

# Rahul Rohit guide India to comfortable win in 2nd T20I, help pocket series

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RANCHI: Skipper Rohit Sharma and his deputy KL Rahul stitched an enterprising century-plus opening stand to power India to a comfortable seven-wicket win over New Zealand in the second T20 International and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series here on Friday. Chasing a modest 154 under heavy dew condition the Indian captain and vice-captain started off in contrasting styles en route to their respective half-centuries.

Quiet at start, Rohit stepped up in the middle overs smashing five sixes and one four en route to his 36-ball 55.

Rahul started off in a brisk fashion, and top-scored with 65 from 49 balls with two sixes and six fours in an 117-run opening stand that virtually sealed the chase.

The Indian skipper is now



involved in the most century-plus stands (13), overtaking 12 by Babar Azam and Martin Guptill.

The duo got out in the space of 13 balls but by then India needed just 19 off 27 balls and Rishabh Pant sealed the issue with a straight six over Jimmy Neesham's head in the 18th over to take India home with 16 balls to spare.

The third and final T20I is scheduled to be played at the iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Sunday.

Rahul made his aggressive intent clear from the onset and raced to 15 off 12 balls before his captain could face a delivery.

Rahul was middling the ball beautifully and played the role of the aggressor, while Rohit was happy to bide his time in the middle giving India a sedate and sensible start.

There was a brief lull in the middle with 23 balls without a boundary before Rohit suddenly switched gears just before the halfway mark.

Scoring just 16 off 18 balls,

Rohit decided to take on left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner and hit him for two sixes in the mid-wicket and long-on region in an over that yielded 16 runs.

## SCORE BOARD

### NEW ZEALAND INNINGS

Martin Guptill c †Pant b Chahar	31
Daryl Mitchell c Yadav b HV Patel	31
Mark Chapman c Rahul b AR Patel	21
Glenn Phillips c sub (RD Gaikwad) b HV Patel	34
Tim Seifert † c Kumar b Ashwin	13
James Neesham c †Pant b Kumar	03
Mitchell Santner not out	08
Adam Milne not out	05
<b>Extras</b>	07
<b>Total</b>	153/6

### INDIA INNINGS

KL Rahul c Phillips b Southee	65
Rohit Sharma (c) c Guptill b Southee	55
Venkatesh Iyer not out	12
Suryakumar Yadav b Southee	01
Rishabh Pant † not out	12
<b>Extras</b>	10
<b>Total</b>	155/3

## Border Premier League T-20 Cricket Tournament concludes



Chief Guest, Rydham Singh, senior JKPC leader presenting trophy to the winner team.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Kohli Thunder XI won Border Premier League T-20 Cricket Tournament organized by NS Bedi Club and Ground Committee Gulpur at border village Gulpur, which concluded on Friday.

In the final played today, Kohli Thunder, batting first after winning the toss, made 182 runs with the help of

brilliant batting display of Harsimran Singh who smashed 46 runs off 21 balls.

In reply, Kohli Knight Rider failed to chase the target and made only 150 runs. Mohd Sohail was declared Man of the Match whereas Inderpal Singh who played good cricket during the tournament was declared Man of the Series.

In the closing ceremony, Senior leader of Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference, Er. Rydham Singh was the Chief Guest, who appreciated the efforts of organizing committee and congratulated winner and runner-up teams of the tournament.

As per organizers, total six teams of different areas participated in the tournament.

The chief guest presented a cash prize of Rs 50,000 to winner team and Rs 25,000 to runner-up team.

Rydham Singh expressed his well wishes for the winner and runner-up teams of the tournament and said, "Such tournaments teach manners to youth".

Organizing committee thanks to Sarla Bn Commanding Officer for providing his support.

## NIFF alleges outsiders in J&K Women Football team

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National and International Footballers' Forum (NIFF) today alleged inclusion of outside J&K girls by the J&K Football Association (JKFA) in the Union Territory team for the upcoming National Senior Women's Football

Championship starting from November 28 at Kozhikode, Kannur and Malappuram in South Indian state of Kerala. "It has come to our notice that one of the female coaches, who work outside J&K, has invited girls from Haryana to be part of the J&K senior team. This has been with the consent of JKFA without looking at the future of our own players.

Already lacking in encouragement, such acts on part of the JKFA further demoralise the women footballers in J&K," said advisor of NIFF and veteran footballer, Ramesh

Chander in a statement issued here.

"We are going to take this issue with the higher authority in the sports administration of J&K and will not allow anybody to spoil the future of local budding talent," added Ramesh.

The league-cum-knockout National event will feature 32 teams divided into eight groups with the winner of each group moving to the quarterfinals which will mark the start of the knockout stage.

Matches are scheduled to be held at four venues of Municipal Stadium (Kuthuparamba in Kannur), EMS Corporation Stadium and Calicut Medical College (both Kozhikode) and Calicut University stadium (Thenipalam in Malappuram) while EMS Corporation Stadium shall also host the semifinals and final.

The groupings:

**Group A:** Manipur, Daman & Diu, Puducherry, Meghalaya.

**Group B:** Railways, Chhattisgarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Tripura.

**Group C:** Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Rajasthan, Bihar.

**Group D:** Jharkhand, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka.

**Group E:** Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim, Maharashtra.

**Group F:** Odisha, Haryana, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh.

**Group G:** Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, Mizoram, Uttarakhand.

**Group H:** Tamil Nadu, Punjab, West Bengal, Telangana.

**Dates:** Group matches (November 28 to December 3). Quarterfinals (all on December 5), Semifinals (on December 7). Final (December 9).

## Shaheed Manjeet Singh Club Poonch lifts Volleyball trophy



Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Volleyball Club Poonch team posing with its Chairman.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Defeating Menderh Volleyball Club in the summit clash, Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Volleyball Club, Poonch lifted the title trophy of the Volleyball Championship organized by 93 Inf. Brigade under Operation Sadhbhava at Sports Stadium, here.

In the final match, Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Volleyball Club Poonch defeated Menderh Volleyball Club by 2-1 (25-19, 22-25,

15-11).

The closing ceremony was

attended by large number of

local people and sports lovers

drawn from different parts of

the district.

On the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Poonch, Dr Basharat Hussain was chief guest while Colonel P Santal Kumar was guest of honour.

They gave away cash reward of Rs 20,000 and Rs 10,000 to winner and runner-up team respectively.

## Maharishi Prashar Yog Sansthan celebrates National Naturopathy Day



Maharishi Prashar Yog Sansthan members honouring the dignitaries.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Maharishi Prashar Yog Sansthan celebrated the National Naturopathy Day on September 18, 2021 in which the renowned personalities participated.

was the Guest of Honour, Vijay Prashar, the Founder of the Sansthan gave a detailed statement making the audience aware about the Naturopathy cure.

Director of the Sansthan and Chief Medical Officer Dr Rekha Malhotra gave important awareness about the Naturopathy treatment. The speakers assured full cooperation to the Sansthan.

## National Integration Day pledge administered at GGM Science College

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan observed National Integration Day with the oath at 11:00 AM in the oval garden in the college campus.

The pledge reads, "I solemnly pledge to work with dedication to preserve and strengthen the freedom and integrity of the nation. I further affirm that I shall never resort to violence and that I will continue to endeavour towards settlement of all differences and disputes relating to religion, language, region or other political or economic grievances by

peaceful and constitutional means."

About 50 volunteers took pledge along with NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan.

The purpose behind celebrating this day is to preserve in the minds of the people, the beauty of unity in diversity in the socio-cultural

## Withdrawal of cases, relief to NoKs of deceased farmers should follow farm laws' repeal: Bunty



Chairman SHF, Surinder Singh Bunty talking to reporters.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chairman, Sikhs for Humanity Foundation (SHF), Surinder Singh Bunty on Friday demanded that repeal of three 'draconian' farm laws should be followed by dropping of baseless cases lodged against farmers over 26th January 'episode' and adequate compensation to NoKs of deceased farmers who lost their lives for the cause of tilling community.

Addressing a presser here, the representative of aforesaid social organization hailed Government of India for decision to rectify the colossal mistake committed by those at the helm by bringing a legislation which

made it clear that the government has admitted its mistake and now it should compensate those families which saw deaths and destruction due to agitation against farm laws, which were forced upon them by the Government. Bunty said that ruling party gave a political tinge to this issue to get electoral mileage but the things boomeranged and the outcome is before people and the aforesaid party has to backpedal. "This surely is the defeat of anti-people forces and triumph of real India," he maintained adding that government should not shirk in apologizing from common masses as yearlong farmers' agitation witnessed so many lows as far as 'biased media' and lopsided political class are concerned, for which Government is solely responsible. He also demanded that without wasting even a jiffy, the Government should agree in principle to bring legislation on Minimum Support Price (MSP) as same is necessary for providing justice to farmer fraternity of country.

## SRS reiterates demand for full-fledged Duggar Channel

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shri Ram Sena (SRS) urged the Central Government to consider the long pending demand of people of Jammu region regarding an exclusive satellite channel in Dogri.

Addressing media persons here today, Rajiv Mahajan, President Shri Ram Sena, J&K termed it fortunate that after an abrogation of Article 370 still the problems of Jammu people remain the same.

"There is already the Kashir Channel doing its job in Kashmiri and Urdu language in the Valley but there is dire need for providing an exclusive satellite Channel for a very high population spread over vast areas in Jammu region and beyond in PoJ&K. The Dogri language, already in the 8th Schedule of our

Indian Constitution, is spoken widely along with Gojri, Pahari and other languages both within and across the Indo-Pak border. It is a challenging task and rightly a litmus test before the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government in Jammu and Kashmir in the present context," Mahajan added.

"It will showcase the diverse culture of this region to the whole of the world showing Jammu as an outstanding example of peaceful co-existence and it will be of crucial strategic importance to counter the false propaganda of our neighbor country for the people living on that side of LOC & LA," Mahajan added.

For the last more than one year, Centre kept

## Decision to repeal farm laws most unfortunate: KPC

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC), in meeting held under chairmanship of its President, Kundan Kashmire on Friday at New Delhi, has said that the decision of Government to repeal farm laws is most unfortunate and not in overall interest of the nation.

President KPC further said that the wrong

decision seems to have been taken under compelling situation and will definitely have a negative effect on other tough decisions taken by present dispensation besides sending a wrong

signal to enemies of the nation and anti-nationalists. The decision will also demoralize all those nationalists who were supporting these farm laws passed by the Parliament of India after observing proper process, he added. He further said that Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) and other like-minded nationalist organisations and people are not supporting this decision of the Government and urged the Prime Minister to re-think over the matter before repealing of farm laws in the interest of nation.

"This is the victory of the bravery with which the Samyukta Kisan Morecha fought for one year against these laws. More than 750 farmers were martyred and PM did not speak a word about this martyrdom," he said.

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## Farms laws repealed in view of upcoming Assembly polls: Hari Singh

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JAMMU: After Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement repealing three farm laws, District Congress Committee (DCC) President, Hari Singh Chib said that the decision has been taken in view of the upcoming Assembly polls in five states early next year. He termed Centre's announcement as "victory of Samyukta Kisan Morecha's year-old struggle."

Speaking on the sidelines of a function held here in connection with the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi organised by DCC Rural Jammu today, the senior Congress leader said that after one year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to know that people are not accepting this law.

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