

Pant lights up Chinnaswamy with record-breaking fifty, India leave Lanka with mountain to scale

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BENGALURU: Rishabh Pant put Sri Lankan attack to the sword with a record-breaking half-century while Shreyas Iyer yet again conjured up a measured fifty to let India grab complete control of the second Test here on Sunday.

Pant's 31-ball 50 and Iyer's 67-run knock after useful contribution from top-order batters meant that India set Sri Lanka a mammoth 447-run target after declaring their second innings at 303 for nine.

The struggling visitors would need no less than a miraculous show to save the match after ending the second day at 28 for one.

Skipper Dimuth Karunaratne (10) and Kusal Mendis (16) will resume Sri Lankan chase on Monday morning.

With plenty of time at their disposal after bundling out Sri Lanka for 109 in the first session of the day for a 143-run first-innings lead, India



batters gained more experience of playing with pink ball on a wicket that assisted spinners.

Like in the first innings, it was Pant's blitzkrieg that forced Sri Lanka into complete submission. He did not let them gain momentum after getting breakthroughs.

Pant's game-changing innings let Iyer play freely and that certainly helped India to extend their lead beyond the 400-run mark.

Iyer carried from where he left in the first innings, scoring 67 off 87 balls with help of

nine shots the fence.

There is never a dull moment when Pant is at the crease and it did not change today. He cut, pulled, swept, reverse swept, drove, charged down the wicket at will and raised his fifty off just 28 balls with 40 of those runs coming in boundaries.

It was the fastest Test fifty by an Indian, obliterating the 30-ball effort by Kapil Dev against Pakistan in 1982. He fell for an even 50, becoming the third scalp of left-arm spinner Praveen Jayawickrama (4/78).

The Indians scored at a good pace throughout the day with Lankan bowlers failing to exploit the spin-friendly conditions.

Rohit was calculative in shot selection before lofting off-

spinner Dhananjaya de Silva straight to Angelo Mathews for 46. His footwork looked good, he largely swept left-arm spinners and charged down the wicket to smother the off-spin of De Silva.

SCOREBOARD

India 1st Innings	252/10
Sri Lanka 1st Innings	109/10
India 2nd Innings	22
Mayank Agarwal c de Silva b Embuldeniya	46
Rohit Sharma (c) c Mathews b de Silva	35
Hamuna Vihari b Jayawickrama	13
Virat Kohli lbw b Jayawickrama	50
Rishabh Pant t c & b Jayawickrama	67
Shreyas Iyer lbw b Embuldeniya	22
Ravindra Jadeja b Fernando	13
Ravichandran Ashwin c †Dickwella b Jayawickrama	09
Axar Patel b Embuldeniya	16
Mohammed Shami not out	10
Extras	303/9d
Total	(Target: 447 runs)
Sri Lanka 2nd Innings	28/1
Lahiru Thirimanne lbw b Bumrah	00
Dimuth Karunaratne (c) not out	10
Kusal Mendis not out	16
Extras	02
Total	

10th Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sub Jr Men Hockey C'ship Singh Club Bandhurakh to face Khalsa Club in finals



Teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Singh Club Bandhurakh shall meet Khalsa Club in the final of 10th Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sub Junior Men Hockey Championship being organized by Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Foundation under the aegis of Hockey J&K at KK Hakkhu stadium, here tomorrow at 3.00 PM.

Earlier in the first semifinal played on Sunday, Khalsa Club outplayed

Bishnah Hockey Club by 10 goals to nil in one sided contest. Rajveer Singh scored four goals while Tejveer Singh scored two goals and Tejpal, Harpreet, Kawalpreet and Ashmeet Singh scored one goal each.

In another semifinal, Singh Club Bandhurakh beat Seetu Hockey Club by six goals to one. Jasjeet Singh scored two goals, Dalip Anurag scored three and Abhishek scored one goal for Bandhurakh

whereas Pawanjot Singh scored a lone goal for Seetu Club.

today's matches were officiated by Angat Singh, Dalvinder Singh, Anjali, Meenakshi and Tejinder Singh.

In today's matches, Tejinder Singh, Resident Secretary of Hockey J&K was the Chief Guest, who said that the youth is the backbone of a nation and to channelize the energy of youth sports is the best way.

The championship was held under the supervision of Sandeep Singh Chib from DYSS, Rajneesh Kumar and Pardeep Sharma.

In the closing ceremony, Swarn Singh DySP and former football coach Vishwamiter were the special guests who gave away medals and certificates among the winners.

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GIRLS Sub Junior 40 kg: Shivali Devi, gold, Priya Katoch, silver and Samriti Chowdhary, bronze. 48 kg: Kiran Katoch, gold and Siya Manhas, silver. 57 kg: Simran Bali, gold, Srahana, silver and Tanish Katoch, bronze.

Seniors Women 48 kg: Preeti Devi, gold and Shriya Sharma, silver. 57 kg: Avantika Devi Bali, gold and Nirmala Devi, silver.

Udhampur District Boxing Championship concludes



Medal winners posing for a photograph with Swarn Singh DySP and other dignitaries.

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur District Boxing Championship organized by Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Boxing Association under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Olympic Association and sponsored by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council concluded here on Sunday.

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Senior Nowshera Club wins Senior Hockey Tournament



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmad on Sunday inaugurated two days District Kickboxing Championship at S.K Stadium Bandipora Padma Shri awardee Faisal Ali was also present on the occasion.

It was informed that around 170 boys and girls are participating in this championship and players from different villages, schools and clubs are taking part in this championship.

Dr. Owais applauded the initiative of District Kickboxing Association for organizing first Kickboxing Championship in District Bandipora in this year. He also said that by such initiatives youth of the District will exhibit

their talent and hone their skills.

Dr. Owais highlighted the importance of sports for overall development and appreciated the students for their efforts and encouraged them to make the best use of such a platform to display their talents.

He also lauded the role of organisers of such events which are playing a vital role in identifying the budding talent from far flung areas of Bandipora and providing them a platform to explore their potential and reach the heights in the field of Sports.

He said Bandipora has proved its mettle in sports activities at national and international platforms and assured every possible support from the administration.

In the final match, Senior Nowshera Hockey Club defeated Nowshera Eleven by two goals to nil in a well-contested match.

in the closing ceremony, Ravinder Singh, Principal Government Higher Secondary School Bhawani was Chief Guest and Mangat Ram Sharma ZPEO and Balbir Choudhary Range Officer (wildlife) were Guests of Honour. They gave away trophies to winner and runner-up teams. Others pres-

ent were Romit Gupta, Gourav Choudhary and Sourav Choudhary.

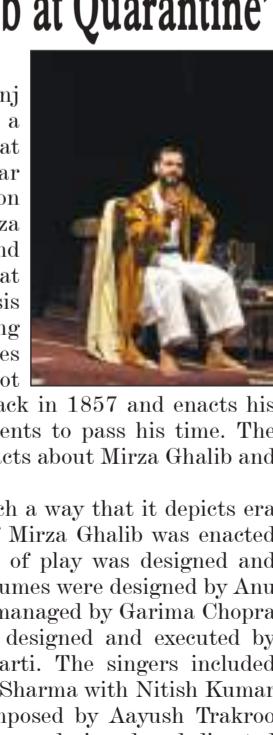
Today's match was officiated by Ravi Kant Choudhary, Romi Choudhary and Kuldeep Singh.

Tournament was organised under the overall supervision of Amarjeet Singh.

NNK stages 'Ghalib at Quarantine'

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JAMMU: Natraj Natya Kunj (NNK) Jammu performed a play 'Ghalib at Quarantine' at NNK Studio Bakshi Nagar Jammu on Sunday. Based on life, letters & poetries of Mirza Ghalib, the play revolves around the character, who got stuck at some place amid COVID crisis and sudden lockdown. Being stuck for long time, he relates himself to Mirza Ghalib, who got stuck in a similar way long back in 1857 and enacts his poetries, letters & life incidents to pass his time. The play shares some interesting facts about Mirza Ghalib and his attachment with Delhi.



The play was designed in such a way that it depicts era of Mirza Ghalib. Character of Mirza Ghalib was enacted by Balwinder Singh while set of play was designed and executed by Virji Sumbly. Costumes were designed by Anu Thakur while production was managed by Garima Chopra & Kiran Salaria, lights were designed and executed by Shaz Khan and Aaditya Bharti. The singers included Aayush Trakroo and Shobhna Sharma with Nitish Kumar as Rhythmist. Music was composed by Aayush Trakroo and Rohit Sharma while play was designed and directed by Balwinder Singh.

AIR Jammu felicitates employees as 'Corona Warriors'



Station Head/ DDG (E), Rajesh Kumar posing with felicitated employees.

JAMMU: To honour employees for their dedicated services, even during hard times of COVID pandemic, including shift-duty announcers, engineers, drivers and security guards, the All India Radio, Jammu presented

them with a trophy and Certificate of Appreciation as 'Corona Warriors' on Sunday.

Speaking during a felicitation function, Station Head/ DDG (E), Rajesh Kumar appreciated sincere efforts of staff for their dedicated and untiring

working even during COVID outbreak. Assistant Director Engineering, Sunil Chakkal; DDO Bachan Lal and Programming Head, Renu Raina besides a number of other staff members were also present during the function.

During the meeting, the members observed that the concerned authorities of PDD, responsible for construction of the receiving station, are under influence of some private businessmen.

"It seems that if receiving station will be not com-

missioned at the earliest, residents of Trikuta Nagar Colony will be at mercy of God during ensuing summer season," said members, urging the concerned authorities of J&K administration to identify black-sheep causing obstacles in

the development works for saving the UT exchequer. Besides a number of members of TNWS Jammu, Ashok Kumar Arora, Som Nath Kaul, Varinder Kumar Suri, Anil Sharma and N K Bali also attended the meeting.



TNWS members during a meeting.