India win Surya 'shines' at night but Rinku once again finishes off in style

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VISAKHAPATNAM: Skipper Suryakumar Yadav shrugged off the disappointment of a World Cup final defeat with a captain's knock but it was Rinku Singh's composure that took a young Indian team to a thrilling two-wicket victory in the opening T20 International here on Thursday.

This was India's highest successful chase in T20 Internationals.

The skipper was in belligerent mood making a mockery of a 209-run chase with 80 off just 42 balls but Rinku's 22 not off 14 balls saved India from the blushes.

India needed 14 off 12 balls after Surya departed but Axar Patel bungled big time and the likes of Ravi Bishnoi and Arshdeep Singh also were run-out in a jiffy.

With a single needed off the final delivery, Sean Abbott was deposited into the stands by Rinku but to everyone's delight, it turned out to be a big no-ball and hence the maximum wasn't counted. India thus won with a ball to

However, what stood out was Rinku's fearlessness and the sense of occasion and exe-

cution under pressure. Ishan Kishan also brushed



aside initial rustiness to smack five sixes in his 39ball-58 and was an ideal companion for his skipper in a run-chase which became easy due to a flat batting track, short boundaries and lot of dew during the second

What the 112-run stand in 10 overs between Surya and Kishan did for India was keep them at par with Australia and in the hunt for a win.

Rinku, the 'designated finisher' of T20 team, showed little nerves while lending the finishing touches with some lusty blows after Axar Patel's Tanveer Sangha, who was sent on a leather-hunt.

Sangha's leg-breaks were literally long-hops coming into left-hander and three of Kishan's five sixes were muscled in the same region but it was the hunger for a sixth six over extra cover that brought about his downfall.

His skipper, however, hit the

best six of the match when he brought about his first halfcentury with a lofted on-drive off Abbott.

Earlier, India's young bowling attack got a rude reality check as a dominant Josh Inglis smoked them to all parts of the ground with a cracking 110 off 50 balls, taking Australia to a healthy 208 for three.

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AUSTRALIA	
Steven Smith run out (Prasidh Krishna/Mukesh Kun	nar) 52
Matthew Short b Ravi Bishnoi	13
Josh Inglis c Jaiswal b Prasidh Krishna	110
Marcus Stoinis not out	07
Tim David not out	19
Extras	07
Total	208/3
INDIA	
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Smith b Short	21
Ruturaj Gaikwad run out (Ellis/†Wade)	00
Ishan Kishan†c Short b Sangha	58
Suryakumar Yadav (c) c Hardie b Behrendorff	80
Tilak Varma c Stoinis b Sangha	12
Rinku Singh not out	22
Axar Patel c & b Abbott	02
Ravi Bishnoi run out (†Wade/Abbott)	00
Arshdeep Singh run out (Smith/Abbott)	00
Mukesh Kumar not out	00
Extras	14
Total	209/8

Women's U-15 One Day Trophy

J&K's Ananya, bowlers defend modest total to register thrilling win over strong Karnataka



J&K women team in jubilant mood after winning the match

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JAMMU: Talented right-arm military medium deceptive bowler, Ananya Dogra alongwith other J&K bowlers plotted formidable Karnataka collapse, thus defended a modest total of 107 runs to script a thrilling 2-run win over their rivals in the Women's U-15 One Day Trophy at Barasat Cricket Ground, Kolkata today.

Defending a modest total of 107 runs, almost all the J&K bowlers led by Ananya Dogra bowled with disciplined line and length and hit the ball in right areas from the word go to bundle out Karnataka for 105 runs just three runs short of victory target, thus helping Jammu and Kashmir to register an exciting win by

Liyanka Shetty top scored with 28 runs, while Rachitha Hatwar and Disha Dargi

contributed 16 and 11 runs to the total respectively.

At one point of time Karnataka needed 10 runs with 2 wickets in hand, however, tricky Ananya Dogra and gritty Ridhima Rajput bowled exceptionally well at the end to bundle out Karnataka for 105 runs. Ananya Dogra was the

wrecker-in-chief for J&K, who captured 4 wickets by conceding 20 runs in 6.1 overs, while Ridhima Rajput and Ayushi Ambardar bagged 2 wickets each. Apeksha Verma Sonakshi Manhas claimed one wicket each. Earlier, batting first, J&K

scored a modest total of 107 runs in 33.1 overs. Kirti Bhau top scored with 22 runs, while Apeksha Verma and Kayinat Bakshi contributed 12 and 11 runs to the total respectively. The

dou of Alisa Jan and Reyanshu Rani contributed 10 runs each, while skipper Shambhavi Rajput and bowling all-rounder Ayushi Ambardar chipped in with 8 runs each.

For Karnataka, Lakshmi Lakkond was the pick of the bowlers, who captured 4 wickets by conceding 21 runs in her 7 overs, while R Pragya Veera and Liyanka Shetty claimed 2 wickets

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Shweta Singh Slathia as the Manager and Surekha Rani as the Co-Manager, Amit Pal Singh is the Head Coach, while the other members of the Support Staff includes Nayna (Bowling Coach), (Trainer), Sakshee (Physiotherapist) and Sheikh Suhail (Video Analyst).

Kalra, Chibber honour winners

Maharashtra emerges overall champion; J&K bags third place in Fencing

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Ladakh all set to host Digital

LEH: GovConnect and ilouge Media Private Limited, in collaboration with the IT Department of UT Ladakh, are pioneering a groundbreaking initiative in the realm of governance-the Digital Transformation Conclave and Awards

This event, slated for November 24, 2023, in Ladakh, is set to bring together a diverse assembly of thought leaders, government officials, industry experts, and technology enthusiasts to engage in insightful discussions on the evolving landscape of Digital Governance 2.0.

Digital Transformation Conclave and Awards 2023 will be by the esteemed presence and unwavering support of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh, Brig. (Dr.) BD Mishra, and Dr. Pawan Kotwal. Advisor to Governor, on the occasion. The conclave promises a day filled with captivating industry presentations, thought-provoking panel discussions, and enlightening keynote addresses delivered by both government and

industry luminaries. A key highlight of the event is Panel Discussion I, focusing on E-governance Initiatives, with the participation of government officials from

Transformation Conclave and Awards 2023 Karnataka, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh. Panel Discussion II will explore Emerging Technologies, delving into the transformative potential of Blockchain, IoT, Cloud Computing, and Zero Trust in governance.

Panel Discussion III will shed light on the role of Digital Governance in facilitating citizen-centric services and digital inclusion. The final panel will bring together industry experts and government officials to discuss navigating the Digital Horizon, transforming industries for a connected

Culminating the conclave will be the prestigious DTC Awards 2023, acknowledging outstanding contributions to digital governance. Dr. Pawan Kotwal, will preside over the felicitation ceremony, followed by a cultural show and networking dinner.

Beyond the knowledgesharing and discussions, the conclave provides ample networking oppor-

Delegates will connect with industry leaders. policymakers, and fellow enthusiasts during tea breaks and lunch. The day will conclude with a cultural show and networking dinner, fostering collaborative vibrant environment.

increasing tension in the dug-

Kishan initially had only

two runs off his first eight

deliveries but once Surya

played his customary pick-up

short off Jason Behrendorff

behind the keeper for a six,

the keeper-batter seemed to

gain some confidence as he

lofted Sean Abbott over deep

Surya lofted Abbott for a

maximum and both got going

as Kishan found his match-

mid-wicket for a huge six.

JAMMU: Maharashtra emerged overall champion in both boys and girls sections, while Haryana clinched the second spot and J&K bagged the third place in the 67th National School Games Under-19 and Girls Fencing Championship, organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, under the aegis of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Gymnasium Hall University of Jammu, here.

Ace Sports Administrator and Member Sports Council, Ranjeet Kalra was the Chief Guest in the Prize Distribution Function, which was presided over by the Director Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber in the presence of a galaxy of departmental officers.

Both these dignitaries along with other guests presented medals to the winners of various competitions and trophies to the overall champions. The other dignitaries, who accom-

and other dignitaries at Gymnasium Hall University of Jammu. panied by Suram Chand Sharma, Joint Director YSS Jammu; Jitender Mishra, Deputy Director YSS (Central); Ravi Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director (Planning); Sunil Kumar, Accounts Officer Directorate; Reyaz Ahmed, (Planning), Officer Shivnandan Singh Mankotia,

Section Officer Directorate Youth

Services and Sports J&K. Ranjeet Kalra lavished praise on the organisers for hosting this mega

event in a most befitting manner. While praising J&K Government for its commitment towards promotion of sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory, Kalra said that hosting four events in National School Games is a great

Chibber extended thanks to School Games Federation of India for its cooperation to host these games and also thanked the participating players and officials for showing sporting spirit and preserving sanctity of the games throughout the tourna-

"The Grand Opening Ceremony of these four events of National School Games in the discipline of Football, Volleyball, Judo and Fencing was held at Srinagar on October 31, 2023, wherein Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha was the Chief Guest, while the grand Closing Ceremony will be held at General Zorawar Auditorium, University of Jammu at 10.30 am tomorrow," said

Meanwhile, on day-4 today, in Foil Individual boys, Tejas Patil of Maharashtra bagged gold, Roshan Shah of Maharashtra clinched silver, while the bronze medals went to Aditya of Haryana and Shivam

In Epee Individual boys, N Anbless Gowin of Tamil Nadu played brilliantly and clinched a gold, while Devraj of Haryana bagged silver and the bronze medal in this category went to Yash Wagh of Maharashtra and Aditya Singh of

In Sabre Individual girls, Kashish Bharad of Maharashtra bagged gold, Himanshi of Haryana won silver and the bronze medal was bagged by Sharwari Gosewade of Maharashtra and Geet of Haryana.

The bouts wherein 324 fencers are vying for the top honours are being held under the supervision of Technical Director, Rashid Ahmed and Technical Manager, Ujjwal Gupta, while the Field Officer deputed by SGFI for these games observed the event in a most befiting way. The proceedings of the Prize Distribution Function was beautifully conducted by Rajesh Dhar, Lecturer in Physical Education.

Jammu Gold Cup U-19 Football begins Nov 25 LG Sinha congratulates J&K's Para Archers for incredible

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JAMMU: Nagrota Football Club shall take on Pegasus Football Academy in the opening match of the Jammu Gold Cup (U19) Football Championship, organised by Young Hero Football Club under the agois of J&K Football Association

(JKFA) and J&K Sports Council at GGM Science College grounds, here from Nov 25. "Since the fixture was in the process of making, 14 prominent clubs of the city, as also those competitive sides from Udhampur, Kathua and Poonch have confirmed their participation in this knockout competition," said chairman of the organising committee, Ashok Sharma. Last year the same club had organised the similar event for those under-17 footballers thus extending opportunities to the young talent. "Our efforts to revive the football in Jammu through such events targeting the young footballers are being supported in a big way. Family of former treasurer of JKFA, and founder member of Vikram Club, R K Kohli has sponsored the prizes for the young teams as also souvenirs and title trophies." further informed Sharma. Meanwhile. competition for women footballers has also been made part of the event. Four teams, including one each from district Poonch and Kathua have confirmed their entries to the organising committee.

achievement at Asian Championships 2023 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Champion Maharashtra U-19 girls team posing along with chief guest

 ${\rm Governor}$ JAMMU: Lieutenant Archers from the UT of J&K for their incredible achievement at Asian Para Archery Championships Bangkok.

The Lt Governor tweeted:

"What an incredible achievement! Para archers from J&K scripted history & brought glory to India by winning 6 Medals including 4 gold, 1 silver & 1 bronze at Para Asian Archery Championship, Thailand. The consistent performances of our Archers reflect hard work & perseverance.

The outstanding performances of Sheetal, Rakesh and Sarita after admirable achievement at Asian Para



Medal winner J&K members posing for a photograph

Games, exemplify true spirit of sportsmanship. This is just the beginning of a new sporting era. My best wishes to all the athletes for their future endeavours".

The Para Archers - Ms Sheetal Devi, Sh Rakesh Kumar and Ms Sarita are trained at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Sports Complex, Katra.

J&K students visit Mumbai Naval Base, Dockyard; witness maritime wonders **Contingent visits historic Gateway of India**

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MUMBAI: In a pioneering move, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched the "College on Wheels" initiative, extraordinary educational odyssey aimed at uplifting and empowering young minds hailing from various parts of the Union Territory. This innovative program, inspired by the transformative spirit of Mahatma Gandhi, has garnered praise for its commitment to fostering holistic education and

experiential learning. A contingent of enthusiastic students from the Varsities and Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir, on Day 5 of their College on Wheels odyssey on Thursday visited the Mumbai Naval Base and Naval Dockvard and got a briefing on India's naval prowess

The expedition provided the enthusiastic students an extraordinary opportunity to delve into the maritime world, with highlights including a visit to the heritage hall and up-close encounters with INS Vikrant, INS Deepak, and INS Visakhapatnam.

The students were privileged to receive detailed briefings about the intricacies of the naval vessels, gaining insight into the cuttingedge technology and historical significance that these ships embody. The immersive experience extended to exploring a submarine, adding an extra layer of fascination to the educational

sojourn. One of the standout moments was the contingents visit to the heritage hall, where they absorbed the rich naval history and its glorious ethos. The Naval Base and Dockyard, usually offlimits to the public, opened their gates to the aspiring minds, allowing them to witness firsthand the operations and infrastructure that safe-

J&K contingent visiting Mumbai Naval Base under "College on Wheels" initiative. guard the country's maritime

naval forces.

The hallmark of the day

was the first hand encounter with cutting-edge technology as the contingent toured a submarine. This experience left an indelible mark on the participants, fostering a deeper appreciation for the significance of the nation's

Following this enriching experience, the contingent transitioned to the historic Gateway of India in the heart

of Mumbai. Against the backdrop of this architectural marvel, students had the chance to absorb the city's cultural and historical significance, further enhancing their holistic learning experi-

Vice Chancellor, The University of Jammu Prof Umesh Rai, who is constantly monitoring the journey of students from Jammu, conveyed in a message, "I am sure that this trip was truly an amazing experience for our students to step into the usually restricted domains of the naval forces.

The insights gained and memories created during this visit will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on their academic and personal jour-

The contingent that visited the Naval Base, Naval Dockvard and Gateway of India comprised 780 students along with their mentors and the administrative staff from the University of

Kashmir, Cluster University Jammu, Cluster University of Kashmir, Shri Vaishno University Katra, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Kashmir, affiliated colleges of JU and KU and Cluster Innovation Centre (CIC), New Delhi. The trip to Naval Base and Naval Dockvard was organized under the supervision of Guneet Sudan, Nodal Officer III. The College on Wheels initiative aims to broaden the horizons of students by providing unique and handson learning experiences beyond the confines of traditional classrooms. This visit to the Naval Base and Dockyard exemplifies the program's commitment to fostering a curiosity-driven approach to education.

Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha flagged

"Gyanodaya Express-College on Wheels", the firstof-its-kind mobile educational endeavor, from Vaishno Devi Railway Station, Katra on November 19. The train will travel through different states, and it will be an educational pilgrimage for the students.

first-of-its-kind This mobile educational endeavor is specifically designed to empower approximately 700 girl students, breaking down traditional boundaries of classrooms and streams. The journey, spanning various states, is crafted to provide immersive, collaborative, and project-based learning experiences, reflecting the government's commitment to a progressive and inclusive education system.

Drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's historic train journey across the country, the "College on Wheels" initiative seeks to instill universal values such as Satya (Truth) and Ahimsa (Non-Violence). This endeavor is not just about academic exploration but also a journey of self-discovery for the students, offering them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse themselves in diverse cultures and gain profound insights into different aspects of life and wisdom.

In a world where transformative educational initiatives are the need of the hour, the "College on Wheels" program stands out as a shining example of the government's dedication to fostering a culture of learning and innovation. As the Gyanodaya Express continues its journey, it is expected to leave an indelible mark on the educational landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, shaping the future of young minds and inspiring similar initiatives nationwide. The government's visionary approach to education is setting a precedent for positive change and progress.