



Mansukh, Satish lead 'Sundays on Cycle' in Srinagar; promote fitness, sustainability, Viksit Bharat Vision



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Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, along with Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Information Technology, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma today participated in the "Sundays on Cycle - Special Edition (Chintan Shivir

2026)" event held in Srinagar, reaffirming the government's commitment towards promoting fitness, environmental sustainability and a healthier lifestyle among the citizens.

The cycling event, organised as part of the ongoing Chintan Shivir activities, witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth, sports enthusiasts, government officials and members of civil society.

The rally commenced

from the Police Golf Course and culminated at the Royal Spring Golf Course, symbolising a collective resolve towards building a fit, active and progressive society.

Addressing the participants, the dignitaries highlighted the significance of initiatives like "Sundays on Cycle" in nurturing a culture of fitness and environmental responsibility. They emphasised that cycling not only enhances the physical well-being but also con-

tributes significantly towards reducing the carbon emissions and promoting sustainable living practices.

The Ministers further stated that the government is focused on strengthening the sports infrastructure and encouraging widespread participation in physical activities, particularly among the youth in rural and border areas. They reiterated that such initiatives are aligned with the broader vision of "Viksit Bharat," aimed at nurturing a healthy and vibrant population.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Satish Sharma also interacted with the participants and lauded their enthusiasm and commitment towards adopting a healthy lifestyle.

They urged the citizens to incorporate cycling into their daily routines and play an active role in ensuring a cleaner and greener environment.

The event concluded with participants taking a renewed pledge to embrace fitness and contribute meaningfully towards nation-building through sustainable practices.

FICCI JK hosts Grand Magnolia Cup at Jammu Tawi Golf Course



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FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter, in collaboration with the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Jammu Tourism, and the Jammu Tawi Golf Course, successfully organised The Magnolia Cup—a vibrant and inclusive golf tournament—on Sunday, 26 April 2026, at the picturesque Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

The event brought together over 100 participants from diverse backgrounds, including entrepreneurs, professionals, members of the business community, sportspersons, armed forces personnel, and golf enthusiasts. The tournament offered a perfect blend of spirited competition, meaningful networking, and community engagement.

The event was graced by Shri Satish Sharma,

Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, as the Chief Guest, who lauded the initiative as a progressive step towards positioning Jammu as a hub for sports and business tourism. The Guest of Honour, Shri Vikram Jeet Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, also appreciated the efforts of FLO JKL in conceptualising and executing such a purposeful and impactful initiative.

FLO JKL extended its heartfelt gratitude to Shri Arun Manhas, Director Industries & Commerce; Shri Aijaz Qaisar, Joint Director Tourism; and Shri Manav Gupta, Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, for their gracious presence during the ceremonial Tee-Off of the tournament.

The Magnolia Cup featured an engaging Scramble format for professionals and a Putting segment for amateurs, fostering teamwork, inclusivity, and a relaxed yet competitive spirit. Beyond the game, the event

served as a dynamic platform for building connections, exchanging ideas, and strengthening professional and social bonds.

The Overall Winning Team comprised Mr. Showkat Maqbool, Mr. Parikshit Bishnoi, Mr. Rajesh Prabhakar, and Mr. Col. Malakay, who delivered an outstanding performance on the course. In the Putting Competition, Ms. Wadhana Khan emerged as the Overall Winner. Winners were also recognised across various categories, including Straight Drive, Longest Drive, Nearest to Pin, and Bulls Eye, adding to the excitement and competitive spirit of the tournament.

At its core, the Magnolia Cup is driven by a larger vision—to support the establishment of a skilling centre aimed at empowering women in the region to become self-reliant and financially independent. The initiative aspires to leverage sports as a catalyst for social

change and community development.

Chairperson Varsha Bansal shared, "The Magnolia Cup was envisioned as more than just a sporting event—it is a platform to showcase Jammu as a promising sports-tourism destination while fostering business networking and community engagement. Most importantly, it reflects our commitment to creating a lasting and meaningful impact for women and society at large."

The day concluded with an elegant gala networking dinner, featuring live music and engaging interactions, followed by a lively prize distribution ceremony where winners were felicitated with trophies and special mementos.

The event also witnessed the enthusiastic presence and support of the FLO JKL Core Team and Past Chairpersons, whose collective efforts contributed significantly to the grand success of the Magnolia Cup.

DG YSS inaugurates 'Leagues of Classics' UT Level Football Tourney at Srinagar

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Directorate of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S) today marked a momentous chapter in the UT's sporting history with the inaugural ceremony of the "Leagues of Classics" Inter-District UT Level Football Tournament at the iconic Polo Ground, here.

The event was graced by Anuradha Gupta, Director General, Youth Services and Sports, who officially kicked off the competition amidst great fanfare and athletic fervor.

While addressing a gathering of athletes and sports enthusiasts, the Director General articulated a visionary roadmap for the youth, noting that the "Leagues of Classics" is a dedicated platform designed to bridge the gap between students and non-students across all 20 districts of the UT. She emphasized that the Department is committed to creating an ecosystem where every young individual, regardless of their academic status, finds a home on the playing field.

The Director General delivered a powerful message regarding the transformative power of sports in na-



tion-building and character development. "Our mission transcends the boundaries of the scoreboard; we are here to build a resilient generation that chooses the sweat of the stadium over the shadows of addiction. By bringing the Leagues of Classics to every Zone and district, we are not just playing a game, we are launching a movement to reclaim our youth from the clutches of drug abuse and social isolation."

This tournament is a clear example of our belief that a ball at the feet of a youngster is the most potent tool we

have to craft a future defined by health, discipline, and integrity," stated Anuradha Gupta.

She further highlighted that the Department's momentum is in full swing, with UT-level competitions for Cricket and Volleyball also underway and scheduled to reach their crescendo in the coming days.

The participants have arrived from Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Budgam, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Kupwara, Pulwama, Srinagar, Doda, Jammu, Kathua, Kishtwar, Poonch,

Rajouri, Ramban and Samba.

Earlier, the welcome address was presented by the District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Srinagar, Ghulam Hassan Lone, who expressed profound appreciation for the innovative and "out-of-the-box" initiatives spearheaded by the Directorate under the leadership of Anuradha Gupta. He underscored that such large-scale engagements serve as a vital mechanism for the Government to effectively curb the drug menace by keeping the youth constructively occupied. In a significant highlight of the day, the Director General administered the "Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan" pledge to the participants and spectators, reinforcing a collective commitment to a drug-free society.

Later, the Director General interacted with the teams participating in the inaugural match, encouraging them to play with the spirit of true sportsmanship.

The "Leagues of Classics" tournament, hosted by the District Youth Services and Sports Office Srinagar, will continue over the next few days.

TUC 2026: Indian women beat Ukraine 4-1 to stay alive

COPENHAGEN [DENMARK], APRIL 26 (ANI): The young Indian women's team registered their first win of the Thomas & Uber Cup 2026 by defeating European Championships bronze medallist Ukraine 4-1 in their second Group A clash in Horsens, Denmark, on Sunday.

The team opted to rest former world champion PV Sindhu in singles and gave an opportunity to 2026 Thailand Masters champion Devika Sihag in the third singles.

Unnati Hooda began the proceedings for India with a 21-19, 22-20 win over Polina Buhrova before ju-



nior world championships silver medallist Tanvi Sharma doubled the lead by beating Yevheniia Kantemyr 21-12, 21-10, 21-10.

Devika then put the result beyond doubt, beating Mariia Stoliarenko 23-21, 21-13.

India's only reversal came

in the first women's doubles, where Kavipriya Selvam and Simran Singh lost 11-21, 17-21 against Buhrova and Kantemyr before Sindhu and Tanisha Crasto completed the scoreline with a 21-18, 21-15 win over Stoliarenko and Sofia Lavrova.

The women's team now faces the formidable China in their last group match on Monday and will have to beat the defending champions to have any chance of advancing to the quarterfinals.

Result:
Women: India beat Ukraine 4-1 (Unnati Hooda bt Polina Buhrova 21-19, 22-20; Tanvi Sharma bt Yevheniia Kantemyr 21-12, 21-10; Devika Sihag bt Mariia Stoliarenko 23-21, 21-13; Kavipriya Selvam/Simran Singh lost to Buhrova/Kantemyr 11-21, 17-21; Tanisha Crasto/Sindhu bt Sofia Lavrova/Stoliarenko 21-18, 21-15). (ANI)

Despite the breakthrough, the Titans did not lose momentum. Sudharsan, coming off a century in his previous outing, continued his rich vein of form. He anchored the innings with a composed

IPL: Sudharsan's 87 powers GT to comfortable 8-wicket victory over CSK

CHENNAI, APRIL 26: A fluent half-century from Sai Sudharsan, along with vital contributions from Shubman Gill and Jos Butler, guided the Gujarat Titans (GT) to a comfortable 8-wicket victory over the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) on Sunday in Chennai.<

GT displayed a clinical run-chase. Sai, Gill and Butler, GT's top three, got the job done for the visitors, getting their fourth win of the season to climb up to the fifth spot in the points table.

Titans' win with 20 balls to spare is their second biggest victory against CSK at Chepauk, only behind KKR's 59-ball win last season chasing 104.

Chasing a target of 159, Sai Sudharsan and Shubman Gill opened the innings for GT. The chase began with a flurry of boundaries as captain Gill and Sudharsan took advantage of the power play. Gill looked in sublime touch, providing a brisk start that put the CSK bowlers on the back foot immediately.

The duo took GT to 55/0 at the end of field restrictions. However, the opening stand was broken in the 7th over when Gill was stumped by Sanju Samson off the bowling of Noor Ahmad for a well-made contribution.

Despite the breakthrough, the Titans did not lose momentum. Sudharsan, coming off a century in his previous outing, continued his rich vein of form. He anchored the innings with a composed



half-century, reaching his fifty in 33 balls.

Sudharsan's ability to find the gaps and his massive sixes against the spinners, particularly Akeal Hosein, ensured that the required run rate remained comfortably below seven.

Jos Butler, batting at No 3 as a stabiliser in the middle, played a supportive role. Though he survived a dropped catch by Samson. By the 14th over, GT had surged to 121/1.

Sudharsan, in the following, slammed a massive six off Ahmed's bowling to take GT past 130 runs. In the next over, Sudharsan continued his attack as he smashed 16 runs off seamer Gurjapneet Singh.

In the following over, Akeal Hosein got the better of Sudharsan before he almost won the game for his side with an outstanding 87 runs off 46 balls. In the same over, Butler sealed the match for the visitors, smashing a six to complete the run chase with 20 balls to spare. The disciplined performance by the Titans' top order stood in stark

contrast to CSK's earlier struggle, as they navigated the slowing Chepauk surface with ease to cruise toward a vital two points in the play-off race.

Earlier in the match, CSK skipper Rituraj Gaikwad played a lone hand with a resilient unbeaten 74 as CSK managed to post a competitive 158/7 against GT.

GT won the toss and opted to bowl first. Their decision paid immediate dividends as Kagiso Rabada (3/25 in 4 overs) dismantled the CSK top order during the Powerplay.

He first dismissed Sanju Samson (11 and shortly after, removed Urvil Patel (4) in the same over, leaving CSK reeling at 25/2 in 4 overs. The middle order failed to provide the necessary impetus as Dewald Brevis was kept quiet, eventually falling to Manav Suthar (1/22 in 3 overs) for a sluggish 2 off 9 balls.

Shivam Dube provided a brief spark with a 17-ball 22 but was dismissed by Arshad Khan (2/43 in 4 overs). While wickets tumbled at the other end, Ru-

turaj Gaikwad remained the steadying force for the five-time IPL champions.

The CSK skipper hit six fours and four sixes in his 60-ball stay. He anchored the innings, reaching his half-century and then accelerating in the final overs.

He found some support from Jamie Overton, who played a late cameo of 18 from just 6 deliveries, including three boundaries and a six off Arshad Khan, which helped push the total past the 150-mark. Kartik Sharma also contributed a quick-fire 15 before becoming Rabada's third victim.

Kagiso Rabada was the standout performer for the Titans, finishing his four overs with figures of 3 for 25.

Mohammed Siraj was equally impressive with 1/23 in 4 overs. Manav Suthar (1/22) and Jason Holder (0/22 in 4 overs) also ensured the run rate didn't spiral out of control during the middle overs, though Arshad Khan proved expensive in the final stages. (ANI)