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J&K's ambidextrous cricketer Sarla Devi impresses in losing battle

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JAMMU: Talented ambidextrous all-rounder from Jammu and Kashmir, a left-arm seam bowler and right-handed batter, Sarla Devi impressed one and all, with an extraordinary display of bowling skills in the prestigious Senior Womens One Day Challengers Trophy match against almost equally poised India-D at Dr Gokaraju Laila Ganga Raju ACA Cricket Complex- CP Ground, Malapadu, Vijayawada, on Sunday.

Sarla struck early in her very first over of the innings, getting rid of opening batter/wicketkeeper Indrani Roy for just 1 run and G Divya for nought (0) on third and fifth deliveries of her first over and the team's second over, with the score reading 10/2 in 1.5 overs, putting the rival team in troubling waters.

However, India-D's opening batter, S Meghana overwhelmed India-B bowlers with her swashbuckling ton (102 off 86 balls) to take her side to a good total of 230 runs in 48.5 overs. Meghana was in sublime touch and toyed with almost all India-B bowlers, hitting them with



Sarla in India-B Jersey at Vijayawada on Sunday.

utmost ease and comfort through all parts of the ground. Ayushi Soni (48 off 75 balls) was the other major contributor. The duo of Meghana and Ayushi made a partnership of 106 runs, before Ayushi was dismissed at the team's total of 1344 runs in 24.4 overs. K Pratyosha (20), Saika Ishaque (14) and Kanika Ahuja (13) were the other batters to cross the double figure mark. For India-B, Sarla Devi, Rashi Kanojiya and Chandu V bagged 2 wickets each, while

Meghna Singh, Harleen B Deol and G Trisha took one wicket each.

Challenger Trophy being selection trials for picking Team India, the India-B skipper, Taniya Bhatia while providing chance to maximum players, used eight bowlers, so medium pacers Sarla and Meghna despite a fabulous bowling show were made to bowl just four and five overs respectively, conceding 24 runs each.

In reply, India-B managed to score 184 runs in 50 overs, losing all their wickets in the process, thus lost the match by 46 runs. Harleen B Deol, top scored with 73 runs off 86 balls, while H Kasi and G Trisha contributed 37 and 26 runs to the total respectively. Skipper Taniya Bhatia contributed 10 runs to the total.

Sarla, who usually opens the innings for Jammu and Kashmir, used to accumulate runs with the pace of the ball, came in at an unusual slot at number-8 and failed to open her account. Skipper Pooja Vastrakar was the pick of the bowlers for India-D, who scalped 3 important wickets by conceding 37 runs in her 10 overs, while Keerthy

K James and Kanika Ahuja bagged 2 wickets each. Amanjot Kaur also claimed one wicket.

It was India-B's second outing in the tournament with one win and one loss.

In the next match, India-B will take on India-C on December 7 at the same venue.

Meanwhile, it is third time in the season that a J&K player was picked for the Playing XI in different Challengers Trophy matches.

Earlier, Arya Suvansh Thakur played in Under-19 Boys Challengers Trophy, while Bavandeep Kaur showcased her skill in Under-19 Girls Challengers Trophy.

The credit of J&K cricketers success at the higher levels goes to the dynamic trio of Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA; ace cricketer Mithun Manhas, Member-Cricket Operations & Development JKCA and Advocate Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA, besides CAC Members, Coaches and Selectors, who provided them standard facilities and made them to play a big number of matches before the real test.

T20 Cricket Tournament concludes in Srinagar



Winner team receiving trophy from the Chief Guest.

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SRINAGAR: The Mega T20 Cricket Tournament organized by District Administration Srinagar in Joint collaboration of Department of Youth Services & Sports and Players Association of Barbarshah concluded here on Sunday at SP College.

The sports event was held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad in a bid to promote

Sports culture in the District, besides providing a platform to budding youth of Srinagar to exhibit their talent.

The event witnessed participation by 32 Teams from Srinagar District.

At the closing ceremony, participant players were felicitated with trophies and mementoes. Sports kits were also distributed among Sports Clubs belonging to different Panchayat Halqas of

Srinagar by the District Administration.

On the occasion, professional cultural artists performed colorful cultural programs.

Principal SP College Srinagar, ADM Srinagar, Joint Director YS&S

Kashmir and District Youth Services & Sports Officer, besides Vice Chairperson and members of District Development Council Srinagar were also present on the occasion.

Indian women's hockey team eases past Thailand with 13-0 win in Asian meet

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DONGHAE: Dragflicker Gurjit Kaur scored five goals as the Indian women's hockey team thrashed Thailand 13-0 in its first game at the Asian Champions Trophy here on Sunday.

Gurjit gave India the lead in the second minute of the match after an infringement from Thailand in their defensive third awarded them a penalty stroke.

Gurjit, who scored four goals at the Tokyo Olympics, kept a cool head and put the ball in the back of the net.

Conceding an early goal put Thailand on the back foot straight away, and Vandana Katariya, the only Indian women's player to score a hat-trick at the Olympics, found the second goal five minutes later.

By the time the first quarter ended, Lilima Minz

added another field goal in the 14th minute, while Gurjit and Jyoti scored two more from penalty corners in the 14th and 15th minute, giving India a 5-0 lead.

The second quarter started much the same way as India kept most of the possession giving no room to Thailand to cause any danger.

Within the first minute of Q2, Rajvinder Kaur, who made her international debut on Sunday, scored a field goal in the 16th minute, and in the 24th minute, Gurjit scored her third goal and Lilima scored another from a penalty corner also in the 24th minute.

The Indian team demolished the Thai defence as they struck another in the 25th minute through Gurjit, giving them a massive 9-0 lead at the end of the second quarter.

33rd Jammu District Volleyball Championship begins



Girls Volleyball team posing for a photograph with dignitaries and boys match in progress at Jammu.

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JAMMU: 33rd Jammu District Volleyball Championship for boys & girls being organised by Jammu District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir commenced at volleyball court, MA Stadium here on Sunday.

The tournament, in which eight boys teams and five girls teams of district Jammu are participating, was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Manmeet Singh, President Jammu District Volleyball Association.

Other dignitaries present were Chief Executive Officer VAJK, Kuldeep Magotra,

Treasurer Ramesh Sharma, Organizing Secretary HS Gill, Rajeev Dogra Senior Volleyball Coach SAI, Subash Shastri, Naresh Kumar, Veena Kumari and Manpreet Kour.

Today's results

BOYS: Borderline Club Pallanwala beat Domana Volleyball Club by 2-0 (25-

18, 25-13); Stadium A Jammu beat Shastri Club Jammu by 2-0 (25-20, 25-22); Allah Volleyball Club beat Stadium B by 2-0 (25-15, 25-19); Allah Volleyball Club beat Borderline Club Pallanwala by 3-2 (26-34, 19-25, 13-25, 25-12, 15-11); Stadium A Jammu beat Marh Volleyball Club by 2-1

(25-17, 25-16, 25-18).

GIRLS: Trikuta Club Jammu beat Army Children Club Jammu by 2-0 (26-24, 25-18); Army Club beat Pinto Club Jammu by 2-1 (23-25, 25-17, 15-13); Trikuta Club Jammu beat Volleyball Club Akhnoor by 2-0 (25-07, 25-12).

Today's matches were offi-

ciated by Amrjit Singh, Amit Sharma, Bhawana Sharma, Anil Kumar, Parvinder Singh and Ankit Chandel.

Tomorrow Fixtures: Stadium A Jammu to meet Allah Volleyball Club in boy's final and Trikuta Club Jammu to face Army Club Jammu in girl's final.

Inter-State Divyang National Championship J&K beats Punjab, enters final



J&K team posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: J&K defeated Punjab in the last league match and entered the final of Inter State Divyang National Championship being organized by Physically Challenged Cricket Association of India at Bhiwani, Haryana.

Earlier batting first, Punjab made 123 runs for the loss of six wickets in 20 overs. Harjinder and Manpreet Singh were the main scorers with 52 and 42 runs respectively whereas Rahul scored 19

runs. For J&K, Firdouse grabbed two wickets while Abhijit, Jagmohan and Nadeem took one wicket each.

In reply, J&K comfortably chased the target in 16.5 overs by losing two wickets thus won the match by eight wickets. Mohd Nadeem played a fine inning of 68 runs whereas Jagmohan and Nikhil contributed 17 and 13 runs to the total.

For Punjab, Manpreet and Rajinder claimed one wicket each.

For his match winning knock, Nadeem was declared Man of the Match.

Agriculture Minister of Haryana, JP Dalal, SP Ajay Singh Shekawat of Bhawani and Member Lok Sabha Chodhary Darambeer were the special guests in the inaugural function of the tournament.

JP Dalal announced Rs. 1 lakh for all teams participating in the tournament.

Mentor of J&K Physically Challenged Cricket Team, Rajesh Gill greeted the J&K team for the great performance shown in the tournament and for entering in the final.

Other executive members of the J&K PCCA includes Ashish Singh (Vice President), Sanjeev Mahajan and RP Singh (Sports Advisors) also greeted the Captain for performing exceptional in the last league of the tournament.

Jammu Prodigy Onkar develops Orbital Satellite

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JAMMU: Adding another feather to his cap, 15 years old Onkar Singh Batra, the recipient of Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is now on the path to reach the stars. Recently he has initiated a project to develop India's First Open-Source Satellite namely - 'InQube'. InQube, which is a 1U CubeSat, is being developed under the banner of Paradox Sonic Space Research Agency, a non-profit research organization founded by him. Onkar is a 15 years old student who was recently conferred with the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar from President of India for his accolades in theoretical science and web development. He holds five world records, including a one for being the World's Youngest Web Developer at the age of seven. His interest in science and technology made him initiate an extraterrestrial project at such a young age of fifteen. Meanwhile the development of InQube, he has developed another small satellite simulator - 'DemoSat-V1'. DemoSat is a one unit cubesatellite simulator which is meant for classroom projects and can basically do everything that a normal satellite does. It measures 10x10x10cm and weighs less than 1kg. It is equipped with a weather measurement system, a camera, an on-board computer and a camera which makes it more amazing. He says that this satellite can be used for giving demonstrations in schools and universities.

InQube, the orbital satellite is planned to be launched in 2022 onboard ISRO's PSLV, I'm in continuous contact with the Department of Space through Dr. Jitendra Singh Ji for processing launch and other facilitation activities, says Onkar.



Onkar Singh Batra displaying Orbital Satellite.

Saqlain Tariq felicitated by Jamia Zia Ul Uloom Group of Institutions

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POONCH: Jamia Zia Ul Uloom Group of Institutions Poonch felicitated International volleyball player Saqlain Tariq in function organised in the campus, here on Sunday.

The function was organised by Maulana Sayeed A Habib, Chairman Zia Ul Uloom Group of Institutions in which various other representatives of NGOs also took part.

Speaking on the occasion, DySP Sachin Gupta lauded the performance of Saqlain and congratulated him for representing India at various level. He also said that Saqlain is a role model for youngsters and those indulging themselves in drugs must look towards Saqlain and opt right career choices.

Maulana Sayeed A Habib, while congratulating Saqlain, said that, Saqlain is our proud and he has proudly represented India thereby making



Office bearers of Jamia Zia Ul Uloom Group of Institutions Poonch felicitating Volleyball player Saqlain Tariq.

one and all proud of his achievements.

He also addressed other youngsters and said that, once you dedicate yourself for some goals, nothing can deprive you if you are sincere and committed.

Chairman Shaheed Manjit Singh Volleyball Club and father of Saqlain, Tariq Khan said, "it's the hard work and blessings of Almighty that Saqlain is in top 12 of Indian volleyball team."

Other who spoke on the occasion were Ch Mohd

Asad Noomani Chairman Sarimastan Tribal Welfare Foundation, Molvi Fareed Malik Chairman Pir Panjal Awami Development Front, Dr Zamarrud Mughal MD Hallabole, Asif Mir President District Contractors Association and Waheed A Banday Principal Jamia Zia Ul Uloom High School.

Pradeep Khanna anchored the programme and also presented welcome address as well as vote of thanks.

33rd District Samba Volleyball Championship Samba Warriors wins men & women trophies

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SAMBA: Samba Warriors emerged as champion in both men and women section in the 33rd District Samba Volleyball Championship organised by District Volleyball Association Samba under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Tarlokpur, which conclude here on Sunday.

In men section final, Samba Warriors beat JBC Dug by 3-1 (25-27, 25-17, 29-27, 25-20). In women section, Samba Warriors beat Gho Brahmana Club by 3-0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-19).

In the closing ceremony, Keshav Dutt Sharma, DDC Chairman was the Chief Guest, who distributed prizes to the winner teams of men and women section in the presence of Guests of Honour, Sanjeev Sharma (PRO of Dr. Jatinder Singh) and Shilpa Dubey (DDC member).



Winner teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Other dignitaries present were Retd Sub. Purshotam Kumar, Sarpanch Randhir Sharma, Panch Varinder Singh Jamwal and Ram Rattan Dubey.

The matches were officiated by Ajay Kumar, Sat Paul Sharma, Bannu Partap Singh, Kunal Verma, Udayveer Singh Jamwal, Abbi Kumar, Rohani Devi,

Shivali Kumari and Rimika Jamwal.

The championship concluded in well disciplined manner under the supervision of Ramesh Kumar Sharma (President of District Volleyball Association Samba) and B.S Jamwal (Secretary District Volleyball Association Samba).

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MUMBAI: India's middle-order worries going into South Africa series remained but that didn't deter Ravichandran Ashwin from turning the heat on as his three quick blows left New Zealand tottering at 140 for five in pursuit of an impossible 540 on day three of the second Test.

While Daryl Mitchell (60 off 92 balls) and Henry Nicholls (36 batting) added 73 runs for the fourth wicket, there is no denying that India in all likelihood will finish it early on the fourth day with Ashwin (3/27) looking menacing after every passing over.

What will hurt New Zealand

team most in this defeat is the fact that this is the game where one of its own -- Ajaz Patel, equalled the world record and grabbed a match-haul of 14 wickets, something that no one has ever done against India in Test cricket.

The tall Mitchell at last tried to use his reach to counter Ashwin and also attack Jayant Yadav and Axar Patel but looked more like the last man standing, trying to delay the inevitable before a rush of blood saw him being holed at deep extra cover. Tom Blundell had a suicidal runout going for a non-existent single.

But it was Ashwin, who again got the new ball and immediately got into the act

by removing skipper Tom Latham with an angular delivery while Will Young gave bat pad to forward short leg and Ross Taylor, who has been a walking wicket, failed miserably in his attempt to slog sweep the wily off-spinner.

There was one over where Ashwin literally toyed with left-handed Nicholls who couldn't gauge which one would turn away like a classical off-break and the one that will straighten or come in with the angle.

But there will be some issues that would need coach Rahul Dravid's urgent attention.

For India, even in what could be a facile victory, the wobbly middle-order would

keep them worried going into the South Africa series.

Ajinkya Rahane failed in the first Test and had to be dropped on pretext of a hamstring niggle. Cheteshwar Pujara had three bad innings and one where he looked better but that was after the pressure was released by the bowlers. Skipper Virat Kohli, whose primary aim of not enforcing follow-on was to get some batting time under his belt, also didn't look confident during a scratchy innings of 36 off 84 balls. India declared their second innings at 276 for 7 after Axar hit four sixes and three fours in his 41 off 26 balls to prop up the innings towards the end.