



Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull posing for a group photograph with players at Tral on Thursday.

My Youth My Pride: Secy reaches Tral

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 27:

Continuing its public reach-out programme under Jan Abhiyan and B2V4, Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull today visited Tral, Pulwama and presided over a programme organized by J&K Sports Council in collaboration with local Administration at Hamdard School, Tral.

The Secretary Sports Council had a series of interactions with the locals chiefly consisting of young children. Highlighting the importance and benefits of sports policy and besides initiatives taken by the administration to upgrade sports infrastructure and provide quality coaching across the Union Territory, she said more sports welfare programmes are in offing.

On being asked about the provision of sports equipment and gears for players of far flung areas of Tral, Nuzhat Gull assured that every step shall be taken to reach all the athletes in future.

She said during the last programme, sports equipment and gear were provided to players and a lot of talent was scouted by way of the sports flagship programme 'My Youth My Pride'.

Sports is the medium to defeat the evil designs of drug cartels, the more we are inclined towards

sports, the more we will remain disciplined in every field of life, she added.

A huge gathering of participants including sports persons, citizens attended the day-long programme.

Secretary Sports Council was flanked by Dr. Harbaksh Singh BDC member Tral, SP Awantipora, ADC Tral, Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir, Parvez Rasool International cricketer, Majid Yousof Director Football Academy of Sports Council besides coaches and officials from Sports Council along with local residents, including sarpanchs, panchs and school children.

A number of sports activities were also conducted during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Harbaksh Singh gave an outline of the tetsil Tral and how it has always emerged as one of the productive areas in every field and how it has contributed to the welfare of the district and the other parts of the UT.

Putting forward demand for more infrastructures, Dr Singh said that he was sure J&K Sports Council will extend all possible help to the natives of Tral as there is a lot of talent waiting to be tapped.



Winners posing for a group photograph along with dignitaries at Jammu.

Jodhamal shines in 'INTACH Quiz'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: Jodhamal quizzers once again proved their mettle in the quizzing arena by clinching the winning trophy in the city round of 'INTACH Quiz' competition, today.

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) was founded in 1984 in New Delhi with the vision to spearhead heritage awareness and conservation in India. Today INTACH is recognized as one of the world's largest heritage organizations, with over 190 Chapters across the country.

In the city round held on October 15 at Jodhamal Public School, a total of 40 teams from different schools from Jammu participated including KC Public School, Jammu Sanskriti School, APS Nagrota, APS Jammu Cantt, APS Akhnoor, APS Bari Brahmana and Jodhamal Public

School. Four teams qualified for the stage round after appearing in the written prelims comprising 20 questions on cultural heritage of India and Jammu and Kashmir.

Advitya Mahajan and Saannidhaya Gupta of Jodhamal won the city finals with Jodhamal quizzers leading the tally with highest points. The other three teams to qualify for the finals were APS Akhnoor, Jodhamal Public School and KC Public School. The quiz was conducted by Sanjay Pandey. The entire programme was coordinated by Mubeen Butt.

Team Jodhamal comprising Naumidh Singh and Kushagar Singh Sambhal bagged the second position. The winners of the city round will now be participating in the State round.

The event was presided over by the State convener of INTACH Jammu Chapter SM Sahni, Co-convenor C M Seth and Co-convenor Kuldeep Wahi.

Kashmir Golf Academy trains 1000 students in 2 yrs

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 27: Golf has become affordable for the common people in Kashmir, where it was formerly believed to be a sport for the wealthy and was out of the price range of the middle class, thanks to the Government-run Kashmir Golf

sport," Moin Khan, a student at the Academy, told Excelsior.

Although Kashmir has hosted hundreds of professional golfers from across the world in renowned tournaments that were held in the past, the region has never seen a member of the middle class take up the sport. A new batch of young players from the middle class, however, are being taught the sport.

Fayaz Ahmad, an ace golfer and well-known golf coach from Jammu and Kashmir, hoped for the future of the new generation of golfers, saying they had the ability to go far. "I see many talented players rising from them, so if the Government supports them by giving them resources like golf sets and other essential equipment, they can go a long way," he said.

He added that around 1000 players have been trained so far, and they plan to teach this game at the district level. "The primary goal is to teach them the basics first, and once they have mastered those, they will go on to the advanced level," he said.

The players are eager to learn the new sport but want the Government to provide them with more resources, such as golf clubs and balls, so they can prepare for competitions and bring laurels to the region. "I am learning it and I think I can do well in the sport as I try harder," Faheem, another student, said.



Fayaz Ahmad, a renowned Golf coach, teaches children the perfect Golf swing at Kashmir Golf Course. — Excelsior/Shakeel

Academy, which has trained around 1000 students so far.

The present classes of students who are learning the sport at one of the country's oldest and most picturesque golf courses are from the middle class and would never have imagined participating in such a sport.

The players are thrilled to learn the game, which was previously only available to the affluent, but the Government opened the Golf Academy to the commoners to eliminate the inequality.

"We once believed that Golf was a sport that only the privileged participated in. Although we thought the game would be simple to play at first, we soon realized it was actually rather difficult. We are still unable to master it even after some practice. Golf is a challenging

Surya lights up Sydney SKY-line in India's 56-run win

SYDNEY, Oct 27:

Suryakumar Yadav bullied an inexperienced attack as the Indian team not for once took its foot off the pedal to thrash Netherlands by 56 runs for its second win in the T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

A target of 180, riding on half-centuries from skipper Rohit Sharma (53 off 39 balls), Virat

and puffed its way to 123 for nine in 20 overs as the relative slowness of the track post the Bangladesh-South Africa game affected its approach.

The Netherlands was the fourth team to bat on the track, and although there wasn't any considerable wear and tear, it slowed down enough for Axar Patel (2/18) and Ravichandran Ashwin (2/21) to tighten the

playing an attack of this quality. Indian origin opener Vikramjit Singh (1), whose roots are in Punjab's Cheema Khurd, didn't look like he belonged to this level before Bhuvneshwar Kumar ended his painstaking stay with a perfectly pitched length ball.

Once Ashwin and Axar were pressed into the attack, there was no chance that the Duchmen

the final flourish with a breathtaking knock and overshadowed senior pros Kohli and Sharma.

The Indian batting save all but one fired in unison as skipper Rohit became the pace setter, while the team's No. 1 batter Kohli played the role of an anchor to perfection and also ended as the game's top-scorer.

Kohli conjured two vital part-

Zimbabwe beat Pakistan by one run

PERTH, Oct 27:

Zimbabwe punched above their weight and stunned Pakistan by one run in a nail-biting T20 World Cup match here on Thursday.

Defending a modest 131, Zimbabwe stifled the Pakistani batters and picked up wickets at regular intervals to stop their fancied rivals at 129 for eight.

Pakistan-born all-rounder Sikandar Raza turned the match on its head in the middle overs with figures of 3 for 25 from his four overs, which included the wickets of Shan Masood (44), Shahab Khan (17) and Haider Ali. (PTI)

TODAY'S FIXTURE
Afghanistan V/s Ireland at Melbourne (9.30 am)
Australia V/s England at Melbourne (1.30 pm)



Virat Kohli playing a shot during the T20 World Cup cricket match against Netherlands, in Sydney on Thursday. (UNI)

noose on the opposition batters. On expected lines, Mohammed Shami (2/9), Arshdeep Singh (2/37) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (1/27) had an easy day at the office.

Most of the Netherlands batters are not used to consistently

SA defeat Bangladesh

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SYDNEY, Oct 27:

Rilee Rossouw's belligerent century was complemented by a fiery spell from Anrich Nortje (4/10) as South Africa trounced Bangladesh by 104-runs in T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

Rossouw showcased his batting prowess, blasting the first century of the ongoing show-piece with a 56-ball 109, while Quinton de Kock struck a fifty to power South Africa to an imposing 205 for 5.

Nortje then returned with his best T20 figures as the bowlers rallied to bowl out Bangladesh for 101 in 16.3 overs. (PTI)

would make a match of it. Axar didn't even turn a single delivery but the fast and tight wicket-to-wicket lines was good enough.

When India batted, Suryakumar once again provided

nerships -- 73 for the second wicket with Rohit and 95 for the unbroken third wicket with Surya -- as KL Rahul's (9 off 12 balls) second successive failure stuck out like a sore thumb. (PTI)



District level officials during the Rafting Festival in Doda on Thursday. — Excelsior/Tilak Raj

Chenab White Water Rafting Festival commences

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

DODA, Oct 27: Chenab White Water Rafting Festival under 'Back to Village Phase-4', organised by the District administration under the overall guidance and directions of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan in coordination with JK Adventure Group and Extreme Adventure Group, commenced today at Premnagar's Shisnot area, here today.

The first day of the Festival witnessed great enthusiasm and overwhelming response from the people of the district wherein more than 1000 people especially the young generation attended the event and about 200 participated in the Rafting trip.

The DC along with SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, and other officers enjoyed the Rafting. The whole Festival is being super-

vised by SDM Thathri Athar Amin Zargar, besides the same activities shall continue at the venue till the organisers receive response from the visitors.

It is pertinent to mention here that the whole program of Rafting was conducted under strict standards of safety measures and without any incidence the people especially the youth of the district enjoyed the entire event.

The participants extended gratitude to the administration especially DC Doda for taking such innovative initiative as a youth engagement programme in the district, besides also urged to organise such programs in the near future also.

SDM Thathri, Athar Amin Zargar, besides senior officers from civil as well as police administration enjoyed the day long festival at Shisnot.

PPND beats SCFA by 4-1

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: Pandit Prem Nath Dogra (PPND) Football Club defeated Sports Council Football Academy (SCFA) by 4 goals to 1 in a match at Mini Stadium Football Turf Parade, here today.

The match was organised by PPND Football Club to celebrate the birth anniversary of Late Pt. Prem Nath Dogra in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, where-

in JMC Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Balloria, ADC Jammu Rakesh Dubey, former Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma and J&K vice president BJP Mahila Morcha and wife of Late Rakesh

Gupta (Former MLA Jammu), Anu Gupta were present during the match.

Corporator Akshay Sharma, Naib Tehsildar Dinesh Angral, Divisional Sports Officer JKSC Ashok Singh, other officials of the Council and members of Football fraternity including PPND FC coach Ajay Kumar also graced the event.

The match was officiated by Satnam Singh, Dil Bahadur Gurung and Aman Banathia. President PPND FC, Rakesh Khanna revealed to media that the Club has been organising a Football tournament to commemorate Pt. Prem Nath Dogra for the last few years and will be organising the same soon.

Police Martyrs Volleyball tournament concludes

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SAMBA, Oct 27: Police Martyrs Memorial Volleyball Tournament, organised by Police, concluded with finals match between JBC Club Dugh and Ramgarh wherein former emerged as winner by defeating Ramgarh 3-1 sets at Govt Higher Secondary School Ramgarh, here today.

The championship was organised under the supervision of SSP Samba, Dr Abhishek Mahajan which was organised in the loving memory of J&K Police martyrs who had laid down their lives to

uphold the integrity and sovereignty of the Nation.

Later, the prizes were distributed among winner and runner-up teams and were awarded with trophies and mementos by SDPO Vijaypur, Priyanka Kumari who was accompanied by SHO PS Ramgarh, Inspector Asha Nand in presence of prominent persons of the area.

Probable selected for Nat'l Kabaddi C'ship

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association today selected the probable for the upcoming 48th Junior National Kabaddi Championship under its president, Anil Gupta, here today.

The championship is scheduled to be held at Haridwar in Uttarakhnad from November 17 to 20.

The list of probable are Ajay Kumar, Laxman, Irfan Ahmed,

and Anand Singh, who are being

DIG unveils cricket tournament teaser

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

J&K UT, who were also present on the occasion.

DODA, Oct 27: To boost the fitness level of youth and promote sports activities in the Chenab Valley, Jammu& Kashmir Police is organising different sports events under the Police 'Civic Action Programme'.

In continuation of the series, a teaser & Unveiling Ceremony of cricket tournament was today organised by Range Police Hqrs, Batote under the banner "Khelo Khel Bhoolo Nasha" in the Conference Hall of District Police Lines Doda.

The main sports event is starting in Doda stadium from 2nd of November 2022. Captains of all the 24 participating teams were present on the occasion.

Dr Sunil Gupta unveiled the trophies of Winner and Runner-up of the tournament and colourful dresses of all the teams during the ceremony in the presence of Vishesh Paul Mahajan, DC Doda; Abdul Qayoom SSP Doda; Mohd Aslam SO, to DIG DKR Range Batote and other officers of Police and Civil Administration.

It is pertinent to mention here that the tournament is being organised with the help and co-efforts of all the SSPs of three Districts i.e Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar of the Range and under the sponsorship of a number of stakeholders of the range and

After the unveiling ceremony, DIG said that it was a great opportunity for the youngsters to showcase their talent. "Total 34 matches will be played and a special attraction of the tournament will be the participation of women Cricket teams of Doda and those from outside Jammu and Kashmir UT", he informed. It was further informed that three matches of the women's teams



DIG Dr Sunil Gupta during 'unveiling ceremony' of the tournament at Doda on Thursday.

will also be witnessed during the tournament.

The winner and runner-up teams of the tournament will be awarded trophies and cash prize of Rs 100000 (Rs 1 Lakh) and Rs 50000, respectively. Beside, the Man of the tournament and Man of the match of every match will be awarded suitably. Main sponsors of the tournament including Jai Parkash Ltd. APS Infrastructure Ltd., Patel Engineering Ltd. DIG DKR Range (Monolis), ABCL, Ciegall India Ltd. DIG DKR Range (Redison Blue), HCC, Paras, LT, Ali Brothers and Hamdard Ramban were also present on the occasion.

Shubam overwhelms Mussa, Wattal's fireworks

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JAMMU, Oct 27: Former First Class cricketer Vimarsh Kaw was at his murderous best to power Hill View Rajouri to 9-wicket win over Habbakadal Warriors, while explosive Shubam Sharma overwhelmed the fireworks of Rahul

Vimarsh Kaw top scored with unbeaten 70 runs off 42 balls, studded with 10 fours and 2 sixes, while Vicky Raina contributed 40 runs off 20 balls with the help of 7 boundaries and one maximum.

For Habbakadal Warriors, Sagar Bhat claimed the lone wicket to fall.

For his splendid batting display, Vimarsh was adjudged as man of the match.

In another quarterfinal match played today, One Team One Dream XI defeated Navreh Cricket Club in a tough contest by 26 runs.

Batting first, Whites OTOD XI scored a huge total of 192 runs in 20 overs by losing 4 wickets. Shubam Sharma played a brilliant innings of 74 runs off just 40 balls, studded with 7 fours and 4 sixes.

For Navreh Cricket Club, Sandeep Raina, Rahul Mussa and Puneet Wattal claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Navreh Cricket Club scored 166 runs in 20 overs by losing 2 wickets, thus lost the match by 26 runs. Rahul Mussa top scored with 60 runs off 44 balls with 6 fours and 3 sixes, while Puneet Wattal contributed 40 off 28 balls with 7 fours and 1 six.

For OTOD XI, Rahul Jamwal and Ajay took 1 wicket each.

Shubam Sharma was adjudged as the man of the match for his superb batting show.

Tug-of-War teams selected for Nat'l

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

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JAMMU, Oct 27: The Jammu and Kashmir Tug-of-War Association selected teams to participate in the upcoming 35th Senior (Men & Women) National Tug-of-War Championships, being held from October 28 to 31 at Kurukshetra in Haryana, today.

The teams were also screened by the J&K Sports Council officials including Singh Jamwal (Divisional Sports Officer), Satish Gupta and Anil Sharma at Green Field Gandhi Nagar, here.

Selected players for underweight category 640 kg include Harpreet Singh, Khan Sameer Gull, Rasiq Yousaf, Akram, Kifayat Gani, Pargat Singh, Murtaza Hameed Dar, Faizal Fayaz Bhat, and Ubaid Bin

Players for underweight category 600 kg include Vansh Mahajan, Rohit Mehra, Sourabh Gumble, Shariq Mushtaq, Nadeem Ahmad Mir, Harkirt Jij, Jorrwher Singh, Mohiem Ahmad Khan, Aadil Ahmad Rather and Tajamal Hussain Dar.

Players for men and women mixed 4 + 4 underweight 580 kg include Vashi Gupta, Arti Billoria, Naina Sharma, Amrita Saini, Prerna Kotwal, Sudam Hussain, Khushwant Singh, Aslam, Divum Sharma, and Kartik Sharma, while Gorav Kumar Dubey, Ankit Kumar, Jasvinder Singh, Kiran Kumari and Gitanjali will accompany the team as coaches and managers.

President Hardeep Singh Anand distributed kits among the players, sponsored by M/s. Trans Asia Hotels Pvt. Limited.



Yoga team posing for a group photograph before departure at Railway Station Jammu on Thursday.

Yoga team leaves for Nat'l

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: J&K Yoga team today left for participation in the upcoming 47th Sub-junior and Junior National Yogasana Sports Championship, scheduled to be held at Dass and Brown World School Ferozpur (Punjab), here today.

Thirty selected Yoga players from the Union Territory both

boys and girls of different age groups are going to take part in the championship, accompanied by Mukesh Sharma and Sabita Sharma as coaches, while Aryavaer Singh as manager of the team.

President of Association, Akhil Kapahi, Secretary General Vinod K Bhatia and other office bearers of the Association expressed best wishes to the team.