

Clinical India romp to seven-wicket win over Pakistan in Women's Asia Cup

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DAMBULLA: Contenders India started their Women's T20 Asia Cup title defence on a rousing note, demolishing arch-foes Pakistan by seven wickets here on Friday. India bundled out Pakistan for a below-par 108 after being asked to bowl and then chased down the target with as many as 35 balls remaining.

Chasing 109, Indian openers Shafali Verma (40) and Smriti Mandhana (45) was at their best as they toyed with the Pakistani attack from the word go.

It was an aggressive display of batting from both the Indian openers as they mostly dealt in fours and sixes.

The duo of Mandhana and Shafali hit two fours and a six off Tuba Hassan to collect 15 runs in the sixth over.

The seventh over bowled by Hassan yielded 21 runs with

Mandhana hitting the bowler for five boundaries. Pakistan finally tasted success in the 10th over in the form of Mandhana who was caught by Aliya Riaz at mid-wicket off the bowling of Syeda Aroob Shah.

SCOREBOARD		
PAKISTAN WOMEN		
Gull Feroza c Kaur b Vastrakar		05
Muneeba Ali † c Rodrigues b Vastrakar		11
Sidra Amin c Yadav b Renuka Singh		25
Aliya Riaz c Rodrigues b Patil		06
Nida Dar (c) c Hemalatha b Sharma		08
Tuba Hassan c Yadav b Sharma		22
Iram Javed lbw b Renuka Singh		00
Patima Sana not out		22
Syeda Aroob Shah run out (Yadav)		02
Nashra Sandhu c † Ghosh b Sharma		00
Sadia Iqbal b Patil		00
Extras		07
Total		108/10
INDIA WOMEN		
Shafali Verma b Syeda Aroob Shah		40
Smriti Mandhana c Aliya Riaz b Syeda Aroob Shah		45
Dayalan Hemalatha c Tuba Hassan b Nashra Sandhu		14
Harmanpreet Kaur (c) not out		05
Jemimah Rodrigues not out		03
Extras		02
Total		109/3

DD&OE JU organises lecture on Internship for in-service teachers

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JAMMU: Directorate of Distance & Online Education (DD&OE), University of Jammu (JU) organized a special lectures on the theme "Internship for in-service teachers" and on "Role of JKSCERT" for IInd Semester B.Ed student and in-service teachers of DD&OE, JU in the Seminar Hall.

Dr Jaspal Singh, Coordinator B.Ed Programme inaugurated the session by introducing Guest speakers Prof C.L Shivgotra (Retd Government College of Education, Jammu) and Dr Rakesh Sharma (Principal,

Kalra College of Education, Patnitop). Dr C.L Shivgotra highlighted the importance of Internship & Project Work activities in the B.Ed programme and discussed all the aspects of Internship like Visit cum observation to High School, Higher Secondary Schools and Innovative Centre.

Dr Rakesh Sharma provided all detailed regarding functioning of State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and Role of JKSCERT to provide best training to in-service teacher of Jammu and Kashmir.

The various committees behind the success of the event were - Anupama Sharma, Sanaha Sharma, Vishalli, Sahil, Arvind Kumar, Vivek, Seema, Amandeep, Vishal, Rahul, Bhavana, Palki and Arvind.

Dr Deep Kumar, Dr Tajinder Kour, Dr Shifali Shrama, Dr Upasna, Dr P.K Dhar, Dr V.K Sharma, Dr Paramjeet Kour, Dr Sunita, Dr Rupa Mahajan, Meghna, Mukta, Remu Bala, Harvind Kour, Sanjeev Kumar, Ankit Bali and staff of DD&OE were also presented on the occasion. Nearly 350 In-service Teachers attended the celebration. The event was concluded with vote of thanks by Shish Kumar.

GCW Parade signs MoU with Rangyug to launch Theatre Training Skill Programme

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JAMMU: In a landmark move, the Government College for Women (GCW), Parade Ground, Jammu, on Friday entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rangyug, Jammu, to launch the first-ever skill-based practical course in "Performing Arts" in the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir. This initiative, focusing primarily on theatre, sets a pioneering example for educational institutions across the region by integrating practical training and experiential learning within the academic framework.

The MoU, signed between the Principal of GCW Parade, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo and Director of Rangyug, Deepak Kumar, signifies a mutual commitment to enhancing the educational landscape by providing students with practical skills and professional development opportunities in the

field and bring glory to the country. The athletes who have earned their spots are - Amit Rohidas in Men's Hockey, Kishore Kumar Jena in Javelin Throw; Parul Chaudhary in 3000m Steeplechase & 5000m; Priyanka in 20 km Race Walk & Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay; Annu Rani in Javelin Throw; Jyothi Yarraji in 100m Hurdles; Tajinderpal Singh Toor in Shot Put; Abha Khatua in Shot Put; Prachi in the 4x400m Relay Team; Ankita in 5000m; Paramjeet Singh Bisht in 20km Race Walk and Suraj Panwar in the Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay Team.

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Performing Arts. The MoU was officially signed in presence of Dr Alpana Vohra, Convener, Skill Development Cell, Prof. Surinder Singh, Convener, IQAC GCW Parade. Dr Gurpreet Kour, Skill Coordinator of the College, Mr. Ashish Sharma, Coordinator, Rangyug.

With a legacy spanning four decades, Rangyug is renowned for its dedication to promoting performing arts through research, training, and education. Having participated in numerous national and international theatre festivals, Rangyug brings a wealth of expertise and a proven track record in theatre education to this collaboration.

Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo expressed enthusiasm for this partnership, highlighting the significant impact it will have on students' education and future career prospects. "This collaboration with Rangyug will provide our students with unprecedented opportunities for practical learning and professional development, right here in Jammu and Kashmir," Dr. Ravender stated.

DYSS honours fencing prodigy After winning bronze in New Zealand fencing queen 'Chhavi' accorded warm reception

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JAMMU: Hailing from a small village Jandial Thati, tehsil Bhalwal of district Jammu, fencing queen Chhavi Sharma, daughter of government servant Vijay Kumar Sharma, was accorded a warm reception at Jammu on her return from Newzealand after her wonderful show fetched her sabre team bronze in the ongoing 2024 Commonwealth Junior and Cadet Fencing Championship at Christchurch in Newzealand.

A good number of her well wishers including sportspersons and the officers and officials of the Department of Youth Services and Sports and J&K Sports Council accorded a warm reception to the champion at Jammu Airport on her return from Christchurch.

On the occasion, the Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports (Central), Jitender Mishra honoured Chhavi with a bouquet as a token of gratitude from the Department for her remarkable achievement.

"After her great show in the 67th National School Games last season, we were always hopeful that she was all set to bring laurels to J&K UT and the Nation at the higher levels. This achievement at a young age will serve her as a launching pad for a brilliant future. She has made all of us proud," said Mishra.

Chhavi was all praise for J&K Sports Council and the Department of Youth Services and

Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber and Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul in their congratulatory messages have lauded her efforts for this wonderful achievement.

"Chhavi has displayed extraordinary grit and guts at the 2024 Commonwealth Games". Securing medals at that level is always an uphill task. Now, she is going to serve as an inspiration for budding fencers," maintained Ujjwal.

It is pertinent to mention here that Chhavi, who recently passed out from class 12th from Army Public School, Akhnoor has the distinction of winning a galaxy of medals at the national scene.

It is learnt that this year Chhavi has also taken part in the other two mega Championships namely Asian Cadet Fencing Championship held at Manama, Bahrain and World Junior and Cadet Fencing Championship held at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

She has also the honour of winning Gold medal in the Team Event at 30th Junior National Fencing Championship held at Cuttack, Odisha and winning individual Bronze medal in 18th Cadet National Fencing Championship held at Mehana, Gujarat last year, besides winning a silver medal in the Team Event at 67th National School Games of Fencing held at Jammu, J&K last year.



Sports, headed by Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez for providing her all the requisite facilities to blossom at the International scene. She also lavished praise on Fencing Association and Federation for the support and especially praised her coach Ujjwal Gupta for honing her skill and building confidence.

Meanwhile, Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, Director Youth

CGPWA honours Dr Jitendra Singh

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JAMMU: The Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association (CGPWA), Jammu on Friday felicitated Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Personnel, Grievances & Pensions, and PMO on his record three time election from Kathua- Udhampur Lok Sabha Constituency & re-induction in Modi's Council of Ministers as MoS with Independent charge.

The President of CGPWA Kuldeep Khoda presented a

shawl and General Secretary K B Jandial a bouquet. He was honoured for what the Pension Department under his stewardship had done during the last ten years in bringing about path breaking reforms in the pension system that made the life of pensioners easy. Secretary Pension, V Srinivas was also present. This felicitation was done at 54th Pre-pension Counseling Workshop organised by the Deptt of Pensions at Convention Centre Jammu.

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Speaking on the occasion, Deepak Kumar emphasized the importance of this collaboration in furthering Rangyug's mission of artistic excellence and community engagement. "We are excited to partner with GCW Parade to bring high-quality theatre education to the region, enabling our youth to pursue their artistic passions without having to leave their home state," said Deepak Kumar.

"This partnership aligns with our mission to promote women's empowerment and social change through the arts," he concluded. "We look forward to making a significant impact on the educational and cultural landscape of Jammu and Kashmir through this groundbreaking initiative."

extended their heartfelt congratulations and felicitated Dhurvika Gupta during a special ceremony at the Khelo India North Zone WuShu Championship held at NIS Patiala from 9th to 12th July 2024.

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Summer Kabaddi Coaching Camp at Mendhar concludes

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POONCH: After Saqlain Tariq, another young volleyball player from the Pir Panjal has earned the India tag and shall represent the country soon in an under-20 international event.

Kartik Sharma of village Bagnoti in district Rajouri has been selected in the Indian under-20 team which is going to participate in the Asian Volleyball Championship slated to be held in Indonesia from July 23 to July 30.

"As incharge of Volleyball Association of District Rajouri, I feel immense pleasure to inform that continued efforts at the grass root level finally paid the dividends," said Mohd Tariq, the man behind popularity of the game of Volleyball in the Pir Panjal.

Important to mention here that Kartik has already won a Bronze medal in the Asian Volleyball Championship in under-18 age group in 2023.

Meanwhile, Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) complimented Kartik and his family for the achievement and praised the working the district association.

covering various aspects of Kabaddi, including techniques, strategies, and physical conditioning.

A total of 70 Kabaddi players from nine districts viz. Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur, Doda and Ramban of Jammu Division participated in the summer camp. The players were presented participation certificates.

The event was witnessed by many besides others by Syed Saleem Shah, Principal HSS Boys Mendhar; Syed Zulfiqar Naqvi, Principal HSS Girls Mendhar; Prof. Sirshad Hussain, Prof. Ibrahim Lone, Ajay Gupta, chief coach Kabaddi Sports Council; Nirdosh Kumar Sharma, Manager Sports Stadium Poonch; Choudhary Mohd Ashraf, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mahboob Ahmed Mir, Basharat Khan (ZPEO), Ibrar Ahmed Khan, Suresh Bali, Vikram Bhasin, Kafil Khan.

Later, general secretary of the Association, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta presented vote of thanks. He expressed his gratitude to the Principal of the host school, HSS Boys Mendhar and concerned officials of the Department of Health for the support.



Brigadier Dipendra Singh, Commander 323 Mountain Brigade graced the event as chief guest. Other senior army officers present were Colonel Gurucharan Bais, Colonel Bhakta Rout, Lt. Colonel Raj Shekhar Binu and Lt. Colonel H. Khagamba.

Presence of Kuldeep Kumar Gupta general secretary Amateur Kabaddi Association, SS Gill Technical Director, Baljinder Paul Singh, Divisional Sports Officer of JKSC Jammu, Surinder Mohan Gupta, Observer and Amin Khan fitness trainer of J&K Police were among the distinguished guests.

The chief guest praised the efforts of the Association and Sports Council for providing opportunities to the young sporting talent.

It is pertinent to mention that camp aims to provide intensive training and guidance to the students, under the expertise of experienced coaches