

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

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

## 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.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 Hakku 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.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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.

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.

BOYS: Sub Junior 34 kg: Shahid, gold, Ankit, silver and Avaniash Sharma and Saksham Gotra, joint bronze. 38 kg: Rahul Kumar, gold and Jeet Kumar, silver. 42 kg: Ankush Gaur, gold, Aditya Sharma, silver and Paramveer and Arun



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

Kumar, joint bronze. Junior 52 kg: Virinder Kumar, gold and Varun Dev Singh, silver. 46 kg: Paranav Chowdhary, gold, Vasu Sharma, silver and Amit Chowdhury, bronze. 63 kg: Deepak Singh, gold and Manjeet Singh, silver. 67 kg: Yashvardhan, gold and Daksh Dwivedi, silver. Youth 48 kg: Arman Sharma, gold and Rahul Kumar, silver. 51 kg: Aniket Jamwal, gold, Arun Singh, silver and Rakesh Singh and Sahil Bali, joint bronze. 52 kg: Arun Singh, gold and

# Udhampur eves outplay Jammu counterparts to lift U-19 Volleyball title

Mishra honours winners, bats for better facilities



Dy Director YSS Jammu, Jitender Mishra presenting trophy to a winner team.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Outplaying District Jammu in an easy contest in the summit clash, District Udhampur lifted the title trophy of the Under-19 Girls Volleyball Tournament, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, which concluded at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, near here on Sunday.

Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Jitender Mishra was the Chief Guest on the closing ceremony, who honoured the winners by presenting them certificates and trophies on the occasion.

The Chief Guest was accompanied by the District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma, under whose supervision the event was held.

The tournament in which 17 districts from across the Union Territory took part, was held under the patronage of the Director Youth Services and Sports,

Gazanfar Ali.

Earlier, District Udhampur defeated District Jammu by 3-0 (25-15, 25-08, 25-17) in the title clash to win the trophy.

Meanwhile, District Rajouri bagged the third place by drubbing District Baramulla by 2-0 (25-16, 25-23) in a close contest in the hardliner.

The matches were officiated by a panel of experts of the Department of Youth Services and Sports.

The Chief Guest, while presenting certificates and tro-

phies to the winners, said that the government takes every possible step in promoting sports and games in the Union Territory, adding that there is still a lot of scope for improving facilities for the players.

He praised the organisers for better technical, food and boarding and lodging arrangements.

Mishra further said that such tournaments serve as a launching pad in honing skill of the players to compete at the higher levels.

## Udhampur District Boxing Championship concludes

FIH Pro League: Indian women beat Germany 3-0 in shoot-out, avenge first leg defeat

■ **AGENCY**  
BHUBANESWAR: The Indian women's hockey team beat Germany 3-0 in a dramatic shoot-out to avenge their first leg defeat to share the honours in the two-legged tie of the FIH Pro League here on Sunday.

The home side had lost 1-2 in the shoot-out in the first match at the same Kalinga Stadium here on Saturday.

Just like on Saturday, both the teams were locked at 1-1 at the end of the regulation time, leading to the shoot-out.

India were successful from all their first three attempts in the shoot-out while none of the Germans could score from their three tries with home side skipper and goal-keeper Savita doing a brilliant job to deny the visitors.

Earlier, Felicia Wiedermann gave world number 5 Germany the lead in the 29th minute through a penalty corner conversion but Nisha equalised in the 40th minute through a field goal.

## Dharkloon Club enters YSS Cup Cricket final



Winner team posing for a photograph with officials.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Dharkloon Club today made it to the final of the Cricket tournament which is being organised as part of the ongoing YSS Cup by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DSYS) at Sports Stadium, here.

In the semifinal, decided today, Dharkloon defeated Allha Rakha Club by five wickets. Batting first, after winning the toss, Allha Rakha made 57 runs in the six overs a side game. In reply, Dharkloon chased the target in five overs for the loss of five overs.

The cricket event is being conducted under the technical supervision of convener, Sanjay

Misre, Kewal Krishan, Vijay Kumar, Harbans Singh, Rajesh Kumar (all PEMs), Gurvinder Singh, Parvaiz Ahmed Afreedi, Manzoor Ahmed, Ajaz Ahmed and Shabir Ahmed.

Prominent among those present in today's matches were Kulwant Singh (incharge ZPEO Sathra), Amarjeet Singh (incharge ZPEO Nangali), Rajinder Singh (incharge ZPEO Mandi) and Surinder Singh (PEM).

The YSS Cup at Poonch is being held under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Mohd Qasim.

## DC B'pora inaugurates District Kickboxing Championship

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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.

## Senior Nowshera Club wins Senior Hockey Tournament



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOWSHERA: Senior Nowshera Hockey Club won the trophy of Senior Hockey Tournament of District Rajouri organised by District Rajouri unit of Hockey J&K under the sponsorship of J&K Sports Council at Army Ground, Nowshera.

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, Romy Choudhary and Kuldeep Singh.

Tournament was organised under the overall supervision Amarjeet Singh.

## AIR Jammu felicitates employees as 'Corona Warriors'



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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 untir-

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

## TNWS urges Admn to identify black-sheep hampering development works

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To review ongoing working on a receiving station of Power Development Department (PDD), a meeting of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society (TNWS), Jammu was held in Jammu on Sunday under the leadership of its President, Rajinder Parshad.

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-



TNWS members during a meeting.

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.

## NNK stages 'Ghalib at Quarantine'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 and 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 Shazi 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.