

# Hills View Rajouri lifts 13th Police Martyr's Memorial NZ T-20 cricket championship trophy

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Outplaying Verma Sports Club Ludhiana by 47 runs, Hills View Rajouri on Wednesday clinched the 13th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship trophy at Sports Stadium, here.

The much-anticipated final saw Hills View Rajouri elect to bat first after winning the toss. They set a competitive total of 162/7 in 20 overs, a target that Verma Sports Club Ludhiana could not chase down, ultimately getting all out for 115 runs in 17.5 overs.

Hills View Rajouri, batting first, set the tone for the match with a solid opening partnership. Captain Puneet led his team's charge with a crucial knock of 50 runs off 48 balls, striking 6 boundaries and a six. His aggressive batting added significant momentum to the innings. Together, they provided a strong

foundation, helping their team reach 162 runs. The middle and lower order of Hills View Rajouri fought hard to ensure that the score remained competitive. Puneet's knock was particularly important in stabilizing the innings after the early wickets fell. Chasing a target of 163 runs, Verma Sports Club Ludhiana struggled throughout their innings. Despite the best efforts of their batsmen, they were never able to get close to the target. The batting lineup faltered under pressure, and the team was eventually bowled out for just 115 runs in 17.5 overs. The loss by 47 runs was a testament to the excellent all-round performance by Hills View Rajouri.

Puneet was rightfully declared the "Man of the Match" for his brilliant 50 runs off 48 balls, which laid the foundation for Hills View Rajouri's formidable total. His contribution with both bat and leadership was key in securing the victory, earning him a cash prize of Rs 25,000 along with the coveted trophy.

In recognition of his consistent



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain presenting trophy and cash prize to winner Hills View Rajouri team.

performances throughout the tournament, Bhagvinder of Verma Sports Club Ludhiana was awarded the "Player of the Tournament" title. His all-round performance earned him a Maruti Alto K10 car, an honor for his efforts in leading his team to the final.

Best Bowler of the tournament was Jadhav from L.B. Shastri Delhi, who was praised for his exceptional bowling performances, maintaining an economical rate while taking key wickets for

his team. Best Batsman was Rishant Kohli from Hills View Rajouri, who finished as the top scorer of the tournament. Their consistency with the ball and bat throughout the event earned them one motorbike each as the awards for their splendid performance.

The Winning Team, Hills View Rajouri, was awarded the Championship Trophy along with a cash prize of Rs 3.50 lakh. They were also presented with medals for their outstanding per-

formance. On the other hand, the Runner-Up Team, Verma Sports Club Ludhiana, received a cash prize of Rs 2.50 lakh along with medals to honor their efforts in reaching the final.

The grand closing ceremony was graced by prominent dignitaries, including the Chief Guest, Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone. He congratulated the Kathua Police, the Shaheed Welfare Committee, and the sponsors Executive President

CTM Kathua, Mega Construction Kathua, Wellspun Gujrat Bhagthali, President Brick kiln Association, MD TK Paper Mills Kathua, Chairman MC Lakhampur, Bazrang Goods Carrier, M/S Gateway PVT Ltd, Owner Black Pepper Restaurant Kathua, Tangri Banquet Hall Association Kathua, JK Estates and Developers Ghatti, Raj Shuttlers Chadwal & President Industry Association Hiranagar, Technoplast Packaging Pvt Ltd. Kathua, JBB Polymer-Logate Industrial Area, Aegios Polyfilms, Jammu Pigments and Jupiter Industries for their relentless efforts in organizing the successful tournament. He also appreciated the people of Kathua for their support to this championship. He later distributed trophies, medals and prizes among the winner and runner-up teams and Management Committee Members. He along with other police officers and dignitaries also paid floral tribute to the brave martyrs and personally interacted with the martyr's families and distributed gifts among them. The SSP Kathua,

Shobhit Saxena, welcomed the chief guest, along with the Guest of Honour, Shiv Kumar Sharma, IPS, DIG JSK Range Jammu, and other senior police officials. He gave a detailed overview of the tournament's progress and the sports initiatives undertaken by the Kathua District Police in 2024-25.

Besides senior police officers including ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, DIG JSK Range Shiv Kumar Sharma, Shobhit Saxena SSP Kathua, SP Ops. Border Kathua Nasir Khan, Addl. SP Kathua Rahul Charak, and officers/officials of civil administration including Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rakesh Minhas, international cricketer Parvez Rasool as well as large gathering witnessed the final match and the closing ceremony.

In total, sixteen teams participated in the championship, which saw thrilling matches and showcased remarkable talent across the North Zone. The event was an overwhelming success and a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by police martyrs.

## J&K UT Men's team leads at 69th Senior National Volleyball Championship in Jaipur



VAJK office bearers, Kuldip Magoira and Mohd Tariq honouring Union Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and posing with J&K team at 69th Senior National Volleyball Championship at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAIPUR/JAMMU: The 69th Senior National Volleyball Championship, hosted at the iconic Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur from January 7 to 13, 2025, has witnessed thrilling performances, with the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT) men's volleyball team emerging as a standout contender.

The team has maintained a commanding lead in its pool, securing consecutive victories over Gujarat and Tripura with remarkable

ease. In their opening match against Gujarat, the J&K UT men's team showcased their dominance, winning in straight sets with scores of 25-23, 25-17, and 25-22. The team followed up this performance with another straight-sets victory over Tripura, clinching the match with scores of 25-16, 25-19, and 25-17. Players like Mannat, Shahid, and Pankaj dazzled the audience with their powerful spikes, impenetrable defense, and tactical gameplay, leaving

spectators mesmerized and setting a high bar for their competitors. While the men's team excelled, the J&K UT women's team faced challenges, losing their matches against Bihar and Gujarat, both by 3-0 sets. Despite their best efforts, the women's team struggled to find their rhythm against formidable opponents, underscoring the need for further preparation and support to compete at the national level.

The championship kicked

off with a grand opening ceremony, inaugurated by Union Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who graced the event as the Chief Guest.

The ceremony was presided over by Rajasthan's Minister of Sports, Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, an Olympic medalist and celebrated sports personality.

The opening function was a spectacle, featuring a vibrant cultural program showcasing Rajasthan's rich

heritage and an impressive march-past by all 63 participating teams, representing 34 men's teams and 29 women's teams from across India.

The event was further enriched by the presence of dignitaries such as Prem Singh Bajor and members of the Adhoc Committee of the Volleyball Federation of India, including Chairman Rohit Rajpal and Member Alaknanda Ashok. A galaxy of Arjuna awardees and officials from state and UT vol-

## Star Club Senior, NS Bedi win in Chaar Sahibzaade Cricket Tournament



Chief Guest interacting with players.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: In the ongoing Chaar Sahibzaade Cricket Tournament Edition 3 at Sports Stadium Poonch, two exciting matches were played on Wednesday. The first match saw Panjal Warriors take on Star Club Senior. Batting first, Panjal Warriors posted a modest total of 101/8 in 15 overs, with Waseem contributing 22 runs off 20 balls. Ibrar of Star Club Senior was the standout bowler, taking 3 wickets for just 19 runs in 3 overs. Star Club Senior comfortably chased the target in 13.4 overs, with Sajad and Waseem scoring 27 and 26 runs, respectively. Imran of Panjal Warriors claimed 2 wickets for 27 runs in 3 overs. Star Club Senior won by 7 wickets, and Sajad was named the Man of the Match for his all-round performance. The second match was between Qasba Qalandars and NS Bedi. Batting first, Qasba Qalandars were bundled out for a mere 43 runs in 10.4 overs, with Mohin top-scoring with 14 runs. Deepak of NS Bedi put in an exceptional performance, taking 6 wickets for just 13 runs in 4 overs. NS Bedi chased down the target in just 6 overs, with Sohail scoring 25 runs. NS Bedi won by 7 wickets, and Deepak was awarded the Man of the Match for his remarkable bowling performance. The tournament continues under the supervision of the Chaar Sahibzaade Tournament Management Committee, with the support of the youth of Poonch.

## J&K excels in Karate

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Karate team excelled in the under the North West Kai Karate Cup which was organized by Haryana Sports Karate Association at Yog Bhawan, Kurukshetra.

As per a handout, the team participated in the event under the banner of Traditional Karate Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

Medal Winners  
Gold: Sahil Jain, Vikrant, Gourav, Mahira, Kartik. Silver: Bansh, Rishav, Mehul,



Medal winner J&K team posing with dignitaries.

Ashish, Arsh, Aadhi, Avneet, Sahil, Safwan, Husaid. Bronze: Hashim, Hamad. Aaftab and Ravi Kumar

were Referees while Waseem Ahmad was Coach. Manzoor Ahmad accompanied the team as Manager.

## J&K Bank XI beats City Club Udhampur in football

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The 18th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament 2024-25, organized by the All J&K Sports and Cultural Welfare Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council and J&K Football Association, witnessed an exciting match on Wednesday at the Mini Stadium Parade Ground, here. In today's fixture, J&K Bank XI emerged victorious over City Club Udhampur with a dominating 7-0 win.

J&K Bank XI's performance was clinical, with



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu.

Akif being the standout player, scoring a brilliant hat-trick in the first half, netting goals in the 8th, 21st, and 28th minutes. Farhan added to the tally with a goal in the 14th minute, while Furkan

Nabi scored in the 29th minute. In the second half, Adnan Ayoub found the back of the net in the 65th minute, and Prem Kumar rounded off the scoring in the 89th minute to seal a comprehensive 7-

0 victory. The Chief Guest was Yousaf Dar, an international player from SRTC, who was accompanied by other notable figures including Ramesh Chander (International

Player), Rakesh Kumar (International Player), S. Satpal Singh (Manager Parade Ground), Yousaf Don (Org. Secretary), David Masih (Football Coach), Rajesh Sumbria, Kamaljeet Kumar, Ashok Kumar (Ex. Corporator), Manav, Sebastian, Charanpreet Singh.

The referees for the match were Aman Banathia, Bilal, Satnam, and Ricky, who ensured the game was played fairly and smoothly.

Looking ahead, tomorrow's match will feature Hero FC taking on Pegasus FC at 3:00 PM.

# Tswenag Chuskit's five-star performance powers Changla Lamos into semi-finals

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: Tsewang Chuskit's sensational five-goal performance propelled Changla Lamos to a 6-0 victory over Humas Queens, earning them a place in the semi-finals of the women's category in the Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 2.

In the men's category, Purig Warriors continued their impressive run, registering a 4-2 win over Zangskar Chadar Tamers for their second victory of the season. United Nubra and Chiktan Royals delivered an intense 2-2 draw. The day ended with another dramatic draw as defending champions Kang Sings and Humas Warriors shared points in a 2-2 stalemate. The Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 2, is being organized in partnership with the UT Administration of Ladakh and Ice Hockey Association of Ladakh at the Nawang Dorjay Stobdan (NDS) Stadium, Leh.

The 5th Day of the Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 2 started with an intense battle between United Nubra and Shakar Chiktan Royals, both sides eager to secure their first win of the season. The opening period saw a cautious approach from both teams, result-

ing in a goalless first 20 minutes. Nubra's persistence paid off early in the second period when Tamim Rashid fired a wrist shot into the net, giving his team a 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute. Shakar Chiktan Royals were quick to respond, with Altaf Hussain equalizing in the 25th minute and skipper Shabir Shah's clinical strike in the 34th minute, giving Shakar Chiktan Royals a 2-1 advantage heading into the final period. United Nubra, however, showed resilience, with Murtaza Ali delivering a stunning snap shot in the 43rd minute, leveling the game at 2-2.

Despite chances for both teams in the final stretch, unforced errors and tight defense ensured the score remained unchanged. The referee handed out penalties to both teams for foul play, setting the stage for a nail-biting finish. While both teams remained winless with a 2-2 draw, their determination and grit made for a thrilling match for the fans.

The second game featured an exciting Kargil clash with Purig Warriors securing an impressive 4-2 win over Zangskar Chadar Tamers. The Purig Warriors set the pace early in the game, with Kunchuk Thapa scoring a brilliant wrist



shot, just six minutes into the match. Four minutes later, Nadeem Sarwar extended the lead to 2-0. Tharpa struck again in the final moments of the first period, completing his double and sending the Warriors into the break with a commanding 3-0 lead.

The second period witnessed a spirited response from Zangskar Chadar Tamers, with Stanzin Lakpa's well-timed strike in the 32nd minute, narrowing the gap to 3-1. Despite their efforts, the Tamers were unable to close the gap before the period ended. The

final period brought more high-octane action, with Nawaz Ali netting an early goal in the 44th minute to put the Warriors ahead 4-1.

The Tamers responded immediately through Stanzin Wangbo's snap shot in the very next minute, but the deficit proved impossible to overcome. Despite their spirited comeback attempt, the Tamers fell short, and Purig Warriors marked a well-earned 4-2 victory, marking their second win of the season.

The first women's game saw Changla Lamos dominate the ice with a defini-

tive 6-0 win over the Humas Queens, making their first win of the season. The star of the show was Tsewang Chuskit, whose phenomenal five goals stole the show. The Lamos started strong, with Chuskit scoring in the 6th and 15th minutes to end the first period with a 2-0 lead. The second period saw relentless pressure from the Lamos, as Tsewang Yagdol scored in the 29th minute, followed by two more goals from Chuskit, extending the lead to 5-0. Entering the final period with a strong lead, the Lamos adopted a defensive strategy, ensuring the Queens remained scoreless. Chuskit added a final goal to her tally, sealing the game at 6-0. With this dominant performance, Changla Lamos secured the top spot in group B and booked their place in the semifinals, which will be played on Saturday (January 11).

In a nail-biting encounter defending champions Kang Sings fought back to secure a 2-2 draw against a determined Humas Warriors side. The match began swiftly with Tsering Angehuk of Kangs giving his team the lead in the 5th minute with a superb wrist shot assisted by Stanzin Angehok. The Warriors, undeterred by the early goal, responded

in the 10th minute when Issa Mohd, assisted by Ghulam Nabi, found the net to bring the score to 1-1 by the end of the first period. Period 2 was a cautious affair, with both teams focused on defense, resulting in a goalless period and the scoreboard unchanged at 1-1. The final period brought excitement and tension as Warriors' skipper Waseem Bilal gave his team the lead in the 46th minute. With the Warriors on the verge of victory, Kang Sings' Stanzin Lotos delivered a crucial equalizer, ensuring the match ended in an exhilarating 2-2 draw.

As the group stages of the Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League Season 2 reaches its penultimate day on Wednesday, Shakar Chiktan Royal faces Changla Blaster, hoping to conclude their group campaign on a winning note. Following that, the Purig Warriors will battle it out with Maryul Spawo with the hope to cement their semi-finals spot. In the women's category, Sham Eagles will compete against Maryul Spawo in the final group match. In the last match of the day, defending champions Kang Sings will take on United Nubra in their final group game.