

# ‘Rockstar Ravindra’ puts India in driver’s seat

■ **AGENCY**  
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.

Jadeja (1/30) later celebrated his hundred once again by trapping Sri Lanka's best player and skipper Dimuth Karunaratne (28) leg before.



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.

Jadeja's career-best knock, his second ton in Test cricket, came less than 24 hours after the cricket world tried to come to terms with Warne's tragic end.

It was Warne, who first

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	
<b>India 1st Innings</b>	
Mayank Agarwal lbw b Embuldeniya	33
Rohit Sharma (c) c 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>
<b>Sri Lanka 1st Innings</b>	
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), Sanjit Kumar, Rakesh Kumar and Anil Sharma (Kabaddi Coach). The Team: Mitali Manhas (Captain), Roshi Jamwal, Shalhu Devi, Rajani Rani, Siya Saini, Sonia Devi, Mano Bibi, Ifla Majeed, Marifat Jan, Priya Kumari, Rifat Bashir and Ranju Devi. Mohd Amin (Coach) and Arehana 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 champi-



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

onship. 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

province came to Jammu for participation.

The championship is being conducted under the supervision of Referee Commission (AKAJK), Sports Commission (AKAJK) and Athlete Commission (AKAJK).

The Organizing Committee members consist of different commissions are Sanjay Kumar Tuttoo, Rinku Sharma, Anil Sharma,

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 Sikha 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



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

### J&K UT Archery Championship concludes

## Shrine Board's Sports Complex archers bring laurels by winning 88 medals

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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 Shrine Board 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

## 6th District Poonch Handball C'ship concludes

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POONCH: Two-day 6th District Handball Championship organised by District Handball Association Poonch under the aegis of J&K Handball Association with the collaboration of J&K Sports Council for senior men concluded at Sports Stadium Poonch on Saturday.

A total of six teams from across the district took part in the championship.

After tight competition, Khari Karmara Club and Stadium (A) managed to secure their positions in final. This championship was organized on league-cum-knock out basis.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Munish Sharma was the Chief Guest while DTO Poonch Rasheed Rustam was Guest of Honour and Krishan Lal Sharma (ret'd) DSO JKSC was the Special Guest in the closing ceremony.



Players posing with Chief Guest during closing ceremony of 6th District Handball championship.

In final match, Stadium A smashed Khari Karmara Club by 34-22 goals. The final match was officiated by Imtaiz Ahmed Lone (ReK), Iqbal (Rek) and Ghulam Abass (PET).

Other prominent dignitaries present were TSO Mammohan Suri, Nirdosh Kumar Sharma I/c Sports Stadium Poonch, Prem

Prakash Luthra, Retd. ZEPO Narjeet Singh, Sanjay Raina PET, Mukesh Kumar PTI, Mustaq Ahmed coach, Rajinder Singh PEM, Ram Prakash Ground Incharge, Rajinder Singh Bhaglal PET, Neeraj Sharma coach, D.K Raina PET and Ghulam Abbas. The event was framed and visualised by Sorab Sharma, PEM.

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;

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.

Sunil Sharma, 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 there by awareness about women's rights and duties, she said.

The students who participated in the programme were Kolila, Komal, Amadndeep Mahima, Anita, Sourav, Anjali, Heena, Richa, Sheetal and Koushal.

The faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Neelam Dhar, Prof. Radhika Mahajan, Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. K.K Mangotra, Prof. Satish Sharma, Dr. Tahira Shah, Dr. Maansi Sharma, Dr. Deep Bangotra, Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof. Vinay Lata, Anuradha Choudhary, Prof. Sunita Devi, Dr. Shalini Sharma and Dr. Anuradha Seth. Prof. Seema Kumari 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 (DYSS) from district Poonch have successfully completed the six-week certificate course in sports coaching in the discipline of Hockey from Netaji Subas 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



PETs Vikas Sharma and Sunil Raina.

Hockey, organised by Hockey India under Coaching Pathway program, the results of which are awaited.

## BSF Ankur Play School students shine in 6th J&K UT Ju-Jutsu C'ship

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JAMMU: Students of Ankur Play School BSF brought laurels to school as well as their parents by winning medals in the 6th J&K UT Ju-Jutsu Championship held from February 28 to March 1, 2022 at Indoor Sports Complex, Bagwati Nagar; here.

Students won six medals including three gold, two silver and one bronze.

Gold Medal winners include Shivali Kotwal, Angamjot Kour and Aashish Singh while Advik Sharma and Chavi Singh won silver medals and Atharv Nagla bagged bronze medal.

Head Master of the school, Sonia Gupta congratulated the medal winners and their Coach Rameshwar Singh Jamwal.



Medal winners posing with coach, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal.

## Ranji Trophy: J&K bowlers, batters fail to show intent, Railways in sight of win

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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, but he could not add to his overnight tally of 5 wickets, conceding 95 runs in his 31 overs, while Aquib Nabi claimed 2 wickets. Parvez Rasool and Umar Nazir shared one wicket each.

After conceding a huge first 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. Qamran Iqbal also chipped in with 15 runs off 19 balls with 3 boundaries.

For Railways, Shivam Chaudhary was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 important wickets by conceding 27 runs in his 7 overs, while Karn Sharma bagged 2 wickets by giving away 38 runs in 15 overs. R Sharma also claimed one wicket.

With last day's play left tomorrow, J&K are still trailing by 22 runs, while Railways need just 4 wickets for scripting a win by an innings or chase a paltry total. However, cricket being a game of glorious uncertainties, predicting a result before it happens, is always a foolish thing to do.

## 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 trail 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.

Few other players in the teams also represented their states in the first class matches.

Six teams which includes North Zone Warriors, Central Strikers, Eastern Dynamos, Western Lions, Southern Gazelles and Global Patriots are the participating teams in the Inter Zonal National Veterans Championship.

The Indian Veterans Cricket team will be picked on the performance of Inter Zonal matches and the selected Indian Veterans Cricket Team is scheduled to play in Melbourne Cup in England during July, 2022 and then the team will participate in the Veterans World Cup in March, 2023 informed by the Veteran Indian Cricket Federation.

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

