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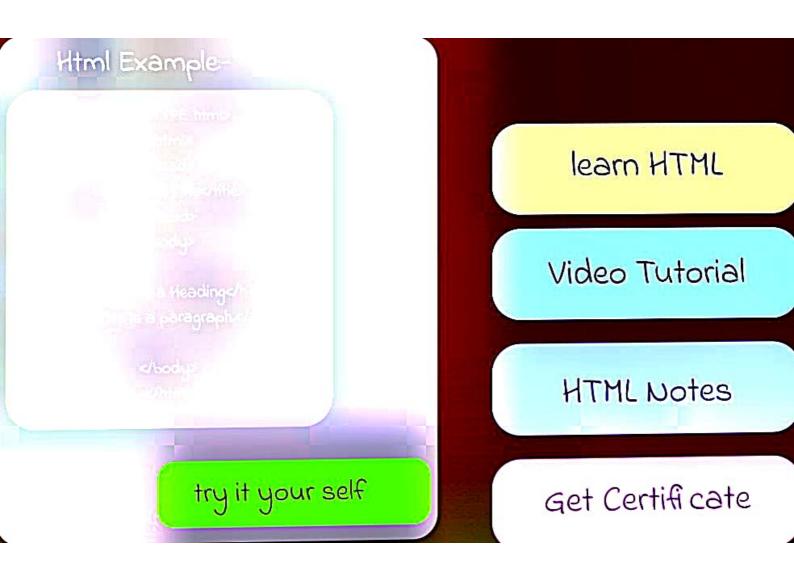




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IT'S EIGHT INDIA BATTERS PAKISTAN IN STRAIGHT BIGGEST WIN IN WC ENCOUNTERS

Rohit Sharma led from the front with a punishing 86 off 63 balls as India produced a perfect performance to flatten Pakistan. India thus extended its WC record against Pak to 8-0 while registering its biggest Cup win against the neighbour in terms of wickets (7) & balls to spare (117)

5 FACTORS THAT MADE IT

Top Captaincy: When Pak was an ominous 155/2, Rohit's body language stayed positive. He shuffled his pack, mixing pace & spin. Bowling changes were spot on

2 Outstanding Bowling: The bowling unit was the real hero. On a flat track, they bowled with discipline & guile to curb Pak to 191. Hunting in packs, the top 5 claimed 2 wickets each. Bumrah produced two dream balls. Siraj leaked runs but struck when India needed wickets most. So did Pandya. Kuldeep was sharp & smart. In nearly 43 overs, they bowled zero noballs and 1 wide

3 Attack The Best Defence: Indian batters went on the offensive from the start. The outcome was as good as decided in the Powerplay. At the end of 15 overs, India had reached 111. Unlike Pak, the batters unhesitatingly took the aerial route. Pak didn't hit a single 6; India smashed 8

4 The Rohit Show: After his blazing 131 off 84 balls against Af, Rohit seems unstoppable. On the big day in front of a mammoth crowd, he brought out his big game. His hooked six off Shaheen Shah Afridi was the shot of the match

5 Batting Falls Like Pak Of Cards: The top 4 batters flattered to deceive. Abdullah Shafique, Imam UI Haq, Babar Azam & Mohd Rizwan got in but failed to produce a long innings. The middle and lower order fell apart. Some failed to negotiate some outstanding deliveries, others perished to poor shot selection





"A perfect way to start the T20 World Cup... Deepawali begins :) What a cracking innings by Virat Kohli. Congratulations to the entire team,"



Perth: It was at 3.47pm local time that Harshit Rana spread his arms and set off on a run in celebration after taking the final Australian wicket. India had finally finished the hosts off to seal one of their most memorable wins in Test cricket -- one that, Indian skipper Jasprit Bumrah said, his son will hear stories of in the years to come.

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