

City girl makes cut for Euro kids' championship

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Golf, says Palakshi, is her passion. "I left no stone unturned and thoroughly prepared for the Paris tournament. I was confident of achieving success, (and) the victory has further boosted my confidence," said this class-VI student of Suncity School, adding, "I am thankful to my parents and school for their wonderful support."

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Rupa Chakravarty, principal at Suncity School, spoke of Palakshi's "wonderful" ability to balance academics with her passion. Harish Singh, Palakshi's coach, said, "Palakshi has made not only me but the entire country proud." Palakshi follows a strict fitness and diet regime. The youngster trains rigorously for four days every week, at Delhi's Qutab Golf Course.

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Rupa Chakravarty, principal at Suncity School, spoke proudly of Palakshi's "wonderful" ability to balance academics with her passion. Indeed, Palakshi doesn't find it at all difficult to juggle education and golf. She follows a strict fitness regime and takes care of her diet. For four days every week, at Delhi's Qutab Golf Course, the youngster trains dedicatedly and rigorously.

"Palakshi has made not only me but the entire country proud. She is very hard-working and adheres to her basics. However, there is still a lot of scope for improvement and we are working on her weaknesses together," said Harish Singh, Palakshi's coach.

Just 10 years old, Palakshi already has several accolades to her credit, having earlier won the 51st Lufthansa Junior Golf Tour event, the Salwan Cup School Golf Championship, and Ace Junior Golf tournament.