

Mega Golf event 'Tapping Tourism Potential of Kashmir' concludes at Royal Springs Golf Course

Excelsior Sports Correspondent Kashmir," he said.

SRINAGAR, Apr 13: A golf tournament was organised here at Royal Springs Golf Course as part of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India's mega 3-days tourism event - "Tapping Tourism Potential of Kashmir - another day in paradise."

He also stressed on promoting unexplored places where not many travellers visit for holidays. Speaking on the occasion, Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Gol, Rupinder Brar, this 18-hole Golf Course is next level and the golfer is smitten by its beauty as he

Kashmir's tourism sector to another level. She said the Government of India is also making a good investment in infrastructure development and exploring new destinations to make J&K a complete tourist destination. Secretary Tourism, J&K, Sh. Sarmad Hafeez said the JK as a



Winning team posing for group photograph with trophy along with dignitaries of the event at Ganderbal.

State level Women Cricket C'ship concludes

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SRINAGAR, Apr 13: State level Women Cricket Championship, organized by 5th Battalion of Rashtriya Rifles, concluded at Madri Meharban Cricket Stadium Ganderbal, today.

The Rashtriya Rifles Battalion organised the tournament under the aegis of 3-Sector RR, wherein eight teams from all parts of Kashmir valley participated which was played on a knockout basis.

The final match was played between Shugul Srinagar and DWCA Budgam teams.

Batting first, Budgam team scored 101 runs for the loss of

eight wickets, whereas Shugul Srinagar easily chased the target and won the match by nine wickets.

The winning team (Shugul Srinagar) was awarded with Rs one lakh prize money, whereas DWCA Budgam received Rs 50,000 prize money. Kausar Meer of Budgam was declared as woman of the series.

The chief guest of the event appreciated the young players for delivering such a fantastic performance for not only to showcase their talents but also to imbibe some of the most important life lessons through the medium of sports. He also appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee for conducting the event.



A golfer playing a shot at Royal Spring Golf Course Srinagar on Tuesday.

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Union Tourism Secretary, Arvind Singh, Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Gol, Rupinder Brar and Secretary Tourism, J&K, Sarmad Hafeez. Ambassadors of Vietnam, Georgia, Kenya were present at the tee-off function who also participated in the tournament.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Secretary Tourism said Kashmir is blessed with beautiful golf courses and has huge potential for mega professional golf tournaments.

He said the golfers have evinced the interest to be part of future golf tournaments here which shows that this place has huge potential to attract golfers.

He said the Government of India is laying special emphasis on JK's tourism and is striving to revive it.

"We received a huge response from the travellers to Kashmir and the trend is likely to continue in the summers also. We are expecting good domestic flow to

plays here.

She said they will be collaborating with the J&K for many such initiatives and including the golf tournaments in future to portray it as one of the prime golf destinations in the country. While expressing satisfaction with the successful conduct of the 3-day event, Rupinder Brar said they have taken positive feedback from the conference and the experts and they would accordingly be devising the plan to lift

more such tournaments and attract golfers here.

He said the successful conclusion of the event organised by the union ministry will go a long way in realising and exploring the full potential of Kashmir tourism.

He said a visit to J&K is a great experience all year round and all four seasons have something unique to offer for which department is promoting each session with various events.

Bhuvneshwar wins ICC Player of the Month award

DUBAI, Apr 13:

Experienced India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar today won the ICC Player of the Month award for his superlative show in the limited overs series against England in March.

The 31-year-old Indian took six wickets at an economy rate of 4.65 in the three ODIs, while cap-

turing four wickets at a fantastic economy rate of 6.38 in the five T20Is to emerge as the standout bowler on either side in the white ball series.

"After what seemed like a really long and painful gap, I was delighted to be playing for India again. I used the time away to work on my fitness and skill and I am happy to be back taking wickets for my country," Bhuvneshwar said in an ICC release.

Bhuvneshwar became the third successive Indian recipient of the award since its inception early this year.

The January honours were claimed by dashing wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant for his exploits in Australia, while veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin won it for the month of February following a stupendous all-round show in the home Test series against England.

"I would like to thank each and every person who helped me in this journey starting from my family and friends and my teammates. Also, a special thank you to the ICC voting academy and all the fans who voted for me and made me the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March," Bhuvneshwar said.

Besides Bhuvneshwar, ace leg-spinner Rashid Khan of Afghanistan and Zimbabwe's Sean Williams were also nominated in the men's category.

Former India batsman VVS Laxman, representing the ICC Voting Academy, said: "Bhuvni missed nearly a year and a half of international cricket through multiple unrelated injuries, but you'd never have guessed. (PTI)



Newly elected office bearers of JDKA being presented bouquet at Jammu. —Excelsior/ Rakesh

Ajay Verma elected president of JDKA

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JAMMU, Apr 13: Ajay Verma, MD Nice Gem has been elected as president of Jammu District Kickboxing Association (JDKA), whereas Danish Padha, Irfan Choudhary and Mohd Janab were elected as general secretary, treasurer and vice president respectively of the Association.

The election was conducted under the supervision of the offi-

cer bearers of the Kickboxing Association of J&K (KBJK) including Abhishek Jain, state general secretary and Gourav Chopra vice president and Corporator Ward no 28 at Press Club Jammu, here today.

Newly elected president of the District Association said that the Association is going to establish a development committee for the promotion of martial art at grass root level.

RCB look to consolidate position as SRH eye first win

CHENNAI, Apr 13:

Seeking to consolidate their position after a winning start, Virat Kohli's Royal Challengers Bangalore will have their task cut out as they take on a determined Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League here tomorrow.

While RCB began their campaign with a morale-boosting win over five-time defending champions Mumbai Indians at the same venue, the David Warner-led SRH lost to Kolkata Knight Riders in their tournament opener.

Having put up a decent performance in the first game, RCB

will be strengthened further when the immensely-talented Devdutt Padikkal makes the team after his recovery from COVID-19.

Padikkal has said he is now completely ready to play his part in the IPL and confident of replicating his stupendous domestic form in the ongoing league.

He contracted the deadly virus on March 22 and was in isolation, but has since completely recovered and resumed practice with his RCB teammates.

In the event Padikkal is unable to return for Wednesday's game, RCB will stick to the opening pair of Kohli and Washington Sundar. (PTI)

KKR does harakiri as MI records stunning 10-run win

CHENNAI, Apr 13:

Kolkata Knight Riders managed to lose its bearings in an astonishing manner as Mumbai Indians spinners Rahul Chahar and Krunal Pandya fashioned an improbable 10-run victory in an IPL encounter here on Tuesday.

Chasing a target of 153, KKR were on course reaching 122 for 4 in the 15th over before the last five fetched only 20 runs as they stunningly fell short giving defending champions their first win.

Krunal (1/13 in 4 overs) and Chahar (4/27 in 4 overs) were brilliant in checking the run-flow after a 72 run opening stand between Nitish Rana (57 off 47 balls) and Shubman Gill (33 off 24 balls).

But it was Jasprit Bumrah (0/28) and Trent Boult (2/27), who were magnificent at the death keeping Andre Russell and Dinesh Karthik under checks in a game that will be talked about for years to come. Especially how KKR capitulated.

Required to show some sensible approach, it was harakiri of sorts by KKR batting unit as they were restricted to 142/7 to continue their miserable record with MI. They now have 22 losses against six wins over MI.

Just when KKR needed to play it sensibly with require run-rate under seven, they seemed to commit harakiri and lost another in Shakib, this time Krunal Pandya joining in the party for MI.

Krunal bowled an exceptional 18th over giving away just three runs, as the duo of Dinesh Karthik and Andre Russell struggled to get going before Bumrah applied more pressure in the penultimate over.

Needing 15 from the last over, it was a tough ask for KKR and Trent Boult dismissed Russell and Pat Cummins in successive balls to seal the issue.

Earlier, Andre Russell did a star turn coming to bowl in the 18th over as his career-best 5 for 15 helped Kolkata Knight Riders blow out Mumbai Indians for 152.

Opting to bowl, Eoin Morgan's astute captaincy was on full display as he used his resources to perfection to choke MI in the middle-overs after

Olympic-bound Priyanka, Asiad champion Jinson Johnson test positive

NEW DELHI, Apr 13:

Five track-and-field athletes, including Tokyo Olympics-bound 20km race walker Priyanka Goswami, and a member of the support staff have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Sports Authority of India's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

Asian Games 1500m gold-medallist Jinson Johnson and steeplechaser Chinta Yadav are among the five athletes who have been infected along with race walk coach Alexander Atsybashev.

Another Tokyo Games-bound race walker K T Irfan has returned negative after he was tested as a primary contact of Johnson.

"My test result which came on Monday was positive and I am currently in quarantine in my room. I have fever, not very high, and



Rohit Sharma playing a shot against Kolkata Knight Riders at MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai on Tuesday.

Today's Fixture SRH Vs RCB (Chennai) 7.30 pm

SCORBOARD

Mumbai Indians	Kolkata Knight Riders
Rohit Sharma	b Cummins
Quinton de Kock	c Tripathi b Chakravarthy
Suryakumar Yadav	c Gill b Shikib
Ishan Kishan	c Prasad b Cummins
Hardik Pandya	c Russell b Prasidh
Kieron Pollard	c Karthik b Russell
Krunal Pandya	c Prasad b Russell
Marco Jansen	c Cummins b Russell
Rahul Chahar	c Gill b Russell
Jasprit Bumrah	c Shikib b Russell
Trent Boult	not out
Extras	(lb-4, w-3)
Total (All out in 20 Overs)	152
Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-86, 3-88, 4-115, 5-123, 6-125, 7-126, 8-150, 9-150	
Bowling: Harbhajan Singh 2-0-17-0, Varun Chakravarthy 4-0-27-1, Shakib Al Hasan 4-0-23-1, Pat Cummins 4-0-24-2, Prasidh Krishna 4-0-42-1, Andre Russell 2-0-15-5.	

Nitish Rana	st de Kock b Chahar
Shubman Gill	c Pollard b Chahar
Rahul Tripathi	c de Kock b Chahar
Eoin Morgan (c)	c Marco Jansen b Chahar
Shakib	c Suryakumar b Krunal Pandya
Dinesh Karthik	(wk) not out
Andre Russell	c and b Boult
Pat Cummins	b Boult
Harbhajan Singh	not out
Extras	(b 4, lb 5, w 2, nb 1.)
Total (7 wks, 20 Overs)	142
Fall of Wickets: 72-1, 84-2, 104-3, 122-4, 122-5, 140-6, 140-7.	
Bowling: Trent Boult 4-0-27-2, Marco Jansen 2-0-17-0, Jasprit Bumrah 4-0-28-0, Krunal Pandya 4-0-13-1, Kieron Pollard 1-0-12-0, Rahul Chahar 4-0-27-4, Rohit Sharma 1-0-9-0.	

Suryakumar Yadav threatened to seize control with his 36-ball 56.

The World Cup-winning England skipper used Pat Cummins cleverly in the middle-overs as the Aussie returned with 2/24, but the masterstroke was certainly keeping Russell for the tag end as MI lost last seven wickets for 37 runs.

Russell was brought in only after Cummins finished his spell in the 16th over as the Jamaican

used the platform to perfection by dismissing Krunal Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah and Rahul Chahar in the final four balls en route to his milestone.

But it was Shakib-Al-Hasan who deserves equal credit for stopping the run-flow as the Bangladesh left-arm spinner dismissed Suryakumar in the 11th over and changed the complexion of the innings. (PTI)

Hockey player Balbir Singh Junior dead

CHANDIGARH, Apr 13:

Balbir Singh Junior, who was a member of the silver medal-winning 1958 Asian Games Indian hockey team, died here at the age of 88, his daughter Mandeep Samra said on Tuesday.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and son.

"My father passed away in sleep on Sunday morning due to heart failure," his daughter said.

His son is settled in Canada and could not attend the last rites of his father because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Born on May 2, 1932, at Sansarpur in Jalandhar, also known as the nursery of Indian hockey,

Balbir Singh Junior had played alongside legends like Balbir Singh Senior, Leslie Claudius, Prithpal Singh, Balkishan and Charles Stephen among others. (PTI)



Winners posing for group photograph with dignitaries at Arnas in Reasi.

65th Arnas Kesari Dungal organised

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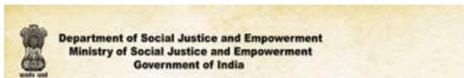
REASI, Apr 13: 65th Arnas Kesari Dungal was organised by Arnas Dungal Committee at Arnas, here today.

About 50 bouts were fought during the competition in which local wrestlers as well as wrestlers from adjoining states participated.

Wrestler Nisar Ahmed of Doda emerged winner of Dungal and awarded with Rs 14,000 along with traditional 'Gurj and Patta', whereas runner-up wrestler, Ajay Sharma from Udhampur received Rs 7,000 cash prize. The 2nd bout was won by

Baba, whereas Surjeet Singh remained runner-up and awarded with Rs 10,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively, while 3rd bout was clinched by Kaka of RS Pura and Sheru of Pathankot stood runner-up and in another bout Daleer Singh defeated Chand Pehalwan of Delhi.

DySP Arnas Dr Satish Bhardwaj, BDO Rampaul Bhagat and Youth Block president of JK Apni Party Ashish Dev Singh were the guests of the event along with members of the committee including Chain Singh, Lal Singh, Sansar Singh, Pardeep Singh and Kaku Ram.



Babasaheb's Vision, Our Mission

Shaping a New India built upon Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas

- Over 3000 Safai Mitras trained in desludging operations in 69 Municipalities across India.
- 13,128 SC majority villages taken up under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana.
- 5000 copies of Babasaheb's writings and speeches published in both Hindi and English.
- Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan is being implemented vibrantly. Women and young adults are actively involved.
- Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) & Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) launched in 2014-15.
- Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for Denotified Tribes (DNTs) launched in 2014-15 for the welfare of those DNT students who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC.
- Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to EBCs launched in 2014-15.

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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Floral Tribute to Dr. B.R.Ambedkar on his Birth Anniversary



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Sub:- Transparency, Equity and Inclusiveness in the allotment of Retail Liquor vends (JKEL - 2)

- The New Excise Policy is only an attempt to implement law of the land and Judgments of Hon'ble High Court.
- The New Policy is completely transparent and no functionary in UT can favour or disfavor any prospective bidder. It ends favouritism.
- The e-bidding for liquor licenses confined to domiciles of J&K only and it will therefore, provide employment to locals only. It ends monopoly.
- Equal opportunity to all has been provided to participate in e-auction process for allotment of liquor licenses and to stop perpetual transfers within family.
- One individual-one vend will restrict practice of monopoly.
- Solvency certificate of immovable property equivalent to bid amount provides due safeguard that only residents of J&K can participate. Further, it will also check proxy and speculative bidding.
- Online e-auction shall ensure anonymous participation without any fear from any pressure group.
- Digitization of inventory will lead to minimum human interface and cleaner system of administration.
- Auction of liquor vends only on existing locations which have been functioning for past many years ensures that public sentiments are fully taken into account.
- Minimum Guarantee Revenue (MGR) fixed to check sale of spurious liquor.
- The Minimum Guarantee Revenue is with reference to the sale of 2019-20, even though revenue during the year 2020-21 was higher than that in 2019-20. It is an attempt to ensure reasonability.
- For first time MRP formulae; profit margins have been declared.
- For the first time draft policy was put in public domain for seeking suggestions from the common people.
- Selection of licensees on fair and transparent competition without any interference / influence.
- Discovery of fair price of each location/vend will be possible through e-auction.
- Policy does not allow participation of persons with criminal antecedents.
- Constraints of Force-Majeure are also being addressed.

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