

Yashwant, Aparna reign in hurdles

Kerala girls secure three of the seven gold medals in the u-21 category

KHELO INDIA

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GUWAHATI

Yashwant Laveti of Andhra Pradesh gave a sparkling performance to bag the boys' under-21 110m hurdles crown on the final day of athletics in the Khelo India Youth Games here on Tuesday.

Yashwant timed 14.10 to equal the meet record of Alden Norohna and beat Aditya Prakash of Jharkhand by 0.02.

In boys' under-17 110m hurdles, Rajasthan's Madhavendra Singh Shekhawat, who trains without a coach at Jaipur, sprang a surprise as he timed 14.44 to claim his maiden gold medal.

Kerala girls secured three of the seven gold medals on offer in under-21 category.

Aparna Roy (100m hurdles, 13.91) and M. Jisna (high jump, 1.73m) picked up individual gold, while Kerala, comprising Gowrinandana, Priscilla Daniel, K.M. Nibha and A.S. Sandra, clocked 3:48.98 to create a new meet record, bettering Maharash-



Pick of the lot: Yashwant Laveti of Andhra Pradesh equalled the meet record in the boys' u-21 hurdles. ■RITU RAJ KONWAR

tra's 3:49.95, and take the 4x400m girls' under-21 top honour.

Karnataka boy Abhin Devadiga's 21.33 was good enough to earn him the under-21 200m title with a new meet record (old 21.57, Nitin Balakumar).

Jeevanji Deepthi of Telengana won the under-17 girls'

200m gold with 24.84. Nandini Agasara, a tea-seller's daughter, took the girls' under-17 100m hurdles title, timing 14.07.

Cycling: Telangana's M.Tanishq emerged victorious in boys' under-21 individual time trial (1000m), with 1:08:35.2. Maharashtra took the boys' and girls' team

sprint crowns.

Gymnastics: Shruti Manchanda of Delhi (11.90) and Sri Varshinee of Karnataka (12.025) pocketed gold medals in girls' under-21 floor exercises and vaulting table respectively.

Shooting: Harshwardhan Yadav of Maharashtra grabbed boys' under-21 25m rapid fire pistol yellow metal with 31 points. Ahvar Rizvi (46) pipped Manavaditya Singh Rathore by two points to win the trap gold. Gurnihal Singh Garcha (52) was the skeet champion.

Zeena Khitta (251.3) and Nancy (249.1) were the girls' under-21 and under-17 winners in 10m air rifle.

Table tennis: Fidel Rafeeque Snehit Survajulla (Telangana), Anusha Kutumbale (Madhya Pradesh), Aadarsh Chhetri (Delhi) and Diya Chitale (Maharashtra) emerged as champions in boys' under-21, girls' under-21, boys' under-17 and girls' under-17 singles categories respectively.

Maharashtra got back to the top of the tally with 107 medals, including 26 gold, followed by Haryana with 67.

Anand holds Giri

SPORTS BUREAU

WIJK AAN ZEE

Viswanathan Anand drew in 21 moves with Anish Giri in the third round of Tata Steel Masters chess tournament here on Tuesday.

Third-round results: Viswanathan Anand (1) drew with Anish Giri (Ned, 1.5); Firouzja Alireza (FIDE, 2.5) bt Vladislav Artemiev (Rus, 1.5); Fabiano Caruana (USA, 2) bt Yu Yangyi (Chn, 0.5); Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 2) bt Daniil Dubov (Rus, 1); Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 1.5) drew with Xiong Jeffery (USA, 2); Nikita Vitiugov (Rus, 1) drew with Wesley So (USA, 2) Vladislav Kovalev (Blr, 0.5) drew with Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol. 1.5).

move. Aleksandrov leads with seven points.

Eighth-round results:

Aleksandrov Aleksej (Blr, 7) drew with Alexei Fedorov (Blr, 6.5); Abhijeet Gupta (6.5) bt Himel Gusain (6).

Vishnu Prasanna (5.5) lost to Jose Martinez Martinez Alantara (Per, 6.5).

Ivan Rozum (Rus, 6) drew with Neelesh Saha (6); N. Lokesh (5.5) lost to Diptayan Ghosh (6.5); Adam Tukhaev (5.5) lost to M. Pranesh (6.5); Kirill Stupak (Blr, 6.5) bt Karthik Venkataraman (5.5).

Farrukh Amonatov (Tjk, 5.5) drew with Hesham Abdelrahman (5.5); M. Karthikeyan (6) bt Marat Dzhumayev (Uzb, 5).

Proud master



For his ward: P. Gopi Chand receives the Sportstar Aces Sportsman of the year award (Racquet Sports) on behalf of P.V. Sindhu from former India cricketer Aunshuman Gaekwad, Tissot brand head Puneet Mathur and Rajeev Nangia, Director India, Monaco Government Tourist Bureau. ■R. RAGU

Rani to lead India

For the tour of NZ beginning Jan. 25

HOCKEY

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NEW DELHI

The Indian women's hockey team would kick off its preparations for the 2020 Olympics with a five-match tour of New Zealand later this month, its first assignment in the new year.

A 20-member team for the same was named by Hockey India on Tuesday although the team management is likely to play with only 16 or 18 players in certain games.

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The squad:

Goalkeepers: Savita, Rajini Etimparpu; **Defenders:** Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Reena Khokhar, Salima Tete; **Midfielders:** Sushila Chanu, Nisha, Namita Toppo, Udit, Monika, Lilima Minz; **Forwards:** Neha, Sonika, Rani, Sharmila Devi, Navneet Kaur, Lalremsiam, Vandana Katariya, Navjot Kaur.

The schedule: **Jan 25:** Vs. New Zealand development side; **Jan 27 & 29:** Vs. New Zealand; **Feb 4:** Vs. Great Britain; **Feb 5:** Vs. New Zealand.

Chandra Bhushan in final

SPORTS BUREAU

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Top seed Chandra Bhushan got past Ajay Lakhotia 7-6 (4), 6-0 in the over-55 semifinals of the ITF grade-4 seniors tennis tournament here on Tuesday.

The results:

Over-35 (quarterfinals): Swarandeep Singh Dhodi bt Rahul Gupta 6-0, 6-0; Badri Vishal bt Vikram Kumar Agarwal 6-2, 6-1; Praful Arjeria bt Harish Bhojwani 6-1, 6-1; Deepak Marwaha bt Gujarathi Yati Sushil 6-2, 6-1.

Over-45 (quarterfinals): Laxmi Kant Tanwar w/o Rajneesh Sharma; Rohit Rawat bt Mohit Garg 6-3, 6-0; Sandeep Yadav bt Sanjay Chauhan 6-3, 6-2; Shalabh Singhpuria bt Vishal Dawra 6-2, 6-2.

Over-55 (semifinals): Chandra Bhushan bt Ajay Lakhotia 7-6 (4), 6-0; Ajay Upadhyay bt Shashi Bhushan Sharma 6-4, 7-6(3).

Doubles (semifinals): Chandra Bhushan & Shashi Bhushan Sharma bt Ajay Lakhotia & Ajay Upadhyay 6-3, 6-2; Ajay Gupta & Naresh Yadav bt Ajay Sankhla & T.S. Gambhir 7-5, 6-1.

RANJI SCORES, ROUND 5, DAY 4

GROUP A

At Ongole: Hyderabad 225 & 168 in 74.4 overs (P. Vijay Kumar 5/25) lost to Andhra 489/8 decl. **Points: Andhra 7 (21), Hyderabad 0 (6).** **Jaipur:** Gujarat 325 & 216/1 in 56.2 overs (Priyank Panchal 105 n.o., Samit Gohil 100 n.o.) drew with Rajasthan 360 in 133.4 overs (Ashok Menaria 119 n.o.). **Rajasthan 3 (3), Gujarat 1 (14).**

GROUP B

New Delhi: Madhya Pradesh 124 & 330/9 decl. in 89.5 overs (Naman Ojha 118) drew with Railways 244 & 205/5 in 54 overs. **Railways 3 (13), MP 1 (7).** **Kanpur:** Uttar Pradesh 431 drew with Baroda 230 in 107.1 overs & 120/1 in 34 overs. **UP 3 (13), Baroda 1 (13).** **Rajkot:** Saurashtra 581/7 decl. drew with Karnataka 171 & 220/4 in 89 overs. **Saurashtra 3 (16), Karnataka 1 (17).**

GROUP C

Guwahati: Chhattisgarh 318 & 252/5 in 74 overs (Harpreet Singh 102 n.o.) drew with Assam 464/9 decl. **Assam 3 (14), Chhattisgarh 1 (9).** **Lahli:** Haryana 90 & 248 lost to Odisha 160 & 182/9 in 58.1 overs (Ajit Chahal 7/80).

Odisha 6 (28), Haryana 0 (21). **New Delhi:** Jammu & Kashmir 360 & 201/5 decl. in 66 overs (Shubham Pundir 102 n.o.) bt Services 242 & 146 in 72.2 overs. **J&K 6 (26), Services 0 (14).**



Nagothane: Maharashtra 434 & 48/2 in 5.5 overs bt Jharkhand 170 & 311 in 98.1 overs. **Maharashtra 6 (9), Jharkhand 0 (16).** **Agartala:** Uttarakhand 90 & 148/8 in 66 overs drew with Tripura 279/5 decl. **Tripura 3 (6), Uttarakhand 1 (1).**

PLATE

Sovima: Nagaland 534/7 decl. & 259/7 decl. in 62 overs drew with Arunachal Pradesh 460 & 152/4 in 35 overs. **Nagaland 3 (17), Arunachal Pradesh 1 (3).** **Chandigarh:** Sikkim 264 & 69/3 in 26 overs drew with Chandigarh 360. **Chandigarh 3 (23), Sikkim 1 (4).** **Puducherry:** Goa 270 & 255 in 92 overs bt Pondicherry 260 & 184 in 65.4 overs (Fahid Ahmed 56 absent hurt, Felix Alemas 5/72). **Goa 6 (29), Pondicherry 0 (27).** **Kolkata (third day):** Meghalaya 662/4 decl. bt Mizoram 114 in 56.2 overs & 123 in 41.1 overs (Aditya Singhania 6/40). **Meghalaya 7 (13), Mizoram 0 (3).**

Sandeep ousts Raquin

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

V.M. Sandeep knocked out sixth seed Leo Raquin of France 6-3, 7-5 in the boys first round of the ITF grade-2 junior tennis tournament at the DLTA Complex here on Tuesday.

The results (first round):

Boys: Udit Gogoi bt Sanjith Devineni (USA) 6-3, 6-2; Raphael Collignon (Bel) bt Akhilendran Indrabalan 6-0, 6-0; Orel Kimhi (Isr) bt Sushant Dabas 6-0, 6-4; V.M. Sandeep bt Leo Ra-

quin (Fra) 6-3, 7-5; Martin Katz (Bel) bt Lu Pengyu (Chn) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Girls: Sabrina Kalandarov (Isr) bt Amelia Waligora (Bel) 6-4, 6-3; Anna Grigoreva (Rus) bt Reshma Maruri 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Yu Chin Tsai (Tpe) bt Dana Issabayeva (Kaz) 6-1, 6-2; Kristina Volgapkina (Russ) bt Anja Nayar (Mas) 6-1, 7-5; Mika Dagan Fruchtman (Isr) bt Mei Hasegawa (Jpn) 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(2); Yaroslava Bartashevich (Rus) bt Kanika Sivaraman 7-5, 6-4; Juliette Bovy (Bel) bt Karina Rizvanova (Kaz) 6-0, 6-1.

Yashpaul's tennis fitness camp

NEW DELHI:

High performance fitness coach Vijay Yashpaul will conduct a tennis fitness camp, from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., on January 19, at the Diwan Chand

Arya School, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Entry fee will be ₹1200. Further details can be had from Bhupinder (99903 66556) and Jeet Kataria (97112 03153).