

Jaiswal's maiden ODI ton, bowlers' diligence carry India to 9-wkt win and 2-1 series victory over SA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
V I S A K H A P A T N A M :
Yashasvi Jaiswal reeled off an unbeaten maiden ODI hundred, carrying India to a nine-wicket victory in the third and final one-day and a 2-1 series win against South Africa here on Saturday.

It was always a case of the margin of victory once Jaiswal (116 not out, 121 balls) and his senior opening partner Rohit Sharma (75, 73 balls) stiched 155 runs in 25.5 overs, and it turned precisely so as India finished with 271 for one in 39.5 overs, chasing 271.

Virat Kohli contributed a classy 65 not out off 45 deliveries.

Quinton de Kock made a refined 106 off 89 balls, his 23rd ton in ODIs, but it remained a shiny footnote as Indian batters dictated the course with authority.

Jaiswal was not comfortable initially in his innings but the assured presence of Rohit at the other end was a massive blessing for him.

Rohit guided the under-study, who was playing only his fourth ODI, through some early turbulent phases, and also did the bulk of the scoring.

The 38-year-old reached



his fifty in 54 balls, tranquil by his standards but those patented, magical swivel pull shots, three of them sailed for sixes, lent the innings a touch of aggression.

It enabled Jaiswal to collect runs unhurriedly, and walked to fifty in 75 balls. But once he reached his fifty, the left-hander grew in confidence and opened a lot more, unbuckling some of those drives and cuts that he carefully avoided in the early phase of his innings.

Rohit, who became the

fourth Indian batter to reach 20000 international runs during his knock after Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Kohli, looked set for another hundred.

But an ill-timed sweep off left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj cut short his stay. But that didn't deter Jaiswal, who, accompanied by Kohli, kept India's innings moving.

The 23-year-old reached the coveted three-figure mark in 111 balls with a single off pacer Corbin Bosch

and immediately tore his helmet away to slip into an energetic celebration - a combination of sprint, jump, roar and punch in the air.

Jaiswal and a typically assertive Kohli added 156 runs for the second wicket as India calmly went past the target to whip some frenzy among a nearly 27000-strong crowd.

Earlier, a largely disciplined bowling effort also played its part in keeping South Africa to a manageable total, an

effort led by pacer Prasidh Krishna (4/66) and Kuldeep Yadav (4/41).

After Arshdeep Singh sent back Ryan Rickelton early, De Kock (106, 89 balls, 8x4, 6x4) struck his seventh century against India and put on 113 runs off 124 balls with skipper Temba Bavuma (48, 67 balls) as the visitors moved to a healthy position.

De Kock was severe on Prasidh (4/66), who erred on length continuously in his first spell (2-0-27-0).

SCOREBOARD		
SOUTH AFRICA		
Quinton de Kock † b Prasidh Krishna	106	
Ryan Rickelton c †Rahul b Arshdeep Singh	0	
Temba Bavuma (c) c Kohli b Jadeja	48	
Matthew Breetzke lbw b Prasidh Krishna	24	
Aiden Markram c Kohli b Prasidh Krishna	1	
Dewald Brevis c Sharma b Kuldeep Yadav	29	
Marco Jansen c Jadeja b Kuldeep Yadav	17	
Corbin Bosch c & b Kuldeep Yadav	9	
Keshav Maharaj not out	20	
Lungi Ngidi lbw b Kuldeep Yadav	1	
Ottneil Baartman b Prasidh Krishna	3	
Extras	12	
Total	270/10	
INDIA		
Yashasvi Jaiswal not out	116	
Rohit Sharma c Breetzke b Maharaj	75	
Virat Kohli not out	65	
Extras	15	
Total	271/1	

37th Senior District Volleyball Championship begins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 37th Senior District Volleyball Championship for Men and Women, organised by the Volleyball Association of District Jammu under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of J&K and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, commenced on Saturday at the MA Stadium, here.

The two-day championship, scheduled from 06 to 07 December 2025, features a competitive lineup of 10 men's teams and 06 women's teams, drawing significant excitement and participation from across the district.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Iqbal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, who appreciated the Association's efforts in promoting volleyball at the grassroots level.

Several distinguished dignitaries graced the occasion, including CEO Volleyball Association of J&K Kuldeep Magotra, Vice President Hardeep Singh Gill, President Volleyball Association Jammu Gurbash Singh, Secretary General Amarjeet Singh, Office Secretary Akbar Ali, Treasurer Ramesh Sharma, Vice President District Volleyball Association Rajeev Dogra, and executive members Manpreet Kaur and Bina Kumari.

The opening day witnessed a series of high-voltage matches supervised by experienced officials Amit Sharma, Mulkhraj Sharma (VFI Referees), Parvinder Singh, and Anil Kumar.

In the women's section, Pandit Volleyball Club displayed exceptional form, securing their place in the final after defeating APS Ratnuchak and APS Daman by 2-0 each. Trikuta

Volleyball Club also clinched a spot in the final with a dominant 2-0 victory over APS Akhnoor.

The men's section saw intense competition, with teams like APS Akhnoor, Cluster University Jammu, Pandit Volleyball Club, and B-Line Club registering early wins. SAI STC Jammu and B-Line Club emerged victorious in their respective semi-finals, setting the stage for an exciting final clash between Border Lines Club Pullanwalla and SAI STC Jammu.

The championship showcased impressive talent and remarkable sportsmanship from players across the district, promising a thrilling culmination. The final matches in both men's and women's categories will take place tomorrow, 7th December 2025, from 12:00 noon onwards at MA Stadium.

Kabaddi fraternity pay tributes to Anil Gupta



Kabaddi fraternity paying tributes to president of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association, Anil Gupta.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Kabaddi fraternity paid floral tributes to president of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association, Anil Gupta on his untimely sudden demise.

In a special condolence gathering at Kabaddi area within MA Stadium, here, those associated with

sports recalled the contributions of Anil Gupta for the welfare of sports, especially the game of Kabaddi.

Prominent among those present included Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, general secretary of the Association; Ranjit Kalara, sports promoter; SS Gill, Surinder Mohan, Ajay Gupta (Chief Kabaddi

Coach), Sanjit Kumar (Jammu district secretary), Mohan Lal, Manik Sharma, Dharamjeet Singh, Nisha Rani, Firdous Ahmed Rather, Manmeet Singh, Shiv Kumar and Tajinder Singh. Paying tributes, Dr Kuldeep said, "Anil Gupta was a dynamic leader, served the game of Kabaddi in Jammu and Kashmir for a long time. His tireless efforts helped the game of Kabaddi spread to all parts of J&K. He always came to the support of players in the hour of need."

A two-minute silence was observed to pray to the Almighty God for peace to the departed soul and courage to the family to bear the irreparable loss.

UT Netball Championship 2025-26 concludes



Players during a trials.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Netball Association of Jammu & Kashmir (NAJK) successfully concluded

the UT Netball Championship 2025-26 at Dogra Ground, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, drawing enthusiastic participation and strong support from officials and dignitaries.

The closing ceremony was graced by Mr. Iqbal Singh, DSO Jammu, who attended as the Chief Guest. Nikhil Kapai, President of NAJK, joined as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Rahul Razdan, Physio, along with his medical team, also marked their presence, ensuring professional support for the event.

Speaking on the occasion, officials appreciated the efforts of the association, players, and support staff in making the championship a resounding success. The dignitaries congratulated the participants for showcasing talent, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

The Netball Association of Jammu & Kashmir extended heartfelt gratitude to all guests, participants, and officials whose contributions made the event memorable and impactful.

Asmita Wushu League, District meet conclude



Participants posing with dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Held simultaneously at the same venue of Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here, the Asmita Wushu Women's City League and District Jammu Wushu Championship concluded today.

Around 600 participants took part in the twin events, making it one of the largest district-level gatherings for Wushu in recent times.

Kheolo India Centre, Bhagwati Nagar emerged as the overall champions in the Asmita Wushu City League, while the Academy of Wushu secured the top position in the District Jammu Wushu Championship.

Vijay Saraf, president, Wushu Association of India, graced the occasion and presented medals to the winners and trophies to the overall champions. He applauded the District Jammu Wushu Association for their commendable efforts in organising the championship and congratulated all medalists and participants for their outstanding performances.

Bhavneet, general secretary, Wushu Association of J&K, was the guest of honour. She congratulated the District Jammu Wushu Association for successfully conducting both the events in a smooth manner.

The Principal of KNIT Green Model Academy, Dr Deepika Rajput was the special guest. Other dignitaries present were District Jammu secretary, Vaishali, Kamal Kishore, Ajay Paul Gill, and Ritika Singh (Manager Indoor), Lalit Singh, Arun Singh Charla, Rohit Thakurli and Sher Bahadur.

Bharat Ko Jano quiz competition held



Dignitaries at Bharat Ko Jano (BKJ) Quiz Competition.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The state-level Bharat Ko Jano (BKJ) Quiz Competition was successfully organized at Maharishi Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Sainik Colony, Jammu, under the banner of Bharat Vikas Parishad, JK Prant. A total of nineteen teams from various schools across Jammu & Kashmir participated, showcasing remarkable knowledge,

enthusiasm, and patriotic spirit.

The event was graced by Dilip Thakur, Director IIMC (Govt. of India) as the Chief Guest, and Shreyansh Jain, President of the Indian Yoga Association, as the Guest of Honour. Their presence added prestige to the occasion, and they appreciated the initiative of Bharat Vikas Parishad in promoting

national awareness through such educational activities. BVP leaders, including President Sunita Gupta, General Secretary Romesh Kumar, and Rakesh Sharma, also addressed the gathering and applauded the students for their respect, enthusiasm, and love for the nation demonstrated through the competition.

The quiz witnessed exceptional performances,

with APS Akhmoor emerging as the standout institution by securing the first position in both the junior and senior categories. ASN Higher Secondary School Channi Himmat and JK Montessori followed in the junior category, while Saint Xavier Convent School Barnai and Humanity Public School B.D. Bari claimed the second and third positions respectively in the senior category.

The dignitaries praised the commitment and hard work of the students and teachers, emphasizing the importance of such competitions in fostering intellectual growth, confidence, and healthy competition. The event concluded on a highly successful and inspiring note, reinforcing the value of quizzes like Bharat Ko Jano in deepening students' knowledge of the nation and nurturing a spirit of pride and curiosity among the youth.

18-member Judo team named for National



Judo team posing with officials.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After conducting selection cum competition, the Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir today named 18-member UT team for the Senior National Judo Championship slated to be held at Imphal in Manipur from December 11 to December 15.

Before their departure the team underwent screening conducted by the officials of J&K Sports Council, including Manager, Krupali Singh; Vikas Dogra (senior coach), Suraj Sharma (general secretary), Manish Chatval and Joginder. The Team: Women: Many, Khushi Thakur,

Tamleek Shah, Yashika Jamwal, Talha Fayaz, Upasana Sharma, Anshika Sharma, Tanvi Thakur, Anmol Devi. Men: Eshaan Saini, Vir Bhadra Singh, Akshay Sharma, Vipul Yashovardhan, Shivam Sharma, Rajat Singh Chib, Farhat Gulzar, Danish Sharma and Inayat Ullah Khan Khatana.

Three-day National Conference on Applied Physical Sciences concludes at JU

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The National Conference on Advances in Applied Physical Sciences (NCAAPS-2025), organized by Department of Physics, University of Jammu, concluded today with valedictory session marked by insightful reflection, expressions of gratitude and reaffirmation of committed to scientific advancement.

The valedictory ceremony was presided over by Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu, with Prof. Shaid Hussain as the special guest. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished scientists, academicians, research scholars, and students from across the country. In her valedictory address,



Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, JU with others at a conference.

Prof. Neelu Rohmetra appreciated the organizers, for successfully organizing three days event and emphasized the growing importance of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research. Under her dynamic leadership, the university has significantly strengthened the efficiency and student-centric functioning of the Dean

Research Studies office. Organized under the patronage of Prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, the conference was inaugurated on 4th December 2025 by Prof. Mahavir Singh, Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, with Padma Shri Prof. Lalit K. Mangotra as

Guest of Honour and Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs, presiding over the session. This was followed by plenary lecture by Prof. Mahavir Singh, Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. The conference, conceptualized with the support of the Dean Academic Affairs, and Dean

Research Studies was meticulously planned and executed under the co-ownership of Prof. K. K. Bamzai, Head, Department of Physics, whose dedicated efforts ensured the smooth organization of all sessions. Report reading and the Vote of Thanks were formally presented by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Sandeep Arya.

Eminent invited speakers, chairpersons, and judges contributed greatly to the scientific depth of the event through insightful lectures, stimulating discussions, and rigorous evaluations of technical and poster sessions. Over the past three days, the conference served as a vibrant platform for exchange of ideas, show-

casing a rich spectrum of research in applied physical sciences. During these three days, one plenary lecture, 18 invited talks, 25 oral presentation and about 90 posters by young minds were presented. Two best oral presentations and three best poster presentation were given by Prof. Neelu Rohmetra. In the valedictory address, convener NCAAPS 2025 expressed immense pride and satisfaction at the successful execution of the conference.

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Anusandhan (RUSA), and the University of Jammu, which enabled the successful conduct of the conference. The enthusiastic participation of delegates, researchers, students, and the vibrant cultural programme presented by the post graduate students added colour and significance to the event. The University extends heartfelt thanks to the Organizing Committee, faculty members, non-teaching staff, the technical team, student volunteers, and all contributors for making NCAAPS-2025 an academically vibrant and memorable experience, and looks forward to hosting more such impactful academic events in the future.

DC Ramban chairs BOCA meeting of Patnitop Development Authority

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alias Khan today chaired a meeting of the Building Operations Controlling Authority (BOCA) of the Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) to review and decide key matters pertaining to planning, building permissions and construction activities within the PDA jurisdiction. The meeting was attended by CEO PDA Virender Kumar Manyal; ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo; XEN PWD, DFO and officers from concerned departments, who provided technical, legal, and environmental inputs. Town Planner Manoj Kumar joined the meeting through virtual mode.