



Surjeet wins Shiv Khori Dangal

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Local wrestler Surjeet Singh of J&K Police lifted the 28 Shiv Khori Kesari Dangal title defeating Kanhaiya Jatt of Dinanagar in Punjab in the main bout to receive Rs 12,000 cash prize and title at Ransoo in district Reasi. Dangal was part of the three-day Shiv Khori Mela.

Kanhaiya Jatt received Rs 9000 cash prize. The second main bout won by Fiza of J&K Police (Rs 9,000) who trounced Fariyad (Rs 6,000) of Bishanpur in Dinanagar. In another second out Kulbir Singh (Rs 9000) of Kot Bhalwal beat Bablu (Rs 6000) of Basantgarh.

The third main bout won by Sunil (Rs 6,000) of Kot Bhalwal beating Vijay (Rs 4,000) of Bain Bajalta.

The Dangal was organized by J&K Indian Style



Wrestling Association in collaboration with Department of Tourism, J&K, Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board and Shiv Khori Dangal Committee under the overall supervision of Shiv Kumar Sharma, former Sarpanch Bhagwan Singh and Ramesh Chander Kohli.

The DDC Member Kewal Krishan was the chief guest and Shiv Kumar Sharma presided. The SHO Ransoo

Narinder Singh Charak, Dr. Sajjan Sanjay Sahwney, Naib Tehsildar Ransoo, Ranjeet Singh and wrestling promoter Lochan Singh were among the guests of honour. The organising committee thanked Director Tourism Jammu, Vikas Gupta for granting Rs. 1,00,000 and Deputy Commissioner Reasi, who Nidhi Malik, who contributed Rs. 50,000. In total, 46 bouts

decided in this day-long dangal. Later Shiv Kumar Sharma appreciated the members of the organising committee including Pawan Kohli, Vijay Kumar, Shamsheer Singh, Rattan Singh, Rajesh Singh Nag, Kapoor Singh, Sat Paul Singh, Karnail Singh, Prem Singh, Sunil Kumar, Bal Chand, Sansar Chand, Ranjeet Kumar, Chain Kumar and Sohan Singh.

T20 WC: Nepal clinch historic 7-wicket over Scotland

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 17: Dipendra Singh Airee's blistering half-century guided Nepal to seal their first-ever victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup after the Rhinos defeated Scotland by seven wickets at the Wankhede Stadium on Tuesday.

After being asked to bat first, Scotland started their innings on a strong note. They raced away to 52/0 in the powerplay.

However, Nepal captain Rohit Paudel broke the 80-run stand between Michael Jones and George Munsey after he removed Munsey for 27 off 29 balls, with four boundaries during the last ball of the 10th over.

Scotland kept up the scoring rate, piling 131/1 in 15 overs. Michael Jones kept Scotland on the offensive for the most part with a stand-out innings of 71 off 45 balls, with the help of eight fours and three sixes.

However, things changed pretty quickly for Scotland, after experienced Sompal Kami brought Nepal back into the contest with two



wickets in the 16th over. After he castled Jones, Kami took a brilliant return catch to remove Brandon McMullen (25) as Scotland slumped to 133/3.

In the last five overs, Scotland scored 39 runs and somehow reached 170/7. For Nepal, Kami finished with 3/25 in his four overs.

Chasing 171, Nepal's openers began their chase on a superb note. Openers Kushal Bhurtel and Aasif

Sheikh amassed 56 runs in the first six overs to ease their side into the chase.

However, Michael Leask broke the opening partnership between Kushal Bhurtel and Aasif Sheikh to bring Scotland back into the game.

The opening duo added 74 runs off 9.1 overs before Leask managed to induce a miscued shot off Bhurtel (43).

Leask then nabbed an-

other wicket in his opening burst, getting the better of Aasif Sheikh with 94 runs on the board.

However, Dipendra Singh Airee (50* off 24 balls, with four boundaries and three fours) and Gulsan Jha (24* off 17 balls, with one four and two sixes) stitched a match-winning 73-run stand for the fourth wicket to help Nepal chase down the target in 19.2 overs. (ANI)

Fit-again Pratika Rawal added to Indian squad for Australia ODI series

NEW DELHI, FEB 17: India's Pratika Rawal during an ICC Women's World Cup ODI cricket match at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on October 23, 2025.

Having recuperated from an ankle injury, batter Pratika Rawal was on Tuesday added to India's women's cricket squad for a three-match ODI series against Australia beginning February 24 in Brisbane.

Rawal picked up the injury during the World Cup last year while fielding during a game against Bangladesh. She was re-



placed by Shafali Verma in the tournament that India went on to win for the first time.

"The Women's Selection Committee has added Pratika Rawal to India's

squad for the three-match ODI series against Australia women, which is part of the ongoing multi-format tour of Australia," read a statement from the BCCI.

"Pratika has completed

her rehabilitation at the BCCI Centre of Excellence and has fully recovered from her ankle injury sustained in October during the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025," it added.

After the opening game in Brisbane, the other two ODIs of the series will be held in Hobart on February 27 and March 1.

The 25-year-old is already a part of the Test squad for the one-off game from March 6 in Perth.

India's updated squad: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, Renuka

District Police Doda organises Wrestling Competition under CAP

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District Police Doda today organised a Wrestling (Dangal) Competition 2026 at Government Degree College (GDC) Ground Doda under the Civic Action Programme 2025-26, aiming to promote sportsmanship, youth engagement and positive community participation.

The event was inaugurated by the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Sandeep Kumar Mehta who declared the competition open by ribbon cutting.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from local wrestlers and a large gathering of spectators, reflecting strong cultural and sporting spirit of the region.

Among those present on the occasion were ASP Doda, DySP Headquarters Doda, DySP DAR Doda, DySP Operations Doda, SHO Doda, staff members of Government Degree College



Doda, officials from the civil and police administration, prominent citizens and a large number of youth.

The competition featured several exciting bouts, culminating in the final match which drew excitement from the audience.

The winner of the final

bout was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 30,000, while the runner-up received Rs. 20,000 as recognition of their outstanding performance. In addition, cash prizes were distributed among all participating wrestling teams by the District Police Doda as a ges-

ture of encouragement and appreciation for their participation and sporting spirit. The event concluded with appreciation for the participants and organisers for successfully conducting the programme and promoting traditional sports in the district.

J&K Kalarippayattu Champ concludes

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The two-day 8th J&K UT Kalarippayattu Championship concluded with 200 athletes taking part in the event representing 12 districts of J&K at the JKSC Indoor Sports Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here today.

The championship was organised by the Kalarippayattu Association of J&K. In the valedictory function, prominent sports promoter, Rajeev Sharma was the chief guest.

He appreciated the organisers for promoting the Indian martial art.

Javaid Ur Rehman, Divisional Sports Officer (Central), J&K Sports Council,



and Manjit Singh, chairman, Kalarippayattu J&K was guest of honour.

Among the special guests present were Ritika Slathia,

Manager, JKSC; Goutam Shukla, Abhishek Singh, T.P. Singh and Dr. Imran Khan.

Those selected players

shall represent J&K at the upcoming National Kalarippayattu Championship to be held in Kerala next month.

J&K poised to script history in Ranji Trophy

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Fast bowling trio of Aquib Nabi, Sunil Kumar and Yudhvir Singh masterminded a dramatic collapse of Bengal's formidable batting lineup in their second innings to propel J&K close to history berth in the Ranji Trophy finals.

Chasing a target of 126 runs, J&K were comfortably placed at 43 for two. After taking a slight 26 runs vital lead, Bengal's second innings crumbled spectacularly for just 99.

Earlier, resuming from overnight total of 198 for five at Bengal Cricket Academy Ground in Kalyani, J&K posted 302 runs on Day three today, conceding a narrow 26-run lead.

Abdul Samad starred with a commanding 82, while skipper Paras Dogra anchored the innings with a



gritty 58. Aquib Nabi (42 off 54 balls, 5 fours, 1 six) and Yudhvir Singh (33 off 42, 2 fours, 2 sixes) added crucial runs, though Kanhaiya Wadhawan (29) and Abid Mush-taq (27) fell early.

Bengal's Mohammed Shami was the destroyer-in-chief, ripping through J&K with a haul of eight for 90 in 24.1 overs, supported by Mukesh Kumar, who took two wickets.

Bengal's second innings

crumbled at just 99, handing J&K. Shahbaz Ahmed top-scored with a resolute 24, but the rest offered no fight as J&K's pace trio ran riot. Aquib Nabi and Sunil Kumar masterminded the collapse with four wickets apiece, while Yudhvir Singh snared two.

In pursuit, J&K reached 43 for two at stumps, still needing 83 with eight wickets intact. Shubham Khajuria (01) and Yawer Hassan (06) de-

parted cheaply, but Shubham Singh Pundir (23) and Vanshaj Sharma (nine) displayed promise under pressure. Akash Deep took both the wickets to fall.

"Great effort by J&K bowlers. They bundled Bengal for 99 runs. On the brink of history. Superb bowling from Aquib, Sunil, and Yudhvir; excellent captaincy by Paras Dogra," tweeted Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration, JKCA.

"We'll work on mistakes": Usman Tariq ahead of Namibia clash in T20 World Cup

COLOMBO, FEB 17: Pakistan spinner Usman Tariq said his team is focused on learning from their disappointing loss to India in the ongoing T20 World Cup and is determined to improve ahead of the upcoming do-or-die contest against Namibia.

Pakistan are in a must-win situation after losing to India. If Men in Green lose their match against Namibia, they will be eliminated from the tournament, and the USA, currently second, will qualify for the Super Eight stage due to a higher Net Run Rate.

During the pre-match press conference, the Pakistan spinner was asked how challenging it would be for the

coaching staff to lift the team's morale after the defeat to India. In response, Tariq stressed the importance of identifying and addressing errors.

"It only becomes difficult when you don't pinpoint your mistakes and work on them. We just had a conversation about the areas where we had lapses. We'll work on those mistakes and look forward to the next matches so that we don't repeat the same mistakes. That will definitely help in getting better results," he said.

Addressing questions regarding senior bowlers Shaheen Afridi and Shadab Khan facing criticism, Tariq said the focus was on executing plans rather than getting overwhelmed

by expectations.

"I'd like to say one thing about pressure. Playing against India is always high intensity, so whatever pressure there is normal—it's something every human being feels. The important thing is how you overcome it, and we prepared for that. So there wasn't any special pressure. We were just trying to execute our plans. Performances depend on the day. If the bowling unit missed their lines, we'll focus on those things and work to improve in the next match," he said.

Responding to queries about Indian captain Suryakumar Yadav practising with a similar action, Usman said these are normal preparations every team does.

"There was a time when teams practised against tall bowlers by standing on stools to simulate Mohammad Irfan. It's a team game. If I'm controlling the runs from one end, the other bowler can take wickets from the other end. That helps the team. So the focus is always on contributing to the team effort."

Namibia have been eliminated from the ongoing tournament after they lost their three consecutive Group A matches.

Defending champions India have qualified for the next round from Group A. They are the top team in their Group with three consecutive victories. (ANI)