



Lavasa ties up with Martial Arts expert, Chitah Yajnesh Shetty for a Martial Arts Academy

Academy kick starts operations with 3 day Martial Arts Fest with international master trainers

Lavasa, April 19, 2014: Lavasa, India's planned hill city today announced the tie up with well known martial arts trainer, Chitah Yajnesh Shetty to launch '**Chitah JKD Lavasa- Advance Module Academy**'. The Martial Arts Academy has been launched in keeping with its endeavor to promote Lavasa as destination for sports. Lavasa is already working with leading experts for academies catering to sports like hockey, tennis, rowing, golf and badminton.

Commenting on the launch of the academy Nathan Andrews, President, Lavasa Corporation Limited said, 'We are delighted to be associated with Chitah Yajnesh Shetty and to welcome the Chitah JKD Advance Module Academy to Lavasa. We believe that this will provide invaluable martial art training to many aspiring learners, while complementing the sport academies already under development within Lavasa, which today include the Sir Steve Redgrave Rowing Academy and a hockey academy with Hockey Australia. '

To mark the start of the 'Chitah JKD Lavasa- Advance Module Academy', a 3 day India Martial Arts Fest was organized at Lavasa from 18th to 20th April 2014. Leading exponents of various martial arts forms belonging to 6 countries and 14 Indian states showcased their expertise and shared their skills with over 100 enthusiasts in the age group of 7 to 61 years.

The experts who trained students in various martial art forms including ancient art forms like WUSHU and SHAOLIN sessions were:

- Sifu Cosmo Zimik ((Director of Empty Hand Warrior – Juveniles Mentor Program, USA and Coach For Olympic Games, renowned trainer of Law Enforcement agencies, Military personnel etc)
- Daniel Chris Docto- Myua Thai specialist from Thailand
- Sameer Ali Khan- mixed martial art master from Afghanistan
- Saru Veerji- Shaolin Kung fu scholar from Nepal

To promote the sport among enthusiasts an exhibition of martial art forms and its rich history was organized in addition to the seminars and workshops by leading experts. The festival aptly offered a platform to Martial art practitioners for talent showcasing. The workshops and seminars held for the beginners and enthusiasts were engaging and action oriented. Participants were given certificates on successful completion of workshops and seminars.



About Lavasa

Lavasa is India's first planned hill city where people can live, work, learn and play in harmony with nature. Lavasa, is an inclusive city being developed by Lavasa Corporation Limited. Spread over 10,000 hectares, is based on the principles of New Urbanism. It takes three hours from Mumbai and one hour from Pune to reach Lavasa by road. Lavasa will host a multitude of global leaders in hospitality, tourism, education, health care, business research and industry. The hill city provides a combination of contemporary and timeless architectural designs, with multiple options for housing including rental housing, apartments and villas. With state-of-the-art infrastructure and amenities, the city enables people to live life in full.

About Chitah Yajnes Shetty

Chitah Yajnes Shetty is the President of Chitah JKD Global Sports Federation & Empty Hand Combat India. and ambassador to South East Asia. Affiliated to 'International Jeet Kune Do Federation' and 'International Martial Art & Boxing Academy Torrance, USA. He has trained more than 180 Indian film stars including Amitabh Bachchan, Hrithik Roshan, Ajay Devgan, Farhan Akhtar, Priyanka Chopra and others. He worked with International stars like Ben Kingsley (Oscar awardee 'Gandhi'), Roger Moore (Octopussy), Jacky Chan (The Myth), Suraj Sharma and Ayush Tondon (Oscar awardee 'Life of Pie') etc. He has been promoting Martial Art under his organization Chitah JKD Global Sports Federation (www.chitahjkd.com) and operational in 31 centers across 22 states in India.

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