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Vaishnavi Sharma won the Player of the Match award

India also qualified for the semi-final

India began their journey in the Super 6 of the U19 Women's T20 World Cup after beating Bangladesh by eight wickets on Sunday, January 26 at the Bayuemas Oval in Kuala Lumpur. With the win, Niki Prasad and Co. also booked their berth in the semi-final after being unbeaten in the tournament. They are placed on top of their Super 6 table with six points and a net run rate of +4.567. Vaishnavi Sharma, who became the first Indian to take a hat-trick in the history of the tournament, won her second Player of the Match award. She finished with figures of 4-0-15-3 and also became the joint-highest wicket-taker of the ongoing championship, along with South Africa's Kayla Reyneke and Nepal's Puja Mahato. In three innings, Vaishnavi has taken nine wickets at an economy rate of 1.91.

India hammer Bangladesh

After the match was delayed due to a wet outfield, the Indian bowlers took charge and restricted the Tigresses to 64 for eight in 20 overs. Shabnam Shakeel and VJ Joshitha gave India a decent start after dismissing Mosammat Eva and Fahomida Choya respectively. Thereafter, Vaishnavi joined the party and went on to get the wickets of Sumaiya Akter, Jannatul Maoua and Sadia Akter. The other left-arm spinners, Parunika Sisodia and Aayushi Shukla, could not make a breakthrough, but gave away only 27 runs from eight overs. Gongadi Trisha also chipped in with the wicket of Nishita Akter Nishi. For Bangladesh, barring skipper Sumaiya Akhter, who made 21 off 29, and Maoua, none of their batters could enter double digits.

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India lost their opener G Kamalini cheaply, but Trisha made sure that they raced past the finish line in 7.1 overs. Trisha scored 40 runs off 31 balls with eight fours before Habiba Islam Pinky, who has also played for the Bangladesh national team, accounted for her wicket.

Trisha is also the top run-scorer of the mega event, having notched 120 runs at an average of 40. Sanika Chalke, who failed against Sri Lanka, hit two fours to stay not out on 11 off five balls. India's last Super 6 match is against Scotland on Tuesday, January 28.