

# Surya, Rahul show seals T20I series for India against SA

GUWAHATI, Oct 2: Indian batters were at their ruthless best with Suryakumar Yadav and opener KL Rahul leading the charge as they defeated South Africa by 16 runs despite David Miller's unbeaten century in the second T20I to clinch the three-match series here on Sunday.

Rahul (57 off 28 balls) and Yadav toyed (61 off 22 balls) the Proteas attack with sensational fifties as the Indian top-four batters once again put up a superlative display to post a massive 237 for 3 – their highest score against South Africa.

That 178 runs came from boundaries -- 25 fours and 13 sixes -- showed the Indians dominance against the Kagiso Rabada-led South African attack which looked mediocre all through.

Chasing a massive target of 238, the South Africans could score 237 for 3 in their 20 overs with David Miller remaining not out on 106 off 47 balls.

This was the first ever series win for India over South Africa in the T20I format on

home soil.

India had won the first match by eight wickets on September 28. The third and final match of the series is slated in Indore on October 4.

Arsheep Singh gave India a perfect start while defending 237, extending the run of ducks of South African skipper Temba Bavuma and Rilee Rossouw to two matches. Arsheep, however, leaked runs at the death overs to return with figures of 4-0-62-2.

South Africa were put into submission at the score of 1/2 inside two overs and they could never recover from there.

At the other end, Deepak Chahar (4-1-24-0) held up firmly before R Ashwin (4-0-37-0) joined in the act to take the match out of the Proteas reach with some tight bowling.

The highlight of South Africa innings was David Miller's roaring return to form with his second T20I century with an unbeaten 106 from 47 balls.

Quinton de Kock too was back among runs in a 48-ball 69 not out as the duo put

together 174 runs from 84 balls but it proved not enough.

Earlier Rohit Sharma (43 off 37 balls), who became the first Indian to play 400 T20 matches, started it all before Rahul took off.

Replying to his critics, Rahul (57) was back at his aggressive best, slamming a 24-ball fifty, his second in a row, as he and Rohit put on 96 runs for the opening wicket that came off just 59 balls.

Yadav then continued his insane 360-degree assault with submission at the score of 1/2 inside two overs and they could never recover from there.

Virat Kohli gave him a perfect support and became the first Indian to get to 11,000 T20 runs during his 49 not out.

Playing a selfless knock, he gave designated finisher Dinesh Karthik the maximum strike. Karthik slammed 17 not out from seven balls to cap a perfect batting display for India.

The South African pacers looked lacklustre and bowled full and the Indians feasted on to them. (PTI)

# Devotional song competition enters Day-6

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Excelsior Correspondent

KATRA, Oct 2: Devotional song competition, organised by SMVD Shrine Board, Department of J&K Tourism, PTC Punjabi Gold and Patanjali Dantkanti entered Day-6 where

Reasi, Angeez Singh Sub Divisional Magistrate Katra, special invitee and renowned singer Johny Sufi, Rakesh Wazir chairman of the organising committee, former winner of the competition, Ananya Sharma and Swami Yoganand ji and were provided with the cash prizes of Rs 10000, 5000 and 3000 respectively.

Johny Sufi who has got many film songs and albums to his credit enthralled the audience with his melodious voice and people were seen dancing and singing on his songs and likewise the sweet and melodious guest items of former winner of the competition Ananya Sharma too mesmerized the audience.

The competition was judged by the panels of experts in music including singer Johny Sufi, Dr Surinder Kumar Sharma HoD Govt. Degree College Sunni Shmila and Dr CL Verma, Ex Chairman Post Graduate University of Himachal Pradesh.

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Former Minister S S Slathia during the closing ceremony of wrestling competition at Bari Brahmana in Samba on Sunday.

# Growing interest among youth in wrestling: Slathia

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SAMBA, Oct 2: Former Minister and Pradesh BJP vice-president, Surjeet Singh Slathia hailed the growing urge among youth for wrestling, saying 'Dangal' has a great future given the attention it gets at the national and international levels.

"Wrestling is a traditional sport in the country whose past is enriched with glory and I have no doubt that it holds promise for the future as well", Slathia said at the concluding ceremony of the Peer Baba Chatala wrestling competition at Bari Brahmana.

He described the performance of the participants as great and hoped that the wrestlers would impress the competitors by their bouts at the national events too. He said the event being held at regular intervals emerges like a festival. Slathia referred to the holding of various events in the recent past across the Vijaypur Constituency and said this speaks the love of youth towards the tra-

ditional games.

Pradesh BJP vice-president said wrestling is gaining popularity and the day is not far when local youth from the Constituency will make their mark at big events. He said wrestling continues to remain a passion for its practitioners and fans whose number is substantial, notwithstanding the challenge being posed by other popular games speak about a great future for the sport.

Slathia complimented the organisers for making the event successful and wished them all the best in their future endeavours as well.

President of the organising committee, Vijay Singh besides members including Nar Singh, Ghulam Naqvi, Shakti Singh, Ghulam Mustafa, Fateh Mohammed, Rakesh Singh and Mohammed Goni were present during the event.

Earlier, Slathia inaugurated a private establishment and congratulated the entrepreneur for their enterprise.



Winning and runner-up teams posing for group photograph with Apni Party Provincial president, Manjeet Singh and others at MA Stadium on Sunday.

# Media XI CC outplays Apni Party XI by 26 runs

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: Media XI Cricket Club Jammu outplayed Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party by 26 runs in a friendly match, played at MA Stadium, here today.

Apni Party General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya (Retd IAS) was the chief guest, who inaugurated the cricket match after paying floral tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

Later, Media XI led by skipper Yash Khajuria won the toss and opted to bat first. Substantive contributions by Sunil Bali, Nitin Thakur, Dev Thakur and Ashu Mehra helped Media XI to register 145/9 runs on the scoreboard in the stipulated 20 overs.

From Apni Party XI, Anmol and Abhinav took 3 wickets each, while Jogi and Raghu shared one wicket apiece.

Chasing the target, Apni Party XI had an impressive start with opening pair of Mohd Asif and Anmol knitted a 50 runs partner-



Assistant Prof. Dr Urvershi Kotwal delivering lecture at MIER College of Education Jammu on Sunday.

# Nat'l Voluntary Blood Donor Day celebrated at MIER

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: Celebrating the National Voluntary Blood Donor Day, the co-curricular committee of MIER College organised an awareness and motivational session on blood donation on this year's theme "Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav", here today.

The event was organised with the aim to create a repository of voluntary blood donors who could be called upon at times of emergency. Dr Urvershi Kotwal, Assistant Professor, Department of Transfusion Medicine and Blood Bank, AIIMS, Jammu was the resource person. Dr Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College of Education presided over the session. HoDs, Deputy HoDs of PG and UG Departments, Principal and Vice Principal, Model Academy School along with the faculty members of the College and School attended the session.

After a welcome address by Komal Sharma, convener of the co-curricular committee, Dr Urvershi opened the session by saying that blood is the most vital part of human life and is considered to be the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person.

She explained the gap between the supply and demand of blood and said that various factors such as aging population, medical advances, increase in trauma cases, etc., have widened this gap. She comprehensively explained the blood components, their shelf life and collection procedures.

Dr. Urvershi deliberated on the types of donors namely professional, directed, voluntary, and autologous and clarified why it is important for the patient and their caretakers to prefer voluntary donors. She specified the steps of blood donation from pre-donation stage to donation stage, to post donation stage and the precautions and essentials a donor needs to follow.

She also busted many myths related to blood donation by citing various examples and urged the audience to donate blood.

Manju Wali, convener proposed a formal vote of thanks on the occasion.

# Marathon organised to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti

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JAMMU, Oct 2: The University of Jammu in collaboration with the Vice-Chancellor further added that under NEP-20, Sports is an integral part of the curriculum. Prof Rai on the occasion congratulated organisers and the non-teaching employees union for choosing 2nd of October as an occasion where members of the University of Jammu and the civil society got together to pay tribute to Father of the Nation.

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# Fitness competitions organised

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JAMMU, Oct 2: Retired Police Officers organised fitness competitions at Kotli Bhawan while SP (Retd) SR Dutta and Parmvir Singh were the guests of honour of the event.

The overall winner in the boy category was Sourav Bali, while Surbi was the female winner and Manoj Gupta and Arjun secured gold and silver medals respectively.

Chairman of Retired Police Fitness Federation said, "We are organising district wise camp under the theme 'Say No to Drugs'. Later, the medals and cash prizes were distributed among the winners by the dignitaries.

# Sainik School Nagrota holds function

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: Sainik School Nagrota held a function to appoint cadets for this academic session at the School Auditorium, here today.

The event was held in the school campus in physical mode after a gap of two years.

Cadet Harshdeep Singh as School Sports Captain, Cadet Arnab Chalotra as School Mess Captain, Cadet Udhay Mottan as School Cultural Captain.

The new house appointments include Junior as well as Senior House Captains, House Vice Captains, House Mess, Cultural and Sports Captains of Trikuta, Chenab, Sindh and Jhelum Houses.

The highlight of this year's ceremony was that the saga of awarding parchments to School cadet appointments which was pioneered by the founder Principal Cdr NN Seth stood revived as current Principal presented a distinctive replica of the same as a testimony of recognition to the cadets.

The second acme was that since the induction of girl cadets in Sainik Schools from 2021, Girl prefects were appointed for the first time in the School as Cdt Nema Kunzts, Cdt Anvi Mahajan, Cdt Angel Choudhary and Cdt Simran received their appointment tabs.

The chief guest emphasized that they must be unbiased in dealing with the fellow cadets and set exemplary standards of discipline for others to emulate.



A match being witnessed by the officials and dignitaries at Nagbani on Sunday.

# Bunty Slathia Memorial Cricket tournament begins

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: First Bunty Slathia Memorial Cricket Tournament, being organised by Domana Cricket Club, commenced at Nagbani, here today.

Eight teams are participating in the tournament which will culminate on October 9.

On the first day of the tournament, two matches were organised wherein the opening match was played between Brother CC and Baba Jeeto CC.

Baba Jeeto CC won the toss and elected to bat first. Batting first, Baba Jeeto scored 162 runs by losing 7 wickets in stipulated 20 overs, wherein Sachin Chib made unbeaten 52 runs, while Ajay and Shakti contributed 35 and 28 runs respectively. From the bowling side, Sunny and Ranga clinched 2 wickets each.

In reply, Brother CC bundled out at 130 runs and lost the match by 32 runs, in which Shaka scored 40 runs and Ranga contributed 37 runs. From the bowling side, Ankush and Ajay took 3 wickets each, while Rohit got 2 wickets. Sachin Chib was declared as man of the match for his outstanding performance.

In another match, Soldiers CC defeated Domana CC by 8 wickets.

Batting first, Domana CC made 115 runs in 17.5 overs wherein Shempu made highest 57 runs, while Manjeet scored 12 runs. From the bowling side, Vishu was the wrecker in chief who took 4 wickets by conceding 11 runs, while Gandhi took 2 wickets by giving 17 runs.

In reply, Soldiers CC chased the target in 14.1 overs by losing only 2 wickets and registered 8 wickets win over the Domana CC, wherein Bhanu Gupta made 46 runs and Ajay contributed unbeaten 31 runs. From the bowling side, Raman and Kapil took 1 wicket each. Vishu was declared as man of the match for his outstanding bowling.

The match was officiated by Amit Gill and Ashok Singh, while Sahil Mattoo acted as scorer.

# LFHSS's students visit IIM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 2: Little Flower Higher Secondary School (LFHSS)'s students visited Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) Jammu, here today.

The visit was organised with the sole purpose to inculcate interest for Science subjects popular among school students.

Principal, Kusum Rattanpal thanked the staff and faculty of IIIM for providing this golden opportunity for the students and motivating them about future prospects.

# J&K Bank Academy lifts Football Cup

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: J&K Bank Academy lifted the Jammu Gold Cup Football Tournament by defeating Pegasus Hero FC by 2 goals to nil in the finals at GGM Science College Ground, here today.

For J&K Bank Academy, 1st goal was scored by Soyam Gupta in 14th minute, while 2nd goal was netted by Samuel Gill in 23rd minute of the game. The match was officiated by Rahul Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Shivam Mehra and Dheeraj Meena as referees.

Paramjeet Singh (SSP J&K Police and former international player of Handball) was the chief guest, while Arun Malhotra, international player and member technical committee of AIFF, Amardeep Singh (International player), Ramesh Chander (International player), Rajinder Abrol (Chairman Young Hero FC) and others were the special guests of the final event.



Winners posing for a group photograph with chief guest SSP Paramjeet Singh and Arun Malhotra, Member AIFF at Jammu on Sunday.

# JTGC organises 'Women Putting Competition'

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), Sidhra in association with Directorate of Tourism Jammu, today organized "Women Putting Competition" to inculcate competitive spirit among the women golfers, here today.

A good number of women players participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and zeal.

Ankita Sourav Sethi displayed some great skills and lifted the trophy, while Sunaina Gupta was the runner-up. Third place was bagged by Anushi Rishi.

# STC, RL Pissu Club lift men, women trophies

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: Three days Handball Championship, organized by District Handball Association Jammu, concluded at Playfield Shastri Nagar, here today.

The final match in the women's section was played between Jammu Club and RL Pissu Club in which RL Pissu Club emerged winners by 8 goals to 3. Main scorer was Arushi Sharma.

In the men's section, the final match was played between STC Jammu and Sandeep Pal Club in which the former emerged winners by 26-17 goals.

Vinay Khullar, SSP PTC Udhampur was the chief guest and Kuljeet Singh Jwal, president Basketball Association guest of honour, who gave away the winners and runners-up trophies as well as individual prizes.

Khullar said the UT is rich in sports talent and sportsmen from the J&K have proven their mettle at different national and international championships. He added that proper nurturing by JKHA will go a long way in promoting the talent at different levels.

Among others present were Nariender Mahajan, president J&K Handball Association, Pravel Kumar vice president, Sanjeev Jwal joint secretary, Rajesh Chandan, Renu Rattan, Rajesh Kapoor and others.

# Dangal organised at Malori Jagir

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: A mega Dangal was organised at Malori Jagir in Bajalta wherein senior BJP leader and vice president, Yudhvir Sethi was the chief guest, here today.

Sethi complimented wrestlers for keeping the traditional and most thrilling sport of yesteryears alive, hoping wrestling to regain its lost space given the enthusiasm among youngsters.

"In an era of cricket, interest for wrestling is amazing and encouraging", Sethi said while addressing the gathering after felicitating the wrestlers achieving distinction in the breathtaking event of Dangal here this evening.

Dr Uttam Singh was the guest of honour along with wrestler Vijay Sharma, wrestler Malori Sadiq Domana and others.

# Dachhan Cricket Premier League commences

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Oct 2: Dachhan Cricket Premier League, being organised by the Indian Army, commenced on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at Sondar village, here today.

The tournament is being organised with an aim to provide an opportunity to the cricket talent of Dachhan region, foster spirit of sportsmanship amongst all the youth of the region and also encourage positive engagement towards sports.

The tournament witnessed overwhelming participation as 36 teams registered themselves for the competition. This is the 3rd edition of the tournament which has already gained widespread popularity in the earlier two editions.

Officials from the Army appreciated all teams for participating in the tournament and encouraged them for a good and healthy competition abiding by the rules of the game. The first match was played between Kandy Strikers and Young Squad Janakpura.

The tournament will have a total of 35 matches, with the final match scheduled to be in 3rd week of October.