

# T20 World Cup: India beat WI by five wickets to seal semifinal spot

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KOLKATA: Perpetually under scrutiny, Sanju Samson rose above the noise to produce a match-winning 97 not out as India defeated West Indies by five wickets in their T20 World Cup Super Eight match to reach the semifinals, here on Sunday.

India to face England in the semifinals at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on March 5.

Asked to bat, West Indies executed a clear attacking blueprint as they rode on Roston Chase's foundation before unleashing a late assault by Rovman Powell (34 not out; 19 balls) and Jason Holder (37 not out; 22 balls) to post an imposing 195 for 4.

In front of a packed Eden Gardens with over 65,000 in attendance, Sanju stood tall on a night when India's inform batters faltered under pressure. His magnificent knock helped India reached 199 for 5 in 19.2 overs.

Abhishek Sharma (10 off 11 balls) endured a forgettable outing and also survived two dropped catches, while Ishan Kishan (10 off 6 balls) also got out cheaply.

Skipper Suryakumar Yadav (18 off 16 balls), the otherwise dependable Tilak Varma (27 off 15 balls) and Hardik Pandya (17 off 14 balls) also failed to convert their starts.

Amid that backdrop, Sanju, playing in only his third match of the T20 World Cup, became the defining figure, striking 12 fours and four sixes in his 50-ball unbeaten knock. He batted through the



chase with poise and authority to seal the win with four balls to spare. Sanju brought the scores level in the 19th over by heaving Romario Shepherd's attempted yorker high over square leg for a towering six.

He then sealed the chase cleanly over a leaping mid-on for four to take India into the semifinals and end West Indies' campaign at the very venue where they lifted their second and last World Cup in 2016. As "Maa Tuihe Salaam" echoed the stands, Sanju dropped to his knees, removed his helmet and said a quiet prayer in a moment of relief, gratitude and redemption while the BCCI top brass gave a standing ovation.

Sanju first steadied the innings in a 58-run third-wicket stand off 35 balls with Suryakumar, absorbing pressure before shifting gears.

After the captain's dismissal, India briefly stalled, but Sanju remained composed, shunning reckless strokeplay and keeping the chase on track.

The decisive push came through a 42-run partnership off 26 balls with Tilak, which tilted the contest firmly India's way.

Suryakumar fell against the run of play just after the mid-way mark, slicing Joseph to deep point where Sherfane Rutherford held a fine catch.

From being 98/2 needing just as many from the back

end, India then drifted into a brief lull eating up 15 deliveries without a boundary and was further pushed back by the loss of their well-set captain.

But there was no sense of panic as the duo batted with composure.

West Indies introduced their partnership-breaker Roston Chase with Tilak newly at the crease, the left-hander beginning watchfully.

But Tilak exploded into rhythm against Joseph in his next over with three back to back boundaries.

After Sanju drilled the first ball straight down the ground for four, it was time for Tilak to take over with his sinewy wrists. He crunched a lofted drive over mid-off, sliced one through point and then clipped a low full toss through square leg.

The brief stagnation ended with a 17-run over to give

India's run-chase the big impetus in the middle overs. His 26-ball fifty reflected both control and intent.

Off Gudakesh Motie, he rocked back to cut a good-length delivery through point for four to reach the landmark, calmly acknowledging the applause before resuming his business-like approach.

It has been a roller-coaster ride for Sanju who was sidelined more than once before regaining his place.

First, he was sidelined after Ishan Kishan's emphatic return in the preceding New Zealand series. He was recalled only after Abhishek Sharma was indisposed for Namibia match.

But after Abhishek's comeback for the Pakistan clash, Sanju was again sidelined only to be recalled against Zimbabwe after the batting meltdown against South Africa.

SCOREBOARD	
<b>West Indies</b>	
Shai Hope (c)† b Varun	32
Roston Chase c Yadav b Bumrah	40
Shimron Hetmyer c† Samson b Bumrah	27
Sherfane Rutherford c† Samson b Pandya	14
Rovman Powell not out	34
Jason Holder not out	37
<b>Extras</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>195/4</b>
<b>India</b>	
Abhishek Sharma c Hetmyer b Hosein	10
Sanju Samson † not out	97
Ishan Kishan c Hetmyer b Holder	10
Suryakumar Yadav (c) c Rutherford b Joseph	18
Tilak Varma c Hetmyer b Holder	27
Hardik Pandya c Holder b Joseph	17
Shivam Dube not out	08
<b>Extras</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>199/5</b>

# Super Sixes Cricket Tournament Season 6 concludes



Team Black with dignitaries after receiving the winner trophy of Super Sixes Cricket Tournament - Season 6 being organised by J&K Branch (NIRC) of ICAI.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Super Sixes Cricket Tournament - Season 6, organised by the J&K Branch (NIRC) of ICAI, concluded successfully on Sunday at Green Fields Ground.

The two-day sporting extravaganza witnessed enthusiastic participation from eight teams, showcasing remarkable sportsmanship, teamwork and camaraderie among members of the professional fraternity.

Following competitive league and knockout stages, four teams advanced to the semi-finals. In the first semi-final, Team Black secured a convincing win to book their place in the finals. The second semi-final saw Team Yellow defeat Team Aqua Blue in a closely contested match, setting the stage for an exciting title clash.

The grand finale between Team Black and Team Yellow was marked by intense competition and enthusiastic support from members present at the venue. Demonstrating consistent performance and strong leadership, Team Black lifted the championship trophy under the captaincy of CA Hanok Mattu.

Chairman CA Amit Gupta congratulated all participating teams and lauded the exemplary sporting spirit displayed throughout the tournament. He emphasized that such events foster unity, wellness and team building within the fraternity.

Secretary CA Sanchit Aggarwal also addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of balancing professional excellence with recreational engagement. Immediate Past Chairman

CA Sourav Pargal appreciated the smooth execution and growing scale of the tournament. Vice Chairman CA Jatin Malhotra ensured seamless coordination across both days of the event. Treasurer CA Ayush Mahajan and Executive Member CA Ayush Sawhney extended their full support to the organising committee and participants.

The Branch expressed heartfelt gratitude to its valued sponsors - NR Computer Care, Eurobie Bread & Biscuits, AU Small Finance Bank, Vinod Caterers, KD Hospital and APT Global - for their generous support.

The successful conclusion of Season 6 once again reinforced the message that professional excellence and sporting spirit go hand in hand.

# Jaguar Club, Preet Nagar advance in 2nd SCPL



Winners Preet Nagar United and Noor XI teams posing with organisers and guests at University of Jammu grounds in Jammu on Sunday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jaguar Cricket Club and Preet Nagar United registered impressive victories to advance to the next round of the 2nd Sikh Cricket Premier League (SCPL), jointly organised by All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee and Hari Singh Nahwa Cricket Club at the University of Jammu grounds here on Sunday. In the first match, Jaguar Cricket Club defeated Evershine Club by 15 runs in a closely contested encounter. After Evershine won the toss and elected to field, Jaguar posted a competitive total of 142 runs, losing all wickets in 19.5 overs. In reply, Evershine fought hard but fell short of the target, scoring 127 runs for the loss of seven wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Harjot Singh of Jaguar delivered a match-winning spell, claiming three wickets for 16 runs in four overs, earning the Man of the Match award. Jeevanjot Singh, who scored a brisk 37 off 34 balls, was declared the

Best Batter. Sujit Kumar, IGP Crime, graced the occasion as chief guest, interacting with players and lauding the organisers for promoting competitive cricket. In the second match, Preet Nagar United secured a 19-run victory over Noor XI in a high-scoring affair. Batting first, Preet Nagar amassed 190 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Danish Fayaz starred with the bat, scoring a fluent 74 off 44 balls to be named Player of the Match. Chasing 191, Noor XI mounted a spirited reply, highlighted by a sensational 101 off 56 balls (7 fours, 7 sixes), but ultimately finished at 171 for eight in 20 overs. Vikranjeet Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries, attended as chief guest and appreciated the organisers for engaging youth in constructive sporting activities.

Fixture for tomorrow: Chardikala Strikers will face Nanak Nagar United Cricket Club at 9 am, while Hari Singh Nahwa Cricket Club takes on Baba Farid Nagar Cricket Club at 1.30 pm.

# Jammu Club sets new sporting benchmark with Squash Court upgrade, new professional TT Table



**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Under the guidance of Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu and Vice President of Jammu Club, the Club continues to scale new heights in strengthening its sports infrastructure and enhancing member facilities.

Carrying forward this progressive vision, Jammu Club has successfully completed the comprehensive revamp and modernisation of its Squash Court, marking a significant milestone in its ongoing infrastructure development initiatives. The Squash Court has undergone a complete transformation, featuring brand-new professional-grade flooring and meticulously refurbished walls. The upgrade has created a superior, safe, and match-ready playing environment designed to meet modern sporting standards.

ment to maintaining premium-quality facilities for its members. The transformation reflects a focused effort to provide a contemporary and high-performance sporting experience within the Club premises.

Further strengthening its indoor sports infrastructure, the Club has also installed a brand-new professional Table Tennis (TT) table, replacing the earlier one that had deteriorated over time. The new table promises improved bounce consistency, enhanced durability, and a better overall playing experience for members across all skill levels.

Both the upgraded Squash Court and the newly installed TT facility are now fully operational and open to members.

Hony. Secretary Gaurav Gupta stated that quality infrastructure forms the backbone of a vibrant sporting culture. He emphasized that the comprehensive upgradation of the Squash Court and installation

of the new professional TT table reflect the Club's continuous resolve to deliver tangible and visible improvements. He reaffirmed the management's commitment to further elevating the overall Club experience.

Gaurav Gupta also placed on record his sincere appreciation for Vikram Dhawan, Chairman, Health Club Sub-Committee, for his dedicated supervision in ensuring the timely completion of the works. Special commendation was extended to Chaitanya Sharma, Member, Health Club Sub-Committee, for his valuable contribution toward enhancing the Squash Court facility.

The Managing Committee reiterated its firm resolve to further strengthen sporting and recreational infrastructure, ensuring members continue to benefit from modern, well-maintained, and high-quality facilities befitting the stature of Jammu Club.

# Executive Body Meeting of Akhnoor Sports Club held

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

AKHNOOR: A meeting of the Executive Body of Akhnoor Sports Club was held in the Club office under the chairmanship of Rajeev Sharma, Chairman of the Club. The meeting focused on reviewing administrative functioning and revitalizing sports activities in the area.

At the outset, the Chairman expressed concern over the inordinate delay in convening routine monthly meetings since the commemoration of Martyrs' Day on September 12, 2025. He observed that the Club's activities had remained at a minimal level during this period and emphasized the need to restore regular functioning.

The Chairman also conveyed dissatisfaction regarding the financial records of the Club, stating that the cash book had not been updated since 2023. The President assured the Executive Body that the



Executive Body members of Akhnoor Sports Club after the meeting.

cash book would be completed before the next meeting. The issue of executing a rent deed with the Postal Department was discussed. The matter has been pending for over a year, despite the Club agreeing to a monthly rent of Rs 25,000 from March 2025. Raman Gupta was entrusted with the responsibility of arranging a contractor for whitewashing, painting, minor masonry works in the post office building,

and renovation of the store room wall in the office premises. Regarding the induction of new members into the Executive Body, the Chairman stressed that proper procedure must be followed. It was proposed that the strength of the Executive Body may be increased to twenty-one members to enhance participation and representation. The Chairman further asserted that the Club

should actively organize tournaments in various sports disciplines to promote sports culture in Akhnoor. Concerned Executive Members were directed to submit expenditure proposals for organizing tournaments before the onset of the summer season.

The tenure of the President also came under discussion. The Secretary informed the house that, as per the Club's Constitution,

the President's term is two years. After detailed deliberations, the Executive Body unanimously agreed that the two-year tenure is appropriate and allows opportunities for other members to contribute. D. P. Gupta informed the house that he had completed his two-year tenure and would welcome the Club's decision regarding his successor.

Some members raised concerns about irregular attendance by certain Executive Body members, noting that their absence hindered active participation in Club affairs. It was suggested that provisions be introduced to discontinue the membership of those who fail to attend a specified number of meetings.

The meeting concluded with a collective resolve to strengthen administrative discipline and rejuvenate sports activities for the benefit of the youth and the community of Akhnoor.

# Cricket Tournament under Civic Action Programme begins at GHSS Basohli

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BASOHLI: A Cricket Tournament organized under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) commenced today at Government Higher Secondary School, Basohli. A total of eight teams from the local area are participating in the tournament.

The initiative aims to promote sportsmanship, discipline, and constructive engagement among youth, while also strengthening police-public relations in the region.

The final match of the tournament is scheduled to be played on March 04,

2026. In the opening match, Palahi faced Mahadera. Batting first, Palahi scored 119 runs and went on to win the match by 50 runs.

The second match was played between Hutt and Saman.

Saman scored 79 runs while batting first. Chasing the target, Hutt revised their strategy and successfully scored 81 runs, winning the match by 8 wickets.

The matches were conducted smoothly under the supervision of the official umpires appointed for the tournament.



Police officials presenting Man of the Match award to a player.

# J&K Masters Badminton Tourney begins



**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Organised by Badminton Association of Jammu and Kashmir (BAJK), the two-day Yonex-Sunrise J&K TT Masters (Veteran) Badminton Championship in collaboration with J&K Sports Council got underway on Sunday at Badminton Hall, Police Lines, here.

The event was declared open by chairman of the Association, Dr O D Sharma, who interacted with the participants and officials. Among others present were DV Sharma (president BAJK), Dushyant Sharma (treasurer BAJK), Balbir Janwal, Basanti Bhat, Pawanjit Singh and Sukhdev Singh (incharge Badminton Hall). The competition is being held in different age groups between 35 plus and 80 plus categories of men and women in both singles, doubles and mixed events.

The technical panel is led by chief referee, Rahul Sharma.

The Results: Men Singles: 35 plus: Mudasir Ahmad beat Suhail 21-08, 21-10. 40 plus: Lokesh Sharma beat Abdul Shakoor 21-18, 21-19. Plus 45: Sanjay Kumar beat Koushal

Kumar 21-17, 21-11. 50 plus: Vivek Mehta beat Ajatshatru 21-17, 21-14. Plus 55: Sanjeev Arora beat R K Dubey 21-12, 21-17. 60 plus: Daljit Singh got walkover Romesh Sharma.

**IN THE COURT OF MUNSIF (JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS) SUNDERBANI**

Present: Bhawana Kesari  
JO Code :-JK00321

CNR No. JKR/J060000682024 Next Date of hearing: 04-04-2026

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Petition u/s 138 of negotiable instrument act, 1881, amended upto date.

Soarabh Sharma, S/O Raj Kumar R/o VIII Bhajwal Sunderbani Tehsil Sunderbani, Distt: Rajouri, Proprietor:- Soarabh Steel Fabrication. (Complainant)

**VERSUS**

Harish Chaudhary, Proprietor:- MS Choudhary Steel Work at Village Chowki, Nowshera, Tehsil Nowshera, Distt. Rajouri. (Accused)

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Notice to:- Harish Chaudhary, Proprietor:- M/S Choudhary Steel Work at Village Chowki, Nowshera, Tehsil Nowshera, Distt. Rajouri.

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that you, the accused above named cannot be served in the ordinary way of service, hence this proclamation under section 82 CrPC is hereby issued against you with a direction that you should appear personally before this Court on 04-04-2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Take notice that, in default of your part to appear as directed above, the above said case will be heard and determined as per law, in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court today on 27th day of February, 2026.

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