

## Bat-company signs MoUs with international cricket leagues to promote cricket

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ANANTNAG, Feb 25: Happening for the first, a reputable cricket bat manufacturing firm from the Anantnag district of South Kashmir has signed a

major stages. "We have taken the initiative to give them a platform, giving them the chance to compete internationally and demonstrate their talent," he said. He said that there is a need for



A view of Gr8 Sports, a bat making company at Sangam, Bijnbehara in Anantnag. - Excelsior/Sajad Dar

Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with at least 10 international cricket leagues to promote local talent.

To promote Kashmir's cricket talent, 'Gr8 Sports', a bat-making company, has signed memorandums of understanding with several international cricket boards and leagues.

The company's owner, Faozul-Kabeer, in this regard, said that although Kashmir's cricketers are extremely skilled, they lack the resources to compete on

guiding the potential cricketers by way of collecting a database and providing the necessary support.

According to him, any cricketer, under the age of 36 can record videos showing his skills and post them to social media with the hashtag #Gr8Sports.

He also stated that every video of batting, bowling, or wicketkeeping will be scrutinised by experts and management firms, who will then shortlist players.

Kabeer said that the shortlisted players will be put through trials every year before franchisees of the International League and representatives of international cricket boards who would choose them for various leagues.

As per his projections, he said, with the selection to be made on the spot in Kashmir, each year, approximately 100 batters, 100 bowlers, and approximately 50 wicket keepers will be shortlisted.

He said that they have signed MoUs with at least 10 cricket-playing nations to develop local talent, "and if our athletes can demonstrate their skill, they can join international leagues like the Caribbean League and BPL."

Following the shortlisting, he added, international franchise coaches and international boards would be brought here one at a time to choose players from the shortlists using the available database.

In response to player sponsorship, he claimed that most sponsored athletes are merely employed as marketing skills and aren't given adequate opportunities and that the company has also planned to launch a monthly program where players' questions will be answered in addition to having foreign players mentor bright gamers.



Golf players posing with Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar during inaugural ceremony at Jammu Tawi Golf Course Sidhra on Saturday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

## Advisor Bhatnagar inaugurates Golf tournament at JTGC

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar inaugurated 5th edition of All India Dental Fraternity Golf Tournament at Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), Sidhra, here today.

More than 40 golfers from PAN India and different streams (Private Practitioners/Govt. Servants/Army Officers) are participating in this tournament.

Amongst the prominent personalities present during the inaugural ceremony were Manav Gupta, Secretary Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Padam Bhushan Dr. Anil Kohli, Dr. Rakesh K. Gupta, Principal IGGDC, Jammu, Dr. Riyaz

Farooq Principal GDC, Srinagar, Amarjeet Singh JKAS, Special Secretary Tourism and Dr. Aseem Tikku Dean KGMC Lucknow.

The organising team consists of Dr. Ritesh Gupta organizing secretary, Dr. Nikhil Dev Wazir, Dr. Iqbal Singh, Dr. Satvinder Singh and Dr. Roopav Nargotra welcomed the dignitaries to the beautiful Course developed by the Department of Tourism.

"Such events will highlight and spread the message of peace and development done by the Administration of J&K under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor UT of J&K," said one of the organizers of the tournament.

## Anantnag enters LGs Rolling Trophy finale

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

ANANTNAG, Feb 25: Anantnag entered into finals of the ongoing LGs Rolling Trophy by defeating Ganderbal at Govt. Higher Secondary School Bijnbehara, organized by Youth Services and Sports, here today.

The 2nd semi-final will be played at Khel Gaon Nagrota between Jammu and Doda on February 28, while the finals of Trophy will be played on March 9 at MA Stadium Jammu.

The inaugural ceremony of LGs Rolling trophies 1st semi-final was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Chief Executive Officer Mission Youth J&K along with Dr. Basharat Qayoom Deputy Commissioner Anantnag.

Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Kashmir Bashir Ahmad, SDM Bijnbehara and District Youth Services & Sports Officer Anantnag Mushtaq Pampori, DYSSO Srinagar Balbir Singh and Sports officer Ganderbal Sheikh Shafiq were also present at this event.

In his speech, the chief guest Dr Chaudhary appreciated the efforts of the department in making this event successful. He said Mission Youth provides a platform to the youth of the Union territory to showcase their talent.

Dr. Basharat Qayoom also spoke on this occasion. He assured that every possible help would be provided by the district



Semifinal teams posing with CEO Mission Youth Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary at Anantnag on Saturday.

administration in channelizing the sports talent of the Anantnag youth. He further stated that the district Administration is committed to develop the best in class sports infrastructure in the District so that the youth in large numbers are engaged in sports activities.

Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Kashmir in his welcome address, thanked the dignitaries for gracing the occasion which he said will encourage the field staff to work with zeal and zest.

The chief guest and other guests in the presence of international cricketer Parvaiz Rasool interacted with all players of both teams and witnessed the toss in the middle of the pitch which was

won by host District Anantnag and decided to field first.

Ganderbal scored 152 for the loss of 8 wickets in the allotted 20 overs. The highest score of 63 runs from 44 balls was made by Sayyar Sofi while Umar Farooq from Anantnag displayed a brilliant performance of 3 over's, 29 runs and 3 wickets along with Arif Ahmad 23 runs from 4 over's and 2 wickets.

In response, Anantnag won the match by a comfortable margin of 5 wickets in which Umar Farooq displayed again brilliant performance of 35 runs off 31 balls and Zahid Naseer scored 43 runs in just 19 deliveries. From the bowling side, Shahid Khan claimed 3 wickets by conceding 32 runs.

## National Chess C'ship

### WB's Mitrabaha Guha emerges leader of 7 rounds

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: Mitrabaha Guha of West Bengal emerged as sole leader after seven rounds in ongoing National Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship, organized by Crown Trust under the banner of All J&K Chess Association

Dharmania and Industrialist Amit Mahajan.

Atul Kumar Gupta, president All J&K Chess Association, Baldev Raj, Arvind Sharma, Ritish Pathania and others were present during the event.

Saleem Beig of Karnataka is the chief arbiter of the event,



Players evincing keen interest during the Chess games at Jammu on Saturday.

and J&K Sports Council at Kangra Fort Banquet Hall Barnai, here today.

DBC Prasad of Andhra Pradesh, Raja Ritvik of Telangana and Mohammad Nubair Sheikh of Maharashtra and Shihan Umesh Rekhi, general secretary, North India Karate Association.

The sports meet also had a category for parents and siblings. The chief guest awarded medals to all the toddlers whereas in siblings and parents competition, only winners got the trophy.

while Arvind Mahajan from Goa is deputy chief arbiter along with other arbiters Bindu Pathania, Dinesh Gera, Ranjeet Singh and Mansha Mahajan.

Divya Puri, D/o V K Puri & Sangeeta Puri, R/o Priyadarshi Lane, Patta Bohri, working as Assistant at G D C Ramnagar, has been declared

qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Psychology by University of Jammu. She worked on the topic, "Positive Psychological Capital as Predictor of Mental Health: An Intervention Based Study of Student Athletes", under the supervision of Dr. Sarita Sood.



BJP leader Devender Singh Rana being welcomed by the School management during Annual Day function at RMG International School, Jammu on Saturday.

## RMG Int'l celebrates Annual Day

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: RMG International School celebrated its Annual Day function 'Sangharsh - the Journey of RMG' with great enthusiasm and fervor, here today.

The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest, Devender Singh Rana, former MLA Nagrota and guests of honour, Joginder Singh DDC Nagrota and SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat.

The special guests of the event were KD Bhagat, Trustees Mohan Lal Gupta, Chairman Rohit Gupta, Director Mona Gupta, Principal Anil Pathania, Vice-principal Indu Kapoor and Headmistress Meenal Rathore.

The annual report was presented by School Principal Anil Pathania in which he highlighted the achievements and the journey of the School, starting from its humble beginnings to its present status as a renowned Institution of the city.

During the cultural program, the students depicted the incredible journey of the School's founders, Rohit and Mona Gupta. The audience was

awestruck by the fabulous performances which showcased the School's commitment to providing quality education to its students.

The chief guest lauded the efforts of the School in providing an excellent educational experience to its students. He commended the School's management for their dedication and hard work in transforming two rooms into two Schools, which is an incredible achievement.

Rana further said, "It is heartening to see the tremendous growth of the RMG International School over the years. The School's management deserves special recognition for their commitment to provide quality education to the students."

The founders of the School, Rohit and Mona Gupta, expressed their gratitude to the staff, students, and parents for their continued support and hard work. They also reiterated their commitment to provide an excellent educational experience to the students.

The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Anuradha Manhas CCA Coordinator.

## Annual Sports Day celebrated by Casper Pre School

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: Casper Pre Primary School celebrated its Annual Sports Day amidst great enthusiasm and camaraderie in the School premises, here today.

The event began with a wonderful opening dance by the talented students of K.G and Grades 1 and 2. It was followed by various drills and races. Parents were equally involved with their wards in the races for motivation. The youngest ones also took part in

a Judo demonstration. The students of Pre-Nursery were a part of "name of game."

During the prize distribution ceremony, the winners were given the prizes by the chief guest, Subash Sharma, MD, Principal and Vice Principal.

The chief guest addressed the audience with his motivating words and encouraged everyone to make sports a crucial part of their routine. He also praised the School for providing excellent guidance and infrastructure to the students.

## St. Stephen celebrates Annual Day

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: St. Stephen Convent School Sukhyan Talab Sarore celebrated its Annual Day and prize distribution function in the School premises, here today.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Samba, Suriender Choudhary was the chief guest of the event, while Diksha Bamba Tehsildar Bari Brahmana was the guest of honour on the occasion.

The programme commenced with lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by Saraswati Vandana.

School Principal Ramnik Kour formally welcomed the eminent guests and presented the annual School report.

The students presented not only their wonderful performances but also received awards for excellence in academics.

The chief guest lauded the efforts of the School, students and staff for an enthralling function, while the guest of honour praised the combined efforts of the School management, staff and students.

## 'Invincible' Australia stand between South Africa and their fairytale

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

CAPE TOWN, Feb 25: South Africa will get their fairytale finish at home if they find a way to halt the Australian juggernaut in the Women's T20 World Cup final here tomorrow.

South Africa showed commendable fighting spirit to upset England in the semifinal but they will need to stitch together a perfect game to topple the mighty Australia, who are the record five-time champions and are in their seventh successive final.

South Africa has made rapid strides over the past 12 months and after making the semifinals of the ODI World Cup last year, they entered their maiden final of an ICC event here on Friday.

In Laura Wolvaardt and Tazmin Brits, a former world junior javelin champion whose

Olympic dream was shattered in 2012 due to a car accident, South Africa have one of the best opening pairings in the tournament.

They both go into the final in top form and are vital to the team's chances against Australia who managed to beat India in the semifinals despite not playing their best game.

All-rounder Marizanne Kapp is another important player for South Africa and produced a much needed cameo in the semis. Skipper Sune Luus thinks she has the world's best bowling attack at her disposal and why not when you have the express pace duo of Shabnam Ismail and Ayabonga Khaka in your ranks.

The crowd will be fully behind South Africa and the home team will look to feed off them like they did on Friday.(PTI)



Students posing for a group photograph at GMS Parwah on Saturday.

## APS Damana organizes activities under Vidyanjali

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: Army Public School (APS) Damana organized a book donation drive and art and craft camp activities at Govt. Middle School Parwah, here today.

The drive was organized under Vidyanjali, a school volunteer program.

The School distributed around 550 books of literature, textbooks, grammar books, story books etc among students. Preetika Sharma, PRT Art & Craft apprised the students with creative ideas to make best out of waste using dried twigs, pebbles, stones, old wedding cards and cardboard boxes. The students of class IX interacted with the students of GMS Parwah.

The vibrant day gleamed with cheerful smiles of the students expressing their happiness and gratitude.

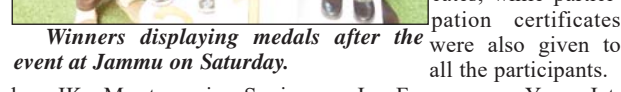
Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana appreciated the enthusiasm of the children and motivated them to kindle the light of knowledge by reading books.

The activities were conducted in presence of Kirti Gupta, Master GMS Parwah and staff members of GMS Parwah. The program culminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

## JK Montessorie holds Annual Sports Fest

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: An Annual School Sports Fest was hosted



Winners displaying medals after the event at Jammu on Saturday.

the students for their overall development. The Sports Fest was presided over by Apurv Gupta , Head of Operations accompanied by Aarti Gupta ,Vice Principal of the School.

The program commenced with a Yoga item in which the students displayed some asanas. The results were declared after a nail biting competition among the participants.

All the winners were awarded with medals and certificates, while participation certificates were also given to all the participants.

In Frog race: Yug -1st, Saryansh-2nd and Kyna-3rd, in lemon and spoon race: Aditi-1st, Vyom -2nd and Aadhy-3rd, and in bean bag race: Harinsh-1st, Mannat -2nd and Rohini-3rd .



A toddler being awarded a medal by dignitaries at Sainik Colony on Saturday.

## Impression World Preschool holds Annual Sports Day

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 25: The Annual Sports Day of Impression World Preschool Sainik Colony was conducted with an uncommon élan at Major Nain Singh Park, here today.

The motto of the event was 'A race is not about competing. It is about completing.' The celebrations for the tiny tots began with freeze dance followed by different categories of sports.

The Preschoolers displayed a grounded spirit on the ground with games such as cleaning the city, pickup the fruits and transport race. The nursery students attempted sports like lock and key, colouring colour race and build the tower, while Junior KG toddlers participated in sports like fill the bottles and plant me

and senior KG buds demonstrated their drill at Hula Hoop race.

"After a two year hiatus due to the Covid, we are happy that life is becoming normal. This is also a spirited time for the smaller ones who abstained from schooling for two years. This sports event will definitely give them a boost to brave newer challenges of life," said School Principal, Shivani Sharma.

The chief guest of the event was Narender Singh, Health and Sanitation chairman and Shihan Umesh Rekhi, general secretary, North India Karate Association.

The sports meet also had a category for parents and siblings. The chief guest awarded medals to all the toddlers whereas in siblings and parents competition, only winners got the trophy.

## I was considered as failed captain for not winning an ICC trophy: Virat Kohli

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Feb 25: Former India skipper Virat Kohli says he was labelled a "failed" captain by a section of experts and fans for not winning an ICC trophy.

Under Kohli's captaincy, India failed to win the 2017 Champions Trophy, the 2019 World Cup, the 2021 World Test Championship final against New Zealand, besides suffering a premature exit from the 2021 T20 World Cup in the UAE.

But Kohli said a lot was made out of the losses, given that he was part of the 2011 World Cup-winning side, the 2013 Champions Trophy-winning unit under MS Dhoni and also a member of the team that won five Test maces.

Asked if he ever felt the pinch of not lifting an ICC trophy while leading the side, Kohli said, "Look you play to win tournaments. A lot was made of it (not lifting an ICC trophy as skipper). I captained in the 2017 Champions Trophy, I captained the 2019 World Cup side, I captained India in the (inaugural) World Test Championship final.

"So, after three ICC tournaments... We lost the last (2021) T20 World Cup. We didn't qualify. We reached the finals of 2017 Champions Trophy, semifinals of the (2019) World Cup, final of (World) Test Championship, and I was considered as a failed captain."

Kohli was speaking at the Season 2 of the RCB Podcast. The former captain said he prided himself for the "cultural changes" he was able to bring into the team.

"I never judged myself from that point of view (defeats in ICC tournaments). What we ended up achieving as a team and as a cultural change for me, that's always going to be a matter of pride because a tournament happens for a certain peri-

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