

Skipper Dhull leads India to fourth consecutive U-19 World Cup final

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OSBOURN: Skipper Yash Dhull gave a glimpse of his rare talent with a well-paced hundred as powerhouse India reached their fourth consecutive U-19 World Cup final with an emphatic 96-run win over Australia here on Wednesday.

Dhull struck a sublime 110 in as many balls and shared a game-changing 204-run stand with his deputy Shaik Rasheed (94 off 108 balls) to fire India to a formidable 290 for five after opting to bat.

Indian bowlers then performed their roles to perfection to bowl Australia out for 194 in 41.5 overs. Lachlan Shaw's fine 51 came too late in the day for Australia.

Pacers Rajvardhan Hangargekar (0/26) and Ravi Kumar (2/37) were impressive in the first powerplay before spinners Nishant Sindhu (2/25), Vicki Ostwal (3/42) and Kaushal Tambe (1/32) dominated the opposition in the middle overs.

The professional bowling



performance came after a remarkably mature knocks from Dhull and Rasheed who was unfortunate to miss out on a hundred. Record four-time champions India face England in the final on Saturday and will be aiming to extend their dominance in the competition.

Dhull became the third Indian captain to hit a hundred in the tournament history after the illustrious Virat Kohli (2008) and the prodigious Unmukt Chand (2012), who also hail from Delhi.

India, the most successful team in tournament history,

He added that our wetland ecosystems become endangered as world has lost 87% in last 300 years and 35% since 1970. He further added that wetland is dwindling 3% faster than any other ecosystem.

NSS PO Dr. Narinder Kumar started the event that the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 75/317 in August 2021, proclaiming 2 February as World Wetlands Day. World Wetlands Day raises awareness about wetlands as critically important ecosystems that contribute to biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, freshwater availability, economies and more.

He added that wetlands should be used wisely and restored for improving human well-being and local flora and fauna.

Dr. P. Uniyal (Professor Delhi University) was the resource person in today's webinar. He emphasised on the importance of wetland including purifying, replenishing water, prevent flooding and control erosion.

Former national ice hockey player calls on LG Mathur



Former Indian ice hockey player Zia-Ur Rahman Mir interacting with Lt Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur.

LEH: Former Indian ice hockey player Zia-Ur Rahman Mir on Thursday called upon the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, here. Rahman requested LG Mathur for the development of winter sports infrastructure in Drass, including the installation of a zipline at Man Man ski slopes. Rahman also requested for ski-lift at various

tracks such as basic, intermediate, advance, cross-country, snowboarding and snow-rugby field, at Man Man ski slopes; snow-bidder machine, ski shop, development of VIP restroom and helipad for heli-skiing; dash border for ice hockey rink with player box, Zamboni machine for maintenance of ice hockey rink at Drass, ice skate sharpening machines and dressing rooms for teams.

SRS condemns acid attack on woman, demands death penalty for culprits

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Condemning recent acid attack incident on a girl at Srinagar, Shri Ram Sena (SRS) J&K, President, Rajiv Mahajan on Thursday demanded death penalty for culprits so that no one can dare to do such

crime again in future.

Terming the incident fit for death sentence, Rajiv Mahajan said that acid attack is a gruesome crime

against women and capital punishment is must for culprits.

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