

# India completes Lankan series-whitewash with massive 238-run win in second Test



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BENGALURU: India extinguished whatever little spark Sri Lanka showed and wrapped up the second Test inside three days for a comprehensive 238-run win, completing a 2-0 whitewash of the Islanders, here on Monday.

A herculean task at hand, Sri Lanka took the field on the third day with a lot of determination but it was always going to be tough to negotiate the Indian attack on a track that

has been offering turn and uneven bounce from day one.

Resuming at 28 for one in pursuit of an improbable 447-run target, the Sri Lankan batters, led by skipper Dimuth Karunaratne (107), resisted the Indian attack for some time before folding for 208 in the post-tea session.

"It's been a good run, and I have enjoyed it personally and as a team. We wanted to achieve a few things as a team, and we have done that," skipper

Rohit Sharma said after leading the team to a perfect result in his first series at the helm.

He spoke about the positives that emerged from the two-match series.

We have seen Jadeja grow as a batter, and he seems to get better and better. Shreyas just carried on from where he left off in the T20 series against Sri Lanka. He knew he was stepping into the big shoes of guys like Rahane and Pujara, but he has everything that he requires.

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Rishabh seems to get better with each game that he plays," the skipper waxed eloquent.

Left-handed Karunaratne, one of the most consistent performers for Sri Lanka in recent

times, raised his 14th Test century with a boundary off Jasprit Bumrah. He took some time to settle but worked the ball around swiftly, consistently placing them in the gaps.

## SCOREBOARD

India 1st Innings	252/10
Sri Lanka 1st Innings	109/10
India 2nd Innings	303/9d
Sri Lanka 2nd Innings	(Target: 447 Runs)
Lahiru Thirimanne lbw b Bumrah	03
Dimuth Karunaratne (c) b Bumrah	107
Kusal Mendis st †Pant b Ashwin	54
Angelo Mathews b Jadeja	01
Dhananjaya de Silva c Vihari b Ashwin	04
Niroshan Dickwella † st †Pant b Patel	12
Charith Asalanka c Sharma b Patel	05
Lasith Embuldeniya lbw b Ashwin	02
Suranga Lakmal b Bumrah	01
Vishwa Fernando c Mohammed Shami b Ashwin	02
Praveen Jaywickrama not out	00
Extras	20
Total	208/10

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## 2nd Martyr's Memorial Volleyball Tournament from Mar 19

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HIRANAGAR: Volleyball Club Kootah registered with District Volleyball Association Kathua is organizing second Martyr's Memorial Open Volleyball Tournament under the aegis of Volleyball Association J&K from March 19 to 20, 2022 at Ram Leela Volleyball grounds Koota.

As per organizers, a total of 15 volleyball teams from J&K and Punjab are likely to participate in the tournament. Winner and runners-up teams will be given handsome cash prizes of Rs. 31000 and Rs. 21000 respectively along with trophies and other individual prizes, organizers said.



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Congratulating the organizers for such initiatives, Asad hoped that the department would carry forward the legacy

of channelizing the sports talent of youth across J&K.

The DDC also released the Activity Calendar of DYSSO Srinagar for the year 2022-23.

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BHADERWAH: Inter Panchayat Block Level Tournament for U-17 boys and girls, organised under the patronage of District Development Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma, concluded on Monday at Bhaderwah. The Sports event was held under the guidance of District Youth Sports and Services Officer Jaffar Haider Sheikh and over all supervision of ZEPO Bhaderwah



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SHOPIAN: The District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO), Shopian, Gurmuhi Singh Dutta on Monday flagged-off UT level 3 teams viz. Volleyball U-19, Boys to Rajouri, Kho-Kho U-17, Boys to Udhampur and Kabaddi U-17 Boys to Kathua from Government Boys Higher Secondary School Shopian to participate in their respective games, there.

The tour for these teams is being arranged by the DYSSO with the objective to provide a platform to the J&K District level students so that they can exhibit their talents and improve their match temperament.

Dutta said that the aim of the flag-off is to promote these



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games and that our students may get exposure and get benefitted.

He also advised the supporting staff and the Mentor to not allow any player to visit any other place or market for any shopping etc. He advised all the players and staff for strict compliance of guidelines to tackle covid i.e. using mask

at all times, washing hands regularly, avoiding handshakes with other players during match or post match ceremonies etc.

Among others District Information Officer Shopian, Showkat Ahmed Khan, Incharge YSS, Riyaz Ahmed Wachko and officers and officials of DYSS were present.

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