

# SKCC edges Royal Strikers CC by 5 runs in T-20 match

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JAMMU: Cricket fans at Darap Ground were treated to a thrilling contest as Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Club (SKCC) registered a hard-fought 5-run victory over Royal Strikers Cricket Club (RSCC) in a closely contested 20-over limited-overs match. The encounter remained undecided until the final moments, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats.

After winning the toss, SKCC captain Raman Cheema displayed confidence in his batting unit by opting to bat first, a decision that proved crucial. Sher-e-Kashmir CC posted a competitive total of 148 for 4 in the allotted 20 overs, built around a composed and authoritative innings by Aneesh Khajuria.

Aneesh anchored the



Winner team posing for a photograph with officials.

innings superbly, scoring a match-defining 59 runs off 50 balls. His knock was marked by excellent shot selection, patience, and timing, as he struck ten elegant boundaries to keep the scoreboard ticking. He ensured stability during the middle overs and laid a solid foundation for a strong finish. The innings received a timely late flourish from Anil alias Shallu, who played an explosive cameo

of 29 runs off just 15 deliveries, including two towering sixes that electrified the crowd and pushed SKCC to a challenging total.

For Royal Strikers CC, the bowling effort was led by Vikas Kumar, who picked up two important wickets. Sallem and Aarav also made valuable contributions by claiming one wicket each, restricting SKCC from crossing the 150-run mark.

Chasing a target of 149,

Royal Strikers CC put up a spirited fight but were met with a disciplined and determined bowling performance from SKCC. Despite a crucial fifth-wicket partnership of 51 runs between Sunil, who scored 21, and Talib Hussain, who added 16, RSCC fell short and finished at 143 for 8 in their 20 overs.

SKCC bowlers showed remarkable composure under pressure, particularly

during the powerplay and death overs. Vicky and Vinod led the bowling attack with two wickets each, while Rahul, Akshit, Baba Barjinder, and Vivek Suri chipped in with one wicket apiece to seal a memorable victory.

For his calm and match-winning half-century, Aneesh Khajuria was rightly adjudged Man of the Match.

Speaking after the match, Aman S. Cheema, President of Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Club, congratulated both teams for their sportsmanship and competitive spirit. He expressed pride that the match was played under SKCC's slogan, "Say Yes to Future, No to Drugs," emphasizing the club's ongoing commitment to promoting a healthy, positive, and drug-free future for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir through sports.

# Promotional cricket Tournament organised



Participating team posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials.

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BHADERWAH: A one-day cricket Tournament was on Sunday organised by the local administration here under the nationwide campaign "No to Drugs, Yes to Life".

The event was inaugurated by ADC, Sunil Kumar Bhutyal who used the moment to spread awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse and the impor-

tance of collective responsibility in safeguarding society, especially the youth.

Teams representing different government departments, including Revenue, Health, Rural Development Department (RDD), Roads & Buildings (R&B), Education, along with local teams, participated enthusiastically, symbolising unity and shared commitment against drugs.

The event served as a platform to spread the message of leading a healthy lifestyle and making informed choices for a brighter future.

The programme concluded with a collective anti-Drug pledge led by the ADC. The players and officials vowed to actively contribute towards a clean, healthy and drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

## Srinagar Taekwondo meet today

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JAMMU: Organised by Taekwondo Association of District Srinagar, the two-day 15th District Srinagar Championships shall be held at Gindun Sports Complex, Rajbagh in Srinagar from tomorrow.

The event is being held under the aegis of the J&K Taekwondo Association (Regd.) and in support with J&K Sports Council under "My Youth My Pride" initiative.

The competition shall be held in Sub-Junior, Cadet, Junior, and Senior categories of boys and girls.

For further information, the eligible participants have been advised to contact the organising secretary (919541200557).

## Sohail meets Abhishek in Billiards final

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JAMMU: Veteran cueist, Sohail Khalid shall be playing against experienced Abhishek Pathania in the Senior Billiards title clash in the ongoing 29th J&K Billiards and Snooker Championship, organised by J&K Billiards and Snooker Association at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here.

In the semifinals, played today, Sohail defeated Kancha 100-50, 100-69 while Abhishek trounced Vishal Abrol 100-85, 100-75.

Earlier, Vishal reached the last four stages beating Hardik 100-87 and Sohail outplayed Aditya Mahajan 100-60.

Other Results: Preliminary Rounds: Pankaj bt Assem 101-60; Aditya Mahajan bt Akhil 100-87; Aman bt HImayun; Suhil bt Aman 100-47; Abhishek Pathania bt Umar Islam 101-40; Ansh bt Gurbinder 101-32.



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JAMMU: The 10th J&K (UT) Powerlifting and Deadlift Championship (2025-26) for Men and Women concluded at the Indoor Stadium, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, showcasing exceptional strength, discipline, and competitive spirit among athletes from across the Union Territory.

Organized by the Powerlifting Association of J&K under the banner of the Indian Powerlifting Federation (IPF), the championship witnessed enthusiastic participation across multiple age groups and weight categories. Athletes delivered impressive performances, reflecting the growing popularity and standard of powerlifting and deadlift sports in the region.



Medal winner powerlifters posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials.

In the Sub-Junior Men category, gold medals were won by Karan Singh, Radhyavar, Vishushant, Rohin Sabarwal, and Aaryan Pandoh, while silver medals went to Jaskirat Singh, Aneesh Verma, and Krishav Sharma. Krishna and Daksh Gabgotra secured bronze positions.

The Junior Men division

saw Paras Heera, Kartik Singh, Shivayansh Gupta, Rudra Gupta, and Dhairya Jamwal claim gold medals. Silver medals were won by Anwar, Nitish Verma, Brijesh Rajput, and Vansh, while Keshav Khajuria secured bronze.

In the Senior Men category, gold medals were clinched by Mantu Gupta,

Aditya Singh, Varundeep Sharma, and Rohit Hundal. Som Raj won silver, and Vishal earned bronze.

The Master's Category witnessed strong performances, with gold medals won by Kulbhushan Pandita, Vijay Singh, Vijay Kumar, and Gurdyal Singh, while Mehul Dubey secured silver.

In the Women's Section,

gold medals were bagged by Nandini, Janvi Gupta, Neha, Meenakshi, Rupali, Apoorva Amla, and Shivani Sharma, highlighting the growing participation of women in strength sports.

The closing ceremony was graced by Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, who attended as the Chief Guest. She lauded the athletes for their dedication and praised the organizers for promoting powerlifting and deadlift sports in Jammu and Kashmir.

The championship concluded with a vote of thanks by Rakesh Kumar, General Secretary of the Powerlifting Association of J&K, who expressed gratitude to all athletes, officials, and supporters for making the event a grand success.

# MPL-3 concludes; Star Viper Cricket Club emerges victorious

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JAMMU: The Martyrs Premier League - Season 3 (MPL-3) concluded on a with Star Viper Cricket Club clinching the championship title, while Smashers Cricket Club finished as runners-up. The tournament witnessed participation from 28 teams, reflecting strong youth engagement and the growing sports culture in the border district of Poonch.

The final match was graced by Brigadier Sachindra Joshi, Commander 93 Infantry Brigade, as the Chief Guest. Ajaz Jan, MLA Haveli, was present, while Riyaz Naaz, DDC Loran, Neeraj Sharma, DySP Headquarters, and Adil Mir, JKAS officer, attended as Guests of Honour.



Star Viper Cricket Club receiving winner trophy from the chief guest.

In the first innings of the final, Star Viper Cricket Club posted a commanding total of 239 runs in 20 overs, with Sohail Qureshi emerging as the top scorer, laying the foundation for their victory.

The match began with an interaction of teams with Commander 93 Infantry Brigade along with Commanding Officer, 12 Bihar Regiment, along with Advocate Zeshan Syed, Chairman of the Haq

Insaaf Council. The opening ceremony featured the National Anthem, followed by a two-minute silence in remembrance of the martyrs of the nation and a pledge against drug abuse, reinforcing the core theme of the league.

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by MLA Ajaz Jan, DDC Riyaz Naaz, DySP Neeraj Sharma, and Advocate Zeshan Syed. Addressing the gathering, Advocate Zeshan Syed welcomed the dignitaries and expressed gratitude to the Indian

Army, civil administration, and police for their unwavering support.

He specifically acknowledged the contributions of 5 JAK LI under Gourav Joshi, 12 Bihar Regiment under Colonel Vipin Prashar, and Indian Army Artillery under Tejpal Singh.

He also thanked District Magistrate Ashok Kumar Sharma, Shafqat Hussain SSP, the Chief Medical Officer, the Executive Officer of the Municipality Poonch, the Jal Shakti Department, and other line departments for their cooperation.

The culmination of MPL-3 was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Haq Insaaf Council team, including Ikhlq Mehmoood, Danish Pathan, Waseem Qureshi, Kamran Ali, Mohd Mashooq, Yasir Chisty, Rehan Rather, Firdous Mir, Saqib Kirmani, Daman Sharma, Inzimam Ahmed, Istikhar Ahmed, and several other volunteers who played a vital role in organising and managing the tournament.

## J&K Bank XI enters Semifinals of 19th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament



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JAMMU: J&K Bank XI secured a place in the semifinals of the ongoing 19th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament 2025, being organized by the All J&K Sports & Cultural Welfare Association under the aegis of the J&K Football Association (DFA Jammu) at the Mini Stadium, Parade Ground, Jammu.

In the fourth quarterfinal played today, J&K Bank XI defeated Pegasus FC by 1-0 in a closely contested match. The lone and decisive goal was scored by Akif in the 13th minute, giving J&K Bank XI an early lead which they maintained till the final whistle. The match witnessed strong performances from both teams, but J&K Bank XI showed better coordination and defensive discipline to hold their advantage and book a spot in the semifinals.

The match was officiated by Dheeraj, Satnam Singh, Bilal Ahmad, and Ricky, who ensured smooth conduct of the game.

The match was graced by the Chief Guest, Zagar Patnavi, Director General, National Human Rights Social Justice Council of India (Global), along with distinguished guests Shahzadi, Vinod Malhotra, Anil Masoom (Ex-Corporator), Ramesh Chander International, Yousaf Don (Organising Secretary), David Masih, and Sodhgar Mattao.

The first semifinal of the tournament will be played tomorrow at 2:30 PM between J&K Police and Elegant FC Srinagar, promising another exciting encounter for football lovers.

The tournament continues to draw large crowds and reflects the growing enthusiasm for football in the region.

## Kathua Admin Cup: GDC Kathua XI cruises to 6-wicket win over DIC XI



Winner team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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KATHUA: The fourth match of the ongoing Kathua Admin Cup Cricket Tournament was played on Sunday at the GDC Kathua playground between DIC XI and GDC Kathua XI. DIC XI won the toss and elected to bat first.

Batting first, DIC XI posted a modest total of 111 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Vishav Partap top-scored with a brisk 32 runs off 21 balls, including one six and four boundaries. Gagan Deep contributed 18 runs off 23 balls with three fours, while Narayan Singh added 17 runs off 22 balls, hitting one four and one six. GM Mushtaq Chaudhary chipped in with 9 runs off 11

balls, including a boundary.

GDC Kathua XI bowlers put up an impressive show, led by Yasir who delivered a brilliant spell of 4 overs, conceding just 11 runs and claiming four crucial wickets. Umar provided effective support by picking up three wickets for 20 runs in his four-over spell.

In reply, GDC Kathua XI chased the target comfortably in 15.5 overs. Opener Gautam Singh anchored the innings with an unbeaten 37 runs off 40 balls, which included one six and three fours. Arvind scored 18 runs off 18 balls with three boundaries, while Abid added 11 runs off 10 balls, hitting two fours. Zahid contributed 7 runs off 8 balls with one four.

For DIC XI, Gagan Deep emerged as the most successful bowler, taking two wickets for 13 runs in four overs, while GM Mushtaq Chaudhary also claimed two wickets, conceding 23 runs in his four-over spell.

Yasir of GDC Kathua XI was declared Man of the Match for his outstanding bowling performance. His four-wicket haul at the cost of just 11 runs proved decisive in restricting DIC XI, and laid a strong foundation for the successful chase.

With this win, GDC Kathua XI registered a convincing victory, showcasing a balanced performance in both bowling and batting departments in the Kathua Admin Cup Cricket Tournament.

## Selection trials for 36th Sr National Tennis Ball Cricket C'ship from Jan 4

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Tennis Ball Cricket Association (JKTBCA) will conduct two-day selection trials for men and women players for the 36th Senior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship at M.A. Stadium, Jammu on January 4 and 5, 2026.

The selected teams will represent the J&K Union Territory at the National Championship to be held at Nagpur, Maharashtra, from January 19 to 22, 2026.

Interested players who fulfill the eligibility criteria are directed to report at M.A. Stadium, Jammu on January 4 at 10:30 AM in proper playing kit. The trials will begin at 11:00 AM and will be conducted under the supervision of Gulshan Rattan, In-charge of the Selection Trials. Participants must bring six recent passport-size photographs, along with xerox copies of domicile certificate and a medical fitness certificate issued by a registered physician.

Players who are selected will undergo a 10-day residential coaching camp from January 6 to 15, 2026. The final screening of the teams will be conducted by the J&K Sports Council on January 15 at 1:00 pm at the same venue. The teams will depart for Nagpur on the evening of January 15. Only players who have previously represented their district and UT will be eligible for selection.

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JAMMU: Higher Secondary School Sallan successfully organized an Inter-House Sports Meet with active participation from students of all classes. The event witnessed a vibrant display of energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

A wide range of athletic events were conducted during the meet, including 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1500 m, and 3000 m races. In addition, relay races and tug of war competitions were also organized, which drew special excitement and loud cheers from the students and staff alike. The participants displayed remarkable determination, discipline, and competitive spirit throughout the events.

Anup Kumar Kotwal, Tehsildar Hiranagar, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme was also attended by Kabla Singh, Ex-Sarpanch, and Subhash Chander Sharma, Ex-Sarpanch, who encouraged the students and appreciated their sporting zeal.

In his address, the Chief Guest highlighted the importance of sports in shaping students' personalities, stressing that sports help inculcate discipline, teamwork, leadership qualities, and physical fitness among the youth.

Principal Gopal Dass expressed his gratitude to the Chief Guest and other dignitaries for their gracious presence. He emphasized the need to nurture sportsman spirit among

students alongside academic excellence, stating that such activities play a vital role in the overall development of learners.

The sports meet was efficiently organized under the guidance of Subhash Chander Saini, Lecturer in Botany, and Pika Devi, Lecturer in Physical Education, who planned and conducted all events in an excellent manner. The wholehearted cooperation of all staff members contributed significantly to the smooth conduct and grand success of the event.

At the conclusion of the sports meet, medals were awarded to the winners, and refreshments were served to the students, adding to the joy and enthusiasm of the occasion.