

INDIA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Turbocharged Rohit inspires Men in Blue to a 4-wicket win over Kiwis; Team India seal third Champions Trophy triumph



UNBLEMISHED RECORD: The Indian cricket team members celebrate their win against New Zealand in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final cricket match, in Dubai, UAE, Sunday

PTI, DUBAI: India sealed an unprecedented third Champions Trophy triumph with an unblemished record as Rohit Sharma combined his inherent freedom with steely resolve to inspire his side to a four-wicket win in a closely-fought final against New Zealand, here Sunday.

Well-timed fifties by Daryl Mitchell (63) and Michael Bracewell (53) steered the Kiwis to 251 for seven after Indian spinners led by Kuldeep Yadav applied the squeeze for a large part of their innings.

Indian batters needed to capitalise on that fine effort of the bowlers, and Rohit,

DOMINANCE REFLECTED
■ India won the trophy without losing a match, reflecting their dominance in the tournament which they won back in 2002 and 2013
■ No other team has won the event thrice

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who many believe was featuring in his last ODI match for India, led from the front, slipping into his turbocharged version almost immediately.

The chase of 252 grew tight in the business end while the Blackcaps spinners were operating on a sluggish pitch, but skipper Rohit's ebullient 83-ball 76 had already given them the cushion to overhaul the target in 49 overs.

KL Rahul with his 34 not out, there was no dramatic twist to the tale, leading the side past the finish line after India lost well-settled batters.

Pacer Nathan Smith felt the heat as Rohit hammered him for two sixes and as many fours in the beginning of the chase.

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Dhankhar in AIIMS, condition stable

Source says the Vice President is under observation

PTI, NEW DELHI: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar was admitted to the AIIMS here early on Sunday after complaining of uneasiness and chest pain, sources said.



Dhankhar (73) was taken to the hospital around 2 am and was admitted to the critical care unit (CCU) under Dr Rajiv Narang, head cardiology at AIIMS Delhi.

The vice-president is stable and under observation, a source said, adding that a group of doctors is monitoring his condition.

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi visited AIIMS on Sunday afternoon and inquired about Dhankhar's health.

In a post on X, Modi said, "Went to AIIMS and inquired about the health of Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar ji. I pray for his good health and speedy recovery."

Union Health Minister J P Nadda also visited AIIMS to inquire about Dhankhar's health.

President Droupadi Murmu called Vice President Dhankhar's wife Dr Sudesh Dhankhar and inquired about his health. The President was glad to know that he was recovering fast and wished him well.

Pope thanks volunteers for 'miracle of tenderness'

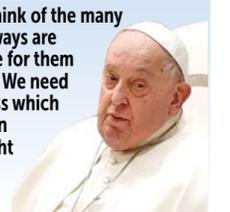
AP, ROME: Pope Francis issued a message Sunday thanking volunteers for the "miracle of tenderness" they offer the sick, as he continued his recovery from double pneumonia and doctors reported positive news.

After more than three weeks in the hospital, the 88-year-old pope is responding well to treatment and has shown a "gradual, slight improvement" in recent days.

For the fourth Sunday in a row, the 88-year-old Francis didn't appear for his weekly noon blessing, but he met with his top deputies and the Holy See distributed the text he would have delivered if he were well enough. In it, the Argentine pope thanked all those who were caring

“And while I am here, I think of the many people who in various ways are close to the sick, and who are for them a sign of the Lord's presence. We need this, the miracle of tenderness which accompanies those who are in adversity, bringing a little light into the night of pain

— Pope Francis



for him and others who are sick and experiencing a "night of pain."

"Brothers and sisters, during my prolonged hospitalisation here, I too experience the thoughtfulness of service and the tenderness of care, in particular from the doctors and health care workers, whom I thank from the bottom of my heart," read the message from Gemelli

hospital. "And while I am here, I think of the many people who in various ways are close to the sick, and who are for them a sign of the Lord's presence. We need this, the miracle of tenderness which accompanies those who are in adversity, bringing a little light into the night of pain," he wrote.

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A SEA OF FAITHFUL: 28,000 pilgrims take part in the journey of hope at Sancoale

Devotees urged to renew their lives, become beacons of faith and hope

Team Herald

MARGAO: Around 28,000 people participated in the penitential walk organised by the Archdiocese of Goa

LENTEN WALKING PILGRIMAGE

and Daman, carrying the aspirations and prayers of people from all over Goa to the facade of the Our Lady



JOSEPH FERNANDES

A massive gathering of faithful at Sancoale on Sunday

of Good Health Church, Old Church of Sancoale, on the

first Sunday of Lent. The walk, which com-

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“We should take inspiration from Jesus Christ, who walked as a pilgrim of hope in this world. Despite all trials and tribulations, He remained faithful to His mission of saving us from the slavery of sin and death and offered us new life and hope

— Archbishop Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao

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