

Rohit to lead against NZ in T20Is, Kohli rested, Hardik axed; rookies Venkatesh, Harshal get in

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NEW DELHI: Rohit Sharma was on Tuesday officially anointed India's new T20 captain replacing Virat Kohli, who has been rested from the three-match series against New Zealand starting November 17 in Jaipur.

The new-look team also has IPL's highest run-getter Ruturaj Gaikwad and top wicket-taker Harshal Patel in the squad of 16 along with Venkatesh Iyer, who is seen as a potential all-round replacement for the injury-ravaged Hardik Pandya.

Pandya has been dropped from the squad after failing to make an impact during the T20 World Cup. Ruturaj



has already played for India in the Sri Lanka series.

Senior leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal rightfully got his place in the squad back while Mohammed Siraj, who has played a few T20Is in the past, is also in the mix.

Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel and Deepak Chahar, who were in the T20 World Cup reserves are now in the main squad.

Rohit's appointment was a formality and KL Rahul will be his new deputy in shortest format.

Pacers Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and spinner Ravindra Jadeja have also been given much-needed rest for the short series.

However, Pandya, who didn't actually provide an honest picture of his fitness status has been dropped from the squad.

India's T20I squad: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (Vice-Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Venkatesh Iyer, Yuzvendra Chahal, R Ashwin, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Harshal Patel, Mohd. Siraj.

Athletics selection trials by DYSS held at Miran Sahib



Young boy completing in long jump event during selection trials of Miran Sahib Zone at Simbal in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), the Zonal level inter-school selection trials in the discipline of Athletics started on

Tuesday at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Simbal grounds, here.

The selection process got underway on the directions of district (DYSS) officer,

Sukhdev Raj Sharma and supervised by Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Rakesh Kakar.

The trials started soon after visiting Special Guest, Koushal Sharma addressed the young over 50 school going athletes from the Miran Sahib Zone.

Among those present were Rajinder Kour, Naresh Kumar, Assa Singh and Gurmeet Singh.

The trials are being conducted by the technical panel including Amolak Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Anita Kour, Raghuandan, Koushal Sharma, Nandani, Ambika, Sunny and Saveta Sharma.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy: Jharkhand beats J&K by 5 wickets

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VADODARA: Jammu and Kashmir senior team failed to qualify for knockout stage after securing only one win in all of its five group matches in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. In fifth and last league match, Jammu and Kashmir team lost to Jharkhand by five wickets in the match played at Reliance Stadium Vadodara on Tuesday. As per reporter reaching here, earlier batting first after winning the toss, Jammu and Kashmir posted a total of 156 for the loss of six wickets. Openers Qamran Iqbal and Jatin Wadhwan made good partnership of 67 runs for the first wicket. Qamran was first to go, who was caught by Vikash Singh in the Utkarsh Singh's over after making 37 runs off 30 ball studded with two boundaries and two sixes. Qamran was soon followed by Sammad (17 runs of 13 balls, 1x6), Jatin Wadhwan (45 runs off 41 balls, 5x4) and Ian Dev Singh (10 runs off 9 balls, 1x6). Skipper Shubham Pundhir scored unbeaten 26 runs off 12 balls with the help of three boundaries and a six to take his team to a total of 156 runs.

Setting out to chase the target, Jharkhand after losing Utkarsh Singh early saw a partnership of 43 runs between Ishank Jaggi and skipper Surabh Tiwary.

As the two batters got out within a gap of 20 runs, giving some sort of relief to Jammu and Kashmir, in came Virat Singh and Kushal Singh who crafted a partnership of 58 runs to inch closer to the target. However, it was Ankul Roy and Pankaj Kumar duo which sealed the victory for their team with a few lusty blows towards the end. The Elite, Group C, is topped by Rajasthan with a single win out of five matches while Jammu and Kashmir with a single win has finished bottom of the table.

Kashmiri Pandit Premier League to start in Jammu on Dec 5

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JAMMU: Jammu is set to host the second season of Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL) from December 5 with an aim to help youngsters wean away from drugs and keep them fit, organisers said here Tuesday. The organisers urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh to help make the cricket tournament a success. "We are organising KPPL season-2 cricket tournament in the winter capital of Jammu from December 5, KPPL organising committee president Sahlil Pandita told reporters. He said 16 teams, including three from outside the union territory, will participate in the tournament to be organised on league basis at KC cricket ground here. He further said the main aim of the

tournament is to bring out talent among the displaced community, keep their youth away from drug menace and keep them healthy and fit during the ongoing pandemic.

The tournament will be organised by Rising Athletes of Jagti and Iqwaat. Organiser Akshay Garoo, who belongs to the biggest Kashmiri migrant camp with a population of over 22,000 people, urged the government to help the KPPL with financial, infrastructural and other food support. "We urge LG Manoj Sinha, DGP Dilbag Singh and sports council to help us organising better tournament to carry forward the message of anti-drug addiction and bringing out talent to the fore, he added.

She has obtained a top score of 700/720 in this National Level Examination and All India Rank-131 in open merit.

This kind of result has been obtained for the first time in history of District Samba.

She was felicitated on Tuesday by Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Union Health Minister, former Chief Minister of J&K and former Leader of Opposition Rajya Sabha.

Speaking on the occasion, Ghulam Nabi Azad congratulated the entire team of MV International School and parents of the child for working in coordination to help the child attain this rare achievement for herself and District

Samba.

He felicitated Dishika with bouquet and memento and motivated her to remain focused to achieve greater success in future.

The programme was attended by Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman MV International School, Gourav Abrol, Director and School Principal Kundan Lal Dogra along with the parents of the child Dr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta and Dr. Puneet Gupta and staff of the school.

Dishika Mahajan is the grand-daughter of renowned, retired officer of Jammu Municipality Jagdish Chander Gupta.

During the two day event, more than 60 boys and girls will be trained and short listed Athletes will get a chance to represent the UT team of J&K in forthcoming national Ice stock championship supposed to be held at Gulmarg ice ring from January 15 to 17, 2022.

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