



Children watching performer during a Solo Dance Competition at MHAC School Nagbani in Jammu.

## MHAC Nagbani organizes Solo Dance Competition

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 2: The tiny tots of Class Ist and IInd of MHAC Nagbani showcased dancing talent and skill in a Solo Dance Competition organized in the School premises, here today.

The kids had a fun-filled time, channelizing their energies in a positive way. The dance event was organized by Pardeep Kour and the judges were Jasdeep and Ravi Sharma, the dance teachers of the School.

In class Ist category, Divyansh of Ist-B was adjudged the best dancer, while the 2nd prize was

bagged by Abhirath of Ist-A and the 3rd prize was shared by Nandika of Ist-A and Kritika of Ist-C. The consolation prizes were given to Sabhya of Ist-B, Peehu of Ist-C, Viduth of Ist-E and Nandini of Ist-E.

In Class IInd group, Aanya of IInd-A got the 1st place and the 2nd prize was shared by Navya IInd-A and Gunjan IInd-B. The 3rd prize went to Aakriti of IInd-B and the consolation prize were given to Daksh IInd-A, Yashika IInd-B and Urvasi of IInd-B.

Principal Alok Betab, felicitated the winners on the occasion.

## District Samba girls dominate in kho-kho, kabaddi

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

SAMBA, Sept 2: District Samba girls dominated in the kho-kho and kabaddi events of the Inter-Zonal Tournament in the disciplines of kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball and wrestling Under-19 boys and girls, which got underway at Kehli Mandi Ground, here today.

Principal Girls Higher Secondary School Samba, Razor Singh was the chief guest on the occasion, while Som Raj Raghubanshi, Principal HSS Nud was the guest of honour.

Around 300 students drawn from various institutions of different zones of district Samba took part in the Tournament, which is being organized under the overall supervision of Jarpal Singh, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Samba.

Earlier, Samba drubbed Ghagwal by 2 points in kho-kho Under-19 boys, while in kho-kho Under-19 girls, Samba defeated Vijaypur by 10 points.

In kabaddi Under-19 girls, Samba got better of Vijaypur to clinch the title, while in volleyball Under-19 boys, Ramgarh

outplayed Purmandal by (2-1) sets.

The teams of different zones were fielded by ZPEOs Mohan Singh and Sukhdev Singh.

## GCW Parade organizes lyrics competition

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 2: Government College for Women (GCW), Parade in collaboration with LG Electronics India Private Limited, organized a lyrics competition in the premises of the College, here today.

Dr Hemla Aggarwal, Principal of the College was the chief guest on the occasion, who while speaking advised the students for more and more participation in such events.

The voice quality was judged by a device LG Song Star.

The first position was bagged by Princy, while the second and third spots went to Shama and Idu Bal.

The programme was coordinated by Jasmeet Kaur and Prof Kuldeep Raina.

## Just a call away if J&K cricketers need my help, says Kaif

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Sept 3: Mohammad Kaif, international cricketer, who is presently in Kashmir, said that he was ready to serve Jammu and Kashmir cricketers in future if the local organizers or players need his help.

"If the local organizers need my help for promotion of any cricket league anytime or the local players need my help, I am just a call away from them," Kaif said adding that he has regret why he didn't visit such a beautiful place before.

Kaif was the chief guest on the bidding ceremony of players for Downton Champions League (DCL), sponsored by Khyber Group of Industries in which an auction of around 400 selected players was held through a glittering bidding ceremony.

In the bidding ceremony, players belonging to various districts of Valley were bided in the auction ranging between Rs 2500 to Rs 25000. All the 12 team owners were assisted by their mentors and icon players to choose the best squads during the ceremony.

The organizers had to take help of lucky-draw, when there was tie in bidding over various players.

Speaking on the occasion, Kaif said that such kind of



Mohammad Kaif, international cricketer on the occasion of auction of around 400 selected players for Downton Champions League in Srinagar.

leagues will boost the local talent.

Kaif also said that Parvez Rasool is no doubt a talented cricketer but he has to prove a lot by giving consistent match winning performances both at domestic level and if chance given at international level also.

"To be in an international side, a player has to give consistent match winning performances. Parvez is young, he has to work hard at domestic level, because when a player is selected for international games, he has to be consistent, otherwise to maintain the place in international squad is very

difficult," Kaif said adding that the selection of Parvez Rasool will help the local cricketers a lot and he can be a role model for them.

Meanwhile, the organizers of DCL said that the bidding process is only the acknowledgment of immense talent and a token of love, respect and encouragement for cricketers.

## Satwari zone boys excel in kabaddi

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 2: Defeating Akhnoor zone by twenty one points to twelve (21-12) in the summit clash, Satwari zone lifted the kabaddi Under-19 boys title trophy in the District Level Inter-Zonal Competitions in the disciplines of volleyball, kho-kho, kabaddi and wrestling, which commenced at Government High School Jammu Cantonment, here today.

In kho-kho Under-19 boys final, Akhnoor zone defeated Bhalwal zone by eleven points to five (11-5) to win the title, while in volleyball Under-19 boys, Bishnah zone will take on Khour zone in the final tomorrow.

Earlier, in the volleyball semifinals, Khour beat Jammu by (2-0) sets, while Bishnah got better of Akhnoor by (2-1) sets.

The tournament is being organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports under the overall supervision of Tirath Ram, DYSSO, Jammu, while the events are being supervised by ZPEOs, Jeet Singh, Sarita Pandha and Kiran Jyoti.

The matches were officiated by Ram Murti, Ram Pal, Bua Ditta, Ram Krishan, Sanatan, Chanderveer, Jai Singh, Paviter Singh, Ramesh, Vijay Kumar, Surya Dev, Naryan, Sham Singh, Bhalwan Singh, Hardutt Sharma, Jagjit Singh, Balbir Singh, Raman and Saleem-ur-Rehman.

## Kanwal Tigers drubs TCI Cheetahs in JKCP

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 2: Sailing on good performances by Parvez Rasool, Akib Mir and Aqib Nazir, Kanwal Tigers defeated formidable side of TCI Cheetahs by 27 runs in the ongoing Jammu and Kashmir Corporate Premier League (JKCP) at Higher Secondary School Ground, Bijbehara, today.

Batting first, Kanwal Tigers scored 145 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 8 wickets in the process. Parvez Rasool was the top scorer with brisk 48 runs, while Akib Mir and Ishtiaq contributed 35 and 23 runs to the total respectively. For TCI Cheetahs, Manik Gupta and Warris scalped 2 wickets each,

while Umar Nazir, Majid Dar and Usman claimed one wicket each.

In reply, TCI Cheetahs, bundled-out for 117 runs in 18.4 overs, thus lost the match by 27 runs. Skipper Majid Dar was top scorer with 35 runs, while Umar Nazir contributed 32 runs to the total. Iqbal Shah and Hamid Nazir chipped in with 21 and 20 runs respectively. Manzoor Nath was the pick of the bowlers for Kanwal Tigers who took 4 important wickets, while Hanan scalped 3 wickets. Akib Nazir bagged 2 important wickets and also was superb in field to be adjudged HDPC man of the match, while Parvez Rasool was named for TCI maximum sixes award.

## Divisional Level Inter-District U-19 Boys Cricket Tourny Doda to lock horns with Udhampur in summit clash

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

UDHAMPUR, Sept 2: District Doda will take on District Udhampur in the finals of the Divisional Level Inter-District U-19 Boys Cricket Tournament, being organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, here.

Earlier, in the semifinal clashes, Doda defeated formidable Jammu by 28 runs, while Udhampur got better of Kathua in a low scoring affair. In Jammu versus Doda semifinal, Doda made 136 in the stipulated 20 overs, while Jammu bundled out for 108 runs.

In other matches played today, Jammu defeated Reasi convincingly by riding on a splendid knock of 80 runs by Rithik Gupta, Kathua trounced Kishtwar in a close contest by a

narrow margin of 7 runs.

Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports, Ved Parkash was the chief guest in today's proceedings, while the matches were officiated by Parminder Manhas, Parshotam Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Rajesh Khajuria, Raj Kumar Gupta, Raj Kumar Sharma, Shashi Sharma, Amit Sharma, Swarandeep Singh and Raman Kumar.

The Tournament is being organized under the overall supervision of Sukhdev Singh, District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Udhampur.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Champa Devi, Usha Bhat, Pawan Kumar, Raman Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Kuldeep Kumar, Mohd Khalid, Bhupinder Singh and Ganesht Dutt Sharma.

## J&K's Anil Gupta to accompany Indian Yoga team as coach

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 2: National Yoga coach of repute, Anil Gupta of Jammu and Kashmir has been nominated as Indian Yoga team coach to participate in the 3rd Asian Championship to be held from September 29, 2013 to October 1, 2013 at Chinwoo Stadium, Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

The Championship will be organized by the Yoga Federation of Malaysia.

Prior to the participation of the Indian team in the said Championship, coaching camp of the Indian team will be held at Panchkula in Haryana from September 23 to September 28, 2013, under Anil Gupta.

According to a handout issued here the Indian team will leave for Malaysia on September 28, 2013 and will be back on October 5, 2013.

Minister for Housing, Raman Bhalla and president J&K Yoga Association, Deepak Handa have lauded Anil Gupta for this achievement.



## Army organises essay writing, painting competition

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU Sept 2: The Rashtriya Rifles battalion, located at Nachlana, under the aegis of Headquarters Counter Insurgency Force (Delta) organised an Essay Writing and Painting Competition at the Government Higher Secondary School, Khari in District Ramban, today.

The theme of Essay Writing Competition was 'Khelon Ki Ahmiyat' in vernacular language and 'Way to Success for J & K' in English. The theme of the Painting Competition was 'Natural Beauty of J&K' and 'Development of J&K'. Students of seven schools of District Ramban participated in the com-

petition. The competition not only encouraged the students but also provided them the much needed platform to express their feelings, creativity and ideas for the development of the State.

The participants of the competition were facilitated for their interest and creativity, in which the best three essays and paintings in both the groups were awarded prizes and other 10 ten essays and painting were bestowed with medals for the excellent work. The competition in itself was a grand success as it instilled the feeling of oneness and created a firm foundation for identifying budding artists and development of their minds.

## Young Lalchowk FC, Arafat Sports log wins

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Sept 2: Young Lalchowk Football Club and Arafat Sports defeated their rivals in the A-Division and Super Division matches respectively in the J&K Power Development Corporation Annual League Football Tournament 2013, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Football Association, DFA Srinagar, here.

In A-Division match, Young Lalchowk drubbed Shaheen Sports by three goals to one (3-1). Asif, Ishfaq and Abid scored goals for the winners in 15th, 39th and 61st minutes respectively, while Talib scored the lone goal for Shaheen Sports.

In Super Division match, Arafat Sports defeated Young Maharaja by three goals to nil (3-0). Tanzib scored the 2 goals in the 45th and 60th minutes, while Imran scored the third goal in 55th minute.

## Twin centuries by Anderson, Devcich take NZ 'A' to 300/8

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

HYDERABAD, Sept 2: Middle-order batsmen Corey Anderson and Anton Devcich staged a spirited fightback after early jitters as New Zealand 'A' ended their first day's play at 300 for eight against India 'A' in the second and final four-day 'Test' match.

Left proved to be right for the Kiwis as the two left-handers Anderson (100) and Devcich (115) added 165 runs for the fifth wicket after India A bowlers had reduced New Zealand A to 43 for four by the 18th over.

While Anderson smashed 16 fours and two sixes off left-arm spinner Rakesh Dhurv during his 126-ball knock, Devcich was stodgy facing 185 deliveries hitting 15 boundaries in the process.

Mumbai seamer Dhawal

Kulkarni (2/26 in 13 overs) and off-spinner Jalaj Saxena (2/69 in 26 overs) were the most successful bowlers while left-arm seamer Shrikant Wagh, UP medium pacer Intiaz Ahmed and Dhurv also got a wicket apiece.

India A began well as Kulkarni quickly sent back senior team opener Neil Broom (0), who edged an outswinger from the Mumbaikar straight into the gloves of CM Gautham.

Carl Cachopa (3) was Kulkarni's second victim caught by Intiaz Ahmed. Last match's hero Luke Ronchi (0) was snared by Unmukt Chand off Intiaz's bowling as New Zealand were reduced to 17 for three.

Tom Latham (21) along with Anderson stuck around for six overs before Wagh coming back for his second spell angled one into the left-handed opener who was struck plumb in-front.

That was the last success that the Indians enjoyed for nearly 40 overs as Anderson and Devcich took the attack back to the opposition camp.

They were not bogged down against the spin duo of Saxena and Dhurv. While they were cautious against the offie, the duo took on the burly Dhurv who was hit to all corners of the ground.

Finally in the 57th over, Anderson was gone trying to play a cut shot off Dhurv having completed his second first-class hundred. (PTI)

## CL T20 matches shifted out of Hyderabad

**Excelsior Correspondent**

NEW DELHI, Sept 2: The Champions League T20 matches, which were originally scheduled in Hyderabad, have been shifted to Mohali, Ranchi and Ahmedabad after the local police refused to provide security cover for the event due to the ongoing Telengana agitation in parts of the state.

Four teams - Sunrisers Hyderabad, Otago Volts (New Zealand), Kandurata Maroons (Sri Lanka) and Faisalabad Wolves (Pakistan) - were to play each other once in the CLT20 qualifiers at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium on September 17, 18 and 20 but the six games will now be played at the PCA Stadium in Mohali.

The top two teams will join the eight others that have already qualified for the group phase. (PTI)

## Serena beats Stephens, joins Li in US Open quarters

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

NEW YORK, Sept 2: Defending champion Serena Williams won her much-anticipated US Open showdown with Sloane Stephens while Li Na avenged a painful loss in Rome to join the world number one in the last eight.

Williams defeated US 15th seed Sloane Stephens 6-4, 6-1 to reach the US Open quarterfinals, winning eight of the last nine game in avenging a loss that ousted her from the 2013 Australian Open.

"It definitely felt like a bigger match because Sloane is such a great player, but I had to stay focused in the moment," Williams said. "I just tried the whole time to do what I wanted to, stay calm and stay relaxed."

Williams booked a quarterfinal against Spanish 18th seed Carla Suarez Navarro, who upset German eighth seed Angelique Kerber 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3).

Also booking a quarter-final matchup were Chinese fifth seed Li, who beat Serbian ninth seed Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-0, and Russian 24th seed Ekaterina Makarova, who upset Polish third seed Agnieszka Radwanska 6-4, 6-4.

Li, the 2011 French Open champion, matched her best US

Open result by reaching the last eight.

"Maybe today was the best match of my whole life," Li said, adding her strategy against Makarova would be to "Play aggressive. I wish I can play the same level like today." (AGENCIES)

## Murray, Hewitt turn up heat as US Open sweats

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

NEW YORK, Sept 2: Defending champion Andy Murray and 2001 winner Lleyton Hewitt made light of the heavy, humid New York conditions to breeze into the US Open last 16.

Third-seeded Murray, who ended his country's 76-year wait for a Grand Slam men's champion when he won his maiden major title in New York last year, eased past Germany's world number 49 Florian Mayer, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2, 6-2. His win was built on an impressive 42 winners and seven aces.

"I think I need to start my matches quicker than I have been doing. I am not that fast out of the blocks," said the 26-year-old. (AGENCIES)



Participants of Annual General Meeting of Renmei Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Federation of India posing for a photograph in Jammu.

## RGKFI holds Annual General Meeting

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU, Sept 2: The Annual General Meeting of Renmei Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Federation of India was held under the chairmanship of Shalindra Gulati, president RGKFI at Press Club, here today.

The meeting was held to discuss about the forthcoming First National Renmei Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Championship and Training Camp to be held at Jammu.

An Annual Report was presented in the meeting by founder

member and general secretary of the Federation, Sanjeev Dewan.

After a detailed discussions, it was resolved that the Federation will conduct the above said event in the month of December 2013.

According to a handout issued here, the Championship will be held under the supervision of World Chief Instructor Shihan Leonard Sim 8th Dan Black Belt, GKI and Sensei Kavin Nason, vice chairman/secretary Goju Ryu Karate International London.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Jai Pal Choudhary, Wazir Hemalini Singh, Rajinder Kumar, Anu Singh Pathania, Rajesh Gill, Sureshet Dutta, Joginder Angotra, Mukesh Sharma, Vikas Dhar and Pintoo Kumar.

Rupali Vaid D/o Santosh Gupta and Om Parkash Gupta, R/o Housing Colony, Udhampur, who has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Master of Philosophy (M Phil) in Chemistry by the University of Jammu.

She worked on the topic "Silica Supported L-Proline Catalysed Knoevenagel Condensation and Diphenic Acid Catalysed One-Pot Synthesis of Bis-(indolyl)methane Derivatives" under the supervision of Dr Monika Gupta.

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