

Golf: PGTI Kashmir Masters to tee-off at Royal Springs today

Jyoti Randhawa, Rashid Khan among top contenders

Srinagar, July 8: The PGTI Kashmir Masters organized by Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the official sanctioning body of professional golf in India, will start at world famous Royal Springs Golf Course here on Wednesday.

A handout issued by the organizers said the tournament, the third of seven Super Series events scheduled in 2014, carries an attractive prize purse of Rs. 50 lakh. The Pro-Am event will be played on July 13.

As per the handout, the tournament will feature a galaxy of Indian stars such as former Asia no. 1 Jyoti Randhawa, reigning Rolex Rankings champion Rashid Khan and Asian Tour regulars SSP Chowrasia, Himmat Singh Rai, Rahil Gangjee and Chiragh Kumar. The other leading Indian golfers in the field include Shamim Khan, Mukesh Kumar, Chikkarangappa and Shubhankar Sharma, to name a few.

The foreign challenge will be led by Sri Lankan Mithun Perera, who is currently ranked second in the Rolex Rankings. The other top foreign profes-



sionals in the field are Sri Lankans K Prabakaran, N Thangaraja, Australian Kunal Bhasin, Shivaram Shrestha of Nepal and Bangladesh's Md Zamal Hos-sain Mollah.

The tournament will also feature six professionals and five amateurs from the host state. The professionals are Bhawani Singh Parmar, Showkat Maqbool Pandow, Fayaz Ahmed Langoo, Shabir Pandow, Rafiq Pandow and Raghav Wahi. The four local amateurs are Majid Khan, Sanjeev Singh, Zubair Hasan Zargar, Naseer Kachroo and Sanjay Wahi.

Seven events will be staged as part of the PGTI Super Series in 2014 with a total

prize purse of Rs. 4.5 crore. Points are allocated for each event of the Super Series. The player with the highest points at the end of the seven Super Series events stands to earn a bonus of Rs. 30 lakh. Shubhankar Sharma, the winner of the season's second Super Series event, currently leads the Super Series points table with 1115 points. Anirban Lahiri is in second place with 968.5 points followed by Rahil Gangjee in third place at 686.3 points.

On holding of the event, Danish Aman, Director, Kashmir Events Organization (KEO) said, "I feel that professional golf is the best way to exhibit the fabulous golf courses we have in Kashmir

I played here before turning professional: Randhawa

Srinagar, July 8: One of India's top golfers, Jyoti Randhawa, who arrived in the Kashmir valley a week prior to the Pahalgam event, expressed delight on getting yet another opportunity to play golf in the picturesque valley.

"I'm delighted to be back in Jammu & Kashmir for the tournament. I have very fond memories of playing golf in the state. I played a lot of golf in places such

as Jammu, Gulmarg and Nagrota, before turning professional. I also won the last professional tournament held in J&K 10 years back", he said.

"The hills in the backdrop and the pine trees that line the fairways, lend the Royal Springs Golf Course a distinct character. This magnificent venue will help promote Jammu & Kashmir as a golfing destination," added Jyoti a former Asian No 1 golfer.

and I am sure that these tournaments will go a long way in promoting Kashmir as a major Golfing destination in the country."

Announcing the event, Padamjit Sandhu, Director, PGTI, said, "We are delighted to bring men's professional

golf back to Srinagar after a 10-year hiatus. The magnificent Royal Springs Golf Course is set to witness an exhilarating week of golf as a highly-competitive field vies for the handsome prize purse of Rs. 50 lakh and vital Super Series points".

Fletcher wants Dravid to rebuild Team India

New Dehi, July 8: Chief coach Duncan Fletcher wants a longer role for Rahul Dravid for Team India. This is the first time, an overseas coach has welcomed an Indian great in the dressing room and it was on Fletcher's invitation that Dravid agreed to play the role of a mentor till the start of the first Test against England from July 9. And as India aim to build a new generation side, Fletcher wants a longer role for the former Indian Test skipper.

On an invitation from the Team India management, Rahul Dravid agreed to be part of the dressing room till up to the first Test starting in Nottingham on July 9. Duncan Fletcher now wants a longer role for the former Indian Test skipper.



Speaking to the BCCI website (www.bcci.tv), Fletcher said: "Rahul can play a role right through. His approach and his character is so good. I've really enjoyed talking cricket with Rahul. I really rated him and wanted him back in the side for some time now. We've had some chats since he got here and discussed various ideas and possibilities. What I also like about him is that he can relate to the players culturally. Also, if a player gets the same message from more than one person, he is going to be more convinced about it."

Dravid was invited to by the team management to address a young side, many

of whom would be playing a Test series in England for the first time in their careers. Having lost the 2011 series in England 4-0, India are taking every precaution to look the hosts in the eye. India are without a VVS Laxman, Sachin Tendulkar and Dravid this time and much of the responsibility will lie on Virat Kohli and skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Dravid was the only one who stood amid the 2011 ruins.

During this transition period, Fletcher feels Dravid's role was crucial. "Fortunately for me, I went through a similar phase with England where the older players were left out or

retired and a whole new generation of cricketers came in. The major difference is that with the older ones you just sit back and let them come to you. No matter how good and experienced one is, bad habits sometimes creep in and you've got to help them get rid of those small bad habits without being too overbearing.

"The younger players are a bit reluctant because they don't understand their game fully. So, you've got to go to them and talk to them. However, you have to make sure you send the message very clearly because otherwise they can get confused and start making their game more difficult.

Following criticism, DCL reverts 'icon-player' cap

Srinagar, July 8: After facing criticism from some of its franchisees, the management of the Downtown Champions League T20 has rolled back some of the recently made decisions that include raising the cap for icon players cap to one player per franchisee.

As per a statement issued here, the DCL managing body held a meeting of its organizing committee and team owners on Monday in which several decisions were made.

"Each franchise can have only one Icon player and rest of the 15 players are to be taken in bidding. The maximum bidding price for any icon player can't exceed beyond Rs 25000. KDCL-T20

2014 edition will only feature players from Jammu and Kashmir," the statement said.

"All players who had not played in the inaugural edition of KDCL for one or other reason will feature now in the second edition," it further said.

The meeting was held following the criticism by some of the franchisee owners regarding certain decision made which included the player cap.

"It was a wrong decision taken by the management without consulting us. We don't have too many high caliber players in the State and there was no logic behind raising icon player cap to four

for each franchisee. The event concept should be to give level platform to each team to raise the standard of the event," said one of the team owners.

"It was also wrong to allow outside players to take part in the league that is meant for promotion of Cricket in JK and to give platform to our youth. When we allow outside State players to play in the event how will our youngsters get a chance to play," he said.

Meanwhile DCL T20 statement further said that the league is likely to start after Eid and the bidding for players would be held in first week of August.

Islamia College Sports Festival Inter-group badminton tourney begins

Srinagar, July 8: As part of the Sports Festival organized by Islamia College of Science & Commerce, the Inter-Group Badminton tournament was inaugurated at college playground here on Tuesday. The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Muhammad Aslam Baba. The first match of the tournament was played between ICS Blues and ICS Oranges in which ICS Oranges defeated Blues by 2-1 set

In the second match, ICS Whites defeated ICS Greens by 2-1. In the semi-finals ICS Oranges will clash with ICS Reds and ICS Greens will clash ICS Yellows on Wednesday.

JK to host 27th Atya Patya National c'ship

Srinagar, July 8: J&K state is all set to host the 27th edition of the Junior National Atya Patya Championship at GGM Science College Jammu from August 3 to 5.

As per a handout, the event would be organized by Jammu & Kashmir Atya Patya Association in

which around 550 players and 100 officials are going to participate, representing various States of the Country.

Giving details, Senior Vice-President of the Association, Wasim Raja said that Association has made all the arrangements and the event

is set to turn out as huge success.

About Atya Patya as a sport he said, "Atya patya is a traditional Indian sport played nine to a side, between two sides. It is more popular in rural areas of India. It is more commonly played in Maharashtra.

The Sport is recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, Indian Olympic Association, School Games Federation of India, and Association of Indian Universities".

He said the event will be fully sponsored by J&K State Sports Council

Botham tips England to beat India

London, July 8: The legendary England allrounder Ian Botham has tipped Alastair Cook's side to beat India by a 3-1 or a 2-0 margin in the upcoming five-match Investec Test series.

The war of words is on. Despite England's on and off field struggles, Botham feels that The Three Lions will exploit the weaknesses in the touring side to beat them evens. "It's got to be an England win for me," Ian Botham was quoted as saying in his special feature Beefy Bets onskysports.com. "India's batting is very strong but it's their bowling department where they are weak. "They (England) aren't playing well but I think India's bowlers will struggle and with home advantage England will have the edge."

JKFA women's football tourney kicks-off

Srinagar, July 8: The women's football tournament organized by J&K Football Association (JKFA) kicked-off at Women's College MA Road here on Tuesday.

In the opening match, Govt HS School Chanpora defeated New Convent HS School Goajbagh by 2 goals to nil. Intika scored both the goals for the winning side.

In the second match, Govt Girls HS School Kothibagh defeated New Convent HS School Barzulla 2-0. Khushboo and Afreen scored one goal each for the winners.

Meanwhile, Govt HS School, Kothibagh defeated



Govt. H.S School Chanapora by 2-1 in the third match of the day. For Kothi Bagh, Intika and Dua scored one goal each while as for HSS Chanpora Saima was the scorer.

In the fourth match,

Women's College, Srinagar defeated Green Valley Educational Institute, Elahibagh by 7 goals to nil. For winning team, Bushra scored four goals while as Shahnaz scored two and Rehan one.

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Objections with regard to Candidates to be considered provisionally for Admission to Medical Courses-2014
Notification No. 68-BOPEE of 2014 Dated: 08-07-2014

This is for the information of all the interested candidates that the list of the candidates counselled from 3rd July to 8th of July, 2014 for admission to MBBS, BDS (Govt./ Private) courses will be available on the official website of BOPEE i.e www.jakbopee.org at 12 : 00 noon on 9th of July, 2014 for objections, if any, of the candidates claiming higher merit/right than the enlisted candidates. The objections, if any, must reach BOPEE office Srinagar/ Jammu by or before 4:00 P.M 10th of July, 2014, if any representation is received by the Board that will be addressed and thereafter a Provisional selection list of the candidates shall be notified and forwarded to the concerned colleges.

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Subject: Common Entrance Test-2014 Counselling Schedule For admission in Engineering Courses.

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to the Common Entrance Test-2014 Counselling Schedule For admission in Engineering Courses **Notification No. 66-BOPEE of 2014 Dated: 03-07-2014**, please read "Engineering Courses" in place of "Medical Courses" in the first paragraph of the notification.
Further the **Annexure-A (ENGINEERING COURSES)** may be read as under:

S.No.	Date	Rank (Range)	Likely For Recommendation of Admission to: (as per availability of seat)
1	11-07-2014	1 to 80 (Open Merit Candidates) & 84 to 2099 (Only Reserved Category Candidates including TFW (Rank 86-425) as given in Annexure-I on the BOPEE Website)	Engineering Course in GCET, Jammu
2	12-07-2014	81 to 300 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range	Engineering Course in Private Engineering Colleges or in GCET, Jammu, if any available at the time of counselling
3	13-07-2014	301 to 550 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range	
4	14-07-2014	551 to 850 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range	
5	15-07-2014	851 to 1200 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range	
6	16-07-2014	1201 to 1550 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range	
7	17-07-2014	1551 to 1950 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range as given in Annexure-II on the BOPEE Website	
8	18-07-2014	1951 to 2400 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range as given in Annexure-II on the BOPEE Website	
9	19-07-2014	2401 to 2900 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates in the rank range as given in Annexure-II on the BOPEE Website	
10	20-07-2014	2901 to 3400 (OM & Category) including TFW candidates (Rank 3731-5252) given in Annexure-II on the BOPEE Website	

Note: The admission process for candidates who shall be allotted discipline in Private Engineering Colleges shall take place on spot at BOPEE office Jammu. Therefore, candidates attending the above counselling are advised to come prepared in order to full fill all the formalities like college admission fee, all certificates in original including **Marks Card of 12th class**, photographs etc. for the admission on spot.

College Authorities are requested to depute their representatives to the BOPEE office Jammu during the above counselling period in order to ensure smooth admission process of the candidates recommended for admission at the BOPEE office Jammu.

These Candidates can find their ranks from BOPEE official website www.jakbopee.org/www.jakbopee.net. Candidates are also advised to keep themselves updated regularly with the information like updated seat matrix etc. given on the official website regarding the counselling and admission process.

The candidates (including TFW candidates) have been called for counselling in excess to actual number of seats. The counselling of these candidates will come to an end once all seats are exhausted.

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