

Dhas, Saharan fifty give India two-wicket win over SA, place in U19 WC final

STATE TIMES NEWS
BENONI: Fuelled by splendid fifties by Sachin Dhas and captain Uday Saharan, defending champions India battled past South Africa by two wickets to storm into the final, their fifth consecutive, of the ICC Under-19 World Cup here on Tuesday.

Dhas (96, 95 balls, 11x4, 1x6) and Saharan (81, 124, 6x4), who were India's guiding forces in the last match against Nepal with a hundred each, garnered 171 runs for the fifth wicket as India hunted down the target of 245 with just 7 balls to spare.

India will face either Australia or Pakistan in the summit clash to be played at this venue on Sunday, searching for their sixth trophy in the marquee event.

But the beginning of India's chase resembled a debris yard, losing four wickets for just 32 runs in the 12th over.

The South African new-ball bowler Kwena Maphaka jolted India in the first ball of their innings, dismissing Adarsh Singh with a nasty



climbing delivery that the batter had no choice other than snicking to wicket-keeper Lhuan-dre Pretorius.

His partner Tristan Luus soon joined the fun with the wickets of Musheer Khan, Arshin Kulkarni and Priyanshu Moliya as all three India batters were indecisive outside the off-stump while hanging their bats to dry.

But the Indians found their saviours in Dhas and Saharan, who dished out innings of vastly contrasting nature and tempo.

Dhas was aggressive despite the situation his team was in, but Saharan was happy to keep his end going.

Dhas' knock was a treatise on playing cross-batted shots as he cracked a six, pulled fours besides those well-placed nudges through the vacant spots on the on-side.

Saharan, on the other hand, was more traditional but was not entirely hesitant to bring out an exquisite drive or rasping cut whenever an opportunity was there for him to do so.

Dhas reached his fifty in 47 balls, fittingly, with a pull off pacer Riley Norton and Saharan reached his half-century in 88 balls with a cover drive off off-spinner Juan

James. In the process, Saharan also became the highest run-getter in this World Cup with 389 runs. But these two youngsters showed immense maturity not to squander the start they got; piling runs to keep the pressure squarely on the hosts.

SCOREBOARD	
SOUTH AFRICA UNDER-19S	
Lhuan-dre Pretorius † c Abhishek b Musheer Khan	76
Steve Stolk c †Aravelly Avnish b Limbani	14
David Teeger b Limbani	00
Richard Seletswane c Moliya b Tiwari	64
Oliver Whitehead c Dhas b Musheer Khan	22
Devan Marais c Abhishek b Pandey	03
Juan James (c) c †Aravelly Avnish b Limbani	24
Riley Norton not out	07
Tristan Luus not out	23
Extras	11
Total	244/7
INDIA UNDER-19S	
Adarsh Singh c †Pretorius b Maphaka	00
Arshin Kulkarni c James b Luus	12
Musheer Khan c James b Luus	04
Uday Saharan (c) run out (Whitehead/Mokoena)	81
Priyanshu Moliya c †Pretorius b Luus	05
Sachin Dhas c Teeger b Maphaka	96
Aravelly Avnish † c Norton b Maphaka	10
Murugan Abhishek run out (Marais)	00
Raj Limbani not out	13
Naman Tiwari not out	00
Extras	27
Total	248/8

Men's U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy Mujtaba Yousuf's masterclass puts J&K back into game

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mujtaba Yousuf claimed 5 for 51 in a seam and swing masterclass to put J&K back into the game against Baroda after J&K conceded 119 runs first innings lead to their rivals at Jammu University Ground, here on Tuesday.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 197/8, Baroda scored 244 runs in their first innings.

Nitya J Pandya top scored with 78 runs off 163 balls studded with 9 boundaries, while Dhruv Patel contributed 60 runs off 112 balls with 7 fours and one six. Skipper P Patidar and Malhar Grehvaria contributed 35 and 34 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, left-arm spinner Vanshaj Sharma was the wrecker-in-chief, who took 5



wickets by conceding 65 runs in his 28 overs, while another left-arm spinner Vishal Kumar claimed 3 wickets by conceding 61 runs in his 22.2 overs and left-arm medium pacer; Basit Bashir took 2 wickets by giving away 40 runs in 14 overs.

In reply, J&K bundled out for paltry 125 runs, thus conceding a first innings lead of 119 runs to Baroda. Yawer Hassan top scored with magnificent 57 runs off 116 balls, studded with 9 boundaries and

one six, while Kawal Preet Singh and Vanshaj Sharma contributed 22 and 16 runs to the total respectively.

Ansh Patel took 3 wickets for Baroda, while Lakshit, Ashutos Das and Utsavraj Chudasma bagged 2 wickets each.

Baroda were 130/6 in their second essay at stumps on day-3 today. Thus, Baroda has a lead of 249 runs with last day's play left in the match. Dhruv Patel (10) and Ansh Patel (01) were at the crease. Opening batter Bhavishya Bhavesh Patel top scored with 80 runs off 73 balls, studded with 8 fours and 4 sixes.

Medium pacer; Mujtaba Yousuf was the wrecker-in-chief, who captured 5 wickets by conceding 51 in his 13 overs, while Vanshaj Sharma claimed one wicket.

MAM College lifts Wushu Men inter-college trophy



Dr. Ramvijay Singh, DSW CLUJ Dr. Vinod Bakshi Director Physical Education & Sports CLUJ along with other officers and officials during Wusho Inter College tournament.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Govt. MAM College lifted the Wushu (Men) trophy in the Inter College Wushu (Men) Tournament organised by the Cluster University of Jammu at University of Jammu, here on Tuesday.

Govt. MAM College remained winner by obtaining 16 points and GGM Science College remained runner-up with 12 points. Govt. SPMR College of Commerce remained in 3rd position with nine points.

Dr. Ramvijay Singh, Dean Students Welfare, Cluster

University of Jammu was the Chief Guest and Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director Physical Education & Sports, Cluster University of Jammu was the Guest of Honour during the occasion.

The tournament was organised under the overall supervision of Dr. Vinod Bakshi and under the supervision of Neelam Chalotra, Assistant Physical Director Govt. MAM College.

Ramandeep Kralia, Physical Director GCOE Jammu, Ravi Kumar,

Ranjit interacts with Masters Handball teams

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former India captain and SSP with J&K Police, Ranjit Singh on Tuesday interacted with senior Handball teams preparing for the National Masters Games and Sports Events scheduled to be held at Goa from February 6 at Arun Sharma Handball Academy grounds, here.

Ranjit, who was one of the top India player of his times, enquired about the level of competition and participating teams.

He also encouraged those young female trainees of Arun Sharma Handball Academy at S D Sabha School grounds. Ranjit was happy to know that young boys and girls train under flood lights at the fast growing Academy.

While the women team is led by skipper, Anju Singh as captain while Nitu Gupta and Prenila Rajput have been made manager and coach respectively. Similarly, in men category, former India player; Akshay Khajuria has been appointed captain and Rakesh Dogra manager of the team. Bachan Dogra has been entrusted with the job of coach by the Masters Games and Sports Association of J&K.

Meanwhile, the Association also presented Ranjit Singh a team jersey as a souvenir.



Association members presenting jersey to former India captain and SSP with J&K Police, Ranjit Singh.

IIMC Jammu hosts maiden alumni meet after becoming deemed university



IIMC Jammu alumni at a meeting in Jammu on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) Jammu, one of the six regional centres of IIMC, a premier institute of Government of India, organised an alumni meet titled 'Jammu Jamghat' at its new campus in Bantala, Jammu. The theme of the first of its kind alumni meet was 'Rewind, Relieve and Reconnect'. Pertinently Jammu has a unique distinction being home to other premier institutes like IIM, IIT, AIIMS besides IIMC. On the occasion, Prof Anil Kumar Saumitra, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, who is also an alumnus of IIMC, shared his thoughts with the students. He said that the culture of IIMC was very different from other media institutions and that the alumni of the institute have achieved leading positions in the industry. Prof Rakesh Goswami, former Regional Director of IIMC, Jammu, along with Prof KG Suresh, former Director General IIMC and Vice-Chancellor Makhnall Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal, shared their experiences of IIMC Jammu and views through video messages. They said that it was a proud moment for them that IIMC has become Deemed to be University.

Abhishek Khajuria and Harry Walia, alumni of IIMC, Jammu, shared their student and media experiences with the current students.

The programme was conducted by Abhinav Kumar Srivastava, another alumnus. The alumni also talked about being part of IIMC, a reputed media institution, and the importance of alumni network. They also gave insights and tips to the current students on student life and career. The other alumni who joined the meet were Krishna Gopal Srivastava, Harshit Seth, Rajeev Singh, Aditya Singh, Rohan Deva, Gaurav Rawat, Akash Rathod and Lucky Kumar. The alumni meet also witnessed the presence of some former faculty and other dignitaries who had contributed to the growth and development of IIMC, Jammu. They were Sanjeet Khajuria, former faculty; Dinesh Mehrotra, General Secretary, Press Club of Jammu; Sant Kumar Sharma, former academic advisor; IIMC, Jammu; Dr Raviya Gupta, Lecturer; University of Jammu and former faculty; IIMC Jammu; and Vishv, former faculty.

The current faculty of IIMC, Jammu, also participated in the alumni meet and shared their views and experiences with the former and current students. They were Dr Dilip Kumar, Course Coordinator Journalism (English); Dr Vinit Kumar Jha Utpal, Course Coordinator Digital Media; Dr Anshula Gurg, Assistant Professor and Yasir Arfat, Assistant Professor. They also appreciated the efforts and achievements of the alumni and encouraged the students to follow their footsteps.

CUJ organises 5-day Training Program in Hindi for newly appointed employees



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the Hindi Teaching Scheme initiated by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, on Tuesday commenced a 5-day Hindi Word Processing/Hindi Typing Program exclusively tailored for its employees.

The programme aims to enhance the proficiency of the participants in Hindi word processing and typing, aligning with the government's vision of promoting the use of Hindi in official communications.

It reflects the university's commitment to supporting linguistic diversity and fostering a conducive environment for the effective utilization of Hindi.

This training program is conducted by Central Hindi Training Institute / Hindi Teaching Scheme to train personnel to work in Hindi on computers.

In this sequence, this program has been organized for the newly appointed staff of Central University of Jammu.

The sessions, conducted on-campus, will provide comprehensive training in Hindi word processing and typing, enabling the employees to proficiently handle Hindi content in their official duties.

The programme is designed to empower participants with practical skills and techniques to efficiently navigate Hindi typing software and streamline their workflow.

Vice Chancellor Central

University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain is committed to following the official language policy.

He believes that every employee should know how to work in Hindi and those employees who are not able to work in Hindi should be trained. Almost all the non-teaching staff of the university have been provided training to work in Hindi.

Prof. Jain said that it is necessary for government employees to have knowledge of the official language policy, rules, acts and orders.

The main trainer in this program is Santosh Kumar, Assistant Director (T/A), Rajbhasha Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, who will train the employees for the next five days.

The Central University of Jammu acknowledges the support of the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, in facilitating this initiative and reaffirms its dedication to promoting linguistic harmony and inclusivity.

72nd All India Police Hockey Championship CRPF to face SSB in women's Hockey final



A women hockey match in progress and ADGP Armed, Vijay Kumar chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) shall be playing against SSB in women's final of the ongoing 72nd All India Police Hockey Championship, hosted by J&K Police under the aegis of All India Sports Control Board (AIPSCB) at K K Haku Stadium, here tomorrow.

The final is scheduled at 9.30 am. Earlier, in the semifinals, decided on Tuesday, CRPF defeated Tamil Nadu 4-0. Etiwari Mundu named player of the match and the award presented by Nisha Nithyal, DIG HQ PHQ J&K.

In other semifinal of the day, SSB trounced Odisha Police 2-0. Albina Tirkey emerged player of the match, presented by Deepika, SP SIA Jammu.

In the women's hardliner,

meeting of the senior officers in connection with the valedictory function of the championship on February 8.

Pertinent to mention here that Lieutenant Governor J&K, Manoj Sinha has consented to be the chief guest in the closing function.

The officers who attended the meeting included M.N Tiwari-IPS, IGP AP/IR Jammu; Sarah Rizvi-IPS, DIG IRP Jammu; Dr. Sunil

Gupta-IPS, DIG (Jammu, Samba, Kathua Range); Dr. Haseeb Mughal-IPS, DIG Traffic Jammu; Nisha Nithyal-IPS, DIG Adm. PHQ J&K; Vinod Kumar, SSP Jammu; Zahid Naseem Manhas-IPS Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn.; Dalip Kumar-SSP, Staff Officer to ADGP Armed J&K; Benam Tosh-SSP Crime (EOW) Jammu; Shamshir Hussain, SSP Security Jammu; Faisal Qureshi, SSP Traffic

City Jammu; Manoj Pandita-SSP, AIG (Communication/ Tech) PHQ J&K; DPT J&K Jammu; Anwar-ul-Haq-SSP, PCR Jammu; Shahzaad Salaria, SSP APCR Jammu; SSP Telecom ACS Jammu; Commandants of Jammu based Armed/ IR Battalions, Syed Sajad Hussain Pvt. Secretary to ADGP Armed J&K, Abdul Hamid DySP Pers APHQ and other officers.

DGP sanctions over Rs 1.42 crore welfare loan/relief

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, R.R. Swain has sanctioned a welfare loan/relief exceeding Rs 1.42 crore for the benefit of 100 police personnel.

The welfare loan/relief covers marriage expenses, medical treatment costs, and higher education aspirations of the wards of

police personnel.

About Rs 51 lakh has been sanctioned for 44 police personnel to assist in the marriage expenses of their sons and daughters/self-marriage. For medical treatment expenses, Rs 72.5 lakh has been allocated to assist 48 police personnel, with amounts ranging from Rs 01 lakh to Rs 03 lakh.

In an effort to support the higher education aspirations of police personnel's children, the DGP has also sanctioned welfare loans totalling Rs 10.5 lakh for seven police personnel. In addition to this, the DGP has also sanctioned welfare relief in favour of 28 police personnel.

Raina flags off 'Bharat Rice' vans from BJP Headquarter

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, President, BJP, J&K, and Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), on Tuesday flagged off "Bharat Rice" vans from BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here.

BJP Vice-Presidents Yudhvir Sethi, Shakti Singh Parihar, Pawan Khajuria & Anuradha Charak, General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, former Minister Priya Sethi, former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, former MLC Vikram Randhawa, and other party leaders also graced the occasion.



Ravinder Raina, President, BJP, J&K flagging off "Bharat Rice" vans.

On the occasion, it was shared that in Jammu & Kashmir, Bharat Rice at the discounted price of Rs 29 per kg is being distributed through Sarveshwar Group. Sarveshwar Group led by

providing free ration to more than 80 crore population in the country and 60 lakhs in Jammu & Kashmir; the Modi government earlier decided to provide Atta (flour) and Dal at a discounted price.

Going, a step further, Raina said that now the Modi government has taken one more public-friendly decision to provide rice at the discounted price of Rs 29 per kilogram.

He said that the move aims at giving relief to the major chunk of the needy population of the nation, he added.

Ashok Koul, speaking on the occasion, said that the subsidized rice will be available in 5 kg and 10 kg packs, as the government wants to ensure that daily food items are available at affordable rates for the common people.

He urged upon the people to come forward and avail the benefits of the people-friendly policies and the schemes launched by the Modi government.

Rajeev Charak, Arvind Gupta, Venu Khanna, Parmod Kapahi, Sanjay Baru, Balbir Ram Rattan, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, Roshan Choudhary, Haroon Choudhary, and other party leaders were also present on the occasion.