

Swing It Like Seamers: Arshdeep, Chahar set it up as India win low-scoring opener by 8 wickets

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Arshdeep Singh and Deepak Chahar hit the South Africans hard with some magical swing bowling before Suryakumar Yadav's little gem on a difficult track ensured an easy eight-wicket victory for India in the first T20 International here on Wednesday.

A target of 107 on a pitch with underlying moisture and more than waist high bounce at times was a struggle before Suryakumar (50 not out in 33 balls) released the pressure created by KL Rahul (51 not out, 56 balls) as India won the game in 16.4 overs to go 1-0 up in three-match series.

The pitch that former India head coach Ravi Shastri on air termed "not ideal for T20 crick-



et" had batters of both teams finding it difficult to cope with both pace and movement.

It was Arshdeep (3/32) and Chahar (2/24), who basically clinched the issue for India within first 15 deliveries of the start after skipper Rohit Sharma called it right at the toss. Once South Africa were

reeling at 9/5 in 2.3 overs, the game as a contest was over and 106/8 even on a difficult track was a sub-par score.

The South Africans did bowl their heart out in defence.

Kagiso Rabada bowled an ideal Test match delivery that pitched on length and reared up while moving a shade and all

Rohit Sharma (0) could do was to dangle his bat at the corridor of uncertainty.

Virat Kohli (3) got an express delivery from Anrich Nortje that kept climbing as he tried to have a go away from his body and the edge was taken by Quinton de Kock.

Surya, India's best T20 batter by a distance, got a straky six when his attempted flick turned into an outside edge that flew over third-man for a maximum off Nortje.

The next six was a picture-perfect whip over deep square leg and then an inside out six off Keshav Maharaj indicated that he is India's in-form man.

Rahul's batting at the other end on the same strip became an ordeal as India had their lowest ever Powerplay score on board.

JKRSA to organise district championships in Kathua, Reasi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Roller Skating Association (JKRSA) is going to organize Kathua District Roller Skating Championship on October 1, 2022 at JK Public School, Kathua.

Meanwhile, Association also to conduct Reasi District Roller Skating Championship which is going to be held on September 30, 2022 at DPS School Katra.

For further information, the players of the both the districts desirous to take part in the event can contact with Kamal Anand (9419359299), Ankush Gupta (7006128654) and Jatin Sabarwal (7006616844).

Nagbal, ACE Club win Shopian Volleyball titles

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SHOPIAN: Nagbal Club boys and ACE Volleyball Club in girls section emerged champions in the District Shopian Volleyball Championship which held under the aegis of Volleyball Association of J&K.

In the finals, played on Wednesday, Nagbal Club defeated Valley Skikers Woyen 3-1 (27-25, 25-21, 20-25, 25-22). Similarly in girls section, ACE Volleyball Club beat Government Degree College (GDC) Shopian in straight sets.

Earlier, 12 teams in boys and four in girls section took part in this championship which was sponsored by the J&K Sports Council.

In the finals and prize distribution function, DDC



Chairman Shopian, Irfan Manhas was Chief Guest, who in the presence of Prof. Tariq Hussain Mir, Vice Principal GDC Shopian and Nilofer Habib, Secretary Volleyball Association Kulgam, gave away the title trophies and other individual prizes.

Among others present were Aashaq Hussain Wani, Hadaitullah, Bilal Ahad, Parvaize Ahmad Yarbash, Prof. Umar and Syed Latif (PTI GDC Shopian).

DYSS holds Athletics meet at R S Pura



Participating students posing for a photograph with officials.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports organised Athletics meet for boys at Satowali ground of Zone R S Pura under the guidance of district (DYSS) officer, Sukhdev Raj Sharma.

Amarjeet Singh, Headmaster of GHS Basti Gulab Garh was Chief Guest, who interacted with the participants and encouraged them to take up sports in a big way.

Earlier, Incharge ZPEO, R S Pura, Chanderkanta

made the students aware of ill effects of drugs and asked them to stay away from the bad habits and make sports part of their life.

About 150 participants of different institutions took part in this event.

Unique Public Senior Secondary School holds Investiture Ceremony

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: "If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are an excellent leader". To inculcate aforesaid message among students, Unique Public Senior Secondary School Gadigarh organised investiture ceremony, marking the formation of new senate.

The school always strives to inculcate a sense of responsibilities and commitment among the students with their leaders. The ceremony started with the lighting of lamp, march past by students of four houses viz Shastri, Bhagat, Tagore and Ambedkar.

Navgn Singh of class 11th and Divyot Kour of class 12th led the student council as cho-



Students' Council members posing for a photograph with faculty members in Jammu on Wednesday.

sen Head Boy and Head Girl while Vineet of Class 11th and Sneha Sharma of Class 12th were chosen as Vice Head Boy and Vice Head Girl.

In their oath, the council pledged to work earnestly for upholding the honour and glory of the institution.

Harsh of class 12th was

appointed as the Sports Captain, Sushant of class 12th was appointed as the Cultural Head, Mandeep Kour of class 12th was appointed as Disciplinary Committee Head, Phenderdeep of class 11th was appointed as the Student Welfare Committee Head, Prableen of Class 12th was

appointed as the Celebration Committee Head.

Bindiya was appointed as Captain Shastri House, Jasleen was appointed as Captain Bhagat House, Avneet was appointed as Captain Tagore House and Gursheen was appointed as the Captain Ambedkar House.

Chairman Jasbir Singh, in his address, congratulated the senate members and added that students' council of the school represents value of righteousness, responsibility integrity and leadership. They are a rare combination of valour; humility and competence, he added.

Several additional projects being taken up by JMRDA

Div Com calls for timely completion, submission of progress reports on regular basis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who is also Additional Chief Executive Officer- Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority (JMRDA), on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of work on different projects being executed by JMRDA in Five associated Districts.

The JMRD Authority covers 5 districts of Jammu division i.e Jammu, Reasi, Udhampur, Samba and Kathua comprising 30 tehsils and over 1107 revenue villages.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; VC JDA, Pankaj Magotra; Chief Town Planner, MD J&K Housing Board Jammu, Engineers of PWD, UEED, Architect JMRDA, Devinder Gupta and other concerned while Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Udhampur and Reasi attended the meeting through video con-



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

ferencing.

It was informed that the key objective of the Authority was to secure the orderly and planned development of the Metropolitan Region as per the Regional Development Plan.

The Authority prepares Infrastructural Development Plan (IDP) for the maintenance of a responsible standard of livability in the JMR including Roads, water supply, sewerage disposal, drainage, electricity, solid waste management, public transportation, parking and other amenities.

During the meeting, the

Div Com took stock of the status of ongoing projects including construction of Parking/ Bus terminal, development of pathways, green spaces at Hiranagar Town, development of pathways amenities under Tawi River Front View project Jammu, development of Bus stand at Thandi Khui Vijaypur and other development projects.

It was informed that several additional projects have been approved and are coming up in the districts including construction of Multi Level parking at Katra, improvement of Transport Nagar Jammu,

construction of JMRDA office, construction of fly-over bridge with approaches connecting circular road near Julaka Mohalla with heritage complex Jammu etc.

The concerned executing agencies apprised the Div Com about the progress on each project. It was informed that the work was in full swing and the taken up projects are at different stages of execution.

The Div Com directed the concerned departments to expedite the pace of work on all ongoing projects and float tenders for pending projects.

The Div Com also instructed the DCs to personally monitor the pace of work and resolve land, other issues, if any.

The executing agencies were asked to submit progress reports on regular intervals.

The Deputy Commissioners apprised the Div Com about the proposals sent for infrastructural development in their respective districts.

The Div Com also discussed preparation of plans for the current financial year and asked the DCs and concerned departments to identify the works which could be included in the plan like development of parking spaces, development of rotaries, parks, public utility etc. He also directed them to submit the proposals/ DPRs after consultation with the executing agencies of their respective districts for timely approvals of the same.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with Raghunath Bazar Businessman Association, organized Mata Ki Bhaint at Raghunath Bazar Chowk as part of the ongoing Navratra Festival.

Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism, Jammu was the Chief Guest of the occasion.

Various local Artists presented mesmerizing Mata ki Bhajan on the occasion. The people of Jammu gathered in the heart of the city and enjoyed the program with full devotion.

Sanjay Gupta, President Raghunath Bazar Businessman Association applauded the Tourism Department for organising the event in Jammu and creating an aura of positivity



and happiness in the entire surrounding.

The occasion ended with a grand Arti of Maa Durga during which the devotees prayed for world peace and happiness.

Among others present on the occasion were Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism, Jammu, Sheena Sahni, ADT, Jammu, Jagwinder Tak, AEO and other officers/officials of Tourism Department.

‘My Youth My Pride’ sports activities reach Gool in Ramban; Ramnagar in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: With weather turning pleasant, the sports activities under My Youth My Pride flagship programme of Sports Council resumed across the Union Territory of J&K.

A tug of war competition was organized at Islamia Faridia Higher Secondary School Kishtwar in which four teams fielded by different schools participated. The participants were really excited to be part of the event. The students from adjoining schools were present to support the participating teams. Principal of the host school, Naimul Haq was the chief guest on the occasion. While interacting with students and participants, he said that such events are welcome and that the Islamia School administration is glad that J&K Sports Council nominated them as partners for the event.

In the other events organized in the district, final of the volleyball championship was played between Malli Path Volleyball Club and Matta Volleyball Club which was won by former in a very tough contest. All the matches were held under the supervision of Iqbal Singh Manager KK Hakku Stadium, Sandeep Singh Janwal Kho-Kho Mentor and Rohit Chohan Yoga Mentor.

Meanwhile, a Kabaddi tournament was organized in the Gool area of district Ramban.

Seven teams drawn from schools and clubs are participating in the championship. The Principal Government Higher Secondary School Gool, Mohammad Raffi was chief guest on the occasion.

The sports activities shall also reach other far flung areas of district Ramban and competitions in Taekwondo, Boxing, Volleyball, Yoga and other games shall also be held.

All the events in Ramban are being supervised by Ajay Gupta, who is head of the district organizing committee assisted by other committee members including Anil Gupta Yoga Instructor and Arvind Satti. A badminton championship is being organized under a similar programme in Rajouri. Event is being hosted in Indoor Hall Sports Stadium, Rajouri in which more than thirty players in the youth category are participating.

Shafeeq Malik Chief Accounts Officer, Government Medical College and Hospital Rajouri was chief guest on the occasion. The chief guest encouraged all present to pursue sports seriously as it can be a good career option if we excel in our respective field, he added. The event is being organized under the supervision of Iqbal Singh, Manager Rajouri stadium. A Badminton tournament was conducted at Indoor Stadium Ramnagar in district

Udhampur. Around seventy players along with ten match officials are part of the event.

Gopal Singh SDM Ramnagar presided over the function as chief guest and Rishi Kumar, Lecturer YSS was the guest of honour. The matches were officiated by Vishal Modi and Vinod Kumar Sharma.

Entire event was supervised by Naveen Sharma, Manager Subash Stadium Udhampur along with his team of Vikas Dogra Judo Coach, Ricky Kumar and Ankit Sharma.

In the meantime, the Kabaddi Championship commenced in Kathua, today. The event was inaugurated by Raghumandan Singh Bablu, Vice Chairman of District Development Council. The chief guest encouraged players to work hard and do well in their respective fields and stay away from drugs and other antisocial activities.

A total of twenty teams are participating in the championship. A gymnastic event was also organized in sports stadium Kathua in which thirty gymnasts from different pan-chayats of the district participated in rhythmic and artistic categories. Bhupindar Raj, Councilor Kathua was chief guest on the occasion.

A Chess competition was also organized in Gurah Salathia of district Samba. Arti Gupta, Principal Higher Secondary

School Gurah Salathia was the chief guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest highlighted the benefits of sports and also appreciated the efforts of Sports Council to spread its reach to the remotest parts of the union territory. She also thanked Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull for bringing sports activities to Gurah Salathia.

The activities in the district are being monitored by the Sports Council team led by S.P. Singh Manager M.A. Stadium, Jammu. Fixtures for similar activities in other areas were also drawn and activities scheduled to be organized next month are also finalized.

Meanwhile, semifinals position has been cleared in the ongoing inter-zone district level cricket tournament at twin venues of Raja Ram Singh Stadium, Ramnagar and Subhash Stadium, here.

Teams reaching the knock out stages are Zone Udhampur; Zone Babey, Zone Jib and Zone Ramnagar. Now, in the semifinals, slated for tomorrow, Udhampur shall take on Zone Ramnagar while Zone Jib to meet Zone Babey in other semifinal at Subhash Stadium, here. Earlier, sailing on the brilliant all round performance from Gourav Khajuria, Zone Udhampur made it an easy win against Zone Ghordi in a league match

played at Subhash Stadium, here.

Gourav was later declared man of the match for his match winning innings. In another match played at the same venue, Zone Jib trounced Zone Pancheri to consolidate their position. Tanveer Sharma played superb innings of 61 runs to be named man of the match.

Earlier, Ashwani Kotwal (convener) and Som Dev Khajuria (PEM) interacted with the teams in the presence of officials and field staff of DYSS Office Udhampur. The panel of officials included Raj Kumar Gupta PEM, Raj Kumar Dogra, Vinod Khajuria, Rakesh Khajuria and Raman Kumar. Among others present were Jasvinder Singh, Ramesh Chander, Anita Goswami, Sanjeev Kumar, Rakesh Khajuria, Vikas Kumar (all PEM), Jatin Sethi, Karun Magotra, Boopinder Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Sanjeev Khajuria, Lalit and Abhishek.

Meanwhile, in a match played at Raja Ram Singh Stadium, Ramnagar Zone defeated Dudu Zone by 18 runs. Gokul Gupta declared man of the match for his four wickets haul.

In today's matches, Des Raj, BDC Chairperson, along with Incharge ZPEO Ramnagar, Pawan Kumar interacted with the teams.

Specialised training session hosted for school students at Jammu Tawi Golf Course



Students posing with Golfers during training session at Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The First ever Golf Academy in Jammu was inaugurated earlier this year by Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha at Jammu Tawi Golf course, Sidhra with a vision to promote the game of Golf and make it more accessible for the youth.

The management of Jammu Tawi Golf course has been conducting free camps for students in which about 20 students from Government Schools across Jammu, on a daily basis are learning the game of Golf. Golf

Academy training format reserves a 20 days specialized training program for students aged between 8 to 18 years. The training focuses on learning of basic skills to play golf accompanied by the understanding of the rules and format of the game. The training is being imparted to the students by NGAI certified coach, Rohit Gupta.

As informed by Manav Gupta, Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, "The training programme is designed to ignite the golfing interest among the stu-

dents. We have incorporated easier training methods to help children learn golf. We have introduced special aids to perfect their skills. Apart from Golfing lessons, children are taught basic discipline and Golfing Etiquette."

With this training programme, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, is determined to promote Golf among Children and to create the right environment which is conducive to fun, learning and friendship. This training programme helps children learn at their own pace of self discovery.