

India steamroll Sri Lanka by nine wickets to win eighth U-19 Asia Cup



■ **AGENCY**
DUBAI: India reaffirmed their supremacy in the U-19 Asia Cup with a record eighth title as they hammered Sri Lanka by nine wickets in a rain-hit summit showdown here on Friday.

The Indian bowlers were all over Sri Lanka, who were gasping at 74 for seven in 33 overs, when heavy rain lashed the Dubai International Cricket Stadium and stopped play for more than two hours.

It became a 38-over-a-side contest when play resumed with Sri Lanka limping to 106 for nine.

India were set a revised

102-run target in 38 overs via DLS method which they reached rather comfortably in 21.3 overs with opener Angkrish Raghuvanshi scoring an unbeaten 56 off 67 balls.

India's only loss in the competition came against arch-rivals Pakistan who lost to Sri Lanka in the semifinals.

The tournament provided valuable game time for the Yash Dhull-led side ahead of the U-19 World Cup, beginning in the West Indies from January 14.

After tournament's leading scorer Harnoor Singh departed cheaply in the chase, Raghuvanshi played

India have dominated Asia Cup by winning 8 of 9 tournaments	
Winners of Under-19 Asia Cup	
1989	India
2003	India
2012	India Pakistan (shared)
2013/14	India
2016	India
2017	Afghanistan
2018	India
2019	India
2021	India

sensibly alongside Shaik Rasheed (31 not out off 49) to get the job done.

The opener, who could not

make an impact in the earlier games, grew in confidence after playing a backfoot punch early on in the innings. His backfoot play was impressive against the pacers and his feet movement against the spinners was assured.

Raghuvanshi's innings comprised six boundaries.

Earlier, Sri Lanka opted to bat though early morning showers made conditions ideal for seam bowling first up.

The Indian pace duo of Rajvardhan Hangargekar and Ravi Kumar made the ball talk though the former was a tad unlucky to not get

a wicket.

Left-arm pacer Ravi got the first wicket of the match by removing Chamindu Wickramasinghe in the fourth over. The left-hander opener went for a big hoick over mid wicket but ended up mistiming it straight into the hands of Raj Bawa at third man.

Wickramasinghe's opening partner Shevon Daniel tried to pull Bawa but the ball got big on him, taking a faint edge to wicketkeeper Aaradhy Yadav to leave Sri Lanka at 15 for two in the 11th over.

India looked a far superior team. Hangargekar was the most impressive pacer in the first 10 overs, generating good pace that hurried the batters besides extracting movement off the pitch.

The Sri Lanka batters looked completely at sea against the Indian bowlers, be it fast bowlers or the spin pairing of Kaushal Tambe (2/23) and Vicky Ostwal (3/11). Both off-spinner Tambe and left-arm spinner Ostwal got the odd ball to turn sharply.

Ostwal got two in one to leave Sri Lanka in dire

straits at 57 for seven.

Southpaw Dunit Wellage attempted a slog sweep to break the shackles but ended up getting caught in the deep.

Two balls later Ranuda Somarathne missed Oswal's arm ball on the back foot, trapping him in front of the stumps.

With India set to bowl out Sri Lanka for a sub-100 total, heavy rain stopped play.

In the five overs Sri Lanka had, they managed 32 runs for the loss of two wickets.

Hangargekar got a much deserved wicket on the last ball of the innings with Raghuvanshi taking a diving catch at the square leg boundary to dismiss Matheesha Pathirana.

SCOREBOARD		
Sri Lanka Under-19s Innings		
Chamindu Wickramasinghe c Bawa b Ravi Kumar		02
Shevon Daniel c †Aaradhy Yadav b Bawa		06
Anjala Bandara † lbw b Tambe		09
Sadisha Rajapaksa c Rasheed b Ostwal		14
Pawan Pathiraja b Tambe		04
Ranuda Somarathne lbw b Ostwal		07
Dunith Wellalage (c) c Bawa b Ostwal		09
Raveen de Silva run out (Rasheed)		15
Yasiru Rodrigo not out		19
Matheesha Pathirana c Raghuvanshi b Hangargekar		17
Extras		07
Total		106/9
India Under-19s Innings (target: 102 runs from 32 overs)		
Angkrish Raghuvanshi not out		56
Harnoor Singh lbw b Rodrigo		05
Shaik Rasheed not out		31
Extras		12
Total		104/1

Director Sports reviews arrangements for preparing UT contingent for National Youth Festival

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Gazanfar Ali reviewed the arrangements for selecting and preparing the contingent of UT of Jammu and Kashmir for the prestigious National Youth Festival 2022 to be held at Puducherry from January 12 to 16, 2022 in a meeting held at his office chambers, here on Friday.

The selection and preparation process for J&K contingent will take place at Zorawar Auditorium, University of Jammu from January 1 to 6, before the contingent is flagged off for the National Youth Festival on the concluding day.

Director Sports said that various committees have been framed for smooth and successful conduct of the preparatory camp for UT of J&K contingent, adding the committees constituted include Control Room,



Director Sports Gazanfar Ali chairing meeting to review arrangements for National Youth Festival in Jammu on Friday.

Registration Committee, Ceremony Committee, Boarding & Lodging Committee, Transport Committee, Medical Committee and Press & Publicity Committee.

Earlier, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports (K), Bashir Ahmed also took stock of the arrangements through a virtual meeting, which was attended by the Conveners of all the Committees constituted for good health of the event.

Gazanfar Ali, while serving strict directions to the concerned officers and officials, said that the Principal Secretary Youth Services and Sports Department, J&K, Alok Kumar is keen to see youth of the Union Territory flourish, so is leaving no stone unturned in guiding and goading both the Sports Agencies of the Union Territory- DYSS and JKSC for taking initiatives with regard to channelizing the energy of youth in right

direction to help them not to derail from the mainstream.

He said that events like National Youth Festival provide opportunity to the youth to showcase their cultural and other allied skills, besides providing them opportunity to exchange culture, learn new languages, know about cultural ethos of other States/UTs and make new friends.

The conveners of various committees gave their feedback to the Director Sports

regarding the arrival of district contingents, besides execution of their assignments.

The officers who attended the meeting include Bashir Ahmed, Joint Director (K); Jatinder Mishra, Deputy Director Jammu; Sukhdev Raj Sharma, DYSSO Jammu (Convener Ceremony Committee); Sunil Kumar, DYSSO Kathua (Convener Control Room); Jaffar Haider, DYSSO Doda (Registration Committee); Swarn Singh DYSSO Udhampur (Convener Boarding/Lodging); Sunil Singh Sambyal, DYSSO Rajouri (Convener Transport Committee); Khairati Lal, DYSSO Kishtwar (Convener Medical Committee); Mohammad Hussain Bhat, Accounts Officer Directorate (Convener Finance Committee) and Rajesh Dhar, PEL (Convener Press & Publicity).

BSF School Jammu bags runners-up trophy in Rope Skipping



Former Minister, SS Slathia presenting medals to winners of BSF school.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Primary Wing of the BSF School Jammu bagged the overall runners-up trophy in the just concluded Open Rope Skipping Championship held under the banner of Rope Skipping Association of J&K at IDPS Jammu.

The school secured 13 medals, including four gold and an equal number of sil-

ver. Among the medal winners, Darsh Bhat performed exceptionally well winning two gold and a silver medal in under-11 age group.

The trophy was awarded to the teams by the Chief Guest, former Minister, Surjit Singh Slathia.

Meanwhile, Headmaster of the School, Sonia Gupta congratulated the medal

winners and their coach, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal.

MEDAL WINNERS:
GOLD: Arshveer Singh, Akshra Samotra and Darsh Bhat.
SILVER: Aarna Rajput, Aradhy and Aakarshita Ghai.
BRONZE: Vasundra Rajput, Aprameya Salotra, Janvi Thakur, Prachi Gupta and Apeksha Chibber.

DYSS holds YSS Cup events at Lassana



Players posing for a photograph with officials.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised sports events in connection with YSS Cup at Government Higher Secondary School, Sri Khawaja in Block Lassana, here.

The finals of Volleyball and

Kabaddi witnessed besides others by BDC Lassana, Noor Jahan who was Chief Guest while Sarpanch Seri Chowana, A Alhaj Akber Malik and Principal HSS Seri Khawaja were Guests of Honour.

The Chief Guest appreciated the DYSS Poonch and encouraged the participants

for their efforts in taking sports to the rural pockets of the remote district of Poonch. She encouraged those young participants.

The event took place under the supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Surankote, Vipin Khajuria.

ADGP Jammu extends new year greetings, resolves to maintain peace, harmony in J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh has extended warm greetings to all the people of Jammu & Kashmir on the eve of New Year, wishing that the Year 2022 will usher in peace, prosperity and harmony to the state.

While extending his best wishes, Singh highlighted that his main initiatives in the New Year will include strenuous efforts to thwart the nefarious designs of terrorists, anti-infiltration measures and sustained drive against menace of drugs and narcotics.

He further added that he would, at all times, endeavour that his team shows highest ethical and professions standards so that the public confidence in JKP is further

enhanced. ADGP Jammu Zone expressed his gratitude to the people from all walks of life, including JKP, media persons from

EPFO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh bids farewell to 2021

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) Jammu Jammu has transcended into a new era of digital governance where not only claims are being settled online but also various facilitations like ECR submission and member related queries are being resolved online.

EPFO-Jammu is also helping members in various KYC issues. On a positive note, it may stated that income of Account-2 in Srinagar is consistently rising and has reached all time high of 43 lakh in December 2021, which is an indicator of rising compliance and awareness among establishments about social security.

EPFO Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh on the occasion of New Year extended warm wishes to its stakeholders and recommitts itself towards effective service delivery to its subscribers and contributing establishment.

For any problem in EPFO related matters, subscribers can email EPFO Jammu on ro.jammu@epfindia.gov.in or contact on Whatsapp 6006567049.

print/electronic media, for their generous support in maintenance of peace, tranquility and harmony in the J&K.

Jammu District Kempo Championship 2021 held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Kempo Association of Jammu and Kashmir organised District Jammu Kempo Championship 2021 here on Friday in which 60 students from various schools and clubs participated.

The event took place under the supervision of Rohit Thakyal, Secretary General of Kempo Association of J&K.

Kempo Association J&K has put forth commendable efforts in the field of sports to encourage the game to its peak.

The technical members comprising Naresh Kumar, Amit Kumar, Ishmeet Singh, Mehul Sharma, Ranjeet Singh, Piyush Choudhary, Abishek Kumar and Harsh .

In the closing ceremony, the Chief Guest was Kulbir Singh -SP City, Ashok Gupta -MD of Ashok New Diamond Hotel and Rajiv Gupta- President of Association, Naresh



Medals winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Kumar, Joint Secretary, Amit Kumar Vice President, Ajay Kumar treasurer were also present.

Students were felicitated and given awards for their extra ordinary performance in such events.

The results

6 years (boys): Ayant Gupta, gold. 9 years: Aahan Sharma, gold,

Asmatullah, silver and Veer Vikram and Parth Thakyal, joint bronze. 10 years: Aum Gupta, gold, Saksham, silver and Navjot and Darsh Bhatt, joint bronze. 11-12 years: Kanishq, gold, Abishek, silver and Divyansh, bronze. Below 14 years: Angat, gold, Akhileshwar, silver and Aadhyaman, bronze. Under 16

years (50kg): Ritish Pansotra, gold, Aman Kumar, silver and Vidanzutshi and Rudra Bakshi, joint bronze. Under 16 years (below 60 kg): Prashant Rattan, gold, Karan Kumar, silver and Krish Kumar, bronze. Under 18 years: Mohd Amir, gold, Eshan Saini, silver and Vikas Sharma, bronze. Under 18 (below 70 kg): Ranjeet Singh, gold, Shivam, silver and Divyanshu, bronze. Under 21 years (85 kg): Harsh Dotra, gold, Anirudh Verma, silver and Abishek and Tushar, joint bronze.

Below 14 years girls: Sargun Kour, gold, Akshra Sundan, silver and Sneha Malhotra and Anshika, joint bronze. Below 45kg girls: Gunika Gupta, gold and Simran Tak, silver. Below 55 kg girls: Mehul Sharma, gold, Vanshika Dewan, silver and Yanchan Lamo and Sudiksha, joint bronze. Below 70 kg girls: Shivali Rajput, gold.

CS directs RDD to speed-up execution of works

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday directed the Rural Development Department to gear up to meet annual capex targets for sustainable, people-centric development in the rural landscape of J&K. He made this observation while reviewing the Capex of the department in which Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development

Department and other senior officers of the department were present.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to ensure that tendering is followed in all works in the department and all administratively approved and technical sanctioned works are allotted expeditiously in a transparent manner.

Dr. Mehta directed the department to meet the target of 30000 works under capex and saturate all the eligibility cases under PMAY-G with first

installment by the end of the current fiscal year. The Chief Secretary directed the department to cover all villages under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) during the current year besides targeting 4-lakh Mahila Kissans under Mahila Kissan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana Scheme (MKSPS) in the next year for creating sustainable livelihood options for women in the rural areas.

Giving details of MGNREGA works, it was informed that 86 % of the released funds have been utilized and 215 lakh person days have been generated during the current year.

Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna, the department informed that although 69161 houses out of 137986 houses have been constructed till now, all out efforts will be made to meet the annual target by March end next year.

MD,SLRM Informed that under UMEED Scheme, 6810 Self Help Groups have been

mobilized against the target of 11000 Self Help Groups (SLGs) and 91.48 % expenditure has been incurred during the current fiscal year.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to prepare a compendium of fully functional 3000 Panchayat Ghars with geotagged photographs. Dr. Mehta asked the department to explore the feasibility of setting up of CSCs at bus stands and village /sub-urban markets so that their maintenance is ensured through an aggregator approach. The Chief Secretary directed the YSS department to ensure that every district has at least one playground with flood lighting facility. The Chief Secretary directed the department to ensure that all government buildings in Jammu City are provided with solar power facility on sustainable basis. Dr. Mehta directed the department to explore the possibility of generating energy from biomass in Kashmir

Valley, besides considering setting up of one plant in J&K for fuel generation from plastic wastes. Principal Secretary, Estates in his presentation informed that about equal number of heads of departments are working in both the capital cities of the UT and that after the practice of Darbar Move was stopped, work in offices across J&K is going on smoothly. It was further informed that 5 ongoing languishing projects will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year. It was further informed that the tenders for outsourcing of sanitation work in Civil Secretariat, Jammu will be floated in the next week.

Dr. Mehta advised the department to improve the aesthetics of the entrance of the secretariat by de-congesting the area in and around the lawns and reimagining the existing landscape design so that the front yard of the secre-

tariat becomes aesthetically pleasing.

The Chief Secretary asked the department to examine the feasibility of accommodating KAS trainees/health department officials/employees of JaKeGa on merits under an institutionally approved framework in the recently vacated housing units/quarters in J&K.

Ramban Boxing meet on January 3

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The maiden Ramban District Boxing Championship being organised by J&K Amateur Boxing Association shall take place at Hemkrish Model High School, Govindpura in Ramban on January 3. These interested boxers are advised to contact Sandeep Singh Chib (8624923701) to confirm their entries for the competition, a handout issued here on Friday informed.