

Bharat Premier League Season 2 closing ceremony held



Winner team receiving trophy while organizers felicitating Editor-in-Chief State Times Raj Daluja at closing ceremony of BPL season 2.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The closing ceremony of the Bharat Premier League (BPL) Season 2 was held on Tuesday at the KC Sports Complex, Jammu.

The event was graced by Haji Mubarak Gul, MLA Eidgah, who was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The ceremony was attended by several distinguished Guests of Honour including Raj Daluja, Editor-in-Chief of State Times, social activists Rakesh Koul and Deepak Handa, political activist Ashok Koul, Amit Kapoor, Founder and

Chairman of Insaniyat Hi Sewa, veteran journalist Sohai Qazmi, and political activist M.K. Yogi. During the event, President Sahil Pandita thanked the prime sponsors of the event, which included Landmark Pvt. Ltd., Horizon, J&K Bank, and

Alcobre. The media partners, UNT and ANN Media, were also acknowledged for their significant support in covering the tournament. The tournament concluded with exciting results across various categories. Men's Category: Al Samad

CC beat Mullan CC. Veteran's Category: Anigoo CC beat Jammu Enterprises. Women's Category: Rising Teetwal CC beat Rising Sidhra CC. Under-16 Category: Youth CC defeated Red Flags. Blind Category: SB Titans trounced Rising Star.

The closing ceremony was a grand success, marking the end of a thrilling season, and highlighting the participation of various teams across diverse categories. The event demonstrated the spirit of inclusivity and sportsmanship in Jammu.

Yawer slams cracking ton as J&K thrashes Odisha by 163 runs

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RAIPUR: Splendid century by Yawer Hassan and good contributions with the willow by the quartet of Qazi Junaid, Arnab Gupta, Kawal Preet Singh and skipper K a n h a i y a Wadhawan, coupled with superb bowling show by the trio of Archit Mahajan, Vishal Kumar and Atif Bin Mushtaq powered Jammu and Kashmir to a big win by a huge margin of 163 runs against Odisha in the ongoing U-23 Men's State-A One-Day Trophy at RDCA Ground, Raipur, on Monday.

Earlier, J&K scored a huge total of 322 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process. Yawer Hassan was in sublime touch, who showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up a cracking century, scoring 112 runs off 113 balls, studded with 10 fours and 3 sixes, while Qazi Junaid Masood contributed 70 runs off 77 balls with 7 boundaries and Arnab Gupta scored power-packed 49 runs off just 27 balls with 6 fours and 3 sixes. Kawal Preet Singh (38) and Kanhaiya Wadhawan (27) were the other major contributors. Vimal Kumar took 3 wickets and Badal bagged 2 for Odisha.



In reply, Odisha was bundled out for paltry 159 runs in 33.5 overs, thus lost the match by a huge margin. Skipper Sawan Pahariya and Badal contributed 41 and 35 runs to the total respectively. For J&K, Archit Mahajan and Vishal Kumar took 3 wickets each, while Atif Bin Mushtaq bagged 2 wickets. Mujtaba Younus and Sarvashish Singh claimed one wicket each.

JK UT Strength Lifting and Inclined Bench press concludes



JK UT Strength Lifting and Inclined Bench press winners posing with dignitaries and officials.

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JAMMU: JK UT Strength Lifting and Inclined Bench press men and women Sub Junior, Junior, Senior and Master concluded at Galaxy Gym 2.0 Jeevan Nagar, here on Tuesday. The champi-

onship was organised by the JK UT Strength lifting Association. Rajat Sharma was the Chief Guest while Bishmesh (Deputy Superintendent of JK Police) was the Special Guest on the occasion who dis-

turbed medals among the winner and runner up players. In the championship, Vikrant Singh, Vikas Mehra and Neha Bahu won Best Lifter in Inclined Bench press and Strength Lifting respectively. Around 70 players participated in the championship from different districts of JK UT. The officials of the association who organised JK UT Strength Lifting and Inclined Bench press under the rule and regulation of India Strength Lifting Federation namely Ajay Sharma (General Secretary), Rahul Sawhney, Deepak Jyoti, Umesh Raina, Vinay Sharma and Vishal Singh.

NIT Srinagar J&K triumphs over NIT Hamirpur by 23 runs

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar J&K delivered an impressive all-round performance to defeat NIT Hamirpur by 23 runs in the finals of All India Inter-NIT Faculty and Staff Cricket Tournament at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Silchar Assam.



NIT Srinagar J&K receiving winner trophy.

Opting to bat first after winning the toss at NIT Silchar Cricket Ground, Silchar, NIT Srinagar J&K posted a competitive total of 138/5. Faisal Irshad led the charge with an unbeaten 52 runs, striking four boundaries and one six. He was supported by Aaqib Sheikh, who smashed a quickfire 16 off just 5 balls, including

two boundaries. Sohail Ahmad Baba also contributed 17 runs before being dismissed. However, NIT Hamirpur bowlers did manage to take key wickets at regular intervals. Manish was the pick of

the bowlers, taking 2 wickets for 27 runs in his 3 overs, while Aman Kumar also grabbed 2 wickets, conceding 29 runs. Despite their efforts, NIT Srinagar's total proved challenging.

Chasing 139 to win, NIT Hamirpur struggled to maintain momentum against NIT Srinagar's disciplined bowling attack. Vivek Tiwari (15 off 15) and Neeraj Dhiman (16 off 12) showed some resistance, but they failed to build a big partnership. Captain Surender Soni added 7 runs, while Akash Sharma (15) and Aman Kumar (12) tried to stabilize the innings. However, the required run rate continued to climb. NIT Srinagar's bowlers performed brilliantly under pressure. Dr Majid Hussain took 2 wickets for 22 runs in his spell, while Mustafa Zargar, Dr Shakeel Waseem, and Dr. Janibul Bashir chipped in with one wicket

each. The bowlers effectively restricted NIT Hamirpur to 115/6 in their allotted 15 overs, sealing a convincing 23-run victory. Faisal Irshad was declared Man of the Match for his vital knock of 52 runs. Aqib Jan emerged as the highest run-scorer for NIT Srinagar in the tournament, while Mustafa Zargar secured the title of the highest wicket-taker for the team. Additionally, Dr Mohsin Shabir was recognized as the most economical bowler of the tournament for NIT Srinagar. The prestigious tournament was hosted by NIT Silchar, with 20 NITs from across India participating in this mega event.

LOC Club clinches Krishna Ghati Premier League 2024-25 trophy

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: The final match of the Krishna Ghati Premier League (KGPL) was held on Tuesday between LOC Club and Panjal Warriors, with LOC Club emerging victorious.



Winner LOC Club receiving trophy from the chief guest.

Winning the toss, LOC Club chose to bat first and set a challenging target of 185 runs, posting a total of 184/8 in 20 overs. Mehboob Shaikh top-scored with 46, supported by Arif (37) and Piyush Likhli (33). Panjal Warriors' bowlers Avinash and Sahil Sharma took two wickets each. In reply, Panjal Warriors were all out for 147 in 18.1 overs. Avinash was the top scorer for his team with 44 runs, followed by Anurag, who scored 29. Arif Rishi

was the standout bowler for LOC Club, taking 3 wickets, with Riswan and Balraj each claiming 2 wickets. Arif Rishi's all-round performance earned him the Man of the Match award. LOC Club was awarded a cash prize of Rs 3,50,000 and a trophy, while Panjal Warriors, as the runners-up, received Rs 1,50,000

and a trophy. The individual awards for the tournament included Player of the Series awarded to Sahil Sharma of Panjal Warriors, who received Rs 21,000 and a trophy. Anurag, also from Panjal Warriors, was named Best Fielder, earning Rs 15,000 and a trophy. Sahil Sharma, once again, took home the Best

Bowler of the Tournament award of Rs 15,000 and a trophy, while Murtaza Hilal from Eleven Star Mandi was recognized as the Best Batsman of the Tournament. He received Rs 15,000 and a trophy for his performance. The Chief Guest for the match was the GOC, Ace of Spade Division, along with military and civil digni-

ties, including Additional SP Mohan Lal and members of local administration. The event was attended by over 7,000 spectators and broadcast to 12.9 crore viewers across social media platforms. The tournament was organized by Nangi Tekri Battalion under the Krishna Ghati Brigade as part of Operation Sadbhavana, marking a historic event for Poonch, the first of its kind organized by the Indian Army. Honorary Captain Pritam Singh, a war veteran of the 1971 Indo-Pak War, was honored for his exceptional service and bravery. The overall technical supervisor was Pervaiz Malik Afridi. The concluding and prize distribution ceremony was conducted by the anchor and commentator, Pardeep Khanna.

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JAMMU: Continuing the good show at the national scene in the 68th National School Games (NSG), the Judokas of Jammu and Kashmir bagged four medals with one Silver and three Bronze medals in the event held at Ludhiana. The medal winners included Mohd Hadi from Srinagar, who clinched Silver; Prikshit Singh from Reasi (Bronze); Syed Azaan from Srinagar (Bronze) and Nazia Fatima from Srinagar (Bronze). The Judokas were accompanied by Raman Sharma and Asiya as the Coaches.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) felicitated the medal winners after their return from Punjab in a simple function at Youth Hostel Nagrota, today.

Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Ved Prakash alongwith Accounts Officer Directorate, Sunil Kumar Sharma and District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu, Harvinder Kaur honoured the medal winners with garlands and distribution of sweets. Secretary to the Government, Youth Services and Sports J&K, Sarmad Hafeez and Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara have congratulated the medal winners for this achievement. "It is a matter of pride that J&K has won a total of 40 medals in five sports disciplines including Judo, Taekwondo, Fencing, Washu and Weightlifting with 8 Gold, 13 Silver and 19 Bronze medals so far in 68th National School Games 2024-25," informed Ved Prakash.

J&K's Raja elected Joint Secretary SBAI

STATE TIMES NEWS
INDORE: General Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Softball Association, Waseem Raja Khan was elected as the Joint Secretary of S o f t b a l l Association of India (SBAI) in a Special General Body Meeting of SBAI to elect the Office Bearers & Members of Managing Committee for fresh four-year term from 2024-2028. Ramesh Mendola was elected as the President of the Association, while Dr Pravin Anarkar of Madhya Pradesh was elected as the Secretary General of the Association and Santosh Chauhan of Himachal Pradesh was elected as the Treasurer of the Association. It is pertinent to mention here that Khan has been instrumental in reviving the Olympic Sport of Softball in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. "The appointment as Joint Secretary of SBAI has added responsibility on my shoulders and I will leave no stone unturned in promoting the sport of Softball in every nook and corner of the UT. Our Athletes possess immense sporting talent and the only need is to hone the same at the grass-root level, so that they flourish at the National & International scene," said Khan soon after his election.

POWERGRID Inter Regional Cricket Tournament 2024 Hosts NR-II will clash with Corporate Centre in final

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In the much awaited finals of POWERGRID Inter regional Cricket tournament 2024, hosts Northern Region-II (NR-II) will clash with Corporate Centre (CC) at MA Stadium tomorrow. It was yet another day of fascinating cricket that was witnessed on the fourth day. Teams fought to their level best to achieve the honours



A player receiving Man of the Match after the match.

and reach the finals of the tournament. Today two semi-finals were played, one each

at University Grounds and MA Stadium. In the first semifinal played at University Grounds, hosts Northern Region-II (NR-II) defeated ER-II by eight wickets. Batting first ER-II were bundled out for 86 in 16.3 overs which NR-II easily chased in 15 overs losing only two wickets. Saurabh Shukla of NR-II, who took four wickets giving away just 9

runs in two overs, was declared Man of the Match. In another hard fought semifinal at MA Stadium, CC defeated NR-I by 27 runs. Batting first CC scored 137 for 8 wickets in 20 overs. In response to this, NR-I could score only 110 runs in their 20 overs for loss of 8 wickets. Abhisar Vishnoi of CC, who grabbed three wickets, was declared Man of the Match.

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The evaluators included Shahbaz Ahmad, Munisha Devi, Joginder Kumar, Dheeraj Kumar, Moni Mehra, Sanjeev Upadhyia, Bharti Slathia, Amit Bhalla, Neelam Kumari, Om Raj Katoch, Neha Bhagat, Meeshu Pandita,

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YS&S, NYK, GCW Parade organise Stage-2 'Evaluation of Essays' for 28th NYF

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JAMMU: As part of the preparations for the 28th National Youth Festival 2024, the Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and Government College for Women (GCW) Parade, organised Stage-2 (Evaluation of Essays) Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue for 28th National Youth Festival 2024-25w at Government College for Women (GCW) Parade here on Tuesday. The event is being organised under the patronage of Secretary

Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department, Sarmad Hafeez; Director General YSS, Rajinder Singh Tara and Director Colleges, Dr Sheikh Ajaz Bashir. The programme began with the introductory notes by the Nodal Officer, Jitendra Mishra, Deputy Director YSS

Central and Nitin Hangloo, Officer from NYK, while Principal GCW Parade, Ravinder Tiekoo presided over the proceedings and Gurpreet from GCW Parade acted as the Chief Coordinator. The Coordinators of the programme drawn from the Department of YSS included Rajesh Dhar, Pankaj Sasan, Dr Vikrant Singh, Pawandeep Kaur, Parveen Kaur, Harvinder Kaur, Jyoti Sharma, Ruhaniat and Ajay Kumar. Ten topics of the essays included Tech for Viksit Bharat, Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi, Empowering Youth for Viksit Bharat,

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