

Bumrah picks up fifer but England draw parity with India by making 465 all out

■ **AGENCY**
LEEDS: Harry Brook ran out of luck on 99 before Jasprit Bumrah completed a well deserved five wicket haul to ensure a slender six run first innings lead for India, who bowled out England for 465 in an extended afternoon session on day three of the first Test here on Sunday.
Before Bumrah castled Josh Tongue to end England innings, Chris Woakes (38 off 55) punished a predictable Indian pace attack to take his team close to India's 471. England's tail virtually cancelled out the Indian first innings with the match now hinged on third and fourth innings respectively.
Hosts continued to find the boundaries at will as they collected 138 runs in 23.4 overs in the afternoon session with the loss of five wickets.
Prasidh Krishna removed



Jamie Smith (40 off 52) and Brook (99 off 112) with the short ball but leaked too many runs at the same time with his one dimensional tactic, conceding 128 runs in 20 overs.
Bowling all-rounder Shardul Thakur was under bowled again, raising questions over his selection. Bumrah, who has by far been the best Indian bowler on display, picked up his 14th fifer in the longest for-

mat ending with figures of 5/83 in 24.4 overs.
India's fielding have been their weakest link so far in the game and having been give two lives, Brook was dropped again, on 82, by Yashasvi Jaiswal off Bumrah.
The explosive England batter however could not use those chances to score a famous hundred and was dismissed on 99 in the 88th over. India had taken the

new ball after 80 overs but were not able to make good use of it.
Towards the end of the session, Woakes, who has a Test hundred to his name (against India in 2018), smashed successive off short balls from Krishna, one a clean hit over mid-wicket, the other a guide in the third man region.
Captain Shubman Gill made questionable calls like introducing Ravindra Jadeja towards the end of the session and bringing back Bumrah for a late burst.
Earlier, Brook went on the offensive against an inconsistent Indian pace attack, taking England to 327 for five at lunch.
Resuming at an overnight 209 for three, Brook ensured that England scored at a brisk pace, totalling 118 runs in 28 overs.
The visitors got two wel-

come wickets of overnight centurion Ollie Pope (106 off 137) and England captain Ben Stokes (20 off 52).
Like day two, the other Indian pacers could not match the accuracy of Bumrah.
Brook, dismissed off a Bumrah no ball at the stroke of stumps on day two, was dropped by wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant on 46 shortly before lunch. Jadeja, who was able to extract sharp turn from the rough, got one to turn away sharply but Pant could not hold on to the rising ball.
In the same over, Brook completed his 12th Test fifty, adding to the frustration of the Indians who have been sloppy with their catching thus far in the game. Led by captain Shubman Gill, the Indians were also very vocal about their issues with a worn out Dukes ball throughout the session.

The umpires relented before the 75th over while the new ball will be due after 80 overs.
The session belonged to the highly rated Brook who produced a display of audacious strokeplay from the get go.
Krishna offered two loose balls in the first over of the day and Brook duly put them for a four through point and six off over mid-wicket.
Brook's tactics against the pacers, including Bumrah, stood out as he charged down to them for aerial drives over extra cover.
Krishna, in his following over, was lucky to get Pope out as the England number three edged a short and wide ball to the keeper.
India's second success came after the first hour as Siraj had Stokes caught behind from round the wicket.

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Health Minister, Sakeena Ito inaugurating Shaheed Wali Mohammad Ito Memorial Cricket Tournament.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KULGAM: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito, inaugurated the Shaheed Wali Mohammad Ito Memorial Cricket Tournament at DH Pora here on Sunday.
Speaking on the occasion, Sakeena Ito paid heartfelt homage to Shaheed Wali Mohammad Ito, highlighting his lifelong commitment to public service, community welfare and youth empowerment.
"This tournament is more than just a sporting event, it is tribute to the values Shaheed Wali Mohammad Ito stood for," she remarked.
The Minister said that this tournament will serve as a platform for nurturing the young talent and fostering community spirit. She added that Government is committed to provide the youth constructive opportunities and space to showcase their sporting skills.
The opening ceremony witnessed an enthusiastic turnout from the local youth, sports enthusiasts and community leaders.

Won't be easy for Virat and Rohit to play 2027 WC: Ganguly

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KOLKATA: It won't be easy for Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to remain fit and find a place in India's ODI World Cup squad in 2027, former captain Sourav Ganguly says.
"All of us must understand, just like everyone, the game will go away from them and they will go away from the game," Ganguly told PTI in a lengthy interview at his residence.
The next ODI World Cup is scheduled in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia and by the time the prestigious ICC event is played Kohli will be 38 years old and Rohit will touch 40.
Till then India have 27 ODIs to play spread across nine bilateral series. That means Kohli and Rohit will hardly get 15 international games a year.

"It won't be easy, with 15 games a year," Ganguly said.
With 25,000 runs and 83 international hundreds between them, both Kohli and Rohit have expressed their desire to play the 50-over global event after recently retiring from Test cricket.
Ganguly, an exceptional ODI batter during his career, was asked if he had any word of advice for them.
"I have got no advice. I think they know the game as much I do. They will take a call."
Ganguly acknowledged that finding a player of the caliber of Kohli to replace him won't be easy, though he is not worried about Indian cricket after the retirement of the two stalwarts.
"I was not concerned at all. Virat is a class player. Finding his replacement will take time.

But the rest, I wasn't surprised."
Talking about Yuvraj Singh, Ganguly said he was a special player who flourished in white-ball formats but did not get enough chances to touch his real potential in traditional format.
"I remember seeing Yuvraj for the first time in Nairobi and saw that he is special. What he went on to do for India after that in one-day cricket is unreal. He was 2007 World T20 player of the series, 2011 World Cup, player of the series, runs, wickets fielding, he was special.
"Unfortunately he did not get many opportunities in Test matches. He played about 30 odd Test matches, he got stuck between Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Ganguly and VVS Laxman, but a special player," he said.

After 2022 heartbreak, Indian women eye fresh start in Asian Cup Qualifiers

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
THAILAND: More than three years after a COVID outbreak in the team derailed their campaign in the last AFC Women's Asian Cup, India will make a fresh bid for a place in the continental showpiece, with Mongolia being their first test in the Qualifiers here on Monday.
The upcoming edition of the premier tournament will be held in Australia next year.
It wouldn't be wrong to says that the continent's top competition has been somewhat ill-fated for the Blue Tigresses in the last few decades.
India last made it to the AFC Women's Asian Cup in 2003. And when they hosted the tournament in 2022, a COVID outbreak in the side meant that India had to

withdraw after only the first game and the results were declared void.
While India do have three podium finishes in the erstwhile Asian Women's Championship (runners-up in 1980 and 1983, and third place in 1981), they have not achieved anything for more than 40 years.
Besides the opener against Mongolia, India (ranked 70th) will face Timor Leste (ranked 158th) on June 29, Iraq (ranked 173rd) on July 2 and hosts Thailand (ranked 46th) on July 5, at the Chiang Mai Stadium.
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three Group B opponents before.
"We don't have much information about Mongolia, Timor Leste and Iraq. They haven't played any matches recently. We do know a bit about Thailand. They played two games against Nepal in the last window, and one of them was closed doors," said head coach Crispin Chettri.
"I tried different variations in our friendlies (against Uzbekistan). I tested many combinations in midfield, 2 and hosts Thailand (ranked 46th) on July 5, at the Chiang Mai Stadium.
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The Blue Tigresses, who had trained in Bengaluru since the start of May, travelled to Chiang Mai a week before the first game, and have had four full training sessions so far, including an intra-squad match.
"I think coming to Chiang Mai earlier has helped us to acclimatise to the weather conditions and adjust to time difference. The weather here is more humid than in Bengaluru. The training ground is great and we're shaping up well for the forthcoming matches. We also played a full 90-minute match among ourselves on Thursday," said Chettri.
With an average age of 23.6 years, Chettri has named a fairly young squad consisting of a lot of newcomers. But that's not to say there's a dearth of experience.

For a Malavika, there's a Dangmei Grace, for a Priyadharshini, there's an Anju Tamang, for a Phanjoubam Nirmala Devi, there's a Ngangbam Sweetie Devi.
"We have a very good mix of youth and experience. We had 18-year-old goalkeeper Monalisha (Moirangthem) debut against Uzbekistan. I'm not scared to play with youngsters because this is how they are going to gain experience. And playing such important AFC matches will help us grow," said Chettri.
"Staying and working together for more than 45 days has done a great deal of good for their chemistry, and now what matters is executing it on the pitch. The focus on the training pitch has shifted more to tactical details."

Rishabh worked on his defence after Australia failures, says childhood coach Devender Sharma

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: After an underwhelming tour to Australia marked by poor shot selection, Rishabh Pant has begun the series against England in an emphatic fashion, scoring a hundred at Leeds to showcase his extraordinary talent.
Devender Sharma, one of Pant's childhood coaches alongside the late Tarak Sinha, attributed the resurgence to the work the wicketkeeper batter has put in on his defence and shot selection.
"After he failed in Australia, he made a lot of changes to his defensive techniques and curbed his stroke play, which you also saw in the match. Pant is a match-winner," Sharma told PTI Videos in an exclusive interview.
"Before he went to England, we discussed his defense because his



Australia tour didn't go well. We decided he would play fewer strokes and focus more on batting there.

England's conditions are different; there's more movement," he added.
The effort Pant has put in behind the scenes were evident in the dazzling array of shots he played en route a magnificent 134 in the first Test in Leeds.
During his knock, Pant also went past MS Dhoni for the most centuries by an Indian wicketkeeper in Test cricket, bringing up his seventh ton on the second day of the series opener against England.
This isn't Pant's first hundred in England, for he had struck one during the team's last tour of that country.
The coach attributed Pant's success in England's challenging conditions to his unique ability to "bat with ample time" and play from a "slightly deeper position."
"He scored a hundred last time in

England as well. He has a lot of time when he bats, which is a factor that makes him successful in England. Playing in the second line gives him a significant advantage," he asserted.
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Winner golfer receiving trophy at Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC) organized Monthly Medal Round June 2025 Golf Tournament under the guidance of Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner Secretary, Tourism Department.
Garib Dass tee off the first ball of the event accompanied by Secretary Jammu Tawi Golf Course Manav Gupta.
As many as 64 players participated during the tournament, who were divided into 16 four-balls.
Garib Dass and Rohit

Bhalla was adjudged as the overall winner and Runner up respectively of the tournament. While Maj. Gen. Shamsheer Singh and Er. Sunil Gupta was adjudged as the winner and Runner up respectively in Senior Citizen Category. S. S. Jamwal, Amit Gupta, Charanjeet Singh, Adhary Rishi, Rajinder Singh, Raju Moja, Shabir Malik, Er. Akash Bhola. Yousuf Choudhary, Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Er. Ameet Targotra, Ankush Hans, Dr. Geetu Bhnadori, Dr. Anil Slathia and Col. JV Singh

were adjudged as winners in their respective fourballs. Besides that Bala Jyoti, a lady Golfer, also participated in the event. Later, Secretary Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Manav Gupta thanked all the golfers for participating in the tournament with great enthusiasm and zeal and said that such tournaments and other events shall be organized at Jammu Tawi Golf Course on a regular basis.
He also thanked the Management of Jammu Tawi Golf Course for making the event a success.

Mission Yuva Anantnag holds IEC campaign



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
ANANTNAG: In a collaborative move, Mission Yuva, an initiative aimed at youth empowerment emerged as the centerpiece of the International Yoga Day cel-

ebrations held at Anantnag. The Yoga Day event was held at the Shaheed Humayun Muzzamil Memorial Government Degree College where Mission Yuva had set up its

informative desks and selfie points witnessing huge rush of youngsters. These enthusiastic youngsters enquired about Mission Yuva programme and its benefits. They also clicked selfies at Selfie points.
The aim of the initiative was to give empowering career advice and make youngsters aware of the offerings of the Mission Yuva to them.
Notably, Mission Yuva is a flagship programme of the government which promotes development among youth.

DC Budgam reviews implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana Calls for Public Awareness & Accelerated Execution

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohiud-Din Bhat chaired a review meeting on Sunday to assess the progress of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana in the district.
The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chief Planning Officer, Executive Engineer of KPDCL, all AEEs, JEEs and other concerned officers.
During the meeting, DC reviewed the number of registrations and applications received under the scheme, as well as the status of promotional and awareness activities.
The meeting was informed that as of June 20th 2025, applications received under the scheme are 10,420; vendors selected 1,218; SRT Systems Installed 211, Subsidies approved 183 and Subsidy approvals under process are 17 in the District.
Addressing the meeting, he emphasized the need for coordinated efforts by all officers and officials of line departments to adopt strategic approach and mobilise public participation to maximize the benefits of the scheme.
DC stressed on the importance of expediting the processes so that maximum population avails the benefits from the scheme.
He directed all stakeholders to work in union to achieve the targets set under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, thereby promoting sustainable energy solutions and reducing dependency on conventional power sources.
Besides, he directed all the officers from the PDD to set the targets and encourage the people to register and install the solar system to minimize their monthly electricity bills. Bhat directed Exen KPDCL Budgam to establish the control room in his office to monitor the daily progress achieved under the scheme. He also directed concerned to reach all the area of the district and organise camps to aware the people about the benefits of the scheme.

Men's freestyle wrestlers also win team title at U23 Asian championship

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
VIETNAM: The Indian men's freestyle team produced its best ever show at the U23 Asian Wrestling Championship, winning six gold and a silver to clinch the team title.
In an unprecedented success for India, both men's and women's teams won the team championships. The women team had won medal in each of the 10 categories.
Winning the gold were Nikhil (61kg), Sujeet Kalkal (65kg), Jaideep (74kg), Chandler Mohan (79kg), Sachin (92kg) and Vicky (97kg).
Jaspooran Singh won the silver in 125kg weight class.
The Greco Roman team won three medals, including a gold, in the tournament.

Canada qualify for men's T20 World Cup

■ **AGENCY**
ONTARIO: The Canadian men's cricket team has qualified for next year's ICC T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka after defeating Bahamas by seven wickets in the Americas Qualifiers here.
Thanks to their fifth successive victory in as many games, Canada, who had also featured in last year's men's T20 World Cup in the Americas, have joined defending champions India, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, South Africa, United States, West Indies, Ireland, New Zealand and Pakistan, in the 20-team event.
"Seven more teams -- two from Europe Qualifier (to be played from July 5-11, 2025), two from Africa Qualifier (to be played from September 19 to October 4) and three from Asia-EAP Qualifier (to be played from October 1-17) --

will join the Men's T20 World Cup through the Regional Qualifiers," said ICC in a statement.
In their final game played at the Maple Leaf North-West Ground in King City here, Canada achieved the winning target of 57 in the sixth over.
Electing to bowl first, Canada's pace-spin duo of Kaleem Sana (3/6) and Shivam Sharma (3/16) bundled out Bahamas in 19.5 overs. They then wrapped up the match in 5.3 overs, with Dilpreet Bajwa smashing an unbeaten 36 to seal a dominant win and World Cup qualification.
The side led by Nicholas Kirton had started their campaign with a 110-run win against Bermuda, which was followed by a 59-run victory against Cayman Islands and a 10-wicket thrashing of Bahamas in the first round of games.