

India stuns Australia in AVC Women Challenger Cup 2023



Indian women volleyball team posing for photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: The Indian volleyball team produced a fine display to begin their campaign on a winning note in the 4th AVC Women Challenger Cup 2023, organised by the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) with Indonesian Volleyball Federation (PBVSI) in Tridharma Sports Hall, Gresik, East Java, Indonesia.

Led by Nirmal Tanwar, India beat Australia 3-1 (13-

25, 25-16, 25-22, 25-14).

The Australia took control in the first set against India to effortlessly win 25-13. Conceding one set, India upped their tempo to make amends for the loss in the first set played well up to their standard to hold the rivals off with their good attacks and solid blocks to clinch the second set 25-16.

The third set was still dominated by the Indians, who led from start to finish in a

set 25-22 while India finished the match by winning fourth set by 25-14.

Indian Team Captain Nirmal Tanwar while other members of the team have performed to their fullest potential for this incredible performance. The win was possible by the inspirational coaching of Head Coach, Chauhan Pritam Singh, Assistant Coach, Paruchuri Radhika, Roy Neel Kamal Manager, Roy Neel Kamal

and Referee, Arunachalam T.V.

India Team: R Aswathi (L), Hemlata, Soorya S, K.S Jini, Nirmal (Captain), Vala Chetna, Johnson Jincy, K. P Anusree, Ashwani K, Shilpa R S, Angel Joseph, Das Anannaya (L), S. Shaalini and N.S Saranya.

Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta-Member of Parliament & President of Volleyball Federation of

India (VFI), S. Vasudevan-Chairman VFI, Raj Kumar-Executive Vice President VFI, Ramavtar Singh Jakhar-Executive Vice President-CZ, Asian Volleyball Confederation, President, Rajasthan State Olympic Association, Anil Choudhary-Secretary General, Sunil Tiwari-Treasurer VFI, Kuldeep Magotra - Associate Secretary VFI and all the office bearers of the Volleyball Federation of India congratulated the players of winning opening match.

Meanwhile, Patron-in-Chief, Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja; President, Sidharth Daluja; Chief Executive Officer, Kuldeep Magotra; General, Secretary, V K Magotra; Treasurer, R C Sharma; Executive Vice President, H S Gill, Joint Secretary Mohd Tariq and other office bearers of VAJK also congratulated all players and officials for their performance in the match wished best of luck for future matches.

Prarna maintains top place in Sport Climbing



Winners of the third round of Sunday Series of Sport Climbing Competitions with the organisers.

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JAMMU: At the end of round three of ongoing Sunday Series of Sport Climbing competitions, organised by Tawi Trekkers J&K, Prarna Charak maintained her top position with 300 points. She is followed by Payal with 225 points and Shagun Sharma with 160 points at second and third place respectively.

Similarly, in the Sub Junior Boys category, Aryan Rantham of Army Public School, Damana was leading with 300 points, followed by Deepak Singh and Himanshu Manhas with 80 points and

Udhey Singh and Pranav Mankotia with 65 points.

In the Mini Girls category, Manya Verma was ahead of Ayanaa Bhagat and Nivedita Kotwal. Harman Samotra (260 points) Aaradhya Manhas (230 points) and Saksham Sathia have so far secured the first three positions respectively after the third round completed today.

However, in Sub Junior Girls group, Meetali Khajuria was ahead of Arushi and Jeevika. Similarly, in the Mini Boys category, Vidhur Shoor with 200 points was leading over Harshveer and Devansh.

Earlier, about 50 climbers participated in various categories in the third round today under the overall supervision of Sumit Khajuria, vice president of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK). The technical team was headed by Shawetia Khajuria (general secretary) and included international sport climbers Shivani Charak, Shilpa Charak and Arun Deep Singh. Meanwhile, the fourth of Sunday Series shall be held on June 25. For registration climbers may contact Shawetia Khajuria (7006099855).

Chess meet held at Kathua



Medal winners posing for photograph with dignitaries.

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KATHUA: Open Chess Championship, organised by District Kathua Chess

Association, concluded on the TDS College campus, here. The competition held under

the guidance of President of the District Association, Ravi Sharma. In total, 60 players took part in this tour-

nament.

The Results:

OPEN: Boys: Sanyam Verma, 1st; Sahil Mahajan, 2nd and Rishant Jasrotia, 3rd. Girls: Harsheen Kour, 1st; Jiya Thakur, 2nd and Monishika Raina, 3rd. UNDER-NINE: Boys: Paras Sharma, 1st; Jaiveer Singh, 2nd and Hirdey Sharma, 3rd. Girls: Aarvi Andotra, 1st; Avarna Sharma, 2nd. UNDER-EIGHT:

Anhad, B.Dhillon, 1st; Anhad Singh, 2nd and Rishav, 3rd. UNDER-SIX: Naksh Sharma, 1st; Madhaveshwar Singh, 2nd and Ayush, 3rd.

Friends Warriors Jourian wins in Summer Cup T20



Winner team posing for a photograph with chief guest and officials.

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AKHNOOR: Friends Warriors Jourian beat Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor by two wickets in the ongoing Summer Cup Twenty20 Tournament being organised at Government Higher Secondary School ground, here on Sunday.

Earlier, batting first after winning the toss, Singh Club made 143 runs for the loss of ten wickets in 19.5 overs. Chandan Sharma played brilliant innings of 50 runs while Anshu Sharma, Rohit Rajput and Sonu Malhotra were other leading scorers with 26, 23 and 15 runs respectively. For

Friends Warrior Jourian, Ritik grabbed three wickets while Rakesh and Manpreet

Vishu took one wicket each.

In reply, Friends Warrior Jourian chased the target making 145 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 17 overs. Vishu played a match winning inning of 52 runs followed by Hirtik, who also played well and made 35 runs while Sagar and Retik contributed 18 runs each.

For Singh Cricket Club, Rohit Rajput claimed three wickets while Chandan Sharma took two and Sham Singh Langleh and Sonu Manhas grabbed one wicket each.

For his match winning knock, Vishu was declared as Man Of the Match.

Today's match was officiated by Abhi and Robin as

Umpires and Jimmy acted as Scorer.

In today's match, Harjeet Singh SHO Akhnoor was the Chief Guest who distributed prizes among the players and advised the youth to keep themselves away from drugs and play more and more games.

Others present were Rajinder Sharma, Sonu Malhotra, Deepak Sharma, Raman Sharma, Jimmy Manni, Sushil Pawa, Gara Singh, Deepak Mangotra and Kuljeet Singh.

The tournament is being organized by Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor under the overall supervision of Sham Singh Langleh President Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor.

Indonesia Open India's Satwik Chirag bag historic doubles title

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JAKARTA: India's dynamic duo of Satwiksairaj Rankiredy and Chirag Shetty scripted history by winning the men's doubles title at the Indonesia Open here on Sunday, becoming the first pair from the country to claim a Super 1000 event.

The Indians outwitted the Malaysian world champion duo of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik 21-17, 21-18 in an intense contest that lasted 43 minutes. "We had prepared very well for this event. We knew the crowd will be supporting us. They have supported us all week. This has been amazing week for us. We played amazing badminton today. We didn't have good head-to-head record against them, so wanted to play one point at a time and it fetched the result for us," said Satwiksairaj after the match. Satwiksairaj and Chirag gained initiative midway through the first game and they never really gave a sniff to their fancied opponents since then.

Srinagar Pencak Silat meet begins

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SRINAGAR: District Srinagar Pencak Silat Championship, organised by district association under the aegis of Pencak Silat Association of J&K, got underway at Indoor Hall, Polo ground, here.

Around 800 players drawn from different schools and clubs are participating in the championship, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.



A pencak silat match in progress.

Mohammad Iqbal, in-charge manager of Indoor Sports Complex was chief guest who declared open the event in the presence of office bearers of the state and district association.

The participants shall compete in different age groups including pre-teen, sub-junior, junior in both boys and girls besides senior men and women events, the handout mentioned.

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Food Safety Day



Glimpses of Food Safety Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Unsafe food is the cause of various diseases and it contributes to other poor health conditions including impaired growth and development, micronutrient deficiencies,

communicable or non-communicable diseases, and mental illness.

With the same motive, World Food Safety Day was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with fervour.

Surekha Bajju commenced the celebration and expressed, "Access to safe food is key to sustaining life and promoting good health. Food safety has a critical role in assuring that food must stays safe

at every stage of the food chain - from production to harvest, processing, storage, distribution, all the way to preparation and consumption."

Jakiens recited poems on the theme "Food safety is a

shared responsibility between governments, producers, and consumers."

Jakiens highlighted the CG theme of World Food Safety Day 2023 - "Food Standards Save Lives".

The Principal of JKPS

Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah expressed, "Today's celebration is an opportunity to strengthen efforts to ensure that the food we eat should be safe to reduce the burden of food borne diseases globally."

Shivang, Raghav win Badminton titles



Chief Guest presenting trophy to a winner player.

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JAMMU: Getting the better of Ujwal in an easy contest in the summit clash, Shivang lifted under-13 boys Badminton title, while Raghav defeated Vansh in the title clash to claim the under-19 boys singles Badminton title in the 2-day Open Badminton Championship, organised by Badminton Youths Club at Indoor Sports Complex Akhnoor, near here.

In under-15 boys doubles, the duo of Ritik and Ashank defeated the pair of Kunal and Sourab in the title clash.

Over 60 Shuttlers drawn from various Districts, Schools and Clubs took part in the tournament.

Incharge/Manager Indoor Sports Complex Akhnoor, Jugal Kishore was the Chief Guest on the closing ceremony who distributed trophies among the winners and runners-up Shuttlers.

CABJK to conduct Cricket Series for blind on June 24-25

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JAMMU: Cricket Association for Blind Jammu and Kashmir (CABJK) is going to organise UT Level Cricket Series for blind on June 24 and 25, 2023 at Bakshi Stadium Srinagar.

According to the General Secretary of the Cricket Association for Blind Jammu and Kashmir, the organisers are leaving no stone unturned in making requisite arrangements for conducting the event in a most befitting manner.

In this tournament, 30 players will take part, out of which around 20 to 25 players will be from Kashmir division. For further details, the players' desirous to take part in the event can contact Association on mobile number 9888522512 or jkblindericket@gmail.com