



## Don't want to take undercooked Mohammed Shami to Australia: Rohit Sharma

**BENGALURU, OCT 15:** India skipper Rohit Sharma has virtually ruled out Mohammed Shami from the upcoming Test tour of Australia, saying that the pacer's recovery from an ankle surgery has been hampered by swelling in knees and it would not be right to take an "undercooked" version of him for the marquee showdown.

Shami last played for India during the ODI World Cup final last year and has been recuperating from an ankle surgery after that.

"To be honest, right now, it's pretty difficult for us to make a call on him, whether he'll be fit for this series or Australia series. He recently had swelling on his knee, which was quite unusual," Rohit told reporters here on the eve of the first Test against



New Zealand.

"He was in the process of getting fit, getting close to 100 per cent, he had swelling in his knee, that put him back a little bit in his recovery. So, he had to start again. Right now, he's at NCA, he's working with the physios and the doctors at NCA," he added.

Rohit said the team

fast bowler, having missed so much of cricket, and then suddenly to come out and be at his best, it is not ideal," he noted.

Rohit said the National Cricket Academy (NCA) staff will continue to assess Shami's fitness and he might play a couple of internal matches in that process.

"We want to give him enough time to recover and be 100 per cent fit. The physios, trainers and doctors have set a roadmap for him.

"He is supposed to play a couple of (practice) games before he plays international cricket," he added.

Shami has played 64 Tests for India, taking 229 wickets at an impressive average of 27.71. India will play five Tests in Australia starting November 22.

## SPMR College wins Inter-Collegiate TT Men's, Women's tournament

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 15**

The teams of Government SPMR College of Commerce have brought laurels to the institution by winning the Inter-Collegiate T.T. tournament-2024-2025 for men and women organized by Cluster University of Jammu at GCOE Jammu.

The teams comprised Abhijeet Bhardwaj, Tejaswar Singh, Shivam Gupta, Parth Gupta, Simranjeet Singh, Anvi Gupta, Riya Gupta, Aena Gupta, Anjali Sharma, and Mehak Raina. They received a celebratory and rousing reception at the college from the Principal, staff, and students.

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## Coach rues missed chances after India knocked out

**SHARJAH, OCT 15:** A disheartened India head coach Amol Muzumdar rued the missed opportunities that could have altered the game's outcome after his team's hopes of reaching the women's T20 World Cup semifinals were dashed by a loss to Australia.

In a bid to control their own destiny, the Indian team delivered a lackluster performance on the field, ultimately resulting in a nine-run loss to de-

fending champions Australia in their must-win game on Sunday.

"I think we were right in the game, right till the last over. Just that experience of Australia saw them through," Muzumdar said. "Just a little disappointing with the loss. And I feel we've fielded pretty well. But yeah, a couple of chances could have been, we could have taken those chances and then the things could have been different. Maybe 10-15

runs less, even the last over. But at the same time, I would like to say that we put in our best effort forward in this game," he added.

India dropped as many as three catches, while also missing a stumping opportunity. To add to their woes, a close lbw call also went against them.

Australia posted a total of 151/8. In response, India fell short, finishing at 142/9 despite skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's un-

beaten 54. With senior players Harmanpreet and Deepti Sharma in the middle, India needed 85 off 10 overs. Asked what message was being sent to the duo in the middle at the time, Muzumdar said: "First and foremost, it was about the run chase. Second was keeping the net run rate also into account. But the only message was if we take it a little deeper, then we do have a good chance to chase these runs down.

## Taekwondo Senior team leaves for Puducherry

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 15**

The Senior Taekwondo team of Jammu and Kashmir today left for participation in the 40th National Senior Kyorugi Taekwondo Championship and 13th National Senior Poomsae Taekwondo Championship, scheduled to be held from October 17th to October 20 at the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Puducherry.

Before departure, the team underwent screening which was conducted by the Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Baljinder Pal Singh and Sahil Sharma, a handout issued by the Association informed.



President of the J&K Taekwondo Association (JKTA), Rajesh Pangotra wished the team success in the National event. Ramesh Chander Sharma, general secretary further motivated the team with words of encouragement.

The Team: MEN: Shoib

Khan, Vansh Rakhwal, Mohit Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Zaid Khan, Narayan Sharma, Achutam Dev Singh, Adnan Adfar, Gaurav Attri, Amit Kumar, Amandeep, Shubam Bagal, Burhan Ud Din Khan.

WOMEN: Tanvi Katal, Gunjan Kumari Bhardwaj,

Adeeba Khursheed, Tabasum Nusrat Ali, Azmat Khan, Afreen Hyder, Jagpreet Kour.

OFFICIALS: Anuj Sharma (Coach), Rabia (Coach), Sidharth Sharma (Manager), Pankaj Kumar Mehra (Coach), Narayan Das (Coach).

## J&K Taekwondo meet concludes

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 15:**

The J&K UT Taekwondo Championship, organized by the Taekwondo Association of Jammu and Kashmir (TAJK), concluded today at the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, here.

Held under the aegis of J&K Olympic Association and India Taekwondo, the event saw participation from nine districts with over 150 athletes competing across various categories, a handout issued by the TAJK claimed.

President Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal was chief guest, who encouraged the participants asking them to strive for excellence in sports.

Vijay Kumar Pandoh, vice president of Wrestling Association of J&K was guest of honour while Ri-



tika Slathia and Muzaffar Mir (DySP J&K Police) were among the special guests.

The organizing team comprised Qumiti Lal Jain (general secretary TAJK), Tarsem Sharma (working president TAJK), Ravin-

der Sharma (treasurer, TAJK), Ajaz Rasool Mir (joint secretary, TAJK), Danish Sharma and Deepak Dogra.

Speaking to the participants, Zorawar Singh Jamwal emphasized the importance of persever-

ance, discipline, and hard work, encouraging students to embrace the values taught through sports. He highlighted how Taekwondo, as a martial art, not only strengthens the body but also sharpens the mind and builds character.

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, OCT 15**

With competition still at the preliminary stages across five sports disciplines of Kabaddi, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Basketball and Fencing, the day-two of the annual inter-college competitions of University of Jammu (JU) witnessed hectic schedule on the JU campus here today.

Two popular sporting events of Volleyball and Kabaddi witnessed maximum participation from the affiliated colleges of JU while Basketball and Fencing have comparatively lesser teams in this meet.

The event is being hosted by the Directorate of Sports, JU under the guidance of different teams led by the Director, Dr Dawood Iqbal Baba.

**BASKETBALL:** MEN: G.D.C Kunjwani beat ASCOMS by three pts; BDC Udhampur beat G.D.C Doda by 13 pts; GDC Kathua beat GDC Udhampur by two pts. WOMEN: G.C.W Parade beat M.I.E.T by 23 pts and P.G. Departments beat G.D.C Khiloltrah by eight pts.

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hampur beat G.D.C Mahanpur 3-0; G.C.E.T Jammu beat G.D.C Ramban 3-1; M.I.E.T Jammu beat G.D.C Hiranagar 3-1. WOMEN: P.G. Deptt. beat G.C.W. Parade 3-0; G.D.C Ramnagar beat G.M.C Kathua 3-0. Today's matches officiated by Ravish Vaid and Sahil Malgotra.

**KABADDI:** The Results: P.G. Departments beat G.D.C Mahanpur by 20 pts; G.D.C Basholi beat G.D.C Marheen by 15 pts; M.I.E.T beat G.D.C Rajouri by 22 pts; G.D.C Akhnoor beat T.D.C Nowshera by 11 pts; G.D.C Khatua beat I.M.P Patoli by 21 pts; G.D.C Samba beat G.N.C Kishtwar by 17 pts; G.D.C R.S. Pura beat G.D.C Khour by 13 pts;

G.D.C Kunjwani beat G.C.E.T by 18 pts; G.D.C Hiranagar beat K.C. Law College by 17 pts; G.D.C Reasi beat G.D.C Ramgarh by 14 pts; G.D.C Baderwah beat G.D.C Doda by nine pts.

The competition officiated by Anil Sharma, Ajay Chopra, Dheeraj Sharma, Keshav Singh, Harpreet Singh, Amandeep Singh and Gagan Kumar.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The Results: MEN: UIET Kathua Campus beat GDC Ramgarh 2-0 (25-17, 25-10); GDC Hiranagar beat GNC Doda 2-0 (25-06, 25-09); GDC Doda beat GMC Kathua 2-0 (with set score 25-15, 25-21); BSC Nursing College beat Dogra Degree College 2-1 (15-25, 25-19, 15-04);

GDC Udhampur beat Akhnoor 2-0 (25-11, 25-13); GDC Khour beat GDC Thanamandi 2-0 (25-04, 25-10); KC Law College beat Prabha Harji College 2-1 (20-25, 25-17, 15-13); GDC Poonch beat GDC Kathua 2-1 (17-25, 25-23, 15-12); GDC Nowshera beat GMC Doda 2-0 (25-13, 25-18); GDC Samba beat GNC Kishtwar 2-0 (25-10, 25-12); GDC Bishnah beat Dogra Law College 2-1 (19-25, 25-16, 16-14). WOMEN: GDC Mahanpur beat Dogra Degree College 2-0 (25-07, 25-09). The technical penal in Volleyball event comprised Amit sharma, Shubham Sharma, Manu Singh Pawar and Vikas Karlopa.

## Pathseekers' Rising Star Shines at CBSE National Taekwondo Championship

**UTTARAKHAND, OCTOBER 15:** Omkar Singh, a promising young player from Pathseekers International School, Ramgarh, has made his mark in the CBSE National Taekwondo Championship held at Mother India Public School, Udhham Nagar, Uttarakhand. The event saw participation from teams across all CBSE-affiliated schools in India, along with two teams from Qatar and the UAE.

Displaying exceptional skill and determination, Omkar fought through three consecutive matches, earning him a well-deserved spot in the semifinals. Despite a hard-fought battle, he narrowly missed advancing to the final round, securing a Bronze Medal and winning admiration from spectators and fellow competitors alike.

Omkar's achievement is



a source of immense pride for Pathseekers International School. Chairman S. Bhupinder Singh, SSP (Retd.), along with the school's Principal Mrs. Manpreet Kaur, commended the young player for his dedication and per-

severance. Special recognition was also given to Omkar's coach, Mr. Pankaj Kumar, for his commitment to training and guiding the budding champion.

This accomplishment reflects the school's com-

mitment to nurturing both academic and athletic excellence. The entire Pathseekers community celebrates Omkar's success and looks forward to more milestones in his Taekwondo journey.