

Vihaan's four-for sparks stunning Bangladesh collapse as India win by 18 runs via DLS Method

■ AGENCY BULAWAYO: Off-spinner Vihaan Malhotra produced a sensational spell of 4 for 14 to trigger a dramatic Bangladesh batting collapse as India pulled off an 18-run victory via the DLS method in a rain-hit Under-19 World Cup match here on Saturday.



Bangladesh, who bowled out India for 238 in a reduced 49-over contest, were firmly in control of the chase before losing eight wickets for 40 runs to lose the match from a winning position. It was India's second consecutive victory in the tournament.

Bangladesh were bowled out for 146 in 28.3 overs, well short of the revised target of 165 from 29 overs.

Players from both sides were seen exchanging handshakes and pleasantries on the field at the end of the match after both the captains avoided the customary gesture at the toss.

India now lead group B standings with four points from two matches, while Bangladesh and USA were yet to open their accounts. New Zealand are yet to begin their campaign in Group B.

Chasing a revised target of 165 from 29 overs after a second rain delay of over one hour and 30 minutes, Bangladesh were cruising at 102 for 2 after 20 overs, comfortably ahead of the DLS par

score of 88.

What followed, however, was a stunning collapse engineered by Malhotra's disciplined off-spin and supported by timely strikes from the other end.

Malhotra, who had struggled earlier with the bat in his 24-ball 7, found sharp turn and bounce to dismantle the middle order, removing Kalam Siddiki (15), Sheikh Parvez Jibon (7), Rizan Hossain (15) and Samiun Basir (2) in a decisive spell that swung the match sharply India's way.

Bangladesh lost five wickets in the space of 33 balls as panic set in.

Left-arm spinner Khilani Patel delivered the decisive blow by dismissing Bangladesh skipper Azizul Hakim, who top-scored with a patient 51 off 72 balls (4x4, 1x6).

Hakim, aware of the DLS equation, had played a com-

posed innings but misjudged a waist-high full toss from Khilani, looking to clear long-on only to pick out the fielder in the deep, effectively ending Bangladesh's resistance.

Henil Patel then wrapped up the tail by removing Iqbal Hossain Emon as Bangladesh were bowled out for 146 in 28.3 overs, well short of the revised target, sealing India's victory.

Earlier, Bangladesh's chase had begun positively despite an early blow when Deepesh Devendran removed Zawad Abrar in the opening over.

A steady fifty-plus partnership between Rifat Beg and Hakim put Bangladesh firmly on course, with Beg scoring an aggressive 37 off 37 balls, hitting four fours and a six, including a confident loft over deep square leg off off-spinner Kanishk Chouhan.

With Hakim anchoring one end and the run-rate under control, Bangladesh appeared

SCOREBOARD		
INDIA UNDER-19S		
Ayush Mhatre (c) c Kalam Siddiki b Al Fahad		06
Sooryavanshi c Al Fahad b Iqbal Hossain Emon		72
Vedant Trivedi c Rifat Beg b Al Fahad		00
Vihaan Malhotra c Zawad Abrar b Azizul Hakim		07
Abhigyan Kundu † c †Farid Hasan b Al Fahad		80
Harvansh Pangalia c Rifat Beg b Iqbal Hossain Emon		02
Kanishk Chouhan c sub (Md Abdullah) b Azizul Hakim		28
RS Ambrish c †Farid Hasan b Sheikh Parvez Jibon		05
Khilani Patel c †Farid Hasan b Al Fahad		08
Henil Patel not out		07
Deepesh Devendran c Rizan Hossain b Al Fahad		11
Extras		12
Total		238/10
BANGLADESH UNDER-19S		
Zawad Abrar c Henil Patel b Deepesh		05
Rifat Beg c †Kundu b Chouhan		37
Azizul Hakim (c) c Chouhan b Khilani Patel		51
Kalam Siddiki c & b Malhotra		15
Sheikh Parvez Jibon c Chouhan b Malhotra		07
Rizan Hossain c Henil Patel b Malhotra		15
Samiun Basir c Sooryavanshi b Malhotra		02
Farid Hasan † c Deepesh b Khilani Patel		01
Al Fahad run out (Vedant Trivedi/†Kundu)		00
Iqbal Hossain Emon c Malhotra b Henil Patel		02
Saad Islam not out		01
Extras		10
Total		146/10

well placed until Malhotra's intervention changed the complexion of the match.

The collapse overshadowed a fine bowling effort earlier by Bangladesh pacer Al Fahad, whose five-wicket haul had laid the foundation for the contest.

India's innings was anchored by Abhigyan Kundu and Vaibhav

Sooryavanshi, who struck fighting half-centuries after Bangladesh opted to field in overcast conditions.

Vaibhav, known for his attacking flair, was forced into an unusually restrained role, scoring a composed 72 off 67 balls with six fours and three sixes after India lost two wickets in two deliveries early on.

MDP on LEAF-G for Account Officers concluded at NZATI Jammu



Participating Account Officers of MDP on LEAF-G with dignitaries posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Leadership for Effective and Accountable Financial Governance (LEAF-G) organized by Central University of Jammu (CUJ) and Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute (NZATI), Jammu for combined batches of Accounts Officers (JKAS Probationers) Batch 2025, JKACC Batch 2024 and Ladakh ACC Batch 2024 concluded at NZATI, Jammu.

This pioneering initiative aimed to equip officers with practical skills and ethical leadership capabilities under the mentorship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ and supervision of Rajesh Talwar, Director Finance/Principal, NZATI, Jammu.

The Programme was envisaged to strengthen leadership and stakeholder engagement capabilities, integrating technology for transparent financial operations, promoting ethical governance and deepening understanding of core finan-

cial and technological frameworks and internal audit with case studies.

The event witnessed participation of distinguished dignitaries and Resource Persons from academia, corporate and bureaucratic set-up including Pramod K Jain, Chairman, Arunachal Pradesh Administrative Reforms Commission (APARC), Youqub Ittoo, Director General Funds, Rajesh Kotwal, Director Accounts and Treasuries, Jammu, Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Shaheel Maqbool, ICAS, Dr. Asif Ali, Mudasir Malik, Internal Audit Officer, CAG, Jammu, Udit Mahajan, Dr. Shahid Mushtaq and Geetika Kohli eminent personality development trainer and officers from NZATI, Jammu including Aditi Sharma, KK Raina, Accounts Officer, Jagteshwar Singh, Meenakshi, and Hannaan Malik.

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Rajesh Talwar, Director Finance/Principal, NZATI, Jammu and Deepshikha Sharma, Joint Director, Funds Organisation, Jammu, Government of J&K addressed the gathering during valedictory session.

The MDP organising team comprised of Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, Dr. Asif Ali faculty members from Central University of Jammu and along with faculty members of NZATI, Jammu Aditi Sharma, KK Raina, Jagteshwar Singh, Meenakshi, and Hannaan Malik. Earlier Prof. Jaya Bhasin welcomed the gathering for valedictory session and briefed about the activities conducted during these two days and Dr. Shahid Mushtaq proposed formal vote of thanks. Prof. Jaya Bhasin conducted the proceeding of the programme and Hannaan Malik and Meenakshi, coordinated certificate distribution.

Three-Day workshop on 'Writing Skills' organised at JU

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JAMMU: The Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Jammu (JU), organized a three-day workshop on "Writing Skills" from January 15 to 17, 2026, for Semester I students of the Five-Year Integrated Post-Graduate Programme in Mathematical Sciences. The workshop was conducted as part of the Communication Skills course included in the students' curriculum, with the objective of strengthening their academic and professional writing competencies through focused lectures and hands-on training.

The concept and design of the workshop were conceived by Prof. Sadaf Shah from the Department of English, who also coordinated and conducted the programme. Prof. Shah played a pivotal role in planning the sessions, inviting eminent resource persons, and ensuring the smooth execution of the workshop. She formally welcomed the Chief Guest and the invited speakers, emphasizing

ing the importance of writing skills across disciplines, including the mathematical sciences.

The workshop began on Thursday with an Inaugural Session graced by the Chief Guest, Prof. Romesh Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences, JU. In his address, Prof. Kumar highlighted the crucial role of writing skills in academic excellence, effective research communication, and professional success. He urged students to treat writing as a core academic skill rather than a supplementary requirement.

The inaugural day featured two technical sessions. Dr. Disha Sharma from the Centre for Women Studies, University of Jammu, delivered a lecture on Category Grouping, explaining how logical organization of ideas enhances clarity and coherence in writing. This was followed by a session by Dr. Pooja Kumari from GDC Khor, Jammu, on Avoiding Ambiguity and Using Proper Signposting Techniques, focusing on clarity, precision, and reader-friendly writing.

On Friday, Dr. Simran Kour from the Department of English conducted an informative session on Proposal Writing for Higher Studies, guiding students on drafting effective academic proposals and statements of purpose.

After the tea break, Dr. Sana Lone from the Department of English, University of Jammu, delivered a lecture on Recording the Minutes of Meetings, emphasizing accuracy, conciseness, and formal documentation skills.

The final day, Saturday, featured a lecture by Dr. Neena Vij from the Central University of Jammu on Well-Knit Logical and Narrative Sequencing, helping students understand the flow and coherence of ideas in writing.

The workshop concluded with a Valedictory Session, where students shared positive feedback, appreciating the practical orientation of the sessions and acknowledging the workshop's value for higher studies, research, and professional communication.

Chancellor's Trophy Football semis, final today

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JAMMU: Semifinals line-up has been drawn in men's Football event with teams qualifying for the knock-out stages of the ongoing 3rd Chancellor's Trophy, organised by the University of Jammu on the campus ground, here today.

Teams qualifying for the Football semifinals are Cluster University of Srinagar (CLUS), Government College of Physical Education Ganderbal, University of Ladakh and University of Jammu.

Now, in the semifinals, slated for tomorrow morning, CLUS shall take on University of Ladakh while hosts JU shall be playing against College of Physical Education Ganderbal. The semifinals shall be followed by the final. Competitions are being conducted in Volleyball (Men), Kabaddi (Men), Football (Men), Wrestling (Men), Table Tennis (Men), Kho-Kho (Women), Badminton (Women), Basketball (Men & Women), Handball (Men & Women), and Athletics (Men & Women). Each event has witnessed strong participation and closely fought con-

tests.

The entire championship is being conducted under the overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, JU. His leadership and constant guidance have played a vital role in ensuring the smooth, systematic, and successful conduct of the tournament. The organizing committee, along with technical officials, referees, and support staff, has been working diligently to maintain discipline, fairness, transparency, and high standards of sportsmanship.

The third day featured several thrilling and closely contested matches that drew appreciation from spectators, officials, and sports adminis-



regulations of the respective games.

Today's Results: Table Tennis (Men): Cluster University of Jammu beat University of Ladakh by 3-0; Cluster University of Srinagar beat MIET Jammu by 3-1; and IUST Awantipora beat University of Ladakh by 3-0.

Badminton (Women): University of Jammu defeated SMVDU Katra by 2-0; Cluster University of Jammu beat University of Ladakh by 2-0; University of Kashmir beat SKUAST Jammu by 2-0; Dogra Group of Colleges beat University of Ladakh by 2-0; Cluster University of Jammu defeated University of Kashmir by 2-0.

The matches were officiated by Dr. Mandeep Singh, Dr. Vimal Kishore, Ravish Vaid, Sh. Vikas Karlopiya, Gagan Kumar, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ranbir Singh, Jai Bharat Sharma, P D Singh, Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Harinderpal Singh, Rishiv Sharma, Richa Mandla, Sakshi Dabgotra, Jeevan Lal, Arjun Sharma, Mena Ragesh, and Anil Singh, who ensured fair play and strict adherence to the rules and

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Kabaddi (Men): University of Jammu beat SMVDU Katra by 11 points; BGSBU Rajouri beat SKUAST Jammu by 05 points.

Volleyball (Men): University of Kashmir beat Cluster University Srinagar by 2-1 with set score (19-25), (25-23) & 16-14; University of Jammu beat Central University Jammu by 2-0 with set score 25-11, 25-13; University of Ladakh beat IUST Awantipora by 2-1 with set score (25-17), (19-25) & (15-3).

Football (Men): University of Jammu beat BGSBU Rajouri by 8-0; Govt. Physical Education College Ganderbal beat MIET Jammu by 2-0; University of Ladakh beat Central University of Jammu by 4-3; Cluster University Srinagar beat University of Kashmir by 1-0.

Kho-Kho (Women): University of Jammu beat BGSBU Rajouri by 05 points; University of Jammu beat Cluster University of Jammu by 07 points.

Basketball (Men): University of Jammu beat Central University of Jammu by 42-13; SMVDU Katra beat SKUAST Jammu by 34-26; Cluster University of Jammu beat University of Kashmir by 14-0; University of Jammu beat SKUAST Jammu by 59-22; MIET Jammu beat University of Kashmir by 8-0.

Women: University of Kashmir beat SMVDU Katra by 05.

HANDBALL Men: University of Jammu beat University of Ladakh by 28-20; Cluster University beat GNDU Amritsar by 11-24. Women: University of Jammu beat University of Ladakh by 08-07; Cluster University beat University of Kashmir by 10-00.

LG releases Save Girl Child awareness short film 'Mareya Ni Maye Migi'



LG Manoj Sinha releasing Save Girl Child awareness short film "Mareya Ni Maye Migi".

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday released Save Girl Child awareness short film "Mareya Ni Maye Migi", at Lok Bhavan. The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the entire team and conveyed his best wishes to them.

The film, produced under the banner of DLSR Production Jammu, addresses the issue of female foeticide and draws inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's empowering slogan, "Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao."

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha was presented with books published by Yogoda Satsanga Society of India. The publications include Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda's "Autobiography of a Yogi", "The Yoga of the Bhagavad Gita" and Solving the Mystery of Life. Prof. Vikas Abrol, Vice Chairman, Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra, Jammu, an affiliate

of Yogoda Satsanga Society of India also briefed the Lieutenant Governor on meditation and spiritual activities regularly conducted by the Dhyana Kendra.

BADC demands NLU in Poonch

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JAMMU: Amid the ongoing controversy over the location of the proposed National Law University (NLU) in J & K, the Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK BADC) has demanded that the university be established in Poonch, stating that border districts must be given priority in higher education. Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman JK BADC and former Vice Chancellor said that the decision to set up a National Law University in Jammu and Kashmir is a welcome step. However, he said that locating the university in a border district like Poonch would ensure fair and balanced development. He stated that Poonch has remained backward for many years due to its border location, difficult terrain, and frequent ceasefire violations. Dr. Shazad stated that establishing a National Law University in Poonch would benefit students from border and tribal areas and would also help in generating employment, improving infrastructure, and strengthening legal awareness in the region. The JK BADC Chairman observed that concentrating national institutions only in developed cities goes against the idea of balanced development. He further added that it is unfortunate that even after more than seven decades of independence, district Poonch does not have a single university.

A delegation of National and UT Awardee Teachers from Jammu Kashmir led by Voena Koul called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

12 RR hosts closing address of Photography Cadre at Banihal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Indian Army's 12 Rashtriya Rifles (Grenadiers) organised the closing address of a Photography Cadre at Banihal, marking the culmination of a skill development initiative for a batch of 20 students consisting of boys and girls.

The photography cadre was organised with the aim of nurturing creative skills, enhancing technical knowledge and encouraging youth to explore photography as a hobby as well as a potential career option. During the course, participants were imparted practical and theoretical training on basics of photography, camera handling, composition, lighting techniques and ethical use of visual media.

While addressing the students at the closing ceremony, the Army representatives appreciated the enthusiasm, discipline, and dedication shown by the participants throughout the training period. They encouraged the students to continue honing their skills and make constructive use of photography for personal growth and positive social impact.

Certificates were distributed to all the participants who successfully completed the cadre. The students expressed their gratitude to the Indian Army for providing such a meaningful learning opportunity and acknowledged the efforts of instructors and organisers. This initiative by 12 Rashtriya Rifles contributes to youth empowerment, community engagement and nation-building by promoting education and skill development in the region.



7th National Qwan Ki Do Championship 2025-26 begins



A dignitary being honoured by association members.

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JAMMU: The 7th National Qwan Ki Do Championship 2025-26 was inaugurated on Saturday at the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. The championship is being organized by the Qwan Ki Do Association of Jammu & Kashmir under the aegis of the Qwan Ki Do Federation of India and will be held from January 16 to 18, 2026.

The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Padma Shri awardee Faisal Ali Dar as the Chief Guest, who added prestige to the occasion. Dr. Surjeet Singh, Director, Kashmir University, attended as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Sukhbir Kour Bajawa, Advocate, Supreme Court of

India, and Surjeet Kour, Sports Officer, Kashmir University, were present as Special Guests.

Several senior officials from the Qwan Ki Do Federation of India were also present, including Dinesh Sharma, Vice President, Qwan Ki Do Federation of India; Atul Pangotra, Chairman, Organising Committee; Sanjay Saini, Chairman, Self Defence In-charge, Qwan Ki Do Federation of India; and Sunil Dutt, Technical Director, Qwan Ki Do Federation of India. Their presence reflected the importance of the championship at the national level.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest Faisal Ali Dar highlighted the signifi-

cance of martial arts in promoting discipline, physical fitness, self-defence, confidence, and character building among youth. He encouraged the players to pursue sports with dedication, determination, and a true spirit of sportsmanship.

Faisal also distributed medals and mementoes to players and officials, which greatly boosted the morale of the participants. The gesture was warmly received and added enthusiasm to the championship.

Nearly 800 players from various States and Union Territories across India are participating in the championship, making it one of the largest Qwan Ki Do events organized in the region.