

Rohit's injury a worry in India's cakewalk eight-wicket win over Ireland



AGENCY
NEW YORK: Skipper Rohit Sharma's freak upper arm injury came as a dampener but India's four-pronged pace attack was too deadly for an out-of-depth Ireland during a walk-in-the-park eight-wicket victory in their opening game of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday. The 'Men in Blue' will indeed have some sleepless nights going into the Pakistan game on June 9 after Rohit's

Mohammed Siraj didn't even need to bring in their 'A' game. Arshdeep Singh and a rejuvenated Hardik Pandya were good enough to dismantle the Irish for 96 in just 16 overs. Arshdeep (2/35 in 4 overs), Pandya (3/27 in 4 overs), Siraj (1/13 in 3 overs) and Bumrah (2/6 in 3 overs) didn't give any breathing space to Irish batters who were made to look like novices in front of swing, seam and extra bounce produced during the 14 out of 16 overs that they bowled. Such was their plight as none of the Irish batters save Gareth Delany (26 n.o., 14 balls) could even cross the 20-run mark. Delany's innings took them close to the 100-run mark. Later, Rohit entertained the crowd with his customary pull-shots which found their appointed place in the semi-empty make-shift stands to

complete the chase in 12.2 overs. Virat Kohli (1) and Suryakumar Yadav (2) missed out on some batting

practice while Rishabh Pant (36 not out) was generally good in his first outing as No. 3.

| SCOREBOARD | |
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| Ireland | |
| Andy Balbirnie b Arshdeep Singh | 05 |
| Paul Stirling (c) †Pant b Arshdeep Singh | 02 |
| Lorean Tucker † b Pandya | 10 |
| Harry Tector c Kohli b Bumrah | 04 |
| Curtis Campher c †Pant b Pandya | 12 |
| George Dockrell c Bumrah b Mohammed Siraj | 03 |
| Gareth Delany run out (Mohammed Siraj/†Pant) | 26 |
| Mark Adair c Dube b Pandya | 03 |
| Barry McCarthy c & b Patel | 00 |
| Josh Little b Bumrah | 14 |
| Ben White not out | 02 |
| Extras | 15 |
| Total | 96/10 |
| India | |
| Rohit Sharma (c) retired hurt | 52 |
| Virat Kohli c White b Adair | 01 |
| Rishabh Pant † not out | 36 |
| Suryakumar Yadav c Dockrell b White | 02 |
| Shivam Dube not out | 00 |
| Extras | 06 |
| Total | 97/2 |

Waseem of GDC Magam wins KU Cross Country



Participants of Cross Country race of KU posing for a photograph with officials.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Waseem Raja of Government Degree College Magam bagged the inter-college Cross Country gold of University of Kashmir. The event was organised by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, here. Silver medal went to Aijaz Ahmad of GDC Kangan

while Javeed Bashir of GDC Magam finished third. Earlier, around 100 college going athletes from affiliated colleges of KU took part in the Cross Council event, a handout issued by the KU here today informed. Registrar KU, Prof. Naseer Iqbal appreciated the efforts of Directorate of Sports for

holding activities on a regular basis. He presented medals to the winners and lauded the efforts of other participants. Vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Harbinder Singh, senior coach of the Department. The event was supervised and coordinated by Sheikh Adil and Surjit Kour.

Standard Writing Competition held at Govt Polytechnic for Women Jammu



Government Polytechnic for Women Jammu faculty posing with winner students.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Government Polytechnic for Women Jammu on Wednesday organized a Standard Writing Competition in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), JKBO, Bari Brahmana. The event was held under the guidance of the Principal Er. Suket Gupta. As many as 47 students from the E & C and Computer department participated in the Standard Writing Competition. The

Resource person from BIS Jammu, Dr. Rhythm Basson, informed the students about the motive of the event and importance of Quality of products in daily life. She also informed them how to check the authenticity of items by checking license details on the BIS Care app. Er. Anika Gupta, BIS Mentor GPWJ apprised the participants about the rules and regulations for writing the standards.

Anandi Singh (2nd Sem computer) bagged 1st prize, Anushoka Ambarad (4th Sem E&C) bagged 2nd prize, Saher (2nd Sem Computer) got 3rd prize and Palak Devi (4th Sem E&C) was given the Consolation prize. These cash prizes were handed over to the winners by Principal, GPWJ along with the BIS team. To conclude, the vote of thanks was presented by the BIS mentor, GPWJ to the BIS team.

BVP Taushi Shakha, Samiksha collaborate to organise declamation contest on World Environment Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Taushi Branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), J&K Prant, in collaboration with SAMIKSHA: The Society for Promotion of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, Jammu organized a Declamation Contest on the occasion of World Environment Day on Wednesday amongst students of different schools at Muthi, Jammu.

and drought resilience. Amongst the contestants speaking in Hindi Eneeksha Shandal and Siya Choudhary of Army Public School, Domana stood first and second respectively in the class 9th/ 10th category. Amongst speakers in English in the class 9th/ 10th category, Devasya Bhat of K. S. Public High School, Muthi stood first and Tania Deviof Shining Star Academy, Muthi stood second. In the class 11th/ 12th category in English, Akhil Dubey and Mansi Gupta of Government Higher Secondary School, Muthi stood first and second respectively.



Members of Taushi Branch of BVP J&K Prant presenting prizes to winner students.

The topic of the declamation contest was "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience" which is also the theme adopted by United Nations Environment Fund (UNEP) for World Environment Day 2024. In all, 15 students participating in the competition, speaking either in Hindi or in English, gave very spirited presentations, outlining the various causes of land degradation and desertification, and suggesting strategies for their prevention as well as for land restoration

The program was conducted by Chander Mohan Sharma, Sanskar Pramukhi, Taushi branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad, and Guru Vandan Chatra Abhinandan tradition was followed while giving away the prizes to the contestants. Dev Raj Sharma, National Chairman (Environment), Bharat Vikas Parishad, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, and gave away the prizes. In his address, Sharma

appreciated the objectives behind holding of the Contest and said such events have the potential of going a long way in fulfilling the aim of Bharat Vikas Parishad to create awareness about environmental conservation as an essential value (Sanskar) amongst our future generations. He called upon for more such programs to be held across the country to sensitize and empower our youth in tackling the menace of environmental degradation effectively. Dr. Dalip Kumar, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Mass

Communication Jammu was the Guest of Honour. Earlier, welcoming the participants, Ajay Khajuria (Retd), President of Taushi Branch of BVP and SAMIKSHA, gave a brief overview of the challenges faced by mankind in conserving the environment and appraised the gathering about various triggers of air pollution, plastic pollution, land degradation etc., which ultimately contribute to global warming, climate change and water scarcity being experienced by mankind across the Globe. The contestants were adjudged by Dr Ramakant

Sharma and Balwant Singh for speakers in English. Om Prakash Bhuria and Sushil Bhola were the judges for speakers in Hindi. Prominent amongst others who participated in the program included Madan Lal, Eminent Citizen, Er Jagmohan Sharma, Secretary Taushi Branch, Lt Col (Retd) Man Singh Jamwal, member Taushi Branch, Er Arvind Khajuria, member Taushi Branch, Rohit Khajuria, Treasurer Samiksha, Subhash Antal, Jt Secretary Samiksha and Vinod Kumar, Jt Secretary of the Taushi Branch.

Udhampur has huge potential in Shooting: Mehta

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: District Udhampur has a lot of potential and talent in the shooting sport in J&K, so the building of infrastructure in the private sector shall further the efforts to groom the youngsters so as to achieve the desired results. This was stated by chief guest, Lt. General (Retired), P S Mehta while felicitating the winners of the Open District Rifle and Pistol Championship which was organised by

Udhampur District Rifle Association in collaboration Udhampur City Shooting Range, Ballian, here. Chief guest was quite happy with the state of the art shooting range set up a young sports enthusiasts, Sumit Sharma and V K Sharma. He was all praise for the district Association in making efforts in promoting the game. Considering their performance, Shivansh, Sumit Sharma and Sanjeet Katoch have been selected for the upcoming J&K

Championship. Among other prominent present were former Director Sports SMVDSB and chief patron of Sports Academy Udhampur, Ashok Kumar; Ramesh Mishra, DYSSO Udhampur; VK Sharma, patron Udhampur City Sports Academy; OP Sharma, Jugal Kishore Gupta, treasurer; Vincent Gupta, secretary; Som Dev Khajuria, Vikas Sharma, Jatin Sethi and Ankush Khanna. The Results: 10 mts:

Youth Boys: Shivansh, Ist; Puneet Bhardwaj, 2nd; Sarthak Singh and Aditya Singh, 3rd. Youth Girls: Sarika Sharma, Ist; Samriti Sharma, 2nd and Aditi, 3rd. Pistol boys: Kartikaya, Ist; Adanya, 2nd and Sanchit Singh, 3rd. Youth Pistol Girls: Vannya, Ist; Mavan Shika, 2nd and Prakriti Gupta, 3rd. Senior Rifle Men: Atal, Ist; Akhil Mankotia, 2nd. Senior Air Pistol Men: Sumit Sharma, Ist; Sanjeet Katoch, 2nd.

CS meets Paralympian Amir Ahmed; star footballers of J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Duloo, on Wednesday met Amir Ahmad Bhat, who is going to partake in the Pistol Shooting competition at the Paralympics, going to be held in Paris at the end of August. Amir is the first athlete from Kashmir to compete in the Paralympics. Chief Secretary appreciated Amir for his unique talent and dedication while wishing

him success in the upcoming competition. He hoped that the player will perform outstandingly well in the tournament and bring laurels for Jammu and Kashmir. Meanwhile, J&K's elite football players also met the Chief Secretary and briefed him about their accomplishments in the Indian Super League, I-League and

Indian National Teams during this season. The footballers' delegation comprised of Ishfaq Ahmad, Mehraj Ud Din Wadoo, Danish Farooq, Muhammad Hamad, Muheet Shabir, Sajjad Parray, Suhail Ahmad, and Majid Yousuf. Chief Secretary, while complimenting them for their tremendous achievements,

assured them that they will be supported by the government in all their future endeavors in the sports field enabling them to excel in the upcoming national and international tournaments. Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez and Sports J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull, were also present on the occasion.

NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur celebrates World Environment Day



NSS volunteers and faculty of GDC Mahanpur during plantation drive.

STATE TIMES NEWS
MAHANPUR: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur in collaboration with Department of Physical Education celebrated World Environment Day on June 5. This year's theme of the World Environment Day is "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience." The Programme was organized by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS P.O. and Dr. Jogbindar Singh Soodan, Physical Director under the supervision of Dr. Sangeta

Sudan, Principal of the College. Several Environmental measures were taken in the College Campus to celebrate World Environment Day. Plantation, installation of water pots for birds and cleaning of dry pine needles were some of the environmental measures conducted in the campus. Many species of medicinal, ornamental and flowering plants were planted in the campus. Moreover, many water pots were installed in different areas of the College for the

birds. Besides this, fallen dry pine needles underneath the pine trees were cleaned and collected as they not only prevent the growth of grass but also catch fire easily. The faculty members who were part of the Programme were Dr. Mohindar Nath Sharma, Nisha and Dr. Sapna. The non-teaching staff who participated in the programme were Kishori, Kuldeep, Surjeet, Mangu Ram, Sunny, Anu, Anuradha and Shibo din. Refreshment was given to all the volunteers.

J&K wins maiden mixed Rifle Shooting gold

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Jammu and Kashmir secured first gold medal in senior Mixed team Rifle Shooting at the National level in the ongoing 22nd Kumar Surendra Singh Shooting Championship at MP State Shooting Range in Bhopal. "The gold winner shooters, Vishal Sharma and Aneasha Sharma of the Mission Olympics Shooting Academy Jammu (MOSAJ) have secured the region's first gold medal in the mixed senior team Rifle shooting event," a handout issued here today informed. Guided by the coaches, Vishal Mehra and Aman Singh, the promising senior shooters, Vishal and Aneasha delivered a stellar performance, bringing pride and recognition to J&K in the national shooting arena. Meanwhile, President of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA), S.S. Sodhi, along with chairman Kuldeep Singh Jamwal and Chief Executive Officer, Sharat Chandra Singh congratulated the gold winner shooters.



Gold winner shooters, Vishal Sharma and Aneasha Sharma of the MOSAJ.

GDC Marh creates Bird Feeders to mark World Environment Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Eco-club of Government Degree College Marh, under the aegis of Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, celebrated World Environment Day on Wednesday under the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience". The event was guided by the College Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. Students of Semester 2nd (Raveena Kousar, Khushi Choudhary, Sonia Choudhary, Sweety Kaith) and 4th (Kashish and

and jute twines to create eco-friendly bird feeders. After installing bird feeders around the campus, students spent the day watching various birds visit that will provide sustenance to birds during extreme weather. Poster making competition was also held where students made colorful posters under slogan "Our land Our future" showcasing the significance of afforestation and Land Restoration". The programme was coordinated by Anjana Chib (HOD EVS) and Dr. Shakun Sharma. In his address, the college

factors such as deforestation, unsustainable agriculture, urbanization, and climate change. "All these factors pose a grave threat to ecosystems and livelihoods worldwide. It is a cause of concern and calls for concerted efforts to address the same," he added and encouraged the students to plant more and more trees during rainy seasons which will not only prevent desertification but also help in reducing the temperature. While applauding the faculty, he apprised the students that their college has adopted various green prac-



GDC Marh Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, faculty posing with students at a programme.

Navpreet) made handmade bird feeders, water pots on the occasion. They utilized simple materials such as shells, bottles

Principal educated the students that the theme calls attention to one of the most pressing issues of our time - land degradation driven by

ties such as plantations drives, proper segregation and recycling of waste through RUDA, making best out of waste.