

Meghana dazzles as India beat Malaysia by 30 runs via D/L method

SYLHET, Oct 3:

Opener Sabhinini Meghana (69) batted with authority to record her maiden T20I half-century as India defeated Malaysia by 30 runs via the Duckworth-Lewis method in the rain-curtailed Asia Cup match here on Monday.

Replacing vice-captain Smriti Mandhana at the top, Meghana hit a career-best 69 off 53 deliveries to help India post 181 for 4.

In reply, Malaysia were tottering at 16/2 in 5.2 overs when rain stopped play, far behind the 46-run mark which was the D/L par score when the match was called off.

With the win, India moved to the second spot on the points table -- with four points -- behind Pakistan.

Meghana took the Malaysian bowling attack to the sword as she brought up her career-best score in the format after India were asked to bat.

The big-hitting Shafali Verma, who is struggling for form, also

pitched in but the teenager looked scratchy for the most part of her 46-run knock.

Meghana made most of the opportunity provided to her as she donned the role of the aggressor from the very first ball.

She milked boundaries every over, hitting the ball all across the ground in the powerplay as India fetched 47/0 in the first six overs.

She was dropped on 14 by skipper Winifred Duraisingam (2/36) in the third over and the right-hander made the Malaysian's pay for the error as she raced to fifty with a boundary.

Poor fielding only added to Malaysia's woes as the Indian women looked on course for a 200-plus score.

However, Duraisingam got the big-wicket of Meghana. The Indian looked to drive only to chip the ball straight into the hands of extra cover, sending the entire Malaysian team into frenzy.

Shafali, who had played the second second fiddle to perfection,

smashed a couple of sixes but failed to carry on the momentum once Meghana was out.

Richa Ghosh was elevated to the number three spot and the young wicketkeeper played a fluent 33-run knock, finding the gaps beautifully.

But Shafali struggled to accelerate as Malaysia tightened their bowling and fielding while also triggering a mini-batting collapse.

In the eventful penultimate over, Shafali was bowled by 17-year-old Nur Dania Syuhada (2/9) off the first delivery before the spinner got rid of Kiran Navgire (0) in the next ball.

It would have been three-wicket haul for the teenager had Richa not been dropped at deep mid-wicket on 31.

Defending 181, spinners Deepti Sharma (1/10) and Rajeshwari Gayakwad (1/6) got rid of openers Winifred Duraisingam (0) and Wan Julia (1) before rain stopped play. (PTI)

Devotional Song Competition Seven participants sail into semi-finals round

Excelsior Correspondent

KATRA, Oct 3: Seven participants sailed into the semi-finals round of the All India Devotional Song Competition, being organized by SMVD Shrine Board, Department of J&K Tourism, PTC Punjab Gold and Patanjali Dantkanti, here today.

In the quarterfinals, 16 participants competed among each other for their entry into mega final and



Panel of judges including Ganesh Jain interacting with media persons at Katra on Monday.

out of which Meenu Atwal, Rahul Laknotra, Aditya Kumar, Shubham Banerjee, Vivek Mohan, Sunil Atwal and Ritika Kakkar were selected for semi-finals, whereas Mohinder Soni and Reena Devi were in the waiting list.

In this quarterfinal, DFO Reasi, Jyotsna Sarkar was chief guest, while famous singer Balraj, former winners of the competition including Anjusha and Kiran Bawa were special invitees who also sung on the occasion and mesmerised the audience with their melodious voice.

The event was co-sponsored by Monalisa Fashion and Wedding Stores, Lia Agarabatti, J&K Bank, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Speciality Hospital,

Nideesh Builders Pvt. Ltd. Jammu, Yog Ashram Trust with active support of District Administration, while 92.7 Big FM is the Radio Partner.

A media interaction was also held by the panel of judges for finals, scheduled to be held on October 4 including Ganesh Jain, Chairman cum Managing Director Venus Records & Tapes Ltd., Gordhan Tanwani, film maker, Rishi Raj, film maker, Kumar

JAMMU, Sept 3: Jodhamal Youth Conclave (JYC) on the theme "Establishing Morality in Mayhem" concluded with overwhelming participation of nearly 400 students from around 20 schools, here today.

In the three days' function, the delegates from Mayo College, Ajmer, Scindia School, Gwalior and Yadavindra Public School, Patiala and DPS here amongst others also participated in JYC-2022. The JYC-2022 concluded with a wave of firm conviction that now is the time for the youth to build human solidarity around the world with not only the nation but the world at peace not in pieces.

The chief guest of the closing ceremony, Dr Ram Thakur, Academic Director KC Public School appreciated the effort being put up by the students and the faculty of Jodhamal Public School.

The best delegate were awarded to Tuhina, Anupriya Bawar from MCGS, Ajmer, Vihan Gupta and Medhaj Pathania from KC Public School, Jammu, Atharav



Students and dignitaries of "Jodhamal Youth Conclave-2020" posing for a group photograph in school premises on Monday.

Jodhamal Youth Conclave-2022 concludes

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Dabgotra from Heritage School, Jammu, Ryan Lamba from Jodhamal Public School, Jammu, Reeva Khedkar and Individual Joanne from DPS Udhampur. The outstanding delegates were awarded to Aahana Tak, Ridhima Chadha, Simran and Abhijay Charak, Individual, Aarav Handoo, Iqra Jahangir and Kshitij Goindi from Jodhamal Public School, Shambhavi Gupta from KC Public School, Khushi Rajput from KC International School and Sudaksh Raina from GD Goenka, Jammu.

JYC as usual was planned, organized and very successfully implemented by the Directorate of JYC. The Directorate of JYC were Karmanya Wahi, Lakshav Singh Sambyal, Ayaan

Malhotra, Akshat Dogra, Kish Manchanda, Suhani Sharma, Vinisha Barala, Aanya Anand, Divyanshi Takroo and Harshal Chawla.

The Conference Director was Anjali Gupta and the mentor teachers were Mubeen Butt, Deepmal and Pooja Sharma, while Varisha Bari, Anoop and Karanpreet Kour were the mentor cum escort teachers of Mayo College (Ajmer), Scindia Schools (Gwalior) and YPS Patiala respectively.

In the last two days, three issues of MUN Believable and the magazine of JYC 2022 were also released.

The JYC delegates witnessed amazing performances by the School choir group and the school rock band "Stamped".



Students of KCPS displaying meritorious certificates while posing with school management at Jammu on Monday.

KCPS bags best delegation trophy at JYC

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JAMMU, Oct 3: KC Public School (KCPS) secured the best delegation trophy during the Jodhamal Youth Conclave (JYC), which concluded at Jodhamal Public School, here today.

Fifteen students' delegation from KC Public School participated in the prestigious event along with 380 students from over 20 elite schools. The conference included 8 committees namely Lok Sabha, AIPPM, UNGA, UN DISEC, UNPBC, UNCOPIUS, International Press Corps, and ICII.

Vihan Gupta won best delegate award in UNPBC, Medhaj Pathania was conferred with best delegate award in Lok Sabha, Shambhavi Gupta was awarded outstanding delegate in UN DISEC, Mrinmay Mehta received special mention in UN DISEC,

Ojasvi Raina won special mention in UNGA, Pradanya Shavan received special mention in

AIPPM, Shivam Amla bagged verbal mention in ICII, Stuti Dhar received verbal mention in UN DISEC, Divyanshi Gupta won verbal mention in Lok Sabha. The other delegates who participated in the conference were Agrima Prasher, Ayushi Gandotra, Kamakshi Gupta, Naira Gandotra, Arushi Pandita and Arya Raina.

The delegates gained immense exposure competing with highly prestigious schools of India and it was indeed a proud moment for our School holding the best delegation trophy and hoisting the KCPS flag high, said School Principal, Amarendra Kumar Mishra, adding that it was all possible due to the efforts of our Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, teacher mentor Shobhna Sethi (PGT Political Science).

The KCPS expressed thanks to basketball coach Neeraj Prasad for escorting the school delegation.

SA Series: India rest Kohli, Rahul but another stern test awaits bowling unit

INDORE, Oct 3:

It may be an inconsequential game on paper but Indian bowlers await another tough test against South Africa ahead of the T20 World Cup when the two teams meet in the final game of the three-match series here tomorrow.

Having sealed their first-ever series against South Africa at home, Indian team management has decided to rest its premier batter Virat Kohli and vice-captain KL Rahul for the final game.

"Yes, both Virat and Rahul have been rested from the final T20I," said a BCCI official.

After the final game against the Proteas, Kohli and Rahul will link up with the squad in Mumbai from where the team is scheduled to leave for Australia on October 6 for the T20 World Cup.

It is expected that standby batter Shreyas Iyer will replace Kohli for the final game in the playing XI. With Rahul also rested, either Suryakumar Yadav or Rishabh Pant will open alongside with Rohit Sharma.

With no second reserve batter in the squad, Shahbaz Ahmed or one among Mohammed Siraj or Umesh Yadav could get a look-in.

Since their early exit from the T20 World Cup 12 months ago, the Indian batting has come a long way and looks formidable ahead

of the next edition beginning later this month.

Majority of the batters remain the same from the UAE edition but it is the drastic change in approach which has made the difference.

Heading into the ICC event, India's high-profile top-three have hit top form including Rahul who allayed concerns about his strike rate with a sublime effort on Sunday.

Kohli has batted a 140 plus strike rate since the Asia Cup that includes three 50s and a much-awaited hundred. Skipper Rohit has come up with impactful innings over the course of the six games at home against Australia and South Africa.

Number four Suryakumar Yadav is in a league of his own and seems to be batting at a much higher level than his teammates, so much so that Rohit is contemplating to play him straight in the team's World Cup opener against Pakistan on October 23.

Pant is yet to bat in the series and though Dinesh Karthik got seven balls in the second T20, he too would be hoping to get a hit in the middle.

Jasprit Bumrah's absence has compounded India's bowling woes, especially in the death overs, but the team needs to find a way if the star pacer doesn't get fit in time for the

ICC event.

Deepak Chahar, who is among World Cup reserves, has been impressive with the new ball but question marks remain over his efficacy towards the back end of the innings.

Arshdeep Singh has made an impact both with new and old ball but was unusually expensive on Sunday. Having bowled as many as three no balls, it was a forgettable night for the left-arm pacer who would be eager to bounce back. (PTI)



Participants and winners of marathon posing for a group photograph along with officials on Monday.

SSN shines in Golden Jubilee Marathon

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Sainik School Nagrota (SSN) shined in the White Knight Corps Golden Jubilee Marathon, organised by 72 Engineer Regiment under the aegis of Headquarter 16 Corps for different age groups.

Fifty eight Cadets of Sainik School Nagrota including five girl cadets along with staff participated in this event. In 13-16 years 5km boys category, Cadet Vibhum Pandey stood first, while Cadet Malik Maheen Farooq and Cadet Raghav Chib remained 2nd and 3rd respectively, besides Girl Cadet Angel Choudhary of the School finished 2nd in under-13,

5km girls category.

Adding one more feat in his huge kitty of marathon medals, Ramanand, GE of the School clinched 1st position in 31-40 years 10km category for men in this event. Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, YSM, VSM, GOC, White Knight Corps presented medals to the winners of all categories in the Golden Jubilee Marathon.

Capt (Indian Navy) AK Desai congratulated the winners for exhibiting their athletic prowess and lauded the indomitable spirit and enthusiasm of all Nagrotrians who participated in this mega event and brought laurels to the School.



Players posing for a group photograph at KK Hakku Stadium in Jammu on Monday.

Khalsa, Dashmesh script wins

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Khalsa Hockey Club and Dashmesh Hockey Club registered wins in the 1st Olympian Balbir Singh (Sr) Memorial Hockey Tournament by defeating Bandhu Rakh and MBS Hockey Club, organised by Hockey J&K at KK Hakku Stadium, here today.

The semi-final match was played between Khalsa Hockey Club and Bandhu Rakh Hockey Club Jammu in which the former registered a win by 3 goals to 2.

Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi (Executive Member Hockey J&K) was the chief guest of the match.

The 2nd match was played between MBS Hockey Club and Dashmesh Hockey Club Nanak Nagar in which Dashmesh Hockey Club won the match by 3-2. Brigadier NK Pandey was the chief guest of the match who introduced both the teams.

The match was officiated by Sahil Kumar, Tanishpreet Singh and Angat Singh, while Jaspreet Singh was the Tournament Director.



Selected team posing for a group photograph alongwith Divisional Sports Officer Jammu Ashok Singh on Monday.

Tennis Volleyball C'ship team screened

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JAMMU, Oct 3: Tennis Volleyball Association of J&K conducted screening for 23rd National Tennis Volleyball Championships in sub-junior and junior (boys and girls) age categories, here today.

The championship is scheduled to be held at Tamil Nadu from 7 to 9 of October. Players selected from various districts of the J&K UT on the basis of their performance including 25 boys and girls.

Sheetal Verma Choudhary, D/o Kewal Krishan Verma and Nirmal Verma, W/o Raj K. Choudhary, R/o VPO Bhainowa, N o w s h e r a , Rajouri, has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Economics by the University of Jammu. She worked on the topic, "Impact of Climate Change on Marginal and Small Farmers' Livelihood: A Comparative Study of Irrigated and Non-irrigated Agriculture in Jammu and Rajouri Districts," under the supervision of Prof Falendra K. Sudan.



Sukriti Sharma, D/o Jagmohan Sharma and Kiran Sharma, has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in English by Panjab University (Chandigarh). She worked on the topic, "Twice Upon a Time: An Analysis of Structural and Thematic Repetition in Children's Literature," under the supervision of Prof Pushpinder Syal.



Sujata D/o Shiv Thakur and Maya Devi W/o Abhinandan Singh Manhas R/o Paloura Jammu, has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in English Literature by the University of Jammu. She worked on the topic, "Gender Symbiosis: A Womanist Study of the Tales of Chimamanda Adichie and Chitra Divakaruni" under the supervision of Prof. Suchetra Pathania.



Monika Pandita, Researcher, School of Biotechnology at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, has been declared qualified for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The candidate has worked on "Investigation into the Genetic interactions of Glyoxylate Pathway related F-Box motif encoding gene UCCI with certain Genome Stability regulators in Saccharomyces cerevisiae" under the supervision of Dr. Narendra K Bairwa, Assistant Professor, and co-supervision of Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology, SMVDU.



Khalid Hussain Salaria, S/o Maryam Begum and Mahkam Din Salaria, has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biochemistry from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology Jammu. He worked on the topic "Studies on the Effect of Fermentation Based Biotransformation on Bioactive Properties of Medicinal Plant Extracts" under the supervision of Dr. Sanjay Guleria, Professor and Head, Division of Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Sciences, SKUAST-Jammu.



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Participants posing for a group photograph at Jammu on Monday.

UT level Tug of War meet inaugurated

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JAMMU, Oct 3: The fourth senior UT level Tug of War Championship, organized by Jammu and Kashmir Tug of War Association, inaugurated by Association president, Hardeep Singh Anand at Unique Public Higher Secondary School Gadi Garh, here today.

Around 100 players representing affiliated district units and

clubs are taking part in this competition.

Speaking to the distinguished gathering, the president said that sports was the only medium through which one can develop his personality and can remain fit and healthy.

Prominent persons including Jodh Singh Isher (General Secretary), Jasvir Singh (Joint secretary), Ravinder Singh (International Tug of War player)

and Nirpal Kaur (Head of the School Management) were present during the opening ceremony.

The matches were officiated by a technical panel including Gaurav Dubey, Kiran Kumari and Jaswinder Singh.

In weight 580 kg Mixed 4+4 (Men and Women): Jammu district beats Diamond Club Satwari by 2-0, while in 600kg (Men), District Kulgam beat Jammu Lions Club by 2-0.

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1. Vehicles of Participants plying from Poonch, Surankote, Mendhar and Manjakote routes will be de-boarded at convoy ground (Yatra ground) and LMVs will be parked at Convoy ground.
2. Buses/Mini-Buses/Tata Sumo's Poonch, Surankote, Mendhar and Manjakote routes after de-boarding the participants at convoy ground will be returned back and parked at SKUAST ground Tandwal.
3. Vehicles of Participants plying from Sunderbani, Nowshera, and Kalakote routes will be de-boarded at Panj-Peer and LMVs will be parked at BSF Convoy ground/Tourism Parking (Alpha Gate).
4. Buses/Mini-Buses/Tata Sumo's from Sunderbani, Nowshera, and Kalakote routes after de-boarding the participants at Panj-Peer (Near Pir Baba Ziyarat) will be returned back and parked at Sabzi Mandi (Phalyana).
5. Vehicles of Participants plying from Budhal, Kandi, Palma, Kotedhara routes will be diverted from Khandli via Dhangri-Muradpur towards Panj-Peer and LMVs will be parked at BSF Convoy ground and HMVs at Sabzi Mandi (Phalyana) and those participants who want to park their vehicles near Khandli Bhadoon will be allowed to park their vehicles at Bhadoon along road side.
6. Vehicles of Participants plying from Thanamandi, Darhal routes will be de-boarded at Bella Colony and LMVs will be parked at Bella ground.
7. Buses/Mini-Buses/Tata Sumo's from Thanamandi, Darhal routes after de-boarding the participants at Bella Colony will be returned back and parked at DIET Rajouri/FCI Parking/Sports Stadium Parking (Kheora).
8. Vehicles of Participants plying from Choudhary-Nar and Dhandkote routes will be de-boarded and Parked at PG College Rajouri.
9. Vehicles of Participants plying from Gurdhan route will be de-boarded/Parked at Old Bus-Stand Rajouri.

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