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We have no right to question Sushmita: Konda Murali

Hyderabad:AUGUST;26 Congress leader Konda Murali has clarified that he did not discuss any matter with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka regarding Sushmita's comments. He said that Sushmita has the right to express her views independently. He said that they do not have the right to question her comments.Konda Murali said that Sushmita will be as she likes, and they will have their own opinions. He



said that her comments were completely personal. 'What do we have to do with the comments made by our child?' He commented. He said that he had already explained everything that needed to be told to the

committee. Konda Murali made it clear that he would continue in the Congress. Meanwhile, Sushmita Patel's comments during Konda Surekha's birthday celebrations in Parakala, Warangal district, have led to a debate in the Telangana Congress. She criticized CM Revanth Reddy for failing to fulfill his promises. Questioning how Parakala ticket will be announced for Revuri Prakash Reddy, she an-

nounced that she will con- test independently if she is not given a ticket. The Telangana Congress Disciplinary Committee expressed its anger over Sushmita's comments. It said that it is preparing to take action against her. The PCC also decided to seek an explanation from her mother Konda Surekha on Sushmita's comments. However, Konda Surekha clarified that Sushmita's comments were personal..

Telangana to host 'Khelo India Youth Games'



New Delhi, August 26: The Central Government is taking special action to provide proper sports facilities and necessary encouragement to the youth of India, sharpen their potential and provide them with a bright future in the field of sports. For this purpose, it has brought various programs and schemes over the last 12 years.Through the 'Khelo India' program, to promote the country's youth sports power, it has created a platform for athletes to showcase their hidden sporting talent and skills by organizing sports competitions like 'Khelo India Youth Games', 'Khelo India University Games', 'Khelo India Para Games', 'Khelo India Winter Games', 'Khelo India Beach Games', 'Khelo India Water Sports Festival', and 'Khelo India Tribal Games' across the country.Over 60,000 athletes from all over the country have participated and showcased their talent in the 24 editions of 'Khelo India' competitions held so far. As part of this series, the

Central Government has agreed to host the 8th edition of 'Khelo India Youth Games' to be held this year in Telangana.These competitions will be held at Hyderabad, Warangal, Karimnagar and Mahabubnagar. In this edition, competitions will be held in a total of 25 sports. The host state, Telangana, may propose a local sport. Along with this, another new sport will also be played in this event. It is estimated that 6,000 players from across the country will participate in these competitions.The Central Government has released Rs. 22 crore for the organization of this 'Khelo India Youth Games'. These sports competitions will be organized under the joint management of the state government, Sports Authority of India (SAI), National Sports Federation (NSF), School Games Federation of India (SGFI), Central Board of Secondary Education, Khelo India Scheme Ad-Hoc Committee and Steering Committee.Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy expressed happiness over the allocation of the Khelo India Youth Games to Telangana. On this occasion, he

thanked Prime Minister Modi and Union Minister for Youth Services and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya. He said that there is immense sporting talent among the Indian youth and criticized the previous governments for their gross negligence in providing them with adequate sports facilities, providing them with the necessary encouragement and unearthing their talent.He alleged that the sports budget was completely neglected. He said that after the Modi government took over at the Centre in 2014, the sports budget allocations have increased and that sports talent in remote areas of the country is getting proper encouragement through schemes like Khelo India.Kishan Reddy said that as part of the 'Khelo India' scheme, sports facilities were created in Telangana with a budget of about Rs. 30crore,out of which Rs. 11.5 crore was spent on facilities like synthetic track, synthetic tennis court and separate swimming pool for women in the Osmania University campus, and another Rs. 18.5 crore was spent on sports facilities in various towns of the state. He said that 33 Khelo India centers have been set up in Telangana.

Many land issues due to the sit-in.. VH fires on the previous government



Hyderabad, August 26: Government advisor V. Hanumantha Rao has lashed out at the previous BRS government. VH participated in a public meeting held at Gandhi Bhavan today (Wednesday). He re-

ceived petitions from the people and activists. Speaking on the occasion, he criticized the previous government for not building Pragathi Bhavan and giving people opportunities to express their problems. He said that when the Congress government came to power, Pragathi Bhavan was converted into a public house and turned into a center for solving public problems. He said that Gandhi Bhavan was also

taken up for a public meeting to become a platform for solving people's problems.Illegal registrations on those landsVH said that in today's face-to-face program, land-related issues came to his attention the most. He said that due to Patel's Patwari system, land problems would have been less. He commented that the previous government had brought many problems along with the Dharani. He said that land-

owners are again registering the lands distributed by Indira Gandhi illegally. He said that mistakes are being made in the registration office. V. Hanumantha Rao suggested that the Revenue Minister should take strong action. VH said that Narendra Modi is against One Nation One Election.. One Nation One Election is possible in America..not in India. He said that Prime Minister

Modi and US President Trump have relations. that is why Modi is trying to make India like America. He said that India is a secular country. One Nation One Election is not possible here. He said that there are different religions and different castes in India. He said that there is no time for BCs in the caste census being conducted by the Center. He questioned where such a thing as One Nation One Election was.

Harish Rao accuses Revanth Reddy of running land-centric government in Telangana



Hyderabad:AUGUST;26: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of running a land-centric government, but not a people-centric government in Telangana. He said the Congress government's sole objective was to sell government lands and encroach upon private properties. Addressing families affected by restrictions under the 22A prohibited properties list at KPHB Colony,

Harish Rao called Revanth Reddy a land grabber. He stated that the government was harassing ordinary landowners by placing their properties on the 22A list while allegedly handing over valuable government properties to the Chief Minister's relatives and associates."Under KCR, governance was people-centric. Under Revanth Reddy, it has become land-centric," he said. He said the government was focusing on government properties instead of addressing issues concerning education, healthcare, drinking water, power, transport, employment and farmers' welfare.Designing Custom Campaign Merchandise The BRS LP deputy leader pointed out that the govern-

ment had already sold government lands worth around Rs 30,000 crore in a short period. Housing Board and TGILC lands were being put up for sale wherever government land was available, he alleged.Harish Rao cited the proposed sale of a 1,000-square-yard park site in Hyder Nagar as an example. He said the land was earmarked during the BRS government for children to play after residents, led by Kishan Rao, fought for the facility. However, the Congress government had now put the site up for sale, he alleged."Government land is an asset for future generations and not for sale," he said, warning that indiscriminate disposal of public land would leave little space in future for schools, hospitals,

water tanks, places of worship or burial and cremation grounds.Downloading Interactive Geographic Maps Harish Rao said while government lands were being sold, the government was also targeting assigned lands given to Dalits, tribals and BCs. At the same time, properties purchased by ordinary people with their hard-earned money were allegedly being placed on the 22A list, he said.Harish Rao assured 22A-affected families in Kukatpally that the BRS would stand by them and wage an uncompromising fight for protection of their properties. "Even if it means forcing the Congress government to relent, the BRS will fight on behalf of 22A victims and ordinary landowners," he said.

PNB Hyderabad holds workshop on cyber awareness and social engineering



Hyderabad: August 26 Punjab National Bank, Zonal Office, Hyderabad, under the chairpersonship of Vandana Pandey, General Manager & Zonal Manager (Telangana & Andhra

Pradesh), organised a Zonal-Level Official Language Workshop on 'Cyber Awareness and Social Engineering: The Way Forward'. The workshop was attended by more than 100

staff members, including DZM, DGM, AGMs and Circle Heads from the Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam offices. Andhra Pradesh NewsVandana Pandey said the primary objective of the workshop was to create awareness among staff members about cybercrime and social engineering. Cybercriminals do not merely exploit technical vulnerabilities; they also target human behaviour and psychological weaknesses, which is what is understood as

engineering.Deepfakes, fraudulent phone calls, emails, messages and links, approaches in the name of KYC updates, requests for OTPs or passwords, impersonation of officials to create pressure, and attempts to induce fear or greed are some examples of social engineering.South Asians & DiasporaShravan Kumar, Deputy Zonal Manager; Ajay Kumar, Deputy General Manager; Dr. Saket Sahay, Chief Manager (Official Language); and others also participated.

PM's interaction with youth tomorrow.. Modi to participate in 'Khelo India Dialogue'



Delhi, August 27: On the occasion of National Sports Day-2026, the 'Khelo India Dialogue' program will be organized tomorrow (Wednesday) at 11:00 am. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi will participate virtually in this program and address the youth. He will discuss sports, youth leadership, fitness, and nation building with the youth. He will talk about key issues of 'Yuva Samvad'. A special discussion will be held on sports infrastructure, coaching, and sports science. The field is ready to organize this program in two colleges in every district across the country. This event is being organized

under the auspices of Mera Yuva Bharat.May young leaders grow..Modi's speech will focus on youth leadership and encouraging voluntary service. Prime Minister Modi will give direction on future skills and civic responsibility. The Prime Minister will call for the aspirations of the youth to be part of the national sports policy. He will also discuss talent identification and training with the aim of 2026 Olympics.Special con-

versation on the 'Nasha Mukti Yuva' movementPrime Minister Modi will interact with the youth on the 'Nasha Mukti Yuva' movement. The government is organizing this program to eradicate drug addiction through sports. As part of this program, prominent Indian athletes and medalists will share their experiences with the youth. They will give suggestions for building the future.



Hyderabad: August 26;City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar has warned citizens about a new form of hybrid cyber fraud in which criminals combine traditional mobile phone theft with sophisticated cybercrime techniques to drain victims' bank accounts.HistoryInvestigations by the cybercrime wing revealed that organised

gangs were particularly targeting senior citizens and people with limited knowledge of technology. Three suspects have so far been arrested and five mobile phones recovered from them.Sajjanar said gang members first identify elderly people using smartphones at bus stations, railway stations, crowded RTC buses and

other public places. They observe victims entering their screen lock patterns, PINs or passwords before stealing their phones by diverting their attention. If the stolen phone is locked, the criminals use social engineering techniques. When victims call the phone, they pose as bus conductors, drivers or good Samaritans and claim that the device has been found."Under the pretext of verifying ownership, they persuade victims to reveal their screen lock password. Once the phone is unlocked, the criminals search the gallery, notes, messages and WhatsApp chats for sensitive information. Photographs of debit and credit cards, Aadhaar and PAN cards, bank documents and saved PINs are collected. Using the stolen SIM card

and OTPs, they reset banking passwords and UPI PINs and transfer money from the victims' accounts," Sajjanar said. Police said the stolen funds are routed through digital wallets, online gaming platforms and mule accounts before being withdrawn to evade detection. The gangs operate through separate teams for identifying victims, stealing phones, obtaining passwords, transferring money and cashing out the proceeds.Sajjanar urged citizens never to disclose screen lock passwords, OTPs or UPI PINs. Sensitive financial and identity documents should not be stored in phone galleries or notes applications.History Victims of phone theft should immediately block their SIM cards,

EDITORIAL

Suravaram Leaves an Indelible Mark on the Communist Movement

In the history of the Indian communist movement, some names remain etched in history not because of the positions they held, but because of the struggles they led. Comrade Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy was one such rare people's leader. Beginning his public life as a student movement activist, he spent his entire life fighting for the rights of workers, farmers, students, youth, the poor and marginalised sections, eventually rising to become the National General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (CPI). His life remains a political school for the present generation. Commitment to ideology, affection for the people, a simple lifestyle, a clear stand on issues and an uncompromising approach to struggles were the defining qualities of Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy. Political positions may come and go, but he proved through his life that only service to the people and the trust built through people's movements remain in history. Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy was born on March 25, 1942, in Kondravupalli village of the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. His father, Suravaram Venkatrama Reddy, was a freedom fighter. From his childhood, he closely witnessed India's freedom struggle, social inequalities and the hardships faced by poor people. This environment nurtured his awareness of people's issues. While pursuing his schooling in Kurnool, he began responding to students' problems. He participated in movements demanding basic facilities for students. His efforts to mobilise students and fight for basic educational facilities such as blackboards and chalk, even during his childhood, demonstrated the strength of his leadership qualities. The All India Students' Federation (AISF) laid the foundation for Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy's political career. He realised that students' issues should not be confined to college campuses but should be connected with broader social issues. In 1969, along with Chandrappa from Kerala, he organised a massive demonstration in front of Parliament demanding voting rights for 18-year-olds. He served as the National General Secretary of AISF twice and became its National President in 1970. In 1971, he was elected to the National Council of the Communist Party of India. Arrests and imprisonment during struggles for students' rights also became part of his political journey. He considered facing struggles without fear and making sacrifices for the public interest to be his political duty. In Telangana, he continuously fought on issues concerning farmers, workers, land, democratic rights and social justice. Instead of raising people's problems only during elections, he made it his political style to remain constantly among the people and fight for their causes. Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy was elected twice as a Member of Parliament from the Nalgonda Lok Sabha constituency. He first entered the Lok Sabha in 1998 and represented the people of Nalgonda again in 2004. For him, Parliament was not merely a political position.

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Vishwambhara OST: Thunderous Spiritual Chants!



While the brand-new Vishwambhara poster establishes the visual mood, the newly released OST gives that world a voice of its own. The makers chose Megastar Chiranjeevi's birthday to present the thunderous musical score composed by Gowra Hari. The track is built around scale and atmosphere. Deep, resonant chants create an unmistakable spiritual presence, while pounding drums and sweeping brass arrangements steadily increase the intensity. What begins as a restrained and brooding composition eventually erupts into a peak, making the music feel tailor-made for a pivotal spiritual moment. Gowra Hari, who has earned recognition through projects including Hanu-Man and Mirai, brings a distinctly cinematic approach to the OST. The composition reinforces the sense of mythology, mystery and power associated with the film. That same mood dominates the birthday poster. Chiranjeevi is presented in an uncompromising avatar, with a beard, fierce expression and sharply focused eyes. A towering Trishul occupies the foreground, giving the frame a strong spiritual identity.

Directed by Vassishta and produced by UV Creations, Vishwambhara has been mounted with extensive production design and ambitious VFX. Several leading visual effects companies are involved in bringing its fantasy setting and CG-heavy sequences to life. The makers will soon announce the film's release date.

Rakul Nails Every Single Look On the Cover



Rakul Preet Singh has proved once again why she is called the Queen of Style, gracing the cover of HT City Showstoppers' August 2026 edition in a jaw-dropping ivory lace gown with an oversized bow-shaped cape sleeve, paired with statement drop earrings and a sleek bun. While several new-gen and popular heroines have struggled to crack big magazine covers, Rakul continues to own this space effortlessly, proving her fashion game is a league of its own. The photoshoot also saw her serve multiple looks, a sage green fringe and sequin gown with puffed sleeves and a thigh-high slit, a fiery red one-shoulder gown with floral embroidery and a bold thigh slit, a silver-blue crystal-embellished halter gown, and a chic all-black winter look with emerald green stockings and a cream handbag. Each outfit showed off a different side of her style range, from glamorous and bold to classy and edgy. Rakul is set to appear in Nitesh Tiwari's ambitious two-part epic Ramayana, where she takes on the complex mythological role of Surpanakha, Ravana's sister. With her cover shoot buzz and this big-ticket project on the horizon, Rakul Preet Singh's 2026 is clearly shaping up to be a landmark year.

Irumudi Success, Deverakonda Fans Feeling Low!



Ravi Teja had delivered a Blockbuster after Six Failures in a row. His Irumudi is likely to be the actor's first 100 Crore Grosser and a huge money-spinner to all parties involved. Many on Social Media are happy to see Ravi Teja coming back to form. This season seems to be a season of comebacks. Suriya made a comeback with Veerabhadhrudu and Vishwanath and Sons and Samantha registered a success with Maa Inti Bangaram. Lenin also became the first hit of Akhil after a long wait. Varun Tej also got a relief with Korean Kanakaraju. And now, Ravi Teja with Irumudi. At this juncture, Vijay Deverakonda is feeling left out. Fans are unhappy that Vijay is missing out. Ranabali was supposed to release on September 11th, but the movie got postponed indefinitely. There is no proper update about his other film, Rowdy Janardhana, as well. They are in a sense of despair waiting for that hit after a long time. In this season, audiences are giving good openings without considering the form of the actors if the content is decent. They feel Vijay is unlucky to have missed out this season.

Local or Non-Local, Baby Nakshatra Nailed It!

Local or non-local? This question has become quite a matter of late in Tollywood. There is a constant debate on whether non-local should be cast in the roles where Telugu and local actors fit in. This practice became so evident that filmmakers are choosing non locals even for some side roles. Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja's Irumudi is in the news for this. Before the film's release many wondered why Baby Nakshatra was chosen for Ravi Teja's daughter Manemma aka Mani Kanta role at a time a local girl could have been chosen. But after the release all such talk and arguments vanished. Nakshatra totally nailed in her character in the movie. Be it emotions or expressions during critical scenes, Nakshatra proved she is the best suit for the character. Director Shiva Nirvana beforehand saw the potential in Nakshatra and picked her. If we see Majili, Shiva picked a North girl that too suiting her North mother connection. Shiva is known for picking artists that breathe life into the characters. It's once again proved with Irumudi.



Salman Khan And Sanjay Dutt Couldn't Save 7 Dogs!

7 Dogs has recorded a shockingly low opening in India, with Day 1 collections estimated at under 10 lakh. The international action thriller stars Egyptian actors Karim Abdel Aziz and Ahmed Ezz in the lead, alongside Monica Bellucci and Giancarlo Esposito. The film follows Interpol agent Khalid and former criminal Ghali as they join forces to take down the dangerous 7 Dogs crime syndicate. The gang is connected to a lethal new drug that threatens to spread across the region. The film has been mounted on a large international scale and is directed by Adil El Arbi and Bilall Fallah, the duo behind Bad Boys for Life and Bad Boys: Ride or Die. The project also features a strong international ensemble. For Indian audiences, Salman Khan and Sanjay Dutt were among the biggest attractions. However, their appearances are relatively brief, with the two stars playing supporting cameo roles rather than leading the film. Their presence nevertheless generated considerable attention around the Indian release. Yet, despite the reunion of Salman Khan and Sanjay Dutt and the presence of several international stars, 7 Dogs has failed to translate that star power into theatrical footfalls. The sub Rs 10 lakh opening is particularly surprising given the scale of the project. The film now needs a major turnaround over the weekend to show any improvement at the Indian box office. For a movie carrying Salman Khan and Sanjay Dutt in its Indian promotional appeal, this extremely low opening is certainly a disappointing start.



India start favourites at Common wealth Table Tennis Championships



Hyderabad: Top-seeded India will begin as the favourites in the men's team event when the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships get underway at the Thyagraj Stadium here on Monday, while Singapore's women, seeded No. 1, will be the team to beat in the women's competition, with India close behind as the second seeds. Organised by the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation under the aegis of the Table Tennis Federation of India, the championships will run from July 27 to August 2 with full support from the Government of Delhi, whose backing has been pivotal in staging the event.

The city's enthusiastic support is evident in the championship branding displayed prominently from the airport to key locations across Delhi, and the Delhi Government has also

made all hospitality arrangements for participating teams and officials. The week-long championships, running from July 27 to August 2, will feature 23 men's teams and 18 women's teams, bringing together many of the Commonwealth's leading table tennis nations. Based on the latest team rankings, India's men have earned the top seeding ahead of Australia and England, reflecting their status as the strongest side in the field. In the women's draw, Singapore leads the seedings, followed by India and Australia, setting the stage for what promises to be an intense battle for the title.

India's medal hopes will largely rest on an experienced core led by G. Sathiyan, Harmeet Desai, Manav Thakkar, Manush Shah and Payas Jain in the men's squad. On the women's side, Sreeja Akula,

Sutirtha Mukherjee, Yashaswini Ghorpade, Syndrela Das and Swastika Ghosh are expected to shoulder the challenge in both the team and individual events.

Despite India's favourable seeding and home advantage, the hosts are unlikely to have it easy. Australia and England remain formidable opponents in the men's competition, while Singapore's women continue to set the benchmark in the Commonwealth. Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand and South Africa also possess enough quality to challenge for podium finishes and spring surprises during the knockout rounds. Adding further prestige to this edition, the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships will offer a record total prize purse of USD 110,000, the highest in the tournament's history. Winners of the men's and women's team

championships and the men's and women's singles titles will each receive USD 10,000, while champions in the men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events will earn USD 4,000 each. Prize money will also be awarded to runners-up and semifinalists across all categories. The team competitions will each carry a purse of USD 20,000, with the champions receiving USD 10,000, runners-up receiving USD 5,000, and the two losing semifinalists receiving USD 2,500 each. The men's and women's singles events will follow an identical prize-money structure. The team competition will be played under the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation's three-stage format, guaranteeing every team at least six matches before the championship rounds.

Teams progressing from the group phase will move into the knockout stage, while the remaining sides will compete in classification matches to determine their final standings. The official team draw, scheduled for later on Sunday, is expected to provide a clearer picture of the road to the medals. In the individual events, each member association may enter up to eight players in the singles, four pairs each in the men's and women's doubles, and eight pairs in the mixed doubles. As hosts, India will enjoy the additional advantage of fielding double the standard quota of entries in the individual competitions.

Durand Cup: Raynier Fernandes scores debut hat-trick as Jamshedpur FC thrash Defenders FC 5-0



Hyderabad: Jamshedpur FC made a flying start to their Group C campaign in the 135th IndianOil Durand Cup with a comprehensive 5-0 victory over tournament debutants Defenders FC of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces at the Birsamunda Football Stadium in Ranchi on Sunday. New signing Raynier Fernandes stole the show with a brilliant hat-trick on debut, while Aman C.K. and Devendra Dhaku Murgaokar also found the scoresheet as the Red Miners dominated proceedings from start to finish. The Indian Super League side wasted no time in asserting themselves and raced into the lead inside four minutes. Sanan Mohammed was at the heart of the move, surging down the left flank before delivering a delightful cross into the six-yard box. Raynier Fernandes rose highest to guide a towering header into the near corner and hand Jamshedpur an early advantage in the fourth minute. The lead was doubled just two

minutes later. Lalhriatpuia Chawngthu whipped in another dangerous delivery from the left, with goalkeeper T.S. Priyashan managing only a partial punch. The loose ball fell kindly to Fernandes outside the penalty area, and the midfielder unleashed a thunderous strike that flew into the back of the net to make it 2-0. Despite spending long periods without the ball, the Sri Lankan side showed glimpses of attacking intent. A swift counter-attack in the 18th minute was halted brilliantly by Jamshedpur captain Pronay Halder, whose perfectly timed sliding challenge denied S. Aravinraj a sight of goal. The Red Miners added a third in spectacular fashion in the 23rd minute. Aman was released with a long diagonal ball from inside his own half, raced clear of the defence and brilliantly lifted his finish over the advancing Priyashan to extend Jamshedpur's advantage. The fourth goal arrived six minutes

before the interval in unfortunate circumstances for Defenders FC. Aman C.K. delivered a low ball from the right towards Devendra Dhaku Murgaokar, whose attempted strike struck his own chest before looping slowly towards goal. Wrong-footed by the deflection, Priyashan could only watch as the ball rolled into the net, capping a frustrating first half for the visitors. Kaizad Ambapardiwalla's side entered the break with a commanding 4-0 lead after completely dominating possession and territory, while Defenders FC failed to register a meaningful attempt on goal. A flowing move down the right ended with substitute Lawmsangzuala testing Priyashan with a powerful effort. The goalkeeper managed to parry the shot but spilled the rebound into the path of Fernandes, who reacted quickest to slot home at the near post and complete a memorable hat-trick on his competitive debut for the club.

3rd T20I: Sooryavanshi stars with 81 as India complete 3-0 sweep over Zimbabwe



Harare: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's remarkably adaptive 81 and an equally solid effort from bowlers led by pacer Mayank Yadav ensured India's smooth 35-run win over Zimbabwe in the third and final T20I here on Sunday. Along with the victory, India also completed a 3-0 sweep, a fine step-up after surrendering the previous two series to England (0-4) and Ireland (0-2).

Zimbabwe had to bat out of their skin to chase down 193 on a rather sluggish pitch.

But they did not have enough patience or nous for it, ending up at 157 for seven despite Ryan Burl making a fine unbeaten 54.

Just like in the previous matches, Zimbabwe lost one too many wickets early as they could not properly use the Power Play segment.

Pacer Yash Thakur (2/45) got rid of Dion Myers and skipper Sikandar Raza off successive balls in the fourth over as the hosts slipped to 34 for three.

Earlier Mayank (3/29), who bowled with heaps of pace and accuracy, had ousted Brian Bennett in the first ball of the innings as Zimbabwe struggled for an early move-on. It became a trend as the innings progressed despite Indians grassing as many as four catches and conceding couple of boundaries in another sloppy

fielding effort.

Burl played a nice innings of assurance and formed a good 60-run alliance with Wesley Madhevere (28) for the fifth wicket. The Zimbabweans played some forceful shots around the park, but the early damage was too big to mitigate.

India too suffered an early jolt, losing a struggling Abhishek Sharma for 2 after opting to bat. But Sooryavanshi showcased another side of his batting during the 49-ball innings on a slightly tacky pitch at the Harare Sports Club, and

The 15-year-old started in a relatively subdued fashion — first 10 balls produced a mere 11 runs, the next 10 saw the arrival of 15 runs, and eventually his second T20I fifty came in 31 balls. There were a few stunning shots as one would expect in a Sooryavanshi innings. A straight punch for a four off Brad Evans' yorker and then a 102-metre six off off-spinner Sikandar Raza showed age-defying power and skills.

There was a moment of innovation too when he reverse swept spinner Madhevere for a boundary. But overall, it was

an innings of restraint on the day from the Bihar boy.

But on the other hand, his opening partner Abhishek got out for his sixth below par score in succession, edging pacer Blessing Muzarabani to stumper Tadi Marumani.

Now, Abhishek's last six innings read: 10, 16, 3, 1, 8, 2, dating back to the third T20I at Nottingham against England last month. But Sooryavanshi showed enough maturity to stitch a 75-run partnership with Ishan Kishan (29) for the second wicket and followed it up with a 50-run stand with Shreyas Iyer (27) for the next wicket. However, the left-hander fell close to a well-deserved hundred with Evans taking a stunning catch at long-off off Madhevere.

Once Sooryavanshi and Shreyas departed, the middle order batters struggled to impart the desired momentum to the innings.

It reflected in the 47 runs they scored off in the last five overs, and Rinku Singh's cameo (25, 14b) was needed for India to move closer to 200.

Hyderabad sub-junior basketball: Secunderabad Stallions score record 105 points to reach final



Hyderabad: Secunderabad Stallions boys created a record of sorts in this League by becoming the only team scoring more than 100 points in a single game when it recorded a 105-72 win against Golconda Gladiators after being placed tantalizingly close 40 – 37 at half time in the Hyderabad District sub-junior basketball championship for boys and girls at YMCA

Secunderabad here on Sunday. The result helped Stallions maintain a clean slate and enter the final. Itihaas and Manideep scored for Golconda Gladiators, whereas Karthik and Rishik dominated for Secunderabad Stallions as they led 24 – 19 at end of first quarter. In the second quarter Kenny, Manvith and Vasist combined well to continue the scoring spree of

Secunderabad Stallions, however Ansh and Moksha played in tandem for Golconda Gladiators to reduce the deficit to just three points as Seunderabad Stallions led 40 – 37 at halftime. After a change of ends Itihaas and Ansh continued to find the net for Golconda Gladiators. However, it was Karthik and Kenny show as they cumulative scored 25 of the 29 points scored by Secunderabad Stallions. Karthik was playing at a different level as he scored three 3-pointers in the third quarter alone to take a decisive 69 – 54 lead at end of third quarter. In the last quarter too Karthik displayed quality offense with as many as FOUR 3-pointers for a match haul of 48 points alone and along with Vasist & Kenny chipping in at regular intervals scored a massive 36 points to close out the match 105 – 72. In another late evening match Golconda Gladiators boys got the better of Charminar Chargers 57 – 46 to qualify for the Semi-Finals.

2026 Commonwealth Games: Jadumani Singh enters boxing quarterfinals with dominant win over Pakistan

Glasgow: India's Mandegbam Jadumani Singh continued his impressive run at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, booking his place in the men's 55kg boxing quarterfinals after a dominant 5-0 unanimous decision victory over Pakistan's Rehman Sumama in the Round of 16 on Sunday. Jadumani outclassed

his opponent across all three rounds, earning the nod from all five judges to seal a comprehensive win on points. The Indian boxer maintained control throughout the contest with sharp combinations, effective footwork and disciplined defence, leaving little room for the Pakistani to mount a comeback.

According to the official scorecard, three judges scored the bout 30-27 in Jadumani's favour, while the remaining two judges returned 29-28 verdicts, underlining the Indian's superiority over the three-round contest.

The victory follows Jadumani's equally convincing opening-round perfor-

mance, where he defeated Scotland's Cullen by another 5-0 unanimous decision in the Round of 32, making it two straight clean-sweep wins in Glasgow. With the latest triumph, the Indian pugilist has advanced to the quarterfinals, scheduled for July 28 at 7:45 pm (local time). There, he will face the

winner of the Round of 16 clash between Zambia and South Africa for a place in the semifinals.

Having looked composed and confident in both his outings so far, Jadumani has emerged as one of India's promising medal contenders in the men's 55kg category as the boxing competition enters its knockout stages.

