# India outplay Pakistan in U19 Asia Cup

DUBAI: A disciplined bowling performance, led by allrounder Kanishk Chouhan seamer Deepesh Devendran, powered India to a comprehensive 90-run victory over Pakistan in their Group A match of the Under-19 Asia Cup, here Sunday.

After being put in to bat, India posted a competitive 240 all out in 46.1 overs, riding on a fluent 85 from Aaron George and useful contributions from captain Ayush Mhatre (38) and Chouhan

Pakistan were then bundled out for 150 in 41.2 overs, never quite recovering from the early setbacks in a chase

India got off to a brisk start with skipper Mhatre striking four boundaries and three sixes during his 25-ball knock before Mohammad Savvam removed both openers inside the first 10 overs.

George then held the innings together, finding the gaps consistently and adding stability through the middle phase. Chouhan's late flour-



sixes, helped India cross the 230-run mark despite losing wickets regularly.

For Pakistan, Sayyam (3/67) and Abdul Subhan (3/42) were the standout bowlers, while Niqab Shafiq chipped in with two wickets.

Pakistan's chase faltered early as they slipped to 30 for four, with Devendran striking thrice in a sharp opening spell.

Captain Farhan Yousaf (23) and Huzaifa Ahsan attempted to steady the innings, but Chouhan's inciance. Ahsan top-scored for Pakistan with 70 off 83 balls, but lacked support at the other end. Chouhan finished with 3 for 33, while Devendran returned figures of 3 for 16 as India maintained a firm grip on the contest throughout to register a dominant win in the marquee

The players of the two teams did not shake hands with each other at the toss and after the match, continuing the 'no-handshake' protocol observed by the Indian

Group A clash.

### **SCOREBOARD**

Avush Mhatre (c) c †Hamza Zahoor b Mohd Savvam Vaibhav Suryavanshi c & b Mohammad Sayyam Aaron George c Farhan Yousaf b Abdul Subhan Vihaan Malhotra e & b Niqab Shafiq Vedant Trivedi c Ahmed Hussain b Niqab Shafiq Abhigyan Kundu † c †Hamza Zahoor b Abdul Subhan 22 Kanishk Chouhan e Sameer Minhas b Ahmed Hussain 46 Khilan Patel b Mohammad Sayyam Henil Patel c †Hamza Zahoor b Ali Raza Deepesh Devendran c Sameer Minhas b Abdul Subhan 01 Kishan Singh not out PAKISTAN UNDER-19S Usman Khan e Mhatre b Chouhan Sameer Minhas c sub (N Pushpak) b Deepesh

Ali Hassan Baloch c †Kundu b Deepesh Ahmed Hussain c †Kundu b Deepesh Farhan Yousaf (c) c sub (N Pushpak) b Suryavanshi Huzaifa Ahsan e Suryavanshi b Chouhan Hamza Zahoor † c Malhotra b Khilan Patel Abdul Subhan st †Kundu b Chouhan Mohammad Sayyam c Mhatre b Singh Niqab Shafiq not out Ali Raza c Khilan Patel b Singh Extras 150/10 Total

men's team during the recentthe winner's trophy from ly concluded Asia Cup 2025, where they refused to receive

## 3rd J&K UT Muaythai Championship-2025 held at JU

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Muaythai Association of Jammu and Kashmir successfully organized the 3rd J&K UT Muaythai Championship-2025 on December 13, 2025, at the Boxing Ring, University of Jammu. The championship was conducted in collaboration with the University of Jammu and the J&K Olympic Association, aiming to promote Muaythai and provide a competitive platform for young athletes across the Union Territory.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of around 150 students from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including strong representation from the Kashmir Province. Athletes from Kathua, Rajouri, Bandipora, Srinagar, Pulwama, and Jammu showcased their skills, discipline, and sportsmanship, making the championship highly competitive and vibrant.

Mudgal, Secretary,

Muaythai Association of J&K members presenting memento to Yasha Mudgal, Comm Secr YSS, J&K.

Department of Youth Services and Sports, Government of J&K, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director of Sports, University of Jammu, attended as the Special

Other dignitaries present

included Rajeev Khajuria, Joint Commissioner, JMC, Yudhvir Singh, Treasurer, J&K Olympic Association, who appreciated the efforts of the association in promoting combat sports. On the occasion, key appointments

announced by the association. Mohd. Rather Faisal was

appointed Province In-charge, while Yasmeen Kouser was named Rajouri District In-charge, strengthening the organizational structure of the associ-

Prominent members present included Sahil Aggarwal, Chief Patron; Amit Singh, President; Kuljeet Singh Jamwal, General Secretary; along with Vikas Dhar, Mohit Singh, Neeraj Singh, Atul Narayan Singh, Lovish Dogra, Samarth Jain, Yuvrai Malhotra, Surjeet Dogra, and Rohit Bhagat, who ensured the smooth conduct of the

### JKPS Panjtirthi shines in Talent ki Khoj Mega Competition

'Small steps every day lead to big victories'



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Talent ki Khoj Mega Competition was organised by Om Ji Event and Shri Balaji Productions at Ludhiana, providing a vibrant platform for young competitors to showcase their skills. Three students from JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi participated enthusiastically in the event. Navya Sharma of Class  $\hat{5}$  secured the second prize in the solo dance category with her graceful and confident performance. In the duet dance category, Gourvi Dogra and Anaya Sharma of Class 1 also won second prize, impressing the judges with their coordination and energy. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah congratulated the Jakiians and expressed, "Your performance was a perfect blend of rhythm, confidence, and creativity. Congratulations on this amazing win!"

#### 37th J&K UT Senior Volleyball Championship to start today STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The 37th Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Volleyball Championship for Men and Women will be organised from December 15 to 17, 2025 at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, and the Shastri Nagar Play Field.

The prestigious championship is being conducted by the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir under the aegis of J&K Sports Council and is expected to witness enthusiastic participation from districts across the Union Territory. CEO, Volleyball Association of J&K, Kuldip Magotra said, "The championship aims to promote competitive volleyball, identify emerging talent, and strengthen the sporting culture among youth." He stated that the event will provide a strong platform for players to showcase their skills and prepare for higher-level competi-

"Volleyball has immense



potential in Jammu and Kashmir, and such championships play a vital role in nurturing discipline, teamwork, and excellence among players," Magotra said. For the men's category, teams have been divided into four pools. Pool-A includes Jammu, Kupwara, Rajouri, Kulgam, and Reasi. Pool-B comprises Poonch, Budgam, Udhampur, Pulwama, and Ramban. Pool-C features Ganderbal, Samba, Shopian, Doda, and

Bandipora, while Pool-D includes JKP, Srinagar, Kathua, Baramulla, and Kishtwar. In the women's section, Pool-A consists of Jammu and Anantnag; Poolincludes Udhampur, Shopian, and Ganderbal: Pool-C features Samba. Baramulla, and Rajouri; Pool-D includes Srinagar and Poonch.

All matches will commence daily from 9:00 AM onwards.

uniform with visible numbers and district names.

For the smooth conduct of 3-day Mega event with grand finale, the Association has sought the cooperation of stakeholders namely J&K Excise Deptt, J&K Bank, LIC of India, YES Bank, NHPC, Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd, State Times, Public Management.

The championship will be conducted strictly as per Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) rules, with referees' decisions being final. League matches up to quarterfinals will be played in best of three sets, while semifinals and finals will be played in five Flood lit Volleyball courts have been set up in the stadium for completion of all matches within a stipulated period of 3 days. Strict discipline on and off the field has been emphasized to ensure smooth conduct of the tourna-

### **Inter-District U-17 Boys Cricket Tournament concludes**

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Udhampur, successfully conducted Day 3 of the Inter-District UT-Level U-17 Boys Cricket Tournament across multiple venues in the district. At Subash Stadium, Ground No. 1, District Samba defeated Poonch by 6 wickets and 9 runs in the first match, with Ketan making notable contributions in the field by effecting a stumping and a run-out. In the second match at the same venue. Anantnag registered a 40-run victory over Shopian. Arsalam Rashid scored 32 runs, while Kashif claimed two wickets with a disciplined bowling performance. At the DPL Ground, Ground No. 2, Kathua posted 63 runs in 15 overs against Rajouri, which successfully chased the target in 7.2 overs to win by 5 wickets. In the second match, Doda opted to bat after winning the toss and scored 119 runs in 15 overs for the loss of six wickets. Hamam (31), Danish Bhat (24) and Ab. Mateen (20) were the key contributors. Budgam replied with 111 runs, falling short by 8 runs. Arsh Bin Ahad top-scored for Budgam with 45 runs, while Danish Bhat impressed with the ball, taking three wickets for Doda.

At the GDC/PG College Ground, Ground No. 3, Jammu defeated Srinagar by 15 runs in the first match of the day. In the second fixture, Kulgam secured a 4-wicket win over Baramulla. At SKPA, Ground No. 4, Ganderbal dominated Kishtwar to win by 9 wickets. In the concluding match at the venue, Pulwama defeated Udhampur by 10 wickets. The Department appreciated the dedicated efforts of match officials, coaches, technical staff, ground staff and organising committees for the smooth and incident-free conduct of all matches.

### Jammu district retains titles in Kho-Kho

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: District Jammu today retained the men and women championship trophies in the 25th J&K UT Kho-Kho Championship which was organised by the J&K Kho-Kho Association (JKKKA) at Green Play

In both the finals, Jammu outplayed fighting Budgam District in the closely contests amidst support from the divisional teams

In the finals and valedictofunction, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) J&K Police, Shiv Kumar Sharma was chief guest, who presented the title trophies in the presence of DSO J&K Sports Council, Igbal Singh. He was all praise for the



Winner team receiving trophy from the chief guest.

athletes fromKashmir for the competitive spirit and love for the sports. "I wholeheartedly appreciate the efforts of the J&K Kho Kho Association for successfully conducting this championship by involving athletes from almost all the districts of the UT," said

He mentioned that sports plays a vital for the holistic development of youth and asked players to continue pursuing sports with dedication and passion, as it builds not only physical fitness but

also character and leader-

Prominent among those present were Dr. Baljinder Kour, president, JKKKA; Manmeet Singh, Chairman,

Ranjit College of Education; Harpreet Singh Anand, Chairman, JSS; B.S. Tirthi,

founder, JKKKA; Harvinder ZPEO Jammu: Laxman Das Sharma, MD Diagnostic Tawi Imaging Centre; Ishan Gupta, senior Advocate; Dr Ashwani Manhas and Himanshu (99Builders).

Among the organising team were Amrinder Pal Singh (Secretary, JKKKA); Pankaj Malhotra (Treasurer JKKKA) and Tarmeet Raina (organising secretary).

#### 2nd T20-Champion Spirit Cup 2025

### Jammu boy guides India to beat Nepal by 10-wkt

STATE TIMES NEWS

RANCHI: India produced a commanding all-round performance to defeat Nepal by 10 wickets in the second T20 match of the Champion Spirit Cup 2025, presented by Round Table India, at the Amitabh Choudhary Cricket Stadium Angara. The emphatic victory underlined India's dominance and highlighted the growing excellence of Divvang cricket on the international stage.

Batting first, the Physically Challenged Cricket Team of Nepal posted a total of 139 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs. Ramjaan Ali top-scored with a fighting 43 off 27 balls, while Sukhlal contributed 22 runs from 23 deliveries. Prince K.U. Chauby added a useful 17 off 17 balls. Despite these efforts, Nepal struggled to build momentum due to disciplined Indian

India's bowlers maintained tight control throughout the innings. Sajeed Tamboli was the standout performer, claiming 3 wickets for 24 runs in his four overs. He was well sup-

Chaluwadi, who picked up 2 wickets for 27 runs, and Aaqib Malik, who chipped in with 1 wicket for just 13 In reply, Team India delivered a flawless batting display, chasing down the target in just 16.1 overs without losing a wicket. Openers Rahul

> ing fashion. Rahul Sharma, hailing from Akhnoor, Jammu & Kashmir, played a composed and confident knock of 63 not out off 53 balls, while Suvro Joarder supported him brilliantly with an unbeaten 55 off

Sharma and captain Suvro

Joarder stitched together an

unbeaten partnership that

sealed the match in convinc-

For his match-winning performance, Rahul Sharma was deservedly named Man of the Match. Sham Singh Langeh, Chairman of the J&K Divyang Cricket Team, congratulated Team India and extended his blessings to

Rahul Sharma, wishing him continued success in the upcoming matches. JK UT Padel Open- Season 1 kicks off in Jammu

# India beat SA by 7 wickets in third T20I to take 2-1 lead in 5-match series



**STATE TIMES NEWS** DHARAMSALA: A clini-

cal show by the pacers helped India beat South Africa by seven wickets in third

International to take 2-1 lead in the five-match series here on Sunday. After the pacers produced a mesmerizing spell of swing bowling to bundle out South Africa for a below-par 117, the Indian batters chased down the target with 25 balls to

Openers Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill contributed 35 and 28

### **SCOREBOARD** SOUTH AFRICA

Quinton de Kock † lbw b Harshit Rana Reeza Hendricks lbw b Arshdeep Singh Aiden Markram (c) c †Sharma b Arshdeep Singh 02 Dewald Brevis b Harshit Rana Tristan Stubbs c†Sharma b Pandya 09 Corbin Bosch b Dube Donovan Ferreira b Varun 20 Marco Jansen b Varun Anrich Nortje st †Sharma b Kuldeep Yadav 12 Lungi Ngidi not out Ottneil Baartman e Yadav b Kuldeep Yadav 03 117/10 Total INDIA Abhishek Sharma e Markram b Bosch Shubman Gill b Jansen Tilak Varma not out Suryakumar Yadav (c) c Baartman b Ngidi

respectively, while one down Tilak Varma made 26 not out as India reached 120 for 3 in 15.5

Shivam Dube not out

Extras

Total

Earlier, Arshdeep Singh (2/13),Harshit Rana (1/23) shone with the ball after India chose to bowl. Skipper Aiden Markram offered the lone spark for

ed 46-ball 61.

(2/34) and Hardik Pandya South Africa with a spirit-

120/3

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The JK UT Padel Open -Season 1, 2025, organised by the Padel Sports Association of Jammu & Kashmir and affiliated with the Padel Association of India, commenced with great enthusiasm at Champions Arena, Chowadhi, Jammu.

The organising committee, led by President Shivang Mahajan, Vice President Sahil Bakshi, and General Secretary Puneet Sharma, informed that the championship is being conducted in three categories Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Women's Doubles. A total of 78 players are participating, including 48 players in Men's Doubles, 20 in Mixed Doubles, and 10 in Women's Doubles, with representation

from various districts of both the Jammu and Kashmir provinces. The final matches and prize distribution will take place on December 15, 2025. The tournament is sponsored by One Science Nutrition and Head Padel, whose support has played a vital role in promoting padel sports in the Union

The Padel Sports Association of J&K informed that it currently operates the



only padel facility in the Union Territory, and has been actively promoting the sport through coaching programmes, workshops, and challenger events.

The association presently has a growing community of around 80 active players.Padel, which originated in Mexico and enjoys immense popularity across Europe and South America, is rapidly gaining momentum in India. Cities like Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chandigarh have already embraced the sport, and Jammu is now emerging as a

new hub for padel. The opening days of the tournament witnessed high-intensity and closely contested matches, showcasing impressive skill and sportsmanship across all categories.

In the Men's events, several thrilling encounters were played, including narrow victories in tightly fought matches, while some top-seeded pairs registered commanding wins. Notable performances came from players such as Ricky, Aman, Shivang Mahajan, Mandar, Vikram, Deepak, Aayush, Rohail, Anurag, Pankaj, and Ajay Raghav, who advanced with convincing margins.

The Women's category saw dominant performances by Shuchita, Saniya and Suhani, Wafa, who remained unbeaten in multiple matches, while Kyra, Nihar and Henna, Saltanat also put up strong competitive displays. Overall, the early rounds reflected the growing standard of padel in Jammu & Kashmir, with players displaying agility, coordination, and tactical awareness. The tournament continues over the weekend, with expectations of even more exciting matches leading up to the grand finals on December 15, 2025.