

US scare for jittery India as Surya clinches Super 8 berth for Rohit's men

AGENCY
NEW YORK: Arshdeep Singh's artistry and Suryakumar Yadav's coolness combined well for India as they staved off USA's challenge, etching a seven-wicket win to clinch a Super Eight berth in the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

After Arshdeep's career-best 4 for 9 restricted USA to what looked like a manageable 110 for 8, India made a heavy weather of an easy chase on a slightly challenging track before Suryakumar (50 not out off 49 balls) reasserted his status as world's No. 1 ranked T20 batter.

He traded his flamboyance, waiting like a tiger on the prowl for his prey, in the company of Shivam Dube (31 not out off 35 balls), who didn't inspire much confidence despite the chase being completed in 18.2 overs.

The Surya-Dube pair



added 67 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket stand. The turning point seemed to be a bit of ignorance about the rules from the US bowlers, who flouted the rule of taking only 60 seconds between the overs on three occasions and conceded five penalty runs at an inopportune time.

India needed 35 off 30 balls at that stage when an umpire Paul Reiffel informed skipper Aaron Jones about the decision and

that effectively ended the US resistance. That was the opportunity Surya waited for as he then finished the match in a jiffy with a flurry of shots.

But not before Saurabh Netravalkar (2/18 in 4 overs), the Oracle programmer from Silicon Valley, wrote a couple of perfect codes to remove an out-of-form Virat Kohli (0) with a delivery that shaped away and then bowled a slower one to find the leading edge of

former Mumbai senior teammate Rohit Sharma's willow. Dube once again struggled on a slow track as India were 53 for 3 after 11 overs with 58 more to get in the last 9 overs. The shackles were finally broken when

Surya uppishly flicked Ali for a boundary towards mid-wicket and Dube, after an arduous struggle of 25 deliveries, picked Corey Anderson's slower ball to dispatch him for a six over deep mid-wicket.

SCOREBOARD	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
Shayan Jahangir lbw b Arshdeep Singh	00
Steven Taylor b Patel	24
Andries Gous † c Pandya b Arshdeep Singh	02
Aaron Jones (c) c Mohammed Siraj b Pandya	11
Nitish Kumar c Mohammed Siraj b Arshdeep Singh	27
Corey Anderson c †Pant b Pandya	15
Harmeet Singh c †Pant b Arshdeep Singh	10
Shadley van Schalkwyk not out	11
Jasdeep Singh run out (†Pant/Mohammed Siraj)	02
Extras	08
Total	110/8
INDIA	
Rohit Sharma (c) c Harmeet Singh b Netravalkar	03
Virat Kohli c †Gous b Netravalkar	00
Rishabh Pant † b Ali Khan	18
Suryakumar Yadav not out	50
Shivam Dube not out	31
Extras	14
Total	111/3

VC JU releases Music Book 'ANUNAAD-Sangeet Lekh Sangrah'



Vice Chancellor JU, Prof. Umesh Rai releasing book titled "ANUNAAD - Sangeet Lekh".

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Institute of Music & Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu, organised a book release function today at the University of Jammu. The highly anticipated music book titled "ANUNAAD - Sangeet Lekh Sangrah" was released by the Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai.

Edited by distinguished faculty members Dr. Sumeet Madan (HOD, Violin Department, IMFA), Dr. Roshni Shaminotra (Vocal Department, IMFA), and Dr. Anjul Mittal (Sitar Department, IMFA),

"ANUNAAD" is a collection of diverse articles that explore the multifaceted world of music. The book promises to be a significant contribution to the field of music education and appreciation. In his presidential address, Prof. Rai expressed his delight at the release of "ANUNAAD," highlighting the book's celebration of the universal language of music. He noted, "ANUNAAD" celebrates the diversity and splendor of music through evocative prose and profound insights. The editors have beautifully revealed the profound impact of music on our hearts, minds,

and souls." The book release function was organised in presence of Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal of IMFA, and Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to Vice Chancellor. Prof. Malik extended his compliments to the editors, describing "ANUNAAD" as a symphony of words that resonates with the deepest chords of the human spirit. "This exquisite book takes readers on a transformative journey, offering a rich collection of articles penned by eminent personalities, professors, and scholars from across India," he remarked.

KU gets maiden annual calendar of sports

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor (VC) University of Kashmir (KU) today unveiled the institution's maiden annual sports calendar for the academic session 2024-25.

Happy with the recent development taking place in the Department of Sports and Physical Education, the VC KU, Prof. Nilofer highlighted the importance of an annual plan aiming at students from various colleges and departments of KU as well.

Speaking to the officials, the VC announced several initiatives specifically aimed at promoting sports among womenfolk of the University.



VC KU, Prof. Nilofer Khan unveiling sports calendar.

She also announced the adoption of the University Model School for Sports, congratulating the Directorate of Sports for giving fillip to the activities on the campus.

The Registrar, Prof. Naseer Iqbal extended his best wishes for the successful release

of the annual sports calendar. Dr. Mandeep Singh, Director, Directorate of Physical Education and Sports; Sheikh Adil, Gymnasium Coach; Surjeet Kour; Lady Sports Assistant; Mohd Abrar (Cluster Head) R J Sameen; Burhan Ahmad and Tauseef Ahmed.

Summer Camp for Children inaugurated at JU

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Summer Camp for Children was inaugurated here today at the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu. During this program, Children will be given training in Theatre, Dance and Fine Arts by the experts.

The camp was inaugurated by Prof. Prakash C. Antahal (Dean Students Welfare) in the presence of Prof. Sarika Manhas, Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Harleen Kaur; Assistant DSW, Resource Persons of the Workshop, Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor SW, Nitika Aggarwal



Participants of summer camp posing with JU faculty members.

Bharatnatyam expert and participating children.

While interacting with children, Prof. Prakash Antahal encouraged the participants to get the maximum benefit out of this training camp, as during such training programmes,

one gets exposure and platform to enhance his or her talent and gain confidence to face the audience. He asserted that the aim of conducting such workshops within campus is to kindle confidence and creativity in the participants and also to impart a sense of belongingness towards the institution.

It is pertinent to mention here that under the patronage of the esteemed Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, the Department of Students Welfare,

University of Jammu has prepared a vibrant calendar of events which will feature a series of events of cultural and literary importance for the stakeholders of the university, which would be executed by the team consisting of Prof. Prakash Antahal Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Monika Chadha Chairperson, CCC Prof. Sarika Manhas Co-Chairperson, CCC, Dr. Pritam Singh Associate DSW, Dr. Shalu Sharma, & Dr. A.R. Manhas Deputy

Chief Proctors, Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar Assistant DSW, members of Campus Cultural Committee & Students Cultural Representatives, Mansi Mantoo, Officer Incharge DSW, Sumeet Sharma Drama Instructor & Ifra Kak Cultural Officer.

Children who are participating in the summer camp include Shiva Gupta, Alavya Bhardwaj, Prajwal Antahal, Tasmia Sohrab, Tasbia Sohrab, Inkoor Kaur, Kritiya Gupta, Yakshita Singh, Ishanvi Salaria, Jyanvi Salaria, Adhya Sharma, Vatsalya Kapoor, Vanshika Pangotra, Manya Rajput, Meeshita Mahajan, Saumya Mahajan, Ashwika Verma, Aradhya Sharma, Bhavya Sharma, Amartya Choudhary, Bharti Kavya Choudhary, & Ayushman Khajuria. Sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul.

District Anantnag Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2024 concludes

STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG: The District Anantnag Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2024 reached its exhilarating conclusion at Boys Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara, on Wednesday. Organized by the District Anantnag Tennis Ball Cricket Association under the aegis of the J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council as part of the "My Youth My Pride" initiative, the championship witnessed the spirited participation of 40 teams hailing from various zones across Anantnag District.

Competing in categories ranging from Senior, Junior, to Sub-Junior for both boys and girls, the championship followed a league-cum-knockout format.



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials.

The closing ceremony, graced by Nazir Ahmad Hajam (Vice Principal, Govt. Girls Model Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara) as the Chief Guest and Bashir Ahmad (Manager, Sports Stadium, Anantnag) as the observer, celebrated the outstanding performances of the participants.

Trophies, mementos, and medals were awarded to the winners, runners-up, and

officials, acknowledging their dedication and sportsmanship.

In the U-14 Boys category, Radiant Public School emerged victorious, with Birla Open Minds Anantnag securing the runner-up position. Zirpara Lions clinched the title in the U-17 Boys category, while Gems Public School and Hills Public School secured the top positions in the U-17 Girls category.

G.C.C Bijbehara triumphed in the Senior Boys category, with G.D.C Anantnag emerging victorious in the Senior Girls category.

During the closing ceremony, Nazir Ahmad Hajam and Bashir Ahmad commended the participants for their enthusiastic involvement in the championship, emphasizing the importance of sports in nurturing talent and fos-

tering a spirit of camaraderie. They expressed gratitude to the organizers for orchestrating a vibrant and successful event in Bijbehara, Anantnag.

The District Anantnag Tennis Ball Cricket Association extended its heartfelt appreciation to Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, and Secretary J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association for their unwavering support towards the players of District Anantnag.

The Association also announced the selection of teams during the District Championship for the upcoming UT level Championship scheduled in the last week of August 2024, promising further opportunities for the talented athletes to showcase their skills on a broader platform.

Young Pazhany wins U-17 boys Chess title

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Young Pazhany Kohli bagged the under-17 boys' title in the J&K UT Chess Championship which held under the banner of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA), here.

Just 10-year old, Pazhany won all six rounds to earn highest six points in a very strong field of 43 players. The under-17 girls' title trophy went to another talented player, Alankrita Sharma, who, at a tender age of nine years, has become the champion.

Second place in boys section went to Sahib Singh while Aryan Raj Bali remained third. Similarly, in girls section, Srujanika Gupta bagged sec-



Winner players after receiving trophies.

ond spot and Ashwina Raina remained third.

Now, two players shall represent J&K in the upcoming National under-17 championship. Those winners felicitated by SP Sharma, chairman Jammu division selection committee along with Bindu

Pathania, chief Arbitrator. The event was organised by Jammu District Chess Association under the supervision of Baldev Raj, president AJKCA. Ravi Kumar and Ritish Pathania extended technical support, a handout issued here today mentioned.

3rd Inter-College Volleyball cum TT culminates



Dignitaries presenting trophy to a winner team.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The 3rd Inter College Volleyball cum Table Tennis Tournament (Men/Women) 2024 organised by Department of Physical Education, Govt. College of Education (IASE), M.A. Road, Srinagar from 10th June, 2024, under the leadership and guidance of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr) Seema Naz culminated here on Wednesday.

A total of 38 teams participated from 14 different Colleges of the Valley along with the constituent and affiliated colleges of the Cluster University Srinagar. In the volleyball tournament, 11 Men and 08 Women Teams participated whereas in Table Tennis (T.T) Tournament total 08 Men and 11 Women Teams showed their participation with great zeal and zest.

Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat

(HOD Education) along with Dr. Mohammad Yasin Pir (Convener Sports), Prof. Mansoor Ahmad Lone (Co-convener) Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Wagi (Staff Secretary), Dr. Irfat Ara, Prof. Abdul Gani Kumar, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Malla and Daljeet Kour inaugurated all the events of the tournament on 10-06-2024 (Monday).

In the brief Inaugural ceremony Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat (Dean Students Welfare) encouraged the participants and highlighted the importance of Games and Sports in the day today life.

In the Volleyball Category (Men), the final match was played between the AAAM Degree College Benina and GDC, Alochi Bagh in which AAAM Degree College, Benina defeated GDC, Alochi Bagh and bagged the volley trophy.

In the Volleyball Category (Women), the final match was played between Govt. Women's College M.A.Road, Srinagar and S. P.College, Srinagar in which Govt. Women's College M. A. Road defeated S.P. College, Srinagar and bagged the volley trophy.

In the Table Tennis Category (Men), the final match was played between the S.P. College Srinagar and Gandhi College, Srinagar in which S.P. College Srinagar defeated Gandhi College, Srinagar and bagged the Table Tennis Trophy.

In the Table Tennis Category (Women), the final match was played between GCET, Safapora and Amar Singh College, Srinagar in which GCET, Safapora defeated Amar Singh College, Srinagar and bagged the trophy.

The brief valediction func-

tion was held today in the multipurpose hall of the college in which trophies and medals were distributed to the Winners and Runner Ups by Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat (Dean Students Welfare) and college sports committee.

The event was officiated by four officials deputed by District Youth Services & Sports Department (UT of J&K).

The 3 days event was smoothly conducted by the Department of Physical Education comprising Dr. Mohd Yasin Pir (Convener, Sports), Dr. Bilal Ahmad (PTI), Daljeet Kour (APTI) and Girdari Lal.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a historic moment and first of its kind for our region, the J&K Sports Council Football Academy has been chosen for the esteemed AIFF Blue Cubs Development Center initiative, and has been recognized by the All India Football Federation as the Best Grassroots Center 2023-24. This is a big step in developing football talent at the grassroots level. AIFF Blue Cubs Development Centre strives to nurture young footballers, giving them professional training and exposure from an early age. Undoubtedly, this project will

Shaheed Abdul Majeed Memorial Night Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament inaugurated in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Poonch, on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Yasin M. Chaudhary, organized the Shaheed Abdul Majeed Memorial Night Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament here on Wednesday at the Sports Stadium.

The event, held under the supervision of DYSSO Mool Raj Uttam, was officially inaugurated by the father of Shaheed Abdul Majeed.

The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of DDC Yasin M. Chaudhary and SSP Yugal Manhas, along with all Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs) and the physical staff of the department. The Power Development Department (PDD) played a crucial role in ensuring proper electricity supply for the event. Other notable attendees included Nirdosh Kumar, Incharge Manager of Sports Stadium Poonch, Xen PDD, retired ZPEOs Narjeet Singh, and other prominent citizens.

In the opening match of the tournament, Media XI defeated YSS V by 20 runs. The leading scorer for Media XI, Ravi, with 45 runs,



was declared Man of the Match. The technical committee, led by Pawan Kumar (PEL Convener) and Gurvinder Singh (PET), ensured the smooth execution of the tournament. The women empowerment ceremonial committees also contributed significantly to the event's success. The master of the ceremonial event was Vijay Kumar (PEM). The tournament has been organised as a tribute to the late Shaheed Abdul Majeed.

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benefit the UT by producing a new generation of talented football players and raising the bar for the sport in Jammu & Kashmir.

Established in 2017, the J&K Sports Council Football Academy has produced players for ISL & I-League Teams every year. In addition 13 players have represented Indian National Teams in various age groups. Among them were Saahil Khurshid, Jehangir, Muheet Shabir, Abdul Salha, Rishi Rajput, Sajjad Hussain, Suhail Ahmad, and many others. The game of football in J&K has been reviewed with significant assistance

from the academy. Currently, more than 1500 aspiring players receive football coaching every day from the 12 Khelo India Football Centers and 13 JKSC Academy District Units spread throughout J&K. Toddlers also receive attention towards the game in large numbers in JKSC Football School at Srinagar and Jammu. The government's investment in sports facilities and the platform it has built for the players over the years have resulted in the honors the JKSC has been bestowed with today. Besides, JKSC coaches are also performing well at both the national and international

levels in addition to the players' success in the international arena. The academy's coaches, staff, and trainees were warmly praised for accomplishing this remarkable achievement by Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez and Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gul. Sports in J&K have flourished under the directions of LG, Manoj Sinha, who also happens to be the President of JKSC, said Secretary YSS.

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