

# 'Rockstar Ravindra' puts India in driver's seat

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MOHALI: Ravindra Jadeja paid a fitting tribute to one of his earliest mentors Shane Warne with a majestic 175 not out as India took complete command of the opening Test against Sri Lanka with a mammoth first innings total of 574/8 declared on the second day here.

Jadeja or the Indian team management didn't feel that the all-rounder needed to go for a double hundred as hosts declared their innings after quite literally batting Sri Lanka out of the game.

In the final session, Ravichandran Ashwin (61 off 82 balls, 2/21), having nicely warmed up with his 12th half-century, removed Lahiru Thirimanne and Dhananjaya De Silva to go past Sir Richard Hadlee's 431 victims.

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Jasprit Bumrah (1/20) disposed off Angelo Mathews to leave them tottering at 108 for 4 as a three-day finish looked imminent. Sri Lanka still needs 267 runs to avoid follow-on.

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realised Jadeja's untapped batting potential during Rajasthan Royals' 2008 Indian Premier League campaign, where it was his late hitting that earned him the 'Rockstar' moniker from his mentor-captain.

Jadeja, over the years, has been one of the indispensable all-format players for India in Test cricket and more so for his batting abilities that make him a better package than

Ashwin in overseas conditions.

Jadeja, in all, batted for five and half hours, faced 228

balls and by the time he walked back to the pavilion, he had hit 17 fours and three sixes.

## SCOREBOARD

### India 1st Innings

Mayank Agarwal lbw b Embuldeniya	33
Rohit Sharma (c) e Lakmal b Kumara	29
Hanuma Vihari b Fernando	58
Virat Kohli b Embuldeniya	45
Rishabh Pant † b Lakmal	96
Shreyas Iyer lbw b de Silva	27
Ravindra Jadeja not out	175
Ravichandran Ashwin c †Dickwella b Lakmal	61
Jayant Yadav c Thirimanne b Fernando	02
Mohammed Shami not out	20
<b>Extras</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>574/8d</b>

### Sri Lanka 1st Innings

Dimuth Karunaratne (c) lbw b Jadeja	28
Lahiru Thirimanne lbw b Ashwin	17
Pathum Nissanka not out	26
Angelo Mathews lbw b Bumrah	22
Dhananjaya de Silva lbw b Ashwin	01
Charith Asalanka not out	01
<b>Extras</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>108/4</b>

## J&K Women Kabaddi team named for Nationals



Women Kabaddi team posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association on Saturday named UT team for the 68th Senior National Women Kabaddi Championship to be held at Charki Dadri in Haryana from March 10.

This was disclosed by general secretary of Association, Surinder Mohan Gupta, here today.

The selected team also underwent screening and presented with playing kit by the Association through Sports Officer of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Ashok Singh in the presence of Saktish Chopra (Manager JKSC), Surinder Mohan Sangram Singh (treasurer), Sanjat Kumar Rakesh Kumar and Anil Sharma (Kabaddi Coach). The Team: Mitali Manhas (Captain), Roshi Jamwal, Shallu Devi, Rajani Rani, Siya Saini, Sonia Devi, Mano Bibi, Ifla Majeed, Marifat Jan, Priya Kumari, Rifat Bashir and Ranju Devi. Mohd Amin (Coach) and Archana Kaushal (Manager).

## 3rd J&K UT Karate Championship 2022 begins

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JAMMU: 3rd J&K UT Karate Championship 2022 began here at Mahajan Hall Jammu with enthusiasm.

The Championship is being organized by Amateur Karate Do Association of Jammu & Kashmir (AKAJK).

More than 400 participants from different districts were Jammu, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Reasi, Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam, Bandipora, Kupwara, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Doda, Baramulla are participating in the Championship.

Chairman of Tourism Federation & Board member Trade Development Dialogues, Rajesh Gupta was the Chief Guest, Shihan Ambedkar Gupta General Secretary (AKAJK) was the Guest of Honour of the opening ceremony of the champion-

ship.

Rajesh Gupta appreciated the work being done by the association in the field karate and the outstanding performance of the players.

He also expressed his immense pleasure to see that the players have come to participate in the tournament from all parts of the union territory beside the difficult weather conditions hundreds of players from Kashmir

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KATRA: Two-day UT level Archery Championship, organised by the Archery Association of Jammu and Kashmir (AAJK), concluded at Archery training facility of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) Katra in district Reasi on Saturday.

Around 120 archers from all over the J&K participated in this championship.

The archers trained at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board's Sports Complex, Katra have brought laurels by winning 88 medals at 2-day long J&K Archery Championship concluded at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex, Katra on Friday.

As many as 34 archers trained and groomed at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex, Katra and 150 archers from different Districts and Schools of JK-UT participated in all the

categories of this championship held from 3rd - 4th March, organized by J&K Archery Association under the aegis of J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

In Senior round boys and girls archery events, Divyansh Suri and Usha won gold, Vinod Singh and Kajal Verma won silver and Bhawani Singh and Simmi won bronze medal. In Senior Recurve round boys

and girls competitions, Somya Sharma and Radhika won gold, Vishal Singh and Sikhu won silver and Pappu Rathore and Smilee won Bronze medals. In Senior Compound round boys Rakesh Kumar won gold, Shubham won silver and Salman Khan won bronze. Apart, a competition was also held in the junior and sub-junior Boys and Girls category which has encouraged and motivated budding Archers.

Ramesh Kumar, Chief

Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board was the chief guest of the event who congratulated all the archers for their excellent performance. He said that the Shrine Board's Sports Complex is being developed as a centre of excellence and impressed upon the sportspersons to take optimum benefit from the state-of-the-art equipment and other facilities made available at the Sports Complex. It is pertinent to mention that the Shrine

Board's Sports Complex has been producing sportspersons of national and international standards in various sporting disciplines viz., Archery, Athletics, Judo, Shooting, Badminton etc.

who have been showing promising results in varied competitions.

Among those present during the concluding ceremony included Navneet Singh,

Addl. Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board;

Dr Sunil Sharma, Jt. Chief Executive Officer;

Shinlal Kumar, Senior Vice President and Vikas Gupta, Joint Secretary of the Archery Association besides, people in large numbers present on the occasion.

Earlier during the two-day event, competition held in all age groups of sub-junior and junior boys and girls as also senior men and women under the guidance of technical panel.

The event concluded with the distribution of medals and trophies.

## Three days seminar on International Women Day begins at GCoE Jammu

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JAMMU: The Women Development Cell, IQAC and Language Club jointly inaugurated the three day's Seminar on the theme Break the Bias to commemorate International Women's Day.

In the day one of the event, the sub theme was 'meet The Regional Women Authors: break the bias through writing'.

Prominent women authors of regional languages were invited to speak on the occasion. Santosh Shah Nandan (Kashmiri), Fozia Mughal (Urdu), Dr. Sushma Rani (Dogri), Prof. Bhagwati Devi (Hindi), Naseem Akhter (Gojri) represented different regional official languages and the role of women writers in empowering women through writing. Prof. Shalini Rana, IQAC, Convener and Prof. Rubina Yasmeen Convener Women Development Centre of the College jointly hosted the programme. In the

formal inaugural session, Dr. Kulvinder Kour, Principal lauded the efforts of the organizers in bringing diverse voices of women together on one platform.

Such programmes help in developing sisterhood and thereby awareness about women's rights and duties, she said.

The students who participated in the programme were Koliha, Komal, Amadneel Mahima, Amita, Sourav, Anjali, Heena, Richa, Sheetal and Koushal.

The faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Neelam Dhar, Prof. Radhika Majhajan, Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. K.K. Mangotra, Prof. Satish Sharma, Dr. Tahira Shah, Dr. Maansi Sharma, Dr. Deep Bangotra, Prof. Seema Kumar, Prof. Vinay Lata, Anuradha Choudhary, Prof. Sunita Devi, Dr. Shalini Sharma and Dr. Anuradha Seth. Prof. Seema Kumar presented formal vote of thanks.

## Poonch PETs qualify NIS course in Hockey

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JAMMU: Vikas Sharma and Sunil Raina, both Physical Education Teachers (PETs) of the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYS) from district Poonch have successfully completed the six-week certificate course in sports coaching in the discipline of Hockey from Netaji Subhas National Institute (NIS) Patiala in Punjab.

Both these former players belong to Sham Lal Hockey Club Poonch and have represented J&K at the National level.

In total, 72 candidates appeared from all over India for this course and 51 among them qualified the course.

As a part of the course, Vikas and Sunil appeared in Level-1 Coaching Course in



Medal winners posing with CEO SMVDSB, Ramesh Kumar and other dignitaries.

Vishwajeet Singh, Dy. Chief Executive Officer, Mahesh Sharma, Chief Accounts Officer Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Kuldeep Vedwan (Archery coach of SMVDSB), Rajesh Sharma (Nodal Officer SMVDSB Sports Complex), Abhilasha Chaudhary (Assistant coach SMVDSB), Sunil Dogra, Arun Sharma and other concerned officers of the Board.

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## Rajesh Gill to represent North Zone Veteran Cricket Team at Chennai

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JAMMU: Former Ranji player and Member Indian Cricketers Association is to represent North Zone Veteran Cricket Team in the Inter Zonal National Veterans Championship scheduled to be held at Chennai from March 8 to 14, 2022.

Rajesh Gill's name was shortlisted during the trial conducted by the selection committee of Veteran Indian Cricket Federation at New Delhi.

It needs to mention here that Arun Kumar, former Skipper of Punjab who had played 73 first class matches, has been nominated as Captain of North Zone Veteran Team.

The Veterans India Cricket Foundation is headed by Syed Saba Karim, former Test Cricketer.



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JAMMU: After bowlers failed to get rid of Railways' tail, J&K batsmen also failed to show application and intent as Railways after gaining a sizeable 1st innings lead of 167 runs were in sight of a big victory in the ongoing Ranji Trophy Elite Group-C match at IIT Chemplast, Chennai.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 297/8, the unbeaten tailenders- Yuvraj and Akash Pandey played sensibly and mixed aggression with defence to guide their side to a healthy total of 426 runs, thus gaining a decisive lead of 167 runs, making a partnership of 132 runs for the 9th wicket. Yuvraj was more aggressive and scored a magnificent century (103) off 133 balls, studded with 10 fours and 3 sixes, while Akash Pandey contributed 43 runs off 127 balls with 6 fours. Earlier, opener Pratham Singh and middle-order batsman

Shivam Chaudhary had scored 75 and 47 runs respectively.

J&K bowlers showed dismal performance today as the duo of Railways tailenders Yuvraj and Akash frustrated them and J&K bowlers had to struggle for around three and a half hours to get rid of them. Almost all the bowlers bowled poorly today and failed to hit good areas. Abid Mushtaq was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 important wickets by conceding 27 runs in his 7 overs, while Karm Sharma bagged 2 wickets by giving away 38 runs in 15 overs. R Sharma also claimed one wicket each.

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innings lead of 167 runs, J&K were struggling in the second essay at 145/6, still trailing by 22 runs. Skipper Ian Dev Singh Chauhan was unbeaten on sedate 22 runs off 76 balls, with 2 boundaries, while Aquib Nabi was

at the crease on one at the draw of stumps today. Opener Suryansh Raina was the top scorer with 39 runs off 84 balls, studded with 4 fours and one six, while wicketkeeper Fazil Rashid and promising Abdul Samad contributed 29 runs each. Qamar Iqbal also chipped in with 15 runs off 19 balls with 3 boundaries.

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