U19 Asia Cup 2026: India beat Pakistan by one wicket in final

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News

In the final of the ACC Men's Under-19 Asia Cup 2026, played on 14 November 2026 at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground near Muscat, the capital of Oman, India beat Pakistan by one wicket. Pakistan won the toss, batted first and made 337/9 in 50 overs, with Usman Khan 107, Abdul Qadir 80 and captain Farhan Yousaf 63; Kavya Patel took 4 wickets for India. Chasing 338, India reached 339/9 when Mohit Ulva hit a boundary off the last ball; captain Lakshya Raichandani made 80, Aaryavir Sehwag 58, Mohit Ulva 49 not out off 26 balls and Manal Chauhan 47. It is India's ninth U19 Asia Cup title and its first since 2021. Pakistan, who beat India in the 2025 final in Dubai, were the defending champions. Eight teams in two groups played from 5 to 14 November; before the final, Aaryavir Sehwag had already made 303 runs in four innings, including 160 against the UAE (Deccan Chronicle).

Key facts for the exam

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Event	ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup 2026 (50 overs)
Final	14 November 2026 – Al Amerat ground, Muscat, Oman
Result	Pakistan 337/9; India 339/9 – India won by 1 wicket (last ball)
India captain	Lakshya Raichandani (80 in the final)
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Aaryavir Sehwag	303 runs in 4 innings before the final (160 v UAE); 58 in the final
Titles	India – 9th title; first since 2021
Teams	8 teams in two groups
TN player	V.K. Vineeth (Tamil Nadu – TNCA)

Background

- Asia Cup: the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) conducts the senior and Under-19 Asia Cups, while the International Cricket Council (ICC) runs the Under-19 World Cup. In the December 2025 U19 Asia Cup final in Dubai, Pakistan beat India by 191 runs; this time India turned the tables.
- World Cup: in February 2026 India beat England by 100 runs in the ICC U19 World Cup final at Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, to win the title for a sixth time (News On AIR). So India's youth side holds both the world and Asian titles won in 2026.
- Geography: Oman is a sultanate in the south-east of the Arabian Peninsula; its capital Muscat lies on the Gulf of Oman. Oman is an associate member of the ACC and has hosted several ACC events.
- Players: opener Aaryavir Sehwag is the son of former India opener Virender Sehwag; Rahul Dravid's son Anvay Dravid (wicketkeeper) was also in the squad. Ayush Mhatre had led India in the 2025 edition.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu's V.K. Vineeth (Tamil Nadu Cricket Association – TNCA) was in the India squad; earlier in 2026 he had hit a century against Sri Lanka U19 in an ODI at Hambantota (Outlook India).

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. The Al Amerat ground near Muscat, venue of the 2026 U19 Asia Cup final, is in which country?

A) UAE

B) Qatar

C) Oman

D) Bahrain

Answer: C – Explanation: Oman – its capital Muscat lies on the Gulf of Oman. The 2025 edition was held in Dubai, UAE.

2. Which body conducts the Under-19 Asia Cup cricket tournament?

A) Asian Cricket Council

B) ICC

C) BCCI

D) Olympic Council Asia

Answer: A – Explanation: The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) runs the senior and youth Asia Cups. The ICC conducts the U19 World Cup.

3. Who captained India to the 2026 U19 Asia Cup title?

A) Aaryavir Sehwag

B) Lakshya Raichandani

C) Anvay Dravid

D) Ayush Mhatre

Answer: B – Explanation: Lakshya Raichandani – 80 in the final. Ayush Mhatre led in 2025; Aaryavir Sehwag hit 160 v UAE.

4. India won its sixth U19 World Cup at Harare in February 2026. Harare is the capital of which country?

A) Zambia

B) Botswana

C) Mozambique

D) Zimbabwe

Answer: D – Explanation: Zimbabwe – India beat England by 100 runs in the final. Zambia's capital is Lusaka.

5. V.K. Vineeth, a member of India's 2026 U19 Asia Cup-winning squad, plays domestic cricket for which State?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Keralam

C) Karnataka

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A – Explanation: Tamil Nadu (TNCA) – he hit a century against Sri Lanka U19 at Hambantota in 2026.

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