

Tiranga Bicycle Rally, Rafting organised at Reasi Shweta, Danish among winners in J&K Judo C'ship

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REASI: The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, on the directions of Director Tourism, Vivekananda Rai, on Saturday organised a Bicycle Rally from Bhingarh Fort to Syiad Baba Reasi and Rafting at Baradari, Reasi as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.

A group of 30 cyclists was flagged off by Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, in presence of Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director Tourism Jammu; Abdul Jabbar, DDT (Publicity & Adventure) and Ambika Bali, Assistant Director Tourism Katra.

The cyclists started from the Bhingarh Fort with the loud chants of "Jai Hind," "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and Tricolor flying high. After passing different areas the Rally culminated at Siyad Baba-an important offbeat destination in Reasi District.



Director Tourism, Vivekananda Rai flagging-off a Bicycle Rally from Bhingarh Fort in Reasi.

The route of the bicycle rally passed through the Rafting site at Baradari and the mighty Chenab flowing, beside the beautiful surrounding peaks and hillocks.

Speaking on the occasion, Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, emphasized the need to organize similar adventure activities in all the off-beat destinations of Reasi District. She congratulated the tourism department for successfully conducting Paragliding, Ziplining trials

at Dhanwa near Pouni and also at Mokhri which is approximately 5 kms from Katra Town.

The Directorate of Tourism Jammu also organized a Rafting event, which was also flagged off by Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi.

The Rafts moved in the gushing water of Chenab with Tricolour flying. The

whole area was decorated with tricolours giving a patriotic view of the area.

The motive behind organising these events was to imbibe the spirit of nationalism among the youth and also to promote adventure tourism in the offbeat tourist destinations of Baradari of Jammu region and Reasi in particular. Addressing the media, the Deputy Commissioner, Reasi congratulated the Tourism Department for organising the events at Reasi. "The motive of organizing these events is to promote Adventure Tourism in Reasi and to divert the lakhs of pilgrims/tourists visiting the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Katra to other destinations in and around Katra" she said and added that this will also help in promoting the unexplored destinations

of the area and boost the economy and generate employment opportunities for the local population.

The event will also encourage the spirit of adventure among the hosts as well as spreading awareness for 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan among the general public to mark the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, she added.

Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu said that the celebration of India's glorious 75 years of independence has been linked with these adventurous activities of bicycle rally and Rafting at Reasi in order to infuse the feeling of patriotism and simultaneously encourage tourists across the nation to visit the historical Bhingarh Fort, Syiad Baba, Baradari and nearby tourist destinations of Reasi.



Winner Judo players posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: International Judokas, Shweta Thakur, who happens to be member J&K Sports Council (JKSC) and Danish Sharma were prominent among those gold medal winners in the day-long Senior J&K UT Judo Championship held under the banner of Judo

Association of J&K at Bhagwati Nagar Indoor Sports Complex, here on Saturday.

Around 80 senior Judokas from all over the UT of J&K contested for the top honours in various weight groups of both men and women categories.

Assistant Commandant of SSB Ist Bn, S H Hokip was the Chief Guest, who presented the medals and encouraged those could not make it to the medal tally.

Among those present were vice president of Judo Federation of India, Vikas Gupta and general secretary of Judo Association of J&K, Suraj Sharma. Munish Chatwal (Black Belt) was the organize secretary.

The bouts officiated by the technical panel comprising Suraj Bhan Singh, Arshi Nad, Vikas Dogra, Ritika Slathia, Jugal Kishore and Rameshwar Singh Jamwal.

The Results:
48 Kg: Khushi Thakur (Jammu), Ist; Sndi Pangotra (Kathua), 2nd; Tanvi Gupta and Sonali (Reasi), 3rd. 52 Kg: Jimmo Devi (Kathua), Ist; Ragvy Sharma (Kathua), 2nd; Meenakshi Bhagat (Reasi) and Avika Gandotra (Jammu), 3rd. 57 Kg: Tamleek Shah (Srinagar), Ist; Nandani Sharma (Jammu), 2nd; Neha Sharma (Udhampur)

and Deepanshi (Kathua), 3rd. 63 Kg: Tazeem Fayaz (Srinagar), Ist; Rekha Devi (Udhampur), 2nd; Rubi Yadav (Jammu) and Kashish Sharma (Kathua), 3rd. 70 Kg: Shweta Thakur (Jammu), Ist. 78 Kg: Palak (Kathua), Ist; Humaria (Srinagar), 2nd and Suhani Kiran (Jammu), 3rd. Plus 78 Kg: Annol Devi (Kathua), Ist.

MEN: 60 Kg: Virvadhra Singh (Jammu), Ist; Nitish Kumar (Reasi), 2nd and Akash (Samba) and Mangeet (Ramban), 3rd. 66 Kg: Akshay Sharma (Jammu), Ist; Mesheed Mohd (Srinagar), 2nd; Lucky Bhagat (Reasi) and Jai Kumar (Udhampur), 3rd. 73 Kg: Shashank Baru (Jammu), Ist; Mohd Aadi (Ganderbal), 2nd; Mohd Nasir (Srinagar) and Vipul (Kathua), 3rd. 81 Kg: Rajat Singh (Jammu), Ist; Tazmul Nisar (Budgam), 2nd; Gourav Bhagat (Reasi) and Aaqib Nisar (Srinagar), 3rd. 90 Kg: Danish Sharma (Jammu), Ist; Farhad Gulzar (Srinagar), 2nd and Rahil Sharma (Kathua), 3rd. 100 Kg: Bashit Rafiq (Srinagar); Kapil Singh (Reasi), 2nd; Assar Ahmad (Ganderbal) and Sushil Kumar (Kathua), 3rd. Plus 100 Kg: Rajesh Singh (Ramban), Ist; Aman Singh (Jammu), 2nd; Samlog (Reasi) and Aryan Singh (Kathua), 3rd.

The Shri Ram Universal School celebrtaes 76th I-Day

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JAMMU: The 76th Independence Day was celebrated with great zeal and patriotic fervour by by organizing a variety of events including flag hoisting ceremony.

To commemorate the commencement of 76th year of Independence Day, celebrations were held in a mesmerizing way in the campus of The Shri Ram Universal School, Jammu. The students along with the Chief Guest, Rajni Gupta, Managing Director of the School, Col. V. K Sharma (Retd), Principal, faculty members, Adm and supporting staff members organised a pride rally within the school campus wherein the children held

the Tricolour high. The event was anchored by the English teacher, Neha and two students from class 7, Joel and Chhavi.

The Headmistress, Shivani Vaid Sharma advised the children to be grateful for being born in a free Nation. The Guest of Honour Sanjeev Gupta, the Chairman TSUSJ also joined the event and enjoyed the colourful performances put up by young Shriits. The Chief Guest emphasised the importance of freedom and efforts made by the freedom fighters in securing our freedom.

The vote of thanks was delivered by the CCA in-charge TSUSJ, Manpreet Kour Jhans.

Unique Public School excels in Tug of War



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Host Unique Public Higher Secondary School Gadigarh, Satwari, near here excelled in the 4th District Jammu Tug of War Championship winning Sub-Junior 17 (Mixed 4 + 4) title and remained runners-up in Junior Under-19 Mixed event.

In Sub-Junior Under-17 (Mix 4+4) weight group of 520 Kg: Unique Public School beat Honey Club R S Pura 2-1 to claim the title.

Semifinals: Unique Public bt GBHS Brij Nagar 2-1;

Honey Club RS Pura bt GHS Basti Gobind Singh Pura Simbal Morh 2-0.

Similarly in Junior Under-19 (Mix 4+4) weight category of 540 Kg: Adarsh Club Miran Sahib won the title outplaying Unique Public School 2-1 in the final. Semifinals: Unique Public bt Diamond Club 2-0; Adarsh Club Miran Sahib bt Khalsa Club Nanak Nagar, Jammu 2-0.

The competition officiated by the technical panel including Sourav Dubey, Jaswinder Singh, Kiran

Kumari, Amolak Singh and Suman Kumari. The prizes were sponsored by Trans Asia Hotels Pvt. Ltd.

This championship was organized by District Jammu Tug of War Association under the aegis of J&K Tug of War Association involving around 200 young boys and girls from clubs and educational institutions of the district.

In the prize distribution function of the day-long event, general secretary of the J&K Tug of War

Association, Jodh Singh Isher was Chief Guest while Joint Secretary of the Association, Jasbir Singh was Guest of Honour.

Both these special guests gave away winners and runners-up trophies as also other individual prizes.

Among other distinguished guests present were Nirlap Kour (Head of the Management of host school), Ravinder Singh (International Player) and Arti Jamwal (Coordinator Unique Public Higher Secondary School).



DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, JAMMU



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