder case was entitled to protection by the jail authorities. "Since his killing took place while he was in jail, he was deprived of his life in contravention of the law."

Justice Sanjay Dhar further observed that Shah's untimely death has deprived his widow, sons and daughters of his love and affection as also his company and held them entitled to compensation from the authorities whose 'negligence' has resulted in his untimely death."Having regard to the age of the deceased, who, as per the postmortem report, was 48 years old at the relevant time and keeping in view the fact that all the children of the deceased are major, ends of justice would be met if an amount of Rs.5 (lakh) is awarded as compensation in favour of the petitioners (widow and children) to be paid by the respondents," the court said. The Court directed the government to pay Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the family of the deceased within three months.

SIBA Events, JPA organise Multispecialty Health Checkup Camp



SIBA Events and JPA members with doctors at a camp in Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: SIBA Events with Jammu Printers Association (JPA) organized free Multispecialty Health Checkup camp and medicines distribution at Khatri Sabha, which is supported by JKD-

CUL Chairman Vikrant Dogra, Raman Suri Tourism Federation General Secretary, JK Police, Bhawani Printers Gaurav and Bajaj.

Team of doctors and paramedical staff from five different

major Institutions namely K.D Hospital, Shankus Cancer Hospital, Sehora Dental College, rendered their services to more than 200 patients who had come from city areas of Moti Bazaar, free medicine was

also distributed among patients. Lab investigations like blood grouping and typing, hemoglobin estimation, urine protein, urine sugar and blood sugar estimation were done free of cost. All the patients were given prescribed drugs free of cost.

Doctors from General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedics, OBG, Pediatrics, DVL, Ophthalmology, ENT Provided their Services.

For the success of the camp team of SIBA including Sidharth Verma and Baljeet Singh along with team members Ramneek Kour, Meenakshi Verma, Sumit Verma, Jasmeet Kour, Vishwas, Sumit, Amarjeet Singh and Akash Singh.

Kuldeep submits memorandum to AKF Secy



CEO JKAKA, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta with Secretary General AKF, Muhd Sarwar Rana and others.

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JAMMU: Chief Executive Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta has submitted a memorandum to the secretary general of Asian Kabaddi Federation (AKF), Muhammad Sarwar Rana asking latter for an international event in J&K.

Kuldeep was interacting with top AKF official on the sidelines of the 19th Asian Games in China wherein he (Kuldeep) was invited as one of the technical delegates.

The memorandum consisting the event demand was submitted to the AFI in the presence of president, Dr.

Abbas Khajeh Averseji and general secretary international Kabaddi Federation (IKF), S. Sathasivam Munisamy.

"I asked the top officials of the international kabaddi organisations to allot J&K at least one international event in the shape of a Test match series or international competition with the sole aim to give boost to the game in the Union Territory," said Kuldeep Gupta.

Later, AKF officials assured their counterparts in India of incorporating the request in next year's calendar of activities, a statement issued here mentioned.