Crossway Cricket Academy concludes Summer Camp 2025 with felicitation ceremony



Participants of summer camp posing with Crossway Cricket Academy officials and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Crossway Cricket Academy concluded its Summer Camp 2025 with a vibrant felicitation ceremony held at the academy premises. The event celebrated the dedication, discipline, and growth of young cricketers who trained passionately over the past few

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest, former DIG

Gupta, J&KRajender Police, whose encouraging words inspired students and parents alike

Founder Rajbinder Singh Kler opened the event by welcoming all dignitaries, parents, and students.

In his address, he highlighted the academy's vision to not only build cricketing skills but also instill discipline, confidence, and character in young athletes. He also thanked the coaching staff, parents, and the entire support team for their contribution to making the camp a grand success.

Following him, Former IGP Johnny William (IPS), one of the founding members of the academy, spoke about the original vision behind establishing Crossway - to provide a strong, value-based platform for young talent in the region. His inspiring message urged students to dream big and stay committed to their goals both in sport and life.

The event was further dig-

nified by the presence of William, Esther Administrator of Alexander Memorial School, and Delight William Director of D-Drama - both of whom are also founding members of the academy.

Organized by the Dangal

Committee, Chak Chimna,

the event once again capti-

vated thousands of specta-

tors with electrifying bouts

and the unwavering energy

Wrestlers from across the

Union Territory of Jammu

& Kashmir and neighboring

states descended upon Chak

Chimna to compete in this

The competition culminat-

ed in a thrilling final match

where Rashid Vijaypuri

emerged victorious, defeat-

ing Sagar of New Delhi in a

hard-fought contest that

of participants.

prestigious event.

spirit.

The ceremony concluded with an address by Head Coach Sukomal Ganguly, who reflected on the journey of Summer Camp 2025, acknowledging the hard work of students and the support from parents that made it all possible

Crossway Cricket Academy remains committed to its mission of nurturing talent through Passion, Persistence, Power.

Bhupendra wins Tanda Dangal

Sports hold promise for career advancement of youth: Jasrotia

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Emphasizing the vast potential of sports in shaping the future of youth, MLA Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia on Tuesday called for collective societal responsibility in promoting games. Speaking at the concluding ceremony of the annual Tanda Wrestling Competition, Jasrotia said sports not only promote physical growth but have also become significant avenues for career advance-

The traditional Dangal, held at Tanda village, featured 56 bouts and drew participation from renowned wrestlers across Jammu & Kashmir and beyond. The highlight was the

thrilling final between Ravi Punjab Bhupender, which Bhupender clinch victory with remarkable skill. The winning wrestler was awarded a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh by the Dangal Organizing Committee and

Jasrotia expressed satisacademics and extracurricufaction over the resurgence lar activities to achieve holisof rural sports and praised tic development. He emphathe enthusiastic participasized the importance of nurtion of youth. He said the turing talent through proper growing popularity of guidance and synergy wrestling is a positive sign between teachers and par-

MLA Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia with wrestlers and others.

Prominent among those present on the occasion Sarpanch Raj include Kumar, Naib Sarpnanch Dev Raj, Sarpanch Kaka Gupta, Mandal President Roni Sharma, Youth Leader Basakh Singh, Hari Sham, Manik Gupta, Nandan Khajuria and other promi-

Jangral, Mast Ram, Devi Singh Bogal, Deepak Bogal,

Anchal Raj EX-TSO Namberder, Hans Raj

Chowkider, Balwan Lal,

J&K Muay Thai athletes shine at National Championship



J&K Muay Thai athletes with officials.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Students from the Muay Thai Association of Jammu and Kashmir showcased an impressive performance at the 6th Thai National Muay Championship held at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, from June 9 to 14, 2025.

The team secured a total of

eight medals, marking a proud moment for the Union Territory.

Medal winners included Arush Sharma Sukhmani Kour, Saksham Manhas. and Aradhva (Silver), Sharma Pragnay Mahajan, Ankush Choudhary, Jeet Singh, and Adharv Singh (Bronze).

The championship also

hosted selection trials for the upcoming Asian Youth Games in Bahrain, overseen by IOA observer Sh. Manjeet (Gold), Singh. The closing ceremony was graced by IOA Joint

Secretary Kalpana. The J&K team was guided by National Referee Vikas Dhar and Coach Mohit Singh, under the supervision

Rashid Vijaypuri wins 3rd Annual Dangal Competition 2025 **STATE TIMES NEWS** BISHNAH: The muchanticipated 3rd Annual Dangal Competition 2025 took center stage on Tuesday in village Chak Chimna, bringing with it a vibrant display of strength, discipline, and community

SP Headquarters Jammu, Irshad Ahmed Rather with wrestlers of main bout.

kept the crowd on the edge

of their seats. Chief Guest Irshad Ahmed Rather, Superintendent of Headquarters, Jammu, lauded the efforts of the Dangal Committee for organizing such a grand event under "Nasha Mukt Bharat" that not only promotes traditional sports but also empowers local youth by providing a platform to

He emphasized the importance of channeling youth energy toward nation-building and urged them to stay away from the scourge of drugs.

Guest of Honour, Vijay Singh, Sarpanch, also commended the organizers and highlighted the cultural and social value of traditional sports like Dangal in nurturing discipline and unity among youth.

During the event, cash prizes were distributed among the winners by the chief guest, and felicitation of the organizing committee for exceptional contribution in organizing the event and awareness promoting against drug abuse among

for traditional games and

reflects the changing sports

Minister Narendra Modi's

leadership. "Khelo India has

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The Dangal featured multiple matches across various weight categories, offering something for everyone in attendance. From experienced wrestlers to emerging talents, the event was a celebration of athletic excellence and mutual respect.

The success of Dangal 2025 was made possible through the unwavering support of the local community, with key figures from the village and nearby areas showing up in strength. Distinguished attendees included Panchs Janak Raj and Baldev Raj, Bishan

Sham Mehra, Tarsem Singh Bogal, Capt. Manohar Lal, Darshan Kumar, Subedar Dalbir Singh, Sham Lal, Alam Husain, Dalip Kumar, Retd Insp Yashpal, Surinder Verma, Balwinder Kumar, Kapil Dev, Tarsem Lal, Madan Lal, Pyare Lal, Goutam Verma, Satish Sansar Chand Kumar. (Bittu), Parshotam SomParshotam Kumar, Sandeep Verma, Faqir Nath Yogi and many more prominent resi-

This spirited gathering of athletes and supporters reaffirmed Chak Chimna's commitment to preserving cultural heritage through sports and building a health-

Kabaddi probables named for coaching camp

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association, today announced the list of probable selected for coaching camp ahead of the 1st Youth National Kabaddi (boys and girls) Championship scheduled be held at Haridwar in Uttrakhand from June 28 to July one. "After the coaching camp, final teams will be selected which shall represent J&K in at the National level under the banner of J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council." informed general secretary of the Association, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta.

The Probables:

Chib, Aditya Thappa, Ankit Sharma (Akhnoor), Kunal Banotra, Bhupindar Singh (Akhnoor), Aryan Sharma (All Jammu), Adarsh Sharma (Kathua), Vansh Kumar (Udhampur), Yasir Bashir (Budgam), Danish Aliwaza (Bandipura), Kashif Altaf (Kulgam), Hamid Javid (Pulwama), Shaan Karamat Aijaz (Anantnag) and Vishal Kumar (RS Pura, Jammu). Stand By: Manik Atri (Udhampur) and Rayees

GIRLS: Vaibhavi (Rajouri), Sonakshi, Eva, Samiksha, Sukriti (all Jammu), Reetika Bhagat (Udhampur), Jyoti Devi (Doda), Sehrish (Kupwara), Naysa, Pari (both Kathua), Sunaina (Pulwama), Saniya Jan (Anantnag), Saika Tabasum (Gandarbal) and Arbeena Jan (Gandarbal). Stand By: Subrana (Budgam) and Vaibhavi (Rajouri). The Association has also announced the names of officials. While boys team is being accompanied by Ajit Singh as coach and Mohd Yakoob as manager, the girls shall be led by coach, Nisha Rani and manager, Archana Koushal. Meanwhile, the Association has advised all the stand byes to submitt a fitness certificate from the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), NOC from their parents and Domicile Certificate before joining the camp.

4th group leaves for Himalayan trekking



Group of trekkers being flagged off by Ashwani Sharma, former MLA for Dharamshalla Himalayan Trekking Programme.

MHAC

Neetu, Pardeep Kour and

Sonu and Vandana of JK

Montessorie School also

The group is being led by

president of Tawi Trekkers

J&K Shawetica Khajuria,

a trained mountaineer and

an international Judge in

accompanied the group.

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JAMMU: Patron of Tawi Trekkers, J&K, Ashwani Sharma, former MLA along with advisor, Vivek Chauhan and Principal of MHAC School, Nagbani Sonia Anand on Tuesday flagged off the 4th group comprising 182 students including 98 girls for the Dharamshala Himalayan Programme being organized in the Dauladhars of district Kangra Himachal Pradesh.

The group included 161

Nagbani and 21 students sport climbing and Amit of JK Montessorie School. Khajuria, a veteran organ-Talab Tillo. Eight teachers ofHimalayan Trekking Programmes. School, Nagbani, Shiv Datt, With this total participa-Reetu, Anuj Khokher, tion in the Dharamshalla Neelakshi, Ameet Rajput, Programme has gone up to

Meanwhile, the third group of trekkers of MHAC School, Nagbani has reached back Jammu after visiting various historical, spirtual and heritage sites besides enjoying a soft trek from

Bhagshu Nag to Gallu temple and Dharamkot, popularly called mini Israel. It may be mentioned here that Tawi Trekkers J&K, a nonprofit making organisation, has been organizing Himalayan Trekking Programmes Kullu-Manali 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 16000 boys and girls

Meanwhile, a small group of about 10 members of the Club shall undertake a high altitude trek to Triund, an elegant meadow situated at an altitude of over 10000 ft Dhauladhars Himachal Pradesh.

have participated so far.

P P Singh felicitated by JNHTS



JAMMU: Prominent J&K Hockey and Skating Hockey coach, P P Singh has been felicitated by the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS) for his dedicated services to the Society.

The honour bestowed on Singh, who is also joint secretary of the Society, by president JNHTS, Dr Vrishali Bhosale amidst appreciations for his contributions as referee, commentator and office bearer.

Earlier, the Society had an elaborate Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was attended besides others by individuals from the Corporate world, retired senior officers and educationists, who are associated with the Society in different

Meanwhile, P P Singh expressed his thanks to the Society for the honour. "The Society has been doing a great job for the development of Hockey and has contributed a lot for the welfare of those needy and budding talent in the game," said

Arrangements for International Day of Yoga-2025 finalized at Bhaderwah



ADC Bhadarwah, Sunil Bhutyal chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: A meetfinalize the arrangements for 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 was convened on Tuesday in the Office Chamber Deputy Additional (ADC) Commissioner Bhadarwah.

Speaking at the meeting, the ADC Bhadarwah, Sunil Bhutyal emphasized the importance of coordination among all departments to ensure the smooth, inclusive and

impactful observance of the event. It was decided that the main celebration will take place at Gatha Park, Bhadarwah, while concurrent yoga sessions will be organized at Government Degree Colleges, identified destinations. tourist

Vibrant Villages and Amrit Sarovars. The ADC urged all departments to mobilize maximum public participation, especially involving school children, college students, youth clubs, PRIs, Self Help Groups (SHGs) and civil society members.

Detailed discussions were held regarding logisties, including sanitation, security arrangements, medical facilities, sound system setup and media coverage to ensure the program's success.

The meeting was attended by the District Ayush Officer Doda, Divisional Forest Officer, Tehsildar Bhadarwah. Block Officer, Development Block Medical Officer, Officer Executive Municipality, Zonal Education Officer, Dr. Akhtar Hussain (Professor, GDC Bhadarwah), Dr. Ifthakar Ahmed (Ayush Department, Bhadarwah) and other officers and representatives from vari-

ous departments.

J&K Deaf Judo team leaves for Kanpur



JAMMU: The J&K Deaf Judo team, selected by the All J&K Sports Association of the Deaf, on Tuesday left for participation in the 10th National Deaf Sub Junior and Junior and 27th National Deaf Senior Sports Championship scheduled to be held at Kanpur from June 19 to 23.

As per a handout issued here today, the team, prior to their departure for the venue, underwent screening which was conducted by the officials of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at MA Stadium, here. The officials present during the screening were Divisional Sports Officer, Sat Pal Singh; Suraj Bhan Singh (coach accompanying the team), Jagandeep Singh (Physiotherapist) and Arshi Nad (Manager Indoor complex).

The Team: MEN: Rohit Kumar (60 kg), Rakesh Singh (66 kg), Vishal Khajuria (73 kg), Nabeel Ahmed Dar (81 kg), Ajaz Ahmed (90 kg), Gulshan Kumar Sharma (100 kg). WOMEN: Nidha Ul Nisa (48 kg), Shikha Kumari (52 kg), Garima Misri (57 kg), Sonam Chib (70 kg), Rakhshinda Mehak (78 kg).

District Administration Ramban gears up for Int'l Yoga Day celebration

STATE TIMES NEWS RAMBAN:

Mohammad Commissioner Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of senior officers at the DC Office Complex to review the preparedness for the International Yoga Day, being observed across the district under the theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health."

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Ramban Kulbir Singh; SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Hamid Ganaie; Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Shokat Hayat Mattoo; Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, SDMs, Tehsildars, Dy. SPs, district heads of the departments and representatives of Beopar Mandal Ramban.

The meeting decided that the district-level Yoga event will be organized at the District Administrative Complex, Maitra, while similar programs



DC Ramban Mohd Alyas Khan chairing a meeting

will be hosted at Sub-Division and Tehsil Headquarters and other designated locations across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the officers on their respective roles and responsibilities while stressing maximum participation of government employees from their respective departments, prominent citizens and youth of the area in the district-level function and other venues.

The District Nodal Officer for Yoga was directed to coordinate with the concerned departments to ensure smooth

and foolproof arrangements for the event. The Chief Education Officer instructed to arrange transport facilities for students and furnish the list of officials and students participating in the district-level program within two days. He also directed the line

departments to make all necessary arrangements at the venues well in advance, including logistics, seating, water supply, power supply, PAS and first aid to facilitate smooth conduct of the yoga sessions across the district.