

Wrestler Talab of Punjab wins Kun Dorian-Arli Dangal

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KATRA: Wrestler Talab of Punjab defeated Hamid of Iran to lift 1st International Kun Dorian-Arli (Katra) Dangal title to become rich by Rs 60,000 while runners-up got Rs 40,000.

Dangal was organized by Kun Dorian- Arli Dangal Committee at Kalka Mandir Akhara Kun Dorian-Arli (Katra) in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Naresh Kumar (Papu Lakri), former Sarpanch Karnail Singh, Sarpanch Mangal Singh and Krishan Singh.

In total, 82 prominent wrestlers, including two from outside the country, participated in this day-long vishal Dangal which was witnessed by large gathering of wrestling enthusiasts.

Senior vice president



Senior Vice President ISWAI Shiv Kumar Sharma posing with wrestlers of main bout and others.

Indian Style Wrestling Association of India and president Kreedha Bharti Jammu and Kashmir, Shiv Kumar Sharma was the chief guest, who witnessed the whole wrestling event and encouraged the participants.

In total, 41 bouts were played in the dangal and an amount of Rs. 5,85,000 distributed in the shape of cash prizes.

The BDC Chairman, Chander Mohan Singh and

Sham Lal Bhagat, social activist and prominent wrestling promoter, Ram Paul Sharma were the guests of honour.

Prominent persons who were present on the occasion included Rajinder Kumar Ramotra, Deepak Wazir, Deep Singh (Pinka), Satish Kumar, Sat Paul Verna, Om Parkash Verna and Shail Sharma.

The second main bout went to wrestler Ishaq Ahmed (Lallu) of J&K

Police who defeated Raza of Iran. Wrestler Lallu was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 25,000 while runners-up Raza got Rs. 20,000.

Another second bout won by Nisar of Doda who defeated Deepak Kakran of Guru Hanuman Akhara, Delhi. Winner wrestler, Nisar was awarded with Rs. 20,000 while runners-up Deepak given away Rs 15,000.

The second bout went to Rashid of Domana Akhara

Jammu beating wrestler Sonu of Sirsa while fourth bout won by Muneer of Nagrota who defeated Vishal of Delhi. Other top bouts: Surjeet Singh (J&K Police) of Reasi

defeated Vikas of Dera Baba Nanak (Punjab); Ghoda of Baba Flahi (Punjab) defeated Ranjeet Singh of J&K Police; Nadeem of Doda defeated Sagar of Delhi.

Member of Dangal committee who helped in the conduct of Dangal were Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Ex-Sarpanch Karnail Singh, Sarpanch Mangal Singh, Krishan Singh, Ram Krishan, Ram Lal, Om Parkash, Sarpanch Jugal Kishore (Bablu), Mohd. Rashid, Tara Chand, Ram Chand, Girdhari Lal, Vijay Kumar, Ratten Lal, Gopal Krishan, Brij Mohan, Dev Raj, Joginder Kumar, Kewal Krishan and Sonu Pandit.

Meanwhile, chief guest, Shiv

Kumar Sharma, who also holds the post of president Senior Citizen Welfare Forum Katra, honoured five prominent social workers and most senior citizens present in this Dangal. They were Bodh Raj age 83, Krishan Singh age 91, Tara Chand age 70 (all Village Kundorian), Dhani Ram age 76 and Titru age 83 (both Village Arli).

Other Results: Ajay Sharma of Udhampur beat Ankush of Delhi, Gandhi of Kathua beat Sahil of Rohtak, Purnan of Reasi beat Rahul of Delhi, Sonu of Patti beat Laikat Ali of Bajrang Akhara Jammu, Arjun of Jammu beat Amit of Delhi, Baba of Domana beat Shubam of Delhi, Karpu of Jammu beat Rajesh Sharma of J&K Police, Virender of Sonpat beat Sanjay of J&K Police, Dillar Khan of J&K Police beat Jai Bhawan of Delhi and Rakesh of Ramnagar beat Natin of Delhi.

Cyclist Leakzes Angmo call on LG Mishra

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LEH: Cyclist Leakzes Angmo, who has won numerous awards at the national level, called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at Raj Nivas. Secretary to LG, Ravinder Kumar was present in the meeting.



Cyclist Leakzes Angmo calling on LG Ladakh, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd).

Leakzes informed HLG that she has won around 18 gold medals along with numerous silver and bronze medals over the past five years. She also informed HLG that her performance would improve further and help her win more medals if she had a first-class racing cycle. She further informed that she requires a first-class cycle due to the competition level and cycling advancements. Leakzes requested assistance in procuring a first-class racing cycle for her.

Secretary, Ravinder informed LG that the cost of a good-quality first-class racing cycle costs around Rs 15 lakh. He also informed that the Administration had earlier procured a mid-range cycle for Leakzes to help her compete in national-level tournaments but is currently in need of a high-end cycle. LG instructed Ravinder to provide all possible assistance to Leakzes to help her bring more laurels to Ladakh.

Mega Football tourney kick-starts in Srinagar



Organizers welcoming Nuzhat Gul, Secretary JKSC.

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SRINAGAR: The 9th edition of the "Kashmir Mega Football" championship kickstarted with a colourful opening ceremony at Srinagar's synthetic football turf.

The event was inaugurated by Nuzhat Gul, Secretary,

J&K Sports Council in presence of many noted social and sports personalities.

The Secretary Sports Council while speaking on the occasion said that hundreds of talented youth across the valley are taking part in this mega event every year to showcase their

talent, adding that the premier sports body is duty bound to extend all available facilities to the athletes and others directly and indirectly involved in sports.

She also said that the moto behind collaborating with such events is to engage more and more youth in sports, tap the talent and channel their potential for good and holistic progress and development of the nation, besides addressing the issues of lifestyle modifications and fitness.

The inaugural football match was held between JK United FC and Jhelum FC. Jhelum FC got better of their opponents with the scoreline reading 3:2 goals in their favour.

DLL inaugurates 10-days workshop on Art and Craft at Ved Mandir

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JAMMU: Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) in collaboration with Department of Commerce, University of Jammu on Monday inaugurated 10-days workshop on "Promotion of Art and Craft" in the premise of Ved Mandir as per the vision of the Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu.

The workshop was inaugurated by Secretary, Ved Mandir Committee, Nagar Mal Gupta. In his inaugural speech he appreciated the efforts of Department of Lifelong Learning and Director DLL, University of Jammu for organising such kinds of skill based workshops for



Students and faculty members posing for a photograph during a workshop.

the needy and poor students of the school. The workshop was organized under the guidance of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, H.O.D Department of Commerce and Director DLL, University of Jammu.

The main objective of the workshop was to enable the

students to learn basic skills so that they can become financially independent. The main themes of the workshop were Deco Page, Lipon Art, Waste Material Management, Clay Modeling, Decoration of Diyas and Thalies etc.

The special resource per-

sons of the workshop were Smt. Sanjogita Dogra, founder, Budha Art and Paintings and Rekha Gupta.

Sanjogita Dogra provided the required counselling to the participants and advised them to become job provider rather than job

seekers.

The workshop was financially sponsored by Department of Commerce, University of Jammu. The event was coordinated by Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Dr. Tarsem Lal, Associate Professor and Incharge Extension and Outreach Activities of Department of Commerce, University of Jammu. They assured the management of the Ved Mandir to provide all types of support and guidance in the future also.

About 15 girls of Balika Bhawan, Ved Mandir very enthusiastically participated in the inaugural function of the workshop.

5-day Entrepreneurial Boot Camp for school students begins at IIT-J



A resource person speaking during Boot camp at IIT Jammu.

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JAMMU: To foster the entrepreneurship culture amongst school students, the Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu), in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship and Rural Development Centre (ERDC) and the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR) Chandigarh, under the aegis of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, has successfully launched a Five-Day

Residential Boot camp "Enlightening the Entrepreneurial Spirit" here in Jagti campus on Monday. The inaugural event witnessed the presence of a panel of guests, including Suraj Bhardwaj, Former National Head Agrivision, as the chief guest, and Prof Kannan Iyer, the guest of honor, urged the young students to aspire to become job-providers, instilling in them a sense of responsibility towards creating new opportunities.

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role that such initiatives play in fostering the nation's development.

Suraj Bhardwaj, in his presidential address, motivated the young minds by nurturing their entrepreneurial spirit and inspiring them to think innovatively. Prof Kannan Iyer, the guest of honor, urged the young students to aspire to become job-providers, instilling in them a sense of responsibility towards creating new opportunities.

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is to ignite the entrepreneurial spirit among the school students by covering various aspects of entrepreneurship, including personality assessment, idea generation, business planning, legalities, funding, pitching, and

understanding government initiatives that support entrepreneurial ventures.

Under the initiative, students from different states have converged to network with fellow students, aspiring entrepreneurs, industry representatives, and officials. This network will serve as a valuable resource for their future endeavors. With an array of informative sessions, interactive workshops, and mentorship opportunities, the Boot Camp promises to equip these young minds with the tools necessary to turn their innovative ideas into successful business ventures.

JKCA mourns death of veteran cricketer

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JAMMU: Gianeshwar Sharma, a veteran cricketer of JKCA breathed his last at Jammu on the intervening night of July 2 and 3.

It has saddened the entire cricket fraternity of Jammu & Kashmir.

A floral wreath was laid on behalf of JKCA and condolence meetings were held at Jammu and Srinagar offices.

The contribution of Gianeshwar Sharma to cricket in Jammu & Kashmir was highlighted by those present in the meetings and the prayers

were offered for granting peace to the departed soul.

Gianeshwar Sharma played 15 first class matches between 1965-66 to 1966-67 for Jammu & Kashmir. Apart from being a proficient cricketer, he was also admired for his gentlemanly qualities. He had also played for Regional Engineering College, Srinagar in early 70's.

He was also a popular figure among the players with whom he shared his experiences and accompanied many JKCA teams as Manager and Coach of various age groups.

He played cricket with lot of humility and grace for which he would be remembered by the Cricket fraternity of Jammu & Kashmir and those who were either associated with him or knew him.

His son Anshuman Sharma and elder brother Ashutosh Sharma have also played first class cricket for JKCA. A resolution was passed in the condolence meetings to express solidarity with the members of the family and also for giving them courage to bear the huge loss.

Motivational lecture held in PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: Career Counselling and Placement Cell of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with directorate, Placement cell, Cluster University of Jammu on Monday organised a motivational lecture by the renowned motivational speaker, an exuberant achiever and actor Arfeen Khan, here on the College Campus. The event started with the national anthem and was followed by lighting of the traditional lamp.

Prof Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor Cluster University of Jammu was the Chief Guest and Dr. Jatinder Khajuria, registrar was the Guest of Honour.

Dr. D. S. Manhas, Dean, Directorate Placement Cell formally welcomed the guests.

Radhika Cheema, a highly successful Women entrepreneur and founder of KJH health care foundation, shared her engaging real life odyssey of success and ignited a spark in the audience.

Arfeen Khan, resource person for the event is an internationally recognized expert in personal development,



Dignitaries lighting ceremonial lamp during a programme.

leadership and motivation.

In the lecture, he shared valuable insights and strategies to ignite the spark of greatness within each attendee. Through compelling storytelling, practical examples and interactive sessions, students learnt how to overcome obstacles and embrace challenges with resilience and determination. He also told the audience how to cultivate a positive mindset and unleash the potential and strength in them.

Puneet Pradhan, Director and advisor KIIT University, in his address stressed that the students should set and achieve ambitious goals with strategic planning and focused action.

Dr. Naveen Anand, Dean

Academic Affairs and Dr. Satinder Kour, Dean Research Studies were also present on the occasion.

Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College congratulated the organising committee for hosting such a wonderful and impactful event. Around 650 students along with college faculty members attended the program.

The event was organised under the guidance of Prof. Rajni Kumari, Convener Career Counselling and placement cell and the committee members. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Prof. Sugandha Mahajan and vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Neelam Thapa.

JKSC flags off J&K team for junior national taekwondo championship

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JAMMU: J&K Sports Council (JKSC) on Monday flagged off the Junior J&K team of Taekwondo for 40th Junior National Taekwondo Championships 2023 to be held at Karnataka.

Ashok Singh (Divisional Sports Officer, JKSC) presided over the screening of the J&K Junior team at Wushu Hall, MA Stadium Jammu.

In the screening panel Ramesh Chander Sharma (General Secretary, JKTA), Atul Pangotra (Coach, JKSC), Achutam Dev Singh (Sportsperson) and Kushagra Sharma (Sportsperson) finalized the team of Coaches, Managers and players where Atul Pangotra will take the overall



JKSC and JKTA officials posing with selected players during flagging off ceremony at Jammu.

charge as Chief Coach followed by Burhan Khan and Rajinder Singh as Coaches.

The whole team is being supported and sponsored by J&K Sport Council.

Roohi Gupta will be the manager for female team, while Mukesh Okheda as

manager for the male team.

President J&K Taekwondo Association congratulated the whole team and assured proper support for the aforesaid championship, infact a cash reward has been declared for those players who will be achieving medals

in the aforesaid championship.

The Selected team Boys: Soham Sharma, Danish Baghat, Akarshi T Sudan, Kashif Iqbal, Azad Ah Beigh, Vishvas Sudan, Musadiq Qayoom, Suryansh Victor Sharma, Aryan Singh Chib, Sharwan Kotwal, Tahir

Mushtaq, Moomin Malik and Vishnu Raina.

GIRLS: Laxmi Salaria, Khadija UL Qubra, Khalida Jabeen, Radha Sharma, Manpreet Kour, Sania Muntaz, Madhvi Chib, Supriya Dogra and Bhavya Rajput.

Veteran Cricket Association J&K delegation calls on LG Sinha

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JAMMU: A delegation of Veteran Cricket Association J&K called on LG Manoj Sinha in Rajbhawan Jammu & discussed various issues.

The delegation comprising of its President Ashish Singh, Vice President Amit Kumar and General Secretary Vivek Suri expressed gratitude to LG Manoj Sinha for a patient hearing.

Vivek Suri apprised LG Manoj Sinha of various initiatives taken by Veteran Cricket Association J&K which is functioning under the



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aegis of Board for Veterans Cricket in India

(BVCI) being led by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and acting President Praveen Tyagi.

He added that BVCI was formed in 1998 by former Indian player Chetan Chouhan in an organised structure which has more than 25 states/UTs affiliated with them working for the promotion of Veteran Cricket in India. Vivek Suri further apprised LG Manoj Sinha that Veteran Cricket Association J&K in a short span of time has organised few veteran tournaments in J&K and team of Veteran Cricket

Association J&K has played a bilateral series with Uttarakhand Veterans Cricket Association at Dehradun in February 2023.

He further added that their national body, BVCI is conducting first ever Indian Veteran Premier League in Dehradun whose trophy was unveiled by Chris Gayle International Cricket player in Delhi recently.

The delegation also sought blessings of LG Manoj Sinha for conducting a National level Veteran Masters in J&K in ending July.