Hoopsters edge Hong Kong

**Changsha:** Battling a slow start, the Indian senior men’s basketball came from behind to hold off pesky Hong Kong 76-71 in the 28th FIBA Asia Championship here on.

With this win, and following Palestine’s loss to Japan, the South Asian giants are just a step away from progressing to the quarterfinals of the tournament, which is happening after a gap of 12 years. Yet again, power forward Amjot Singh was India’s most efficient performer with 26 points and 12 rebounds, while veteran Yadwinder Singh had a stellar shooting performance off the bench.

**Paddlers lose, face Iran for 7-8 position in Asian meet**

**New Delhi:** India’s men team failed to overcome a tough Singapore, losing 1-3 in positions 5-6 matches of the champion division at the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Pattaya, Thailand. They will now run into Iran, a second time in two days, when they play them in the match for position 7-8 on Tuesday, which is also the day when team events conclude. Iran, too, lost to Hong Kong 1-3 in the 5-6 position.

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**Rows win seven medals**

**New Delhi:** India bagged seven medals, including five silver and two bronze at the 16th Asian Rowing Championships that concluded in Beijing. The quartet of Kapil Sharma, Jaswinder Singh, Rajesh Verma and Mohamnad Azad won a silver in the men’s fours with a timing of 6:03.25s, while India’s second silver medal was bagged by Dattu Baban Bhokanal in the men’s single sculls event by clocking 7:18.41s.

**Harjeet to lead Indian colts at Malaysian tourney**

**New Delhi:** Midfielder Harjeet Singh will lead the 18-member Indian junior squad in their title defence at the upcoming 5th Sultan of Johor Cup to be played in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from October 11 to 18.

**India beat Chile in bridge**

**Chennai:** Indian senior team beat Chile in the Dorsi trophy event and at the end of six rounds was placed in 8th spot at HCL-42nd World Bridge Team championship here. However in the Bermuda bowl, the India’s victory march was stopped by China in the sixth round. AGENCIES