## India hammer woeful England

Mohammed Shami's spectacular performance leads India to a convincing 100-run victory over England

India's captain Rohit Sharma leads the charge with 87 runs

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ohammed Shami led an inspired bowling display as India hammered England by 100 runs yesterday to stay unbeaten in the World Cup and all but push the defending champions out of the semi-final race.

Chasing a tricky 230 for victory in Lucknow, England col-sluggish pitch. lapsed to 129 all out in 34.5 overs matches and leave their title defence at the mercy of a mathe- Rohit. matical miracle.

many games and are virtually assured of a semi-final place.

Skipper Rohit Sharma led the the sky. charge with 87 as India posted



Mohammed Shami celebrates a wicket

"It was a great performance to suffer their fifth defeat in six and we would take that win any Malan, for 16, and Joe Root, day," said man-of-the-match

Shami returned figures of 4-22 The hosts have six wins in as while fellow quick Jasprit Bumbowled by Shami, to raise India's et of Virat Kohli for a nine-ball stadium. rah took three wickets to wrap up the match as fireworks lit up then brought the house down

229-9, a total that looked be- and fell to 52-5 after Bumrah in blue jerseys, roared. low par but proved enough for took wickets on successive ball a struggling England side on a to be on a hat-trick and Shami skipper Jos Buttler was bowled Rahul, who made 39.

joined forces to grab two more. Bumrah sent back Dawid for nought, but Jonny Bairstow played out the hat-trick ball.

England soon lost Ben Stokes, hopes of defending the total he when he bowled Bairstow for 14 early wickets, including two to was returning England had a disastrous start as 46,000 fans, largely all Indian Chris Woakes, to slip to 40-3 be- to his IPL home

India have now won all six of their World Cup matches, while **England have lost five** of their six

by Kuldeep for 10, and Shami sent Moeen Ali packing for 15 and the end was near.

## Kohli duck

Earlier England left-arm quick David Willey returned figures of the nearly-packed 3-45, including the prized wick- 50,000-seater duck, after they elected to bowl.

The unbeaten hosts lost three and Rahul, who fore Rohit steadied the innings ground where he Wickets kept tumbling and and built a 91-run stand with KL suffered a serious

Rohit Sharma plays a shot

## **Scorecard**

India 229 for 8 (Rohit 87, Suryakumar 49, Willey 3-45) beat England 129 (Livingstone 27, Shami 4-22, Bumrah 3-32) by 100 runs

Rohit survived a reprieve on 33 when he was given out lbw but the opener reviewed the decision in his favour with tracking showing the ball would have missed the leg stump.

Rohit reached his second fifty of the tournament -- he also hit a century against Afghanistan -- to the noisy delight of

The captain injury earlier

this year, kept the score ticking before Willey broke the stand with Rahul's wicket.

"I know I have got the experience to bat situations, not just going out there and playing my shots all the time," added Rohit.

"It was about using that experience to help the team and it was my job there to take the game as deep as possible. I still felt we were about 20 runs short even after that."

Rohit kept up the fight but fell to leg-spinner Adil Rashid after he holed out to deep mid-wicket where Liam Livingstone took a low catch.

Kohli, who endured his 16th duck in ODIs, remains one century away from equalling all-time great Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 hundreds in the 50over format.





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