

# Reezak-Diller share Rs 1 lakh top bout in Bambyal Dangal

# Inline Hockey team outshines in Federation Cup 2024

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JAMMU: Wrestler Reezak of Mallerkotla in Punjab and Diller Khan of J&K Police shared Rs one lakh annual Bambyal (Nagrota) Dangal title after the contest between top wrestlers remained undecided after 26 minutes of close contest at village Bambyal in district Jammu.

Annual Bambyal Dangal was organized by Bambyal Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Bashir Ahmed Kohli (president), Dr. Manzoor Hussain and Kartar Chand.

Former Joint Secretary of J&K State Sports Council and president of J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma was chief guest in this day-long



President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma declaring joint winners of title bout of Bambyal Dangal in Bambyal (Nagrota) in Jammu.

indigenous sports event. President Yuva Rajput Sabha Vikram Singh Chib and former president Yuva Rajput Sabha Rajan Singh were the guests of honour. Other prominent persons present were Ishaq Ahmed (Sub-Inspector), Balbir Singh (SAI) and Sumit Singh of Nagrota.

The second main bout won by Fiza of J&K Police (Billawar), who defeated Sujay of Rohtak in Haryana. Winner Fiza awarded with cash prize of Rs. 45,000 while runners-up, Sujay got Rs. 30,000.

In third main bout, Shubam of Guru Hanuman Akhara Delhi defeated Akib

Mandi Delhi. This bout was won by Tanu Rajput to be awarded Rs 10,000 cash. Pooja Rani got Rs 6,000 being runners-up.

In all, 45 bouts were played in this day-long dangal and the organisers spend Rs 3,50,000 as cash prizes on the contesting wrestlers.

Members of Bambyal Dangal Committee who helped in smooth conduct of dangal were Bashir Ahmed Kohli, Dr. Manzoor Hussain, Kartar Chand, Sher Singh Numberdar, Randeep Singh, Rajesh Kumar, Hamid Khan, Mohd Deen, Farooq Mohd., Sham Lal, farooq Ahmed, Des Raj Bral, Alib Hussain, Sanjay Kumar, Pawan Kumar Master, Babu Pahalwan, Vijay Kumar, Gaffar Mohd, Jagdish Sharma, Ajit Raj Fouji and Rattan Lal.



President JKRSA, G.S. Khurmi felicitating J&K Inline Hockey team.

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JAMMU: The Inline Hockey team from Jammu and Kashmir (Union Territory) achieved a significant milestone by winning the Silver medal at the Federation Cup Championship held in Jodhpur; Rajasthan from 25th to 28th June 2024.

The players displayed exceptional talent and skill, bringing honour to the Union Territory. G.S. Khurmi, the President of Jammu and Kashmir Roller Skating Association

(JKRSA), extended heartfelt congratulations to the team for their outstanding victory.

Other members of the association, including Roshan Gupta (Sr. Vice President), Kamal Anand (General Secretary), P.P. Singh, Seema Kharyal, and Jatin Sabarwal, also praised the team members for their dedicated efforts and commendable performance.

The team comprised talented individuals such as Jaideep Singh, Jaipreet Singh, Dhruv Gupta, Jasvinder Singh

(Captain), Parth Slathia, Rajan Singh Slathia, Smaksh Bhardwaj, Rahul Choudhary, and Paras Verma, who contributed to the team's success with their skills and determination.

This achievement not only brings pride to Jammu and Kashmir but also highlights the potential and prowess of the players in inline hockey, showcasing their ability to compete at national levels and secure notable accolades for their region.

# JKSC clears wrestling team for U-17 meet



Selected wrestling team posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Wrestling Association of Jammu and Kashmir (WAJK) today named its 17-member team, including three officials for the Under-17 Boys Free Style, Greco Roman Style National Wrestling Championship, scheduled to be held at

Udham Singh Nagar in Uttarakhand from July five to July seven. Dheeraj Sharma, chairman selection committee of the WAJK present team for screening, which was conducted by the officials of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), headed by Divisional Sports Officer

Jammu, Baljinder Singh at MA Stadium. Suraj Bhan Singh and WAJK general secretary, Jai Bharat, Ravinder Kumar, Krishan Singh and Sahil Dagoria were among others present. Vireshwar Bhardwaj and Kusum Rani shall accompany the team as coach.

# Sham Lal congratulates Indian Cricket Team on their historic T20 WC win

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman, Anti Crime Bureau (ACB) NGO, congratulated the Indian Cricket Team for their remarkable victory in the T20 World Cup. Under the brilliant captaincy of Rohit Sharma, the Indian team achieved a historic victory in one of the most thrilling matches in cricket history.

Gupta said, "Heartily congratulations to the Rohit Sharma-led Indian cricket team on their historic win in the T20 World Cup. This incredible achievement has brought immense pride and joy to the nation. The dedication, skill and passion of the team has truly inspired us all."

The victory of the Indian cricket team is being celebrated across the country and fans and supporters are



expressing their happiness in various ways. People are waving the national flag on the streets, bursting crackers and shouting slogans in support of the team. This victory has not only increased the spirits of the country but has also highlighted the potential and capability of Indian cricket on the global stage.

Played in a packed stadium, the final match was a thrilling encounter that kept fans on the edge of their seats till the

last ball. Rohit Sharma's leadership played a key role in pulling the team out of pressure situations. His strategic decisions and exceptional performances from key players turned the tide in India's favour. The captain's composed demeanour and tactical acumen were clearly visible throughout the tournament, earning him praise from cricket experts and fans alike.

Emphasising the importance of this win for the younger generation, Sham Lal Gupta said, "The team's victory is a testament to what can be achieved with hard work, perseverance and unity. It serves as a powerful inspiration for young aspiring cricketers across the country. The players have set a benchmark of excellence and shown that any challenge can be overcome with determination

and team effort." Gupta also acknowledged the contribution of the coaching staff, support team and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in nurturing talent and preparing the team for such high-stakes competitions.

He said the seamless coordination and support provided by these entities played a vital role in the team's success. Apart from celebrating the win, Gupta urged the nation to recognise and appreciate the efforts behind the scenes.

He said, "While we celebrate the victory on the field, we must also acknowledge the tireless efforts of the coaching staff, support team and the BCCI. Their work behind the scenes is crucial in shaping the team's performance and ensuring that our players are well prepared to face the

toughest challenges." The Indian cricket team's victory in the T20 World Cup has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on the country's sporting history. It has united the nation in celebration and set a new standard for excellence in cricket.

As the entire nation rejoices this historic achievement, Sham Lal Gupta's congratulatory message resonates with the pride and joy of millions of Indians. This victory is not just a triumph in a cricket tournament; it is a symbol of the spirit of a nation that strives for greatness and celebrates the achievements of its heroes. The Indian team's success story will be remembered for years to come, inspiring future generations to dream big and achieve even greater heights.

# Sports play key role in overall growth, career advancement: Slathia

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SAMBA: Former minister and Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia on Monday exhorted youth to participate in sports in a big way, saying this does not only help in achieving physical fitness but also opens up vistas of opportunities in career advancement. Speaking at prize giving ceremony of the finals of District Volleyball Tournament at Mandi Sangwali in Samba, Slathia said in the present day competitive world, the skills and values gained from sports are incredible. "Let each one of us play our role in promoting sports and help young people in shaping successful, healthy and well rounded life for themselves."



Former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia posing with teams and other officials.

he said while congratulating the winners and runners up teams. In the finals, Barjani Volleyball Club emerged as winners and Balori Volleyball Club as Runners Up. Slathia complimented both the sides and the other participating teams for putting

in their best in excelling in the game. He described win and loss as part of the game, saying the fundamentals of the competition is to aim high for pursuing the goals. He hoped that the excellent performance of the players will inspire the youngsters to take to sports and have the

best of it as per their aptitude for the games they like the most. Slathia said sports play a crucial role in mental health management, help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Moreover, sports encourage a positive attitude, resilience, and mental forti-

tude, which are vital in navigating life's challenges, he said, adding this forges camaraderie and infuses discipline among the sports persons. Healthy body possesses a healthy mind, he said.

While Slathia was the chief guest at the concluding ceremony, Mohan Lal Sharma, Vijay Singh Ex BDC chairman, Jogeshwar Singh Jammal Organiser- Sangwali Volleyball Club, Rajeshwar Singh Naresh Singh, Tiku Singh, Bantu Singh, Rickey Sambhal, Joney Sambhal and Vinu Sambhal were among the prominent present on the occasion. A large number of sports lovers from the adjoining areas witnessed the finals and applauded every move of the players enthusiastically.

# CUJ secures top positions in National Rankings Secures 39th Position among CUs in IIRF Rankings, 49th among Indian Universities in Nature Index Ranking 2024

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JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) has once again demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence by securing impressive positions in two prestigious national rankings. In the IIRF Ranking 2024, the university has achieved the 39th position among all central universities in India. Furthermore, in the Nature Index Ranking 2024, the Central University of Jammu has been ranked 49th among all Indian universities.

The Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) assesses universities based on several parameters including

teaching, learning, research, outreach, and inclusivity. CUJ's significant position in these rankings underscores its growing prominence and impact in the realm of higher education.

The Nature Index, known for its rigorous evaluation of research output across high-quality science journals, highlights CU Jammu's significant contributions to scientific research, particularly in the fields of Chemistry, Earth sciences, Physical sciences, and Life sciences. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the institution, reflecting its growing influence and excellence in

scientific research. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ expressed his elation at these achievements stating that, "These rankings are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, researchers, students, and staff. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing our standards of excellence in education and research." The CUJ continues to strive towards its mission of becoming a leading institution of higher education in India, providing a conducive environment for learning, research, and holistic development.

# Army holds Inter-Panchayat Volleyball Competition



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NOWSHERA: On the occasion of Jhargar Day, the Indian Army orchestrated an Inter-Panchayat Volleyball Competition spanning from June 25 to July 1, 2024, aimed at fostering camaraderie and promoting physical fitness among the youth from various border villages of Nowshera.

Organized under Operation Sadbhavana, the initiative not only emphasized sportsmanship but also aimed to strengthen bonds and instill a spirit of brotherhood among the participants. A total of ten teams competed vigorously throughout the tournament. Following intense matches, the teams representing Kalal and Kalsiyar villages emerged as finalists, with Kalal securing victory in the final match. This event, held in a village near the Line of Control in Sub District Nowshera, showcased the skill and teamwork of the participants while fostering a sense of unity within the community. The competition served broader objectives, including the identification and nurturing of young talents, providing them with a platform to hone their skills akin to the vision of Khelo India. Additionally, it aimed to initiate constructive dialogues on pertinent social issues, particularly raising awareness against drug abuse among children and youth residing near the Line of Control. The players expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army for organizing such meaningful competitions periodically and for providing a platform that engages youth positively towards nation-building endeavors.

Such events not only contribute to community development but also reinforce the spirit of patriotism and collective responsibility among the residents of Sub-District Nowshera.

# IIM Jammu inaugurates fifth batch of Capacity Building Program

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, in collaboration with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC), commenced the fifth batch of the Capacity Building Program on Small Business Development Units (SBDUs). With 150 participants already trained in the earlier SBDU programs, along with many other participants in other training programs, IIM Jammu is committed to fostering entrepreneurship in the



A dignitary lighting a ceremonial lamp.

country. The event was graced by prominent figures including Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of

IIM Jammu, who presided over the ceremony. He emphasized the pivotal role of small businesses in the economic landscape of India, contrasting the

often-celebrated larger enterprises with the lesser spotlighted small businesses, highlighting their importance for economic inclusivity and sustainable growth.

He wished all the participants and the program great success. Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, reflected on the inception of the Capacity Building Program, outlining its strategic importance in creating a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region. Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson of the Centre for Small Business Development, provided an in-depth overview

of the program's objectives and structure. Dr. Sarjit Singh, Program Director of SBDU, played a crucial role in coordinating the event and expressing gratitude to the stakeholders involved. The Capacity Building Program is designed to empower both aspiring and existing entrepreneurs through a structured curriculum that enhances their skills in small business development. Participants from various parts of the country, including the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, were introduced to the intricacies of business planning, marketing strategies, and

leveraging online platforms such as the GEM Portal, Amazon, and Flipkart. The program aligns closely with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat which emphasizes self-reliance and economic empowerment through entrepreneurship. By fostering innovation, inclusivity, and job creation, IIM Jammu seeks to contribute significantly to socio-economic development at both local and national levels. The event concluded with the rendition of the national anthem. Dr. Sarjit Singh, Program Director, SBDU, IIM Jammu, proposed the vote of thanks.

# Tawi Trekkers conducts clean Jajjar drive



Volunteers of Tawi Trekkers J&K with the garbage they collected from Devi Pindian Area.

wrappers, menstrual pads, baby diapers and even 'beer' bottles. The garbage was

packed in 15 bags and brought to Jammu-Udhampur in private cars

and disposed off in municipal bins. During the cleanliness drive the volunteers also appealed to the pilgrims and the vendors enroute to keep the sacred Devi Pindi area clean where Mata Vaishno Devi is said to do Tapasya for nine months in a year. The team of volunteers of Tawi Trekkers J&K was headed by Ram Khajuria, Advisor of the Club and included Upkar Singh Jammal, chairman, Aryan Oriental Convent Higher Secondary School,

Udhampur; Shawetia Khajuria, president; Sonam Sidharth, general secretary; senior members Sumit Khajuria, Seema Kharyal, Shashi Kant Sharma, Rohit Khajuria, Executive Editor Sportslife Sanjeev Sharma; international sport climber Shivani Charak, international gymnast, Rudraksh Khanna, Vikas Singh, Anarjan Raghav, Kashish Bharti, Saksham, Jeevika Verma, Ajay Singh and Gagan Agarwal from Steel Authority of India. It may be mentioned here that besides its religious

significance Devi Pindian, among others, is a very popular one-day winter trek of Tawi Trekkers J&K and during March this year over 500 girls had participated in this marvelous trek. Being one of the stakeholders to keep this sacred trekking area neat and clean Tawi Trekkers J&K have decided to start and sustain an awareness campaign for the development and promotion of this highly potential pilgrim cum adventure tourism spot to bring it on the tourist map of India.