BCCI showers Suryakumar's T20 champions with record prize

NEW DELHI, MAR 10: The BCCI on Tuesday announced a cash reward of Rs 131 crore for the entire Indian squad following its third T20 World Cup victory.

The amount covers 15 players, coaching staff, other support staff.

As per sources, the players are certain to get lion's share of the reward money while support staff amount will be decided as per hierarchy.

The amount is an increment of Rs 6 crore from the Rs 125 crore that Rohit Sharma's team was awarded back in 2024.

"The Board congratulates the players, support staff and selectors once again on this historic achievement and wishes them continued success in the future," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said in a statement.

India lifted the prestigious trophy after defeating New Zealand by 96 runs in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday, successfully defending the title and becoming the first team in the history of the tournament to retain the ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

With this victory, India also became the first team to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup three times, further cementing its place among the most successful teams in the history of the format.

Cricket Became Medium of Brotherhood, Nirankari Youth set Wonderful Example

SAMALKHA, MAR 10: With the immense blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji, the 26th Baba Gurbachan Singh Memorial Cricket Tournament concluded today with great enthusiasm at the Sant Nirankari Spiritual Complex, Samalkha (Haryana).

The tournament began in February 2026, in which 24 teams selected from different states across the country participated. Through their sporting talent, the players also displayed a remarkable spirit of brotherhood, discipline, and unity. The young players performed with great enthusiasm, dedication, and sportsmanship. Through the medium of sports, they demonstrated values such as cooperation, tolerance, dignity, and mutual respect, thereby reflecting the teachings of the Nirankari Mission in practical life.

The entire event was conducted under the leadership of Respected Shri Joginder Sukhija (Secretary, Sant Nirankari Mandal). Addressing the gathering, he said that this tournament is not merely a sports competition but a beautiful platform to channel the energy of youth in a positive direction, where along with competition, the feelings of love, respect, and harmony also grow. All participants were

also honoured with certificates for their excellent performances during the tournament.

On the closing occasion, Respected Shri Rakesh Mutreja Ji, Member Incharge, Propagation Department, Sant Nirankari Mandal, presented the trophy to the winning team. Addressing the players, he said that Satguru has given us the message of "Josh ke saath Hosh" (enthusiasm with wisdom).

The world may appear as Maya, yet the Divine is also present within it. Therefore, realizing God in every action and imbibing His virtues in life becomes possible only through the grace of the Satguru. This is why the Nirankari Mission promotes the message of Practical Spirituality, where every activity—whether worldly dealings or sports—is performed with the foundation of devotion.

He further said that the Satguru teaches us the art of living, where we learn at every moment—learn through sports, learn while walking, and even learn while falling.

He also mentioned that this tournament is dedicated to Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji, which was initiated in Ludhiana with the blessings of Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj and is now organized every year with the blessings of Satguru Mata Ji and Nirankari Rajpita Ji.

Explaining the influence of Maya, he illustrated it with an example, comparing it to a crocodile in a story that appears like a silky blanket from above but ultimately traps a person.

In conclusion, he said that the Satguru grants Brahmgyan and saves us from the illusion of Maya, guiding us towards a life filled with faith, devotion, and bliss. Sports are not merely about winning or losing, but about learning and gaining experience.

Undoubtedly, the objective of such sporting events is to spread the beautiful spirit of love and harmony in society, which was truly reflected by all the participants in this tournament.

High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh felicitates J&K Ranji Trophy team

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The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh today felicitated the Jammu & Kashmir Ranji Trophy team for historic achievement of winning their maiden Ranji Trophy title in the 2025–26 season, marking a landmark moment in the sporting history of the Union Territory.

The felicitation ceremony was held in presence of Chief Justice Arun Palli along with Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Sanjay Parihar besides Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The ceremony was also attended by Brigadier Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA, Registrar General, M. K. Sharma, other officers of the Registry of the High Court, members of Bar and other dignitaries.

Congratulating the team, the Chief Justice and Judges praised the players for their dedication, perseverance,

discipline and teamwork, which culminated in this historic triumph. It was observed that the victory reflects the resilience and sporting excellence of the young players and serves as a source of inspiration for aspiring sportspersons across Jammu & Kashmir and the country.

During the event, commemorative T-shirts were presented to the members of the victorious team, including Captain Paras Dogra, as a token of appreciation for their extraordinary achievement. The Judges also presented a commemorative trophy to the team in recognition of their historic triumph.

Speakers on the occasion noted that Jammu & Kashmir's maiden Ranji Trophy victory, since the team's Ranji debut in 1959, represents a moment of profound pride and historic significance for the region. The achievement was described as a testament to the players' unwavering determination and commitment to excellence.

The High Court also expressed pride in associating with this momentous achievement and celebrating the success of the young champions who have brought immense joy and recognition to Jammu & Kashmir.

VVC clinches Reasi Distt Championship

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Veer Volleyball Club Reasi clinches Reasi Distt Championship. Veer Volleyball club Reasi was declared champion of 37 th Reasi Distt Volleyball Championship by defeating Viper's Volleyball Club katra in finals by 3-0 sets (score 25-21,25-17,25-23) at Sports Complex Katra today. The 37th Reasi Distt Volleyball Championship organised by the Volleyball Association of J&K in co-ordination with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board under the auspicious of J&K Sports Council concluded today. In the 2-day Championship as many as 8 teams drawn from different parts of Reasi distt namely Agghar jittoo,Bagdar,,Panthal,, Reasi,Katra etc,. participated.

MrAlok Kumar Maurya Additional CEO ,SMVDSB Katra was the chief Guest on the concluding function, who unveiled that Shrine Board is committed to promote infrastructure sports facilities at Katra in general and for volleyball indoor stadium including Volleyball coach being appointed shortly for engaging the youth in sports to keep them away from drug addiction & others social evils in near fu-

ture

.The chief Guest urged upon the youth/ players to become torch bearers of social reform in improving socio _ economic conditions of society at large.

The chief Guest was honoured with a Memento , along with Shri Dhurav Gupta Asstt CEO , and Dr Bhisham Dubey SDPO Katra who were guests of honour in the function by Kuldeep Magotra on behalf of Volleyball Association of J&K .

Dr Dubey exhorted the players to become Catalyst agents of civil society in Nation Building and moblising the youth to be part of NYASA _ MUKAT BHARAT .Dr Dubey gave latest tips of the sports, skills ,spikes including coordination in the teams for overall improvement of sports. Kuldip Magotra on behalf of volleyball association of J&K thanked the SMVDSB for extending their cooperation in making the championship a grand sucess. Amongst diginataries Sanjeev Kotwal ,DGM , Mr Jagdeep Singh Shooting Coach SMVDSB , Vijay Magotra former Gerenal Secretary VAJK also graced the closing function of the championship today . Karan Rajput and Rakesh Sharma tecnical officials of the championship conducted the matches.Trophies medals and sports kits were given away to Winners/Runner -up teams by the dignitaries During the championship over 500 rural youth were mobilised to adopt sports for their overall well being.

87th CRPF Anniversary Volleyball Tournament concludes at Chanderkote

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The final match of the 87th CRPF Anniversary Volleyball Tournament, organized under the aegis of the Jammu Sector CRPF, was held with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship at Tac HQ 84 Bn CRPF Chanderkote, Ramban (J&K) today.

The closing function was graced by First Lady N. Gayabati Devi, as the chief guest in the presence of Commandant 84th Bn CRPF N. Ranbir Singh, Second-in-Command Vikram Singh, Assistant Commandant Roop Ram Meena, Deepak Shukla, Vikas Kumar, Shree Ram Meena, families and personnel of 84 Bn CRPF, players and local youth.

The final match witnessed a thrilling contest between HMB Parnote and Chanderkote Defenders, drawing a large gathering of sports lovers and youth from the area. In an exciting match,

HMB Parnote emerged as the champion, defeating Chanderkote Defenders with a score of 25–16, 23–25, 25–17 and 26–24.

Speaking on the occasion, Commandant N. Ranbir Singh highlighted the glorious history of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and its significant contribution to nation building. He said that the CRPF was presented with its colours by the then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on March 19, 1950 and the force is now celebrating its 87th Anniversary.

He informed that the volleyball tournament was organized as part of the anniversary celebrations to promote sports in the region and provide a platform for youth to showcase their talent and skills.

He also appealed to the youth to actively participate in sports for physical and mental fitness, discipline, team spirit and a healthy lifestyle. He assured that such sporting events would continue to be organized in the future to promote talent and strengthen the bond between the CRPF and the local populace.

On the occasion, trophies, medals, volleyballs and nets were distributed among the winner and runner-up teams. Cultural programmes were also presented by the participants.

During the function, national-level boxing player Sandeep Singh, who is presently serving as a three-star referee and representatives of various media houses were also felicitated.

Indian women's hockey team to face Wales with semis spot at stake in FIH Hockey WC Qualifiers

HYDERABAD , MAR 10: After two exciting games, the Indian Women's Hockey Team is ready to face Wales in their final Pool B match of the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 Qualifiers, Hyderabad, Telangana, on March 11. With a semifinal spot on the line, India currently sits at the top of the points table with four points and a strong goal difference, according to a release.

The top two teams from the pool will go through. If India wins or draws against Wales, they will qualify for the semifinals. If India loses, they will stay on four points, and their qualification will depend on the match between Scotland and Uruguay, and their spot could come down to goal difference.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team have had a strong campaign so far. They opened the tournament with a massive 4-0 win over Uruguay on March 8 and then fought hard for a 2-2 draw against Scotland yesterday. Young forward Sunelita Toppo has been in top form, scoring in both matches.

Attackers Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal have also been excellent, finding the net and creating multiple scoring opportunities.

At the back, the defence has held firm, with goalkeeper Bichu Devi making crucial saves consistently. Playing in front of a cheering home crowd in Hyderabad has also given the hosts a wonderful boost of energy.

Reflecting on the team's performances so far, Captain Salima Tete said, "After the opening two games, there is positivity in the team. The young players are taking their opportunity and have been doing very well.