

Mighty India thrash SA to win second successive U-19 women's T20 world title

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KUALA LUMPUR: An utterly dominant India flaunted their embarrassment of riches to win a second successive U-19 Women's T20 World Cup title with a nine-wicket shel-lacking of South Africa here on Sunday, the triumph giving a peek into the game's most perfectly calibrated youth structure.

Having outclassed every team during their march to the final, India asserted themselves yet again, getting the job done with as many as 52 balls to spare while also becoming the first team to win the tournament without dropping a single game.

The biggest star of the day was all-rounder Gongadi Trisha, who complemented her excellent 3/15 with an unbeaten 33-ball 44 while batting.

South Africa, led by Kayla Reyneke, opted to bowl first, but their decision backfired quickly as India's three-pronged spin attack bowled them out for 82.

Left-arm spinner Aayushi Shukla was the star of the show with figures of 4-2-9-2, while leg-spinner Trisha,

who has also been a revelation with the bat, further underlined her all-round capabilities with her triple strikes with the ball.

Trisha once again anchored India's chase with an unbeaten knock that was studded with eight fours.

Vice-captain Sanika Chalke (26 not out; 22 balls, 4x4) sealed the victory with a powerful heave to the square-leg boundary, forcing the young Indian players, draped in the Tricolour, to break into wild celebrations.

"I've dreamt of this moment for the past two years, and I can't believe I hit the winning runs -- it's truly surreal. My teammates' support made all the difference, and this moment is one I'll cherish forever," said Sanika after the match.

Left-arm spinner Parunika (4-0-6-2) provided India with an immediate breakthrough, dismissing opener Simone Lourens for a duck as South Africa struggled from the outset.

Right-arm seamer Shabnam Shakil (2-0-7-1) then removed the dangerous Jemma Botha, reducing South Africa to 20/2 by the end of the fourth over.



The pressure intensified when Aayushi bowled Diara Ramlakan, further denting South Africa's innings.

At the halfway mark, South Africa were struggling at 33/3, unable to gain any momentum.

Captain Kayla Reyneke (7) tried to stabilise the innings but fell to Trisha, who later stumped Mieke van Voorst (23) to break a promising 30-run partnership for the seventh wicket.

Their skipper attempted to break free but perished while trying to go big, holing

out to Trisha at long-off. Despite Fay Cowling (15; 20 balls) and Mieke van Voorst putting up a small resistance, South Africa's struggles continued.

The duo tried to rebuild but with just four overs remaining, South Africa were precariously placed at 58/5.

Trisha's breakthrough then triggered a collapse and they were eventually bowled out in the final delivery of their innings.

India got off to a strong start in their chase, scoring

briskly with a steady flow of singles and boundaries.

Trisha was once again the aggressor with her exquisite strokes, while Kamalini G also chipped in.

The opening partnership was moving smoothly until Kamalini was dismissed for 8, caught by Simone Lourens off Kayla Reyneke's bowling, leaving India at 36/1 in 4.3 overs.

Sanika faced a few dot balls before settling in as South Africa's wayward bowling and fielding also helped India's cause.

Trisha, on the other hand, continued to exude confidence, accumulating runs with a mix of singles and boundaries.

Indian opener Trisha, who struck the only century of this edition of the tournament -- 110 against Scotland -- finished as the top-scorer with 309 runs from seven innings at a fantastic average of 77.25 and a strike rate of over 147.

She also returned with seven wickets at an economy rate of 6.42 across the seven outings.

Vaishnavi emerged as the tournament's top wicket-taker, claiming 17 scalps at an outstanding economy rate of 4.35 from six matches, while Aayushi Shukla supported her brilliantly with 14 wickets from seven matches.

In the final, India were 71/1 at the halfway mark of their innings.

The defending champions enjoyed a flawless campaign,

winning all their group-stage matches against the West Indies, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka.

Their winning momentum continued in the Super Six stage with victories over Bangladesh and Scotland.

In the semi-final, India delivered a commanding performance against England to extend their unbeaten run to six matches.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN UNDER-19S	
Jemma Botha c †Kamalini b Shabnam Shakil	16
Simone Lourens b Sisodia	00
Diara Ramlakan b Aayushi Shukla	03
Kayla Reyneke (c) c Sisodia b Trisha	07
Karabo Meso † b Aayushi Shukla	10
Mieke van Voorst † †Kamalini b Trisha	23
Fay Cowling b Vaishnavi Sharma	15
Seshnie Naidu b Trisha	00
Ashleigh van Wyk c Vaishnavi Sharma b Sisodia	00
Monalisa Legodi b Vaishnavi Sharma	00
Nthabiseng Nini not out	02
Extras	06
Total	82/10
INDIA WOMEN UNDER-19S	
G Kamalini † c Lourens b Reyneke	08
Gongadi Trisha not out	44
Sanika Chalke not out	26
Extras	06
Total	84/1

14th Dist level Taekwondo championship concludes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: The 14th District Taekwondo Championship 2024-25 successfully concluded at Subhash Stadium, Udhampur on Sunday.

The event was organized in collaboration with the District Administration Udhampur and the Department of Youth Services and Sports, under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, graced the occasion as the chief guest, while IAS



DC Udhampur, Saloni Rai and others with winner players at prize distribution ceremony.

Probationer, Swati Sheemar, was the guest of honour.

The championship witnessed the participation of around 200 participants across various categories, showcasing their skills and competitive spirit.

While addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner lauded the efforts of the organizers for the smooth and successful conduct of the championship. She emphasized that such events play a crucial role in nurturing young talent and promoting a vibrant sports culture, ultimately contributing to a healthier society.

Satish inaugurates maiden Skiing training programme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SONAMARG: In a landmark development for winter sports, the snow-laden and picturesque destination of Sonamarg hosted its inaugural skiing training course here on Sunday.

The programme was inaugurated by Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma.

This pioneering initiative has introduced skiing to schoolboys from various educational institutions across the Kashmir division. In his address, Satish Sharma extolled the natural allure of Sonamarg, describing it as a magnificent locale ripe for introduction of winter sports. He emphasized that exploring such opportunities in hitherto uncharted areas would not only enrich the local cultural tapestry but also bolster tourism.

The Minister expressed his commitment towards ensuring that aspiring athletes receive skiing training that meets international standards and is delivered with a highly professional approach.

Satish Sharma heralded the inauguration of the skiing course as an auspicious beginning, envisaging it as a launchpad for transforming Sonamarg into a premier winter destination.



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma during inauguration of Skiing training programme.

He remarked that, in alignment with the directives of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, the Department is earnestly committed towards nurturing winter sports activities in Sonamarg. He assured that the Government would invest in state-of-the-art infrastructure to elevate Sonamarg's status to the next level.

The Minister laid emphasis that the Sports Department and District Administration Ganderbal will work out the modalities for creating sports infrastructure in Sonamarg. He further emphasised that this event shall be made an annual feature and organised every year in the month of February.

Acknowledging the role of sports in youth development, Satish Sharma

thereby offering a transformative opportunity for the local community.

Director General YS&S, Rajinder Singh Tara, while welcoming the distinguished guests, reiterated that the initiative to conduct skiing training at Sonamarg is the brainchild of the Chief Minister of J&K. He urged the Minister to support efforts in developing the necessary infrastructure, thereby ensuring that such programmes become a regular feature in Sonamarg, similar to the well-established model in Gulmarg.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Joint Director Kashmir of YS&S.

Adding to the cultural richness of the ceremony, local folk singer Anjum Mujhtar mesmerised the audience with a captivating Gojri song, which was met with enthusiastic applause.

Additionally, engaging snow-based activities were organised by the Department of YS&S employees.

ADC Ganderbal, Gulzar Ahmed and other officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Vaishnav Thakur breaks snatch NR in men's 102 kg weightlifting but 'one-legged' Jagdish wins gold

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DEHRADUN: Maharashtra weightlifter Vaishnav Thakur broke the snatch national record in the men's 102kg category but settled for silver as he was beaten in total lift by Services' Jagdish Vishwakarma who completed his clean-and-jerk effort standing on just one leg at the National Games here Sunday.

Vaishnav lifted 160kg in the snatch section, surpassing the previous national record of 157kg which was in the name of Jagdish. But a poor clean-and-jerk effort of 175kg meant that Vaishnav finished second in total lift (335kg).

Jagdish, who could only come up with 152kg in snatch, lifted 193kg in clean and jerk for a total of 345kg to win the gold, while Haryana's Harshit Sehrawat (329kg) took the bronze.

Just like he had done in a competition last year, Jagdish lifted his left leg after his

clean-and-jerk effort and stood on just one leg for a fraction of a second. But by then he had completed the lift, meaning that it was a 'good lift'.

"In a competition last year, he had lifted his leg before he completed the clean-and-jerk lift and so it was declared a 'no-lift'. But today, he had already completed his lift when he stood on one leg and by then the judges had recorded it as a 'good lift,'" an official at the venue told PTI.

Medals are awarded only for total lift in the National Games.

"We have all grown up watching Jagdish bhai, and breaking his record in front of him is a dream come true. Though he beat me overall, today is special," said Vaishnav.

Jagdish, while acknowledging the loss of his record, praised Vaishnav, stating, "I always tell the youngsters, don't focus on medals, focus on breaking records. Vaishnav did that today, but I am not done

yet, this has fired me up even more."

In the women's 81kg category, Vanshita Verma of Chandigarh secured the gold medal with a total lift of 208kg, successfully lifting 93kg in snatch and 115kg in clean and jerk.

Manpreet of Punjab claimed the silver with a total of 197kg (85kg snatch, 112kg clean and jerk), while Anjana Sreejith of Kerala took the bronze with a total of 196kg.

The women's 87kg event saw Tamil Nadu's Arokiya Alish clinch gold with a total lift of 221kg, followed by Modhusrmita Baruah of Assam, who won silver with 208kg, and Usha of Karnataka, who secured bronze with 197kg.

In the men's 109kg category, Rajasthan's Hareharan Singh dominated the event, lifting 160kg in snatch and 187kg in clean and jerk, to secure the gold medal with a total of 347kg.

J&K thrashes Baroda by 182 runs to face Kerala in Ranji Trophy QFs

Kanhaiya, Shubham, Lotra, Abid emerge star performers



J&K team in jubilant mood after winning match against Baroda in Ranji trophy.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VADODARA: Remaining undefeated in the tournament at the Group Group Stage, he well-knit Jammu and Kashmir Ranji Trophy team thrashed Baroda by a big margin of 182 to make it to the last eight stage and meet Kerala in the historic quarterfinals of the ongoing Ranji Trophy at Reliance Cricket Ground, Vadodara on Sunday.

Wicketkeeper batter Kanhaiya Wadhawan (71 in 1st innings & 84 in the 2nd), Sahil Lotra (4 wks in 1st & 7 wks in 2nd innings), Shubham Khajuria (94 runs in 2nd innings) and Abid Mushtaq (3 wks in 1st & 3 in 2nd innings) were the star performers of the match, while make-shift opener Yawer Hassan showed promise

with the willow in both the innings.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 58/2, Baroda bundled out for a paltry total of 182 runs, thus losing the match by a big margin of 182 runs.

Vishnu Solanki top scored with 42 runs, while Mahesh Pithya, Shaswat Rawat and Nitya Pandya contributed 26, 25 and 24 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, right-arm off-spinner Sahil Lotra was the wrecker-in-chief, who captured 7 wickets by conceding 75 runs in his 26 overs, while left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq bagged 3 wickets by giving away 71 runs in 23.5 overs.

Earlier, on day-1 winning the toss and batting first, J&K scored 246 runs in the first innings, with

Kanhaiya Wadhawan emerging as the top scorer with 71 runs, while Vivrant Sharma and skipper Paras Dogra contributed 43 runs each and Nasir Lone scored 34 runs.

NA Rathva took 5 wickets and Mahesh Pithya claimed 3 wickets for Baroda.

In reply, Baroda bundled out for 166 runs in their first innings. Shivalik Sharma was the top scorer with 64 runs.

For J&K, Sahil Lotra took 4 wickets, while Abid Mushtaq and Shubham Khajuria claimed 3 wickets each.

J&K scored 284 runs in the second essay. Batting mainstay Shubham Khajuria top scored with 94 runs, while Kanhaiya Wadhawan contributed 84 runs and Yawer Hassan

scored valuable 36 runs.

For Baroda, Krunal Pandya, NA Rathva and Mahesh Pithya bagged 3 wickets each.

For his brilliant show with the willow in both the innings, Kanhaiya Wadhawan was adjudged as the player of the match.

The Sub Committee Members of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration; Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development and Sunil Sethi Member, Legal Affairs congratulated the team members and support staff for this achievement.

"#ranjitrrophy2025 J&K enters the quarterfinals after humbling Baroda at their home ground. Will

SCOREBOARD

JAMMU & KASHMIR 1ST INNINGS	246/10
BARODA 1ST INNINGS	166/10
JAMMU & KASHMIR 2ND INNINGS	
Shubham Khajuria c Akash Singh b Pithiya	94
Yawer Hassan lbw b Pithiya	36
Vivrant Sharma b Pithiya	22
Paras Dogra (c) st †Patel b Rathva	24
Kanhaiya Wadhawan † c Pithiya b Bhatt	84
Sahil Lotra c sub (SA Pandey) b KH Pandya	04
Lone Nasir c NJ Pandya b KH Pandya	01
Abid Mushtaq c NJ Pandya b KH Pandya	00
Anqib Nabi c KH Pandya b Rathva	02
Umar Nazir Mir lbw b Rathva	02
Sunil Kumar not out	07
Extras	08
Total	284/10
BARODA 2ND INNINGS	(T: 365 RUNS)
Nitya Pandya c Yawer Hassan b Sahil Lotra	24
Shivalik Sharma b Sahil Lotra	18
Shaswat Rawat b Sahil Lotra	25
Mahesh Pithiya b Sahil Lotra	26
Ninad Rathva c Yawer Hassan b Sahil Lotra	08
Krunal Pandya (c) b Sahil Lotra	11
Vishnu Solanki c Dogra b Abid Mushtaq	42
Mitesh Patel † c Yawer Hassan b Sahil Lotra	15
Atit Sheth lbw b Abid Mushtaq	02
Bhargav Bhatt not out	00
Akash Singh lbw b Abid Mushtaq	00
Extras	11
Total	182/10

Real Kashmir blank Shillong

Lajong 2-0 to jump to fourth place



Real Kashmir team in jubilant mood.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Real Kashmir FC extended their unbeaten home streak with a commanding 2-0 win over Shillong Lajong FC in Srinagar, while Namdhari FC returned to the top of the I-League standings with a clinical 2-0 victory over Delhi FC in the I-League on Sunday.

Aminou Bouba put the Snow Leopards ahead in first-half stoppage time, heading in a long throw-in for his third goal of the season.

Lajong tried to fight back but struggled to break through Real Kashmir's defence.

Kamal Issah sealed the win in the 88th minute, racing past defenders to slot home a well-placed pass from Mohammed Aqib.

With 19 points from 12 matches, Real Kashmir climbed to fourth spot on the table, while Lajong

remained seventh with 16 points.

Namdhari FC defeated Delhi FC at Mahilpur in Punjab. Despite a shaky start, Namdhari took the lead in the 30th minute when Bhupinder Singh finished off a low cross from Jaskaranpreet Singh.

The goal shifted the momentum, and Namdhari tightened their grip on the match.

A calm and composed Cledson Carvalho Dasilva then sealed the win in the 52nd minute with Bhupinder assisting with a cross.

This was the Brazilian forward's eighth goal of the season.

With 24 points from 12 matches, Namdhari lead the table, though Churchil Brothers have a chance to overtake them in their upcoming fixture.

Meanwhile, Delhi FC remain in deep trouble, languishing at 11th place with just nine points.