



India outclass England by 270 runs in one-off Women's Test

LONDON, JULY 13: Bowlers led by off-spinner Sneh Rana produced a strong combined effort as India outclassed England by a massive 270-run margin on the fourth and final day of the one-off Women's Test in London on Monday. Chasing an improbable 457, England were shot out for 186 after resuming the day from overnight 130 for six.

Brief scores: India: 285 and



341/7 declared beat England: 170 and 186 all out in 62.5 overs (Amy Jones 54, Sophie Ecclestone 50; Sneh Rana 4/42, Deepti Sharma 2/36) by 270 runs.

Legends hail Indian Women's historic win at Lords

LONDON [UK], JULY 13: Former India cricketers Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman, Shikhar Dhawan and Irfan Pathan, along with BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla, BCCI president Mithun Manhas and several others, congratulated the India Women's team on their historic Test victory over England at Lord's.

India Women created history with a dominant 270-run victory over England in the first-ever Women's Test at Lord's, maintaining their unbeaten record in Women's Tests on English soil and improving their record to seven wins, three draws and one defeat in their last 11 Tests.

Yastika Bhatia starred with a landmark century--the first by a woman at Lord's--while Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur, Richa Ghosh and Deepti Sharma made vital contributions with the bat. Debutant Kranti Gaud claimed a five-wicket haul in the first innings, and Deepti picked up four wickets in the second as England, chasing 457, were bowled out for 186, bringing a disappointing end to the international careers of Heather Knight and Tammy Beaumont.

Sachin Tendulkar, in a post on X, congratulated the Indian team on a wonderful victory.

He praised Smriti Mandhana's composure, Yastika Bhatia's century and Kranti Gaud's five-wicket haul,

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Addressing the gathering, the DIG congratulated the Department of Youth Services & Sports for organising the league and appreciated the district administration for its support to youth-centric initiatives. He said sports serve as a powerful medium for channelising the energy of young people into constructive pursuits while steering

team on a wonderful victory. Smriti's composure, Yastika's brilliant century and Kranti's five-wicket haul made this occasion even more special. The journey of women's cricket has been remarkable, and this was another beautiful step forward," he said.

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Irfan Pathan lauded the India Women's team, calling their victory "a touch of class."

He said, "Victory with a touch of class. Well done Indian Women's team on the test match victory vs England w. Smriti Mandana, Deepti sharma, Kranti Gaud, Yastika Bhatia, Richa ghosh, Sneh Rana. You all were amazing. Well done Captain Kaur"

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Dhawan also hailed India's victory, calling it a proud moment for Indian cricket. He said, "Champions don't wait for history to happen. They create it. Congratulations to Team India

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BCCI President Mithun Manhas also congratulated the India Women, saying, "History in the making !! Well done @BCCIWomen for achieving this extraordinary feat. The entire Nation is proud of you. Many congratulations to Harmanpreet and her entire team along with support staff @BCCI Jai Hind !!"

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The BCCI VP Rajeev Shukla also praised the Women in Blue, saying, "Congratulations to Team India for winning against England @BCCI https://t.co/11n7rnTFKO



them away from social evils and substance abuse. He urged the participants to compete with discipline and wished them success in the tournament.

Youth Services & Sports for organising the league under the Youth Empowerment Programme. He said sports play a vital role in shaping disciplined youth while promoting physical fitness, teamwork and social responsibility. He urged the participants to uphold the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Earlier, the DYSSO highlighted the department's commitment to providing quality sporting opportunities to young athletes. He said the Play Nation Badminton League is a key initiative under the Youth Empowerment Programme aimed at identifying emerging talent, strengthening grassroots sports and encouraging greater youth participation in constructive activities.

DC Kathua unveils Kathua Cricket League trophy, kits for qualified teams

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today unveiled the trophy and kits for the 12 qualified teams of the Kathua Cricket League, organised under the District Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan.

The ceremony marked the commencement of the Group Stage, with the Deputy Commissioner wishing all participating teams well and urging them to uphold the spirit of fair play. The Group Stage will feature the 12 qualified teams competing in T20 format matches, to be played with the white ball.

The Deputy Commissioner said the cricket league has been conceived as a component of the District Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan to engage youth in constructive activities, with sports channelising the energy of young people while promoting



discipline, teamwork and healthy competition. He said the District Administration is committed to organising more sporting events in the coming months, with efforts to onboard girls as well and widen participation.

The Deputy Commissioner urged participating players to become ambassadors of the anti-drug campaign and motivate other youth to adopt a drug-free lifestyle through sports and other constructive pursuits. Among those present

were Programme Officer ICDS Mohammed Syed, Chief Planning Officer Ranjeet Thakur, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Sunil Kumar, District Information Officer Rajinder Diga and team captains of the 12 qualified teams.

BJP launches 2-day Chess Championship to promote youth empowerment through sports

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J&K BJP organized a two-day Chess Championship furthering Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Khelega India, Badhega India".

J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) along with former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, inaugurated the Chess Championship at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP J&K Vice President Rekha Mahajan, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria, and Gopal Mahajan, All Cells Incharge Ved Sharma, Sports Cell Convenor Kuldeep Gupta, and other senior leaders were present.

The championship was organized by BJP Sports Cell with the active support of the All J&K Chess Association (JKCA). The championship features 32 players competing under the supervision of Chief Arbiter Arvind Sharma.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the participants, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed sports into a nationwide movement aimed at building a healthier, disciplined and confident generation. He said the BJP is committed to taking this



mission to every section of society by encouraging youth to actively participate in sports and constructive activities.

Sat Sharma emphasized that the BJP considers 'Khelega India, Badhega India' a social movement rather than merely a sporting slogan. He announced that although this championship concludes in two days, the party will continue organizing similar sports events across Jammu and Kashmir to promote physical fitness, mental well-being, social harmony and youth empowerment. He added that the Modi government has created unprecedented opportunities, world-class infrastructure

and a sporting ecosystem that is empowering India's youth.

Dr. Nirmal Singh said that chess develops analytical ability, patience and decision-making skills while strengthening mental discipline. He stressed that participation in sports by people of all age groups promotes a healthy lifestyle, keeps the younger generation away from drugs and other destructive influences, and helps build a strong, progressive and self-confident society.

Rekha Mahajan said that youth engaged in sports are far less likely to fall victim to drug addiction, substance abuse, and other social evils. Sanjita Dogra said that

sports are the strongest medium for overall personality development, instilling discipline and teamwork as spirit of sportsmanship.

Baldev Singh Billawaria reiterated the commitment to strengthen the social campaign envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Gopal Mahajan said that sports create responsible citizens, strengthen society and contribute to nation-building. Ved Sharma reiterated the Sports Cell's commitment to organizing more sporting events in the future.

Kuldeep Gupta thanked the participants and the dignitaries for the successful event.

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LONDON, JULY 13: Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur on Monday hoped to play a lot more Test cricket in future after humbling England by a whopping 270 runs in the one-off women's match here at the fabled Lord's.

India made the first-ever Women's Test staged at the 'Home of Cricket' memorable, notching a win of epic proportions. "God is a better writer and he has written it pretty well. Playing at the Lord's is always special. Really want to thank people who thought about bringing the match here," Harmanpreet said in

the post-match presentation.

"Hopefully, we will get more here (at the Lord's). Hopefully, we will get 10 more Test matches and we can keep performing," she added.

While lauding wicket-keeper batter Yastika Bhatia for leading India's charge with a hundred, Harmanpreet said teamwork was her side's real strength.

"That is why we put her in the eleven. Really happy with the way she (Bhatia) batted. Our openers have been our strength - the way they batted in the first half, it was special to watch."

"Really happy the way our entire team fielded. Everyone came together and did the job for the team," she said.

The skipper also lauded the team's support staff headed by coach Amol Muzumdar for keeping the players in good spirits even when the results were not going in their favour.

"The support staff, they have played a lot of red-ball cricket and they know how it moves, and they are giving us feedback each and every moment."

India entered the Test after failing to enter the knockout stage of the pre-

ceding T20 World Cup. GeographicReference

"Really want to thank Amol sir and everyone else for the way we played. The last couple of series have not been in our favour."

Player of the match Kranti Gaud, who picked up seven wickets including a fiver in the first innings, said it was a dream come true for her to see her name on the Lord's Honours Board.

"Growing up, I never imagined something like this would happen. But from the day this Test match began, I told myself that I wanted to get my name on the honours board."