

Emerging Asia Cup: India A beat Bangladesh A; to face Pakistan A in final

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COLOMBO: India A set up a potentially high-voltage Emerging Asia Cup final against Pakistan A after defeating Bangladesh A by 51 runs in the semifinals here on Friday.
 Bangladesh had India on the ropes, bundling them out for 211, a total made possible by captain Yash Dhull's impressive 66 off 85 balls.
 But, the Indian spinners made use of the slightly tacky pitch to pack Bangladesh off for 160 to celebrate a fine victory.
 Left-arm spinner Nishant Sindhu accentuated Bangladesh's fall with a five-wicket haul (5 for 20).
 But the real protagonist for India's victory was Dhull. He has been spoken about in the Indian domestic circuit as a player to be preserved in cotton wool, and the day's innings showed the reason.
 At 20, Dhull has a far more settled head on his shoulders. The Delhi youngster came to the middle when India were 75 for 2 in the 19th over.
 Dhull immediately tackled a set of spot-on Bangladesh



bowlers, who exploited a hint of turn to keep the shackles on Indian batters.
 Most of them fell in their attempt to step on the gas, and the responsibility of pushing Indian innings fell on the shoulders of Dhull.
 He handled the pressure with aplomb too. Overall, Dhull batted for 30 overs in the match and he was the last man to be dismissed in the 50th over.
 Dhull and Manav Suther added 41 runs for the eighth wicket to carry India close to the 200-run mark, which they eventually managed to go past.
 But, the total looked sub-

SCOREBOARD

INDIA A		
Sai Sudharsan	c †Akbar Ali b Tanzim Hasan Sakib	21
Abhishek Sharma	c Tanzim Sakib b Rakibul Hasan	34
Nikin Jose	c Zakir Hasan b Saif Hassan	17
Yash Dhull	(c) c Rakibul Hasan b Mondol	66
Nishant Sindhu	c Tanzid Hasan b Rakibul Hasan	05
Riyan Parag	b Tanzim Hasan Sakib	12
Dhruv Jurel	† lbw b Mahedi Hasan	01
Harshit Rana	c Tanzim Hasan Sakib b Mahedi Hasan	09
Manav Suther	run out (Zakir Hasan)	21
R Hangargekar	c Mahmudul Joy b Soumya Sarkar	15
Yuvrajsinh Dodiya	not out	0
Extras		10
Total		211/10
BANGLADESH A		
Mohammad Naim	b Suther	38
Tanzid Hasan	c Nikin Jose b Sindhu	51
Zakir Hasan	lbw b Suther	05
Saif Hassan	(c) c Nikin Jose b Abhishek Sharma	22
Mahmudul Hasan Joy	c Abhishek Sharma b Sindhu	20
Soumya Sarkar	c Nikin Jose b Dodiya	05
Akbar Ali	† c Nikin Jose b Sindhu	02
Mahedi Hasan	c Dhull b Sindhu	12
Rakibul Hasan	c Parag b Sindhu	00
Tanzim Hasan Sakib	not out	00
Ripon Mondol	c Dhull b Suther	05
Extras		00
Total		160/10

plete a spectacular implosion as Sindhu weaved his magic. Earlier, Pakistan A defeated Sri Lanka A by 60 runs in the first semifinal to enter the summit clash.

JKPS Kunjwani excels in India Open International Karate Championship



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner student Ashish Nirankari.
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Adding another feather in the cap of JKPS Family, Ashish Nirankari of Class XII participated in 'India Open International Karate Championship' held at New Delhi. The championship was from June 16 to 18, 2023.
 More than 2000 students from various countries participated in this event. Ashish Nirankari of JK Public School clinched bronze medal and brought laurels to the school. He has given credit to his school and his coach Gopal Das for this achievement.
 Director JK Educational Society Shashi Choudhary and Principal of the School Rajesh Rathore felicitated and applauded the winner in the assembly of the school. On this occasion, she appreciated the humongous efforts of the School Coach for preparing students for such a big platform.

Scouts & Guides Pravesh Camp concludes at Heritage School



Scouts and Guides with faculty in jubilant mood during closing ceremony of camp.
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: 120 students from Classes V and VI participated in the Pravesh Camp held in the school premises on the 20th & 21st of July 2023.
 Sh. R.P. Kotwal S/Tc (Scout) and Ms. Manjeet Kour, J.S.T.C (Guide Captain), trained the students.
 The camp was inaugurated by the Principal Heritage School, Akash Pradhan and the Headmistress, Jasrotia.
 The Principal in his address to the students highlighted the role of the Scouts and Guides movement in the development of well-rounded personality of young boys and girls. He impressed upon the budding Scouts and Guides to put in their best and to make their training result oriented.
 He hoped that more students would come to join this movement as Scouting and Guiding stimulates the development of citizenship through concrete and well-designed activities. The areas covered in the camp included the history of the movement, promise law, signs, motto, salute, left handshake, good turn diary, types of flags, signaling etc. Young Heritageans learnt the basics of survival skills and outdoor intelligence. They pledged to be duty-bound to help people and above all their motherland.

Inter-staff football tournament begins at NIT Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Prof. (Dr.) Sudhakar Yedla on Friday inaugurated three-match inter-staff football tournament 2023 on the campus.
 The tournament is being organized by the Department of Physical Education NIT Srinagar. Dr. Manoj Kumar was representing the teaching staff while the non-teaching staff was led by Deputy Registrar Administration Faisal Irshad.
 The inaugural function was attended by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Sudhakar Yedla. While Dr. Srinibash Mishra, SAS Coordinator, and other dignitaries were also present at the event.
 On the occasion, Prof. Yedla applauded the role of



NIT Srinagar faculty posing for a photograph with participating football team.
 Physical Education Department in organizing sports activities round the year and assured his full support to the department.
 He encouraged the players to give their best on the field and to cherish the spirit of competition, reminding them that the true essence of sports lies in friendships and companionship.
 With the Director's kind words and blessings, both football teams felt inspired and motivated to give their all in the tournament.
 In his message, Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said over the past several years, NIT Srinagar has developed state-of-the-

art sports facilities on the campus.
 "Sports bring people together, and such tournaments are important in providing a stress-free environment on the campus. We will continue to support such events in the future," he said.
 The showdown featured a nail-biting clash between the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff of NIT Srinagar, both teams showcased their relentless determination. The match concluded with a draw, each team scored 2-2 goals.
 From the Teaching Staff side, Prof. S.A Shah (Chemistry) scored the first goal, and another was scored by Dr. Farhad Ilahi Bakhsh (Electrical Engineering) in the last minute of the match.
 While from the non-teaching side, Sohail Ahmad Baba (SAS Asstt. Deptt. of Phy. Edu.) scored the first goal, and another goal was shot by Basarat Bashir (Junior Assistant Legal Cell). The second match of the 3-match football tournament will be played on Monday and final match Wednesday respectively.

Suhail wins Senior Billiards title

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Many time state champion and master of the game, Suhail Khalid today lifted the senior Billiards title beating Vidit Gawri in straight 3-0 frames in the District Jammu Billiards and Snooker Championship underway at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here.
 The final turned out to be a surprise for seasoned cueist, Vidit, who could not resist the pressure mounted from Suhail.
 The District championships organized by Billiards and Snooker Association of J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council.
 Meanwhile, general secretary of the Association, Kuldeep Sharma disclosed that the J&K UT Championship shall take place very soon.



A player in action during a competition.

SSCT starts free bus service of Yatris to Haridwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shri Swastik Charitable Trust (SSCT) has decided to arrange Yoga Shivir camp and Ganga Darshan for such peoples Jammu Yatris Bhawan Trust at Haridwar.
 This was stated by Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of the Trust, while flagging off a first bus of devotees for three-day free trip during the precious month of Pushyotsam Mass and Sharavan Mass towards Jammu Yatris Bhawan Trust Haridwar.
 Under the scheme, Pawan Shastri said, trust shall also bear to and fro expenses of the



SSCT President, Pawan Kumar Shastri and others at flagging off ceremony.

visiting Yatris besides providing of free residential accommodation as also free food facilities.
 For the purpose of taking due care of the visiting yatris/senior citizens in the way, he said, one doctor shall also be arranged by the trust who will accompany with the yatris in every trip.
 During this tour, Shastri

added, Yatris will have to attend free yoga classes where yoga experts will educate them about various way and means of meditations to remain out of stress and come out from various diseases such.
 In addition to the above they will also be made the correct way of performing Pooja, Archana from the learn Pandits and Veda Acharya will also be made known to them, he said.
 Pawan Shastri also announced that his trust is committed to send 1008 such Yatris to Haridwar for the aforesaid purpose batch wise on every Amavasya Parv.
 On this auspicious occasion 1st batch of yatris was sent to Haridwar with amidst chanting of Vedic Hymns and Hindu religion rituals which was performed by Padam Shri Dr. Vishvamurti Shastri and Dr. Joginder Shastri and many prominent citizens.
 Those who would like to avail this golden opportunity under the above scheme of the trust he can contact us on our Website www.shriswastikcharitabletrust.com or Mobile No Sharat Sharma (70069-88815) and Rajesh (70069-88814).

Centre launches Technological Advancements in Crop Insurance to empowering farmers and streamlining operations in PMFBY

Union Minister unveils manuals for YES-Tech, WINDS portal and insurance intermediary app for enrollment AIDE

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Friday launched several new technological initiatives under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana to empower farmers and streamlining the operations.
 With the current launches, the relentless efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare are now visible in the current tender cycle of 2023-25 and farmer enrolment during Kharif 2023, reflecting the commitment towards empowering farmers and safeguarding their livelihoods.
 The grand launch event was held in New Delhi wherein Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Minister for Earth Sciences Kiren Rijju launched several new initiatives under PMFBY and RWBCIS, such as YES-Tech Manual, WINDS portal and door to door enrollment app AIDE/Sahayak, marking a turning point in India's crop insurance landscape.
 The event also shed light on the remarkable achievements

and transformative steps taken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to empower farmers and mitigate risks effectively.
 Congratulating the department, Narendra Singh Tomar said that today every scheme is accessible to every farmer by using technology and farmers can take benefits.
 "With a view to make it more effective, the manual, portal and app have been launched today. We used to think that why the correct weather information is not available, even if the information is received, there was no means to convey it down to the bottom, so efforts were made to make it accessible to every village by using technology," he said.
 Tomar said there should be a rain watch tower in every village, weather stations can be set up at the development block level, so that the government can get precise information about the weather.
 With the new tender cycle and ongoing enrolment, the efforts taken by the Ministry



Union Ministers, N.S Tomar and Kiren Rijju and others releasing YES-Tech Manual.

have now become visible. These significant achievements are a testament to the government's commitment to safeguarding farmers' livelihoods and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. The launch of YES-TECH manual and WINDS portal is a result of these steps, enabling accurate loss assessment and improved weather data management.
 YES-TECH Manual is a comprehensive guide developed after extensive testing and piloting in 100 districts of India. It facilitates the implementation of YES-TECH, a technology-driven yield estimation system, offering methodologies, best practices, and integration insights for accurate yield assessments at the Gram Panchayat level. On the other hand, the WINDS Portal is a centralized platform that hosts, manages, and processes hyper-local weather data collected by Automatic Weather Stations and Rain Gauges at Taluk/Block and Gram Panchayat levels. The portal enhances risk assessment and decision-making in crop insurance, agriculture advisories, and disaster mitigation, supporting the agricultural sector and rural economy.
 Minister of Agriculture also announced the delinking of subsidies, which is a ground-

breaking step, ensuring that farmers receive their claim payments without waiting for State actions. The Centre will now release its share of subsidies independently, providing much-needed relief and financial security to farmers.
 Unveiling the WINDS portal, Minister of Earth Sciences said that Shri Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of Earth Sciences has called for adapting Agriculture to Climate Change with a "responsive and appropriate scientific mechanism."
 "Unless we are prepared to face the grave challenges, the consequences can be grave," said Rijju, speaking at the

launch program of Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) portal and AIDE mobile app and unveiling of Yield Estimation System, based on Technology (YES-TECH) Manual, in New Delhi.
 Rijju said all of us are witness to the impact of climate change on Agriculture. "In our childhood, apple crops grew in Shimla, a few decades later Kinnaur emerged as the apple growing belt and now apple crop is shifting towards the even higher altitude Lahaul-Spiti region," he said.
 Rijju said, after the Green Revolution, amazing work has been done all-round in the last nine years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and we have emerged as a leading nation in the Agriculture sector.
 Rijju said changes being made in the Agriculture sector through science and technology are very important. The importance of all these is even more in the era of climate change. "Our scientists are doing very good work, it should be ensured that 100%

utilization of their research should be done in all fields in the country," he said.
 Union Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja, Director General of India Meteorological Department, Dr. Mrityunjay Mohapatra and CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Joint Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture, Shri Ritesh Chauhan also addressed the gathering.
 One of the biggest accomplishments is the substantial cost-saving of 11,000 crores, reflecting the effectiveness of new initiatives. These savings provide the government with more resources to invest in farmers' welfare, ensuring a brighter future for the agricultural community.
 Moreover, the reduction in premiums, once as high as 17%-18%, now brought down to 8-9%, showcases the government's dedication to ensuring farmer-friendly policies.
 The perception of excessive profits by insurance companies has been debunked, thanks to the models recommended by the Centre and adopted by the States, ensuring a more transparent and equitable system. Premium reductions are not limited to major states but are witnessed across all implementing states, with some now taking full responsibility for farmer premiums, further easing the financial burden on farmers.
 The AIDE app's introduction on Android platform aims to revolutionize the enrolment process, bringing it directly to the doorstep of farmers. This door-to-door enrolment ensures a seamless and transparent process, making crop insurance more accessible and convenient for farmers.
 In conclusion, the PMFBY's launch event stands as a testament to the government's unwavering commitment to farmer welfare and agricultural growth. The strides taken in technological interventions, cost-saving measures, and enhanced accessibility reaffirm the scheme's goal of safeguarding farmers' interests and building a resilient agricultural sector in India.