

## Surya, Prasidh shine as India thrashes West Indies by 44 runs to go 2-0 up

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AHMEDABAD: Suryakumar Yadav conjured up a responsible 64-run knock before Prasidh Krishna returned an impressive four-wicket haul as India thrashed the West Indies by 44 runs in the second ODI to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, here on Wednesday.

Surya hit a dogged 64 to help India posted a decent score of 237 for nine after being invited to bat. The Indian bowlers, led by Prasidh (4/12), then bundled out the opposition for 193 on a 'Motera' track, where batting wasn't easy.

For the visitors, Shamarr Brooks top-scored with 44.

It is the 11th time in the last 17 games that West Indies have failed to bat their quota of 50 overs despite the presence of senior players.

India had won the first ODI by six wickets and now the third game will be played on February 11.

Chasing a modest 238, West Indies lost opener Brandon King (18) and



Darren Bravo (1) early with India pacer Prasidh accounting for both batsmen.

Opener Shai Hope (27) and Shamarr Brooks (44) tried to rally the innings but were able to add only 14 runs as Hope holed out on off

The visitors were reeling at 52/3. Prasidh was on a rampage as rival skipper Nicholas Pooran (9) became his third victim. West Indies lost half its side for 76.

From here on, it was just a matter of time. However, Brooks and Akeal Hosein (34) delayed the inevitable.

Odean Smith (24) raised the Windies hope but eventually he too fell.

Prasidh fittingly ended the game by dismissing Kemar Roach. Pacer Mohammed Siraj (1/38), Shardul Thakur (2/41), Chahal, Washington Sundar (1/28) and Deepak Hooda (1/24) perfectly aided Prasidh.

Earlier, the hosts were reeling at 43 for three after a top-order collapse but then Suryakumar forged a crucial 91-run stand with vice-captain KL Rahul (49) to bring the team back on track.

The elegant Surya, who

notched up his second fifty,

mixed caution with aggressive

sion and hammered five

fours in his 83-ball knock.

SCOREBOARD		
<b>India Innings</b>		
Rohit Sharma (c) c †Hope b Roach		05
Rishabh Pant † c Holder b Smith		18
Virat Kohli c †Hope b Smith		18
KL Rahul run out (Hosein/†Hope)		49
Suryakumar Yadav c Joseph b Allen		64
Washington Sundar c Joseph b Hosein		24
Deepak Hooda c Hosein b Holder		29
Shardul Thakur c Brooks b Joseph		08
Mohammed Siraj c †Hope b Joseph		03
Yuzvendra Chahal not out		11
Prasidh Krishna not out		00
<b>Extras</b>		<b>08</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>237/9</b>
<b>West Indies Innings</b>		
Shai Hope † c Yadav b Chahal		27
Brandon King c †Pant b Prasidh Krishna		18
Darren Bravo c †Pant b Prasidh Krishna		01
Shamarr Brooks c Yadav b Hooda		44
Nicholas Pooran (c) c Sharma b Prasidh Krishna		09
Jason Holder c Hooda b Thakur		02
Akeal Hosein c †Pant b Thakur		34
Rabian Allen c †Pant b Mohammed Siraj		13
Odean Smith c Kohli b Washington Sundar		24
Alzarri Joseph not out		07
Kemar Roach lbw b Prasidh Krishna		00
<b>Extras</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>193/10</b>

## GCoE Jammu organises Heritage Tour to Akhnoor



GCoE faculty and students leaving for heritage tour.

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JAMMU: The M.Ed. course students and IQAC of Government College of Education (GCoE) Jammu organised a heritage tour to Akhnoor in collaboration with INTACH Jammu chapter.

The tour was flagged off by M.Ed Coordinator Dr. Rajinder Kour, convener IQAC Prof. Shalini Rana and HOD Social Sciences Prof. Anuradha Chaudhary under the patronage of Principal Dr. Kulvinder Kour.

In her message, Dr.

Kulvinder said "Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and ancient heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration. It is key to identity, well-being, decisions and actions. It helps us examine our history and traditions and enables us develop an awareness about ourselves."

The students and faculty members were accompanied by S.M Sawhney. This heritage tour motivated the students to learn, review

and reconceptualise their attitudes towards heritage sites, and appreciate their significance, respect the need for their existence and conservation and appreciate the need for more community education about the heritage sites.

The participants were taken to historical site-Raghunath Temple Samah, Pond Park B. Brahmina Ambaran (Buddhist Site), Akhnoor Fort, Guru Dwara Toporan Sahib, Pandav Guffa, Jio Pota and Parshuram Temple of Akhnoor to showcase the rich heritage of Town.

The tour was convened by Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. Anuradha Chaudhary, Prof. Shalini Rana, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Prof. Rubina, S M Sahni Convener INTACH Jammu Chapter, Arvind Kotwal Coordinator Heritage Tourism INTACH Jammu chapter and the student organisers were Payal Sharma, Sabya, Konika Jamwal and Nidhi Sharma.

## Ladakh to host UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup in Sept 2022



ADGP Ladakh Police SS Khandare, General Director, Founder of City MTB, owner of World Cup, Kristof Bruyneel and others at Leh.

### ■ TSEWANG RIGZIN

LEH: UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup will be held in Leh on 4th September 2022, a first of its kind to be held in India.

The event will be organised by the Administration UT of Ladakh in collaboration with Cycling Federation of India, Edify Sports, and the UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup organisers.

Addressing a press conference, ADGP Ladakh Police SS Khandare said that the

vision and the concept holding this International Cycling event is aimed at promoting Ladakh as an ultimate sporting destination.

"We want to promote Ladakh as an ultimate cycling destination across the world," ADGP Ladakh SS Khandare said, adding that Ladakh Police has collaborated with international cycling associations and the Cycling Federation of India as its first step in this

## NCC cadets of Gandhi Nagar College attend Republic Day camp 2022

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JAMMU: Seven cadets of Padma Shri Padma Sachdeva Government PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, four from 1 J&K Girls Battalion and 3 from 1 J&K Naval Unit NCC, were part of the team that attended the Republic Day Camp 2022 at New Delhi.

They have brought laurels to the college by participating in various events and competitions like drill, cultural programmes, flag area, best cadet etc.

It's a matter of pride that Senior Cadet Captain (SCC) Shriya Jamwal, of 1 J&K Naval Unit was selected as Platoon Commander for the prestigious Rajpath Marching Contingent along with Senior Under Officer(SUO) Avni Dutta, and SUO Ruchika Sharma of 1 J&K Girls Battalion who also were part of the marching contingent this year. All three of them were also part of the PM Rally.

SCC Riya Sharma of 1J&K



NCC cadets posing for a photograph with college faculty.

Naval Unit represented as Best Cadet from JK&L Directorate at New Delhi. She was also Master of Ceremony for cultural event, flag briefer and marched the contingent in PM Rally.

Junior Under Officers (JUO) Soniya Parihar and Sukriti Singh of 1J&K Girls Battalion and Cadet Captain(CC) Avneet Kour of 1 J&K Naval Unit took a major lead in the cultural programme, participated in the flag area and PM Rally.

Principal of the College, Dr.

Sangita Nagari congratulated the cadets for their hard work, dedication, strenuous efforts and for bringing laurels to the college for representing at National Level.

She also told cadets to motivate and be a role model for others to emulate.

Associate NCC Officers of the College Lt. Dr. Revika Arora of 1 J&K Girls Battalion and SLT. Dr. Neelina Gupta of 1 J&K Naval Unit NCC encouraged the achievers and wished them the best for their future.

## DPS alumna Pankhuri Aggarwal's book gets included in Vidhan Sabha library

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JAMMU: Pankhuri Aggarwal, Alumna of Delhi Public School



(DPS) Jammu, batch 2009 brought laurels to the school and her parents Rakhi and Rajesh Aggarwal by having her book enlisted for Vidhan Sabha Library Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

She is a gold medalist in English literature. She completed her M.Phil with the highest outstanding grade and is currently pursuing her Ph.D in English literature from University of Jammu. Her first book of poems titled, "Petals of Reminiscence: A Step Back in Time" has been highly appreciated and also received "Kunwar Vijoyi Writers Award".

It has also been shortlisted to be placed in London Book Fair 2020 and in the Oxford Library, New Delhi.

Now, her book is also listed to be placed in Vidhan Sabha Library, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, adding another feather to her cap.

The book is a contemporary antidote offering candid exploration over the suffering questions of how to find the true purpose of life? What is life without love? What does it mean to be lonesome? What do we seek for connections? It is poetic collection of 101 poems, which takes one through all the menaces of life.

Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated Pankhuri and her parents for the glorious achievement.

President RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro Vice Chairperson, Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi extended their best wishes to Pankhuri Aggarwal and her parents.

## GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises webinar on 'Cyber Security Awareness'

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JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW) Bhagwati Nagar on Wednesday organized a webinar on the topic 'Cyber Security Awareness' under the guidance of the Principal, Prof. Minnie Sharma. The webinar was organized to commemorate the World Internet Day.

The Resource Person for the day was Lt. Col Akash Budhrani, M. Tech in Cyber Security from DIAT Pune. He deliberated upon various types of cyber crime like hacking, theft, cyber stalking, identity theft, child pornography, illegal downloading, spamming comput-

er viruses & other malware.

The resource person made the students aware of the fact that the stakeholders around the world should come together to make the internet a safer & better place especially for children and young people.

Principal, Prof. Minnie Sharma said that issues like cyber bullying, digital identity and other social networking problems need to be dealt with by creating necessary awareness online issues and current concerns.

The programme was organized by Prof. Nisha Bhagat and Dr. Pavanjeet Bali.

## National Junior & Youth TT C'ship postponed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Junior and Youth Table Tennis Championships, scheduled to be held at Alappuzha from February 22, have been postponed.

"The new dates are not confirmed yet but we are trying to host the championships by the end of March," said Michael Mathai, the secretary of the Table Tennis Association of Kerala.

"And we will have only singles, there won't be doubles or inter-state team events," he mentioned.

## Inter-University women's athletics meet from Feb 21

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Inter-University women's athletics championship, which was scheduled to be held at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology in Bhubaneswar in January and postponed owing to rising COVID numbers, will now be held at the same venue from February 21 to 24.

## BGSBU holds webinar on 'Project & Internship'

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RAJOURI: Department of IT Engineering & College of Engineering and Technology, BGSBU in collaboration with Ladybird Web Solution Pvt Ltd organized a webinar on the topic 'Project & Internship' on Wednesday. Prof. Akbar Masood Vice Chancellor of the University congratulated the College for hosting the event. Professor Akbar Masood mentioned many of India's finest IT engineers who have made powerful contributions to the field of Information Technology such as Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft, and Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google. Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Asif Hussain, opened the Webinar and thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his support in encouraging and providing a platform for all the departments to host such events. The speaker was Bhanu Pratap Singh Slathia, Founder and CEO of Ladybird Web Solution Pvt Ltd. He spoke about the latest technologies and platforms that should be incorporated for building robust projects. During the lecture, Slathia explains how internships and projects help students to secure good jobs. Dr. Manmeet Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of ITE, hosted the Webinar and gave a formal Vote of Thanks to all participants.

## Chowdhary Dil Mir takes over as ADC Bhadarwah

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BHADARWAH: Chowdhary Dil Mir on Wednesday took over as Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhadarwah. He assumed the charge from outgoing ADC Rakesh Kumar, who has been transferred from here. The incumbent ADC Bhadarwah was previously serving as SDM Ramsod Banihal. The outgoing ADC was bid a grand farewell by the officers and officials of the local administration. They hailed the outgoing officer for the great work done during his tenure as ADC Bhadarwah.

## Army conducts inter-village Volleyball competition



Winner teams posing for a photograph with army officials and other dignitaries.

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NOWSHERA: In an endeavour to empower and orient youth towards sustainable development in the region, an inter village volleyball competition for youth was organised by Tithiwal Brigade as part of its 'Operation

Sadhbhavana' project at Narian, to uplift sports standard in the area and to harness energy of youth in right direction.

Such initiatives act as source to boost sportsman spirit of youth of the village and to keep them away from

anti-social activities.

A total of eight teams including six boys and two girls took part in the event.

In the boys final, Rajpur Bhatta beat Sangpur West by 3-2 while Rani Village team beat Narian West by 2-0 in Girls final.

## DDC Kathua presides over Block Diwas meeting at Hiranagar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Taking District Administration to the door steps of the general public to listen and redress their grievances and demands, Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Yadav on Wednesday convened a Public Outreach Camp here at PWD Rest House Hiranagar.

ACD Kathua, Sub Divisional Officer Hiranagar, XEN Irrigation Division kathua, XEN PDD, XEN PHE, XEN PWD, XEN PMGSY, XEN RTIC, Chief Education Officer, Tehsildar Hiranagar, Block Development Officer Hiranagar, SHO Hiranagar and various tehsil and block level officers attended the meeting.

The locals and PRI Members of Panchayat Mela, demanded upgrading of 2.5 KM Mela link road and replacement of

old electric cables which are posing threat to the life of the local people and animals.

Sarpanch, Haripur Patil, Ravi Sharma complained about overcharging by the CSC centre in the area and demanded action against those involved. He further demanded widening of Haripur-Manyari road for the safety of the people. He raised the issue of increasing drug addiction in the area which is ruining the health of the youth and demanded strict action against the perpetrators.

The locals also demanded availability of G.R. receipts at Niabat level as the people have to move to the tehsil Office for the same.

A number of delegations of the people also met the Deputy Commissioner and projected their demands/grievances. Deputy Commissioner heard the

delegations patiently

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner passed directions to the officers of various departments for redressal of projected demands/grievances. He stressed upon the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department to provide ration cards to all eligible left out families. He asked the PRI members to prepare the plan for the next year so that the same could be submitted well in time.

Taking cognizance of the projected complaints, the DC directed the concerned officers to take required action to redress the issues in a time bound manner.

The Deputy Commissioner appealed the people to follow the COVID appropriate behaviour and avoid unnecessary journeys to minimise the risk of Covid infection.

## DC Bandipora distributes sports kits among Clubs, Associations

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Wednesday distributed sports kits among various Sports Clubs and associations.

Joint Director Planning, Imtiyaz Ahmad, In-charge Activities, Nasir Hussain, young footballer, Aaqib Amin and other senior officials of the district were present on the occasion. The officers handed over sports kits including footballs, cones, hurdles, shoes, mats for martial arts and other activities besides other sports equipments.

While interacting with the sport persons and representatives of various sports clubs and associations, the DC said that the district administration is keen to develop sports infrastructure in the district.

He said under different schemes, not only the play fields are being developed in every village but sports items are also distributed among the sports clubs of different villages besides numerous tournaments are organised under Khelo India.

He said with the improvement in weather conditions, the outdoor sports activities shall start soon and Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) will come up with a detailed calendar of activities.

## GDC Thannamandi organises webinar on 'Safety in Online Financial Transactions'

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

THANNAMANDI: Government Degree College, Thannamandi organised a webinar on the topic 'Safety in Online Financial Transactions' to celebrate "Cyber Jagroota Diwas".

This programme was organised under the aegis of "Cyber Jagroota Programme". The Chief Guest of the event was Prof. (Dr.) Javaid Ahmed Qazi, the Principal of college whereas the speaker for the event was Dr. Tariq Hussain Sheikh, Department of Computer Applications, Government Degree College, Poonch.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tariq Hussain threw light on risks related to online financial transactions and importance of ensuring safety while doing such transactions.

He also enlisted various measures with the help of

which we can protect ourselves from frauds related to online financial transactions. Principal Prof.(Dr.) Javaid Ahmed Qazi appreciated the event and encouraged the students to participate in such events.

He said that cyber awareness is need of the hour.

The welcome address was presented by Prof. Mudassir Majeed, Head, Department of Islamic Studies who is coordinator/Nodal Officer of "Cyber Jagroota Programme" of the college and is also the Organising Secretary of today's event.

Dr. Mohd Ibrahim, Physical Director of the college conducted the proceedings of the event while Prof. Ajaz Nazir, Head, Department of Physics presented formal vote of thanks.