

Rainawari Cricket Club celebrates KPL Gurgaon champions in grand ceremony

Brig Anil Gupta presents trophies, mementos

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JAMMU: Rainawari Cricket Club (RCC), an esteemed affiliate of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), hosted a vibrant and well-attended felicitation ceremony at the JKCA Hostel Ground today to honour its triumphant team that clinched the KPL Gurgaon title.

Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration of JKCA, graced the event as chief guest. Meenu Singh Slatia, Member of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) JKCA, and Chaman Lal Suri, former President of RCC, served as guests of honour.

Distinguished representatives from JKCA-affiliated clubs, including Rakesh Koul, Rajeev Pandita, Anil



Member-Administration JKCA, Brig Anil Gupta felicitating Rainawari Cricket Club team.

Koul, and Kirti Dhar, added prestige to the occasion.

The spotlight shone on the victorious players felicitated with trophies and mementos: Arzoo Wakhloo, Ayush Ambardar, Asma Malik, Pragati Roy, Romani, Sania Slatia, Jeevika Koul, Preeti Pandita, Palak Bandral, Nirvi Jotshi, Neetu Pandita,

Anjana Wakhloo, and Seema Bhat.

The anchor also acknowledged other dedicated RCC members not part of the tournament squad: Chitra Singh Jamwal, Bismah Hassan, Bushra Ashraf, Bawandep Kaur, Sheena Saraf, Vitasta Kitchloo, Parul Dhar, and Bhagya Lakshmi Jamwal.

Special mementos went to Chaman Lal Suri (former President and General Secretary of RCC), Meenu Singh Slatia (CAC Member, JKCA), and commentators Saqlain Mushtaq and Faizan Qayoom.

Brig Gupta personally presented the winners' trophy to

the team amid resounding applause. In a gesture of appreciation, Chaman Lal Suri and Kirti Dhar honored the chief guest with a memento.

Delivering an inspiring address, Brig Gupta motivated the players to aim higher, while they showered praise on Brig Gupta and Kirti Dhar for their tireless efforts in nurturing cricket talent and creating vital opportunities.

The proceedings of the felicitation function were conducted by Rakesh Pandita.

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A total of 18 teams, including six teams in the girls' sec-

Kulgam Volleyball District Championship begins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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KULGAM: The District Kulgam Volleyball Championship commenced at the Sports Ground, Akhran, under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir. The event is being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.

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tion, are participating in the championship, reflecting growing enthusiasm for volleyball in the district.

The tournament was formally inaugurated by Mehbood Ahmad, SHO Mirbazar, who lauded the efforts of the organisers, particularly District Secretary Nelofer Habib, for promoting sports at the grassroots level.

Prominent dignitaries present on the occasion included

Bashir Ahmed Mir, Manager Kulgam/Anantnag Stadium; Ruby Jan, international netball player and coach; Abid Manzoor Wani; and Aashiq Hussan Dar, Principal CCPS Akhran.

The Results (Preliminary Round): Chowgram Sports Club defeated Jessy Sports Club Bogund 3-1 (25-19, 25-15, 19-25, 25-21); Akhran Sports Club beat Parwaiz Club 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 26-24).

J&K Bank XI to face J&K Police XI in 19th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament Final



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JAMMU: J&K Bank XI will lock horns with J&K Police XI in the final of the 19th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament 2025, being organised by the All J&K Sports & Cultural Welfare Association under the aegis of the J&K Football Association (DFA Jammu) on January 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM the Mini Stadium, Parade Ground, Jammu.

In the second semifinal played today, J&K Bank XI defeated Star FC Srinagar by 5-2 to secure their place in the title clash. The match witnessed high-quality football and strong attacking play from both sides. Star FC Srinagar took an early lead when Izaan scored in the 30th minute. However, J&K Bank XI made a strong comeback in the second half. Akif equalised in the 49th

minute, followed by Furkaan who gave J&K Bank XI the lead in the 52nd minute.

Star FC Srinagar fought back and scored their second goal through Salim in the 59th minute, but J&K Bank XI dominated the final phase of the game. They added three more goals in the 72nd, 75th and 80th minutes, sealing a convincing victory and a berth in the final.

The match was officiated by

Bilal Ahmed, Satnam Singh, Romesh Kumar and Dheeraj Menia, who ensured fair and smooth conduct of the game.

Todays' match was graced by Advocate Zeshan Rana, Spokesperson of the National Conference, as the Chief Guest, while Sandeep Singh, Chairman of NGR Club, was the Guest of Honour. Other distinguished guests present included Charanjeet Singh (International), Ramesh Chander (International), Satnam Singh, General Manager NHPC Jammu, David Masih (Coach), Peter Sodagar, Kamaljeet (International), Amardeep Singh (International), Showkat Khanyari and Mohd Shuja.

With both J&K Bank XI and J&K Police XI in top form, an exciting final is expected as the tournament reaches its grand finale.

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JAMMU: Two thrilling matches were played on Tuesday in the Hexamed BIG Jammu Kashmir Premier League (BIG JKPL) 2025-26, organised by 92.7 BIG FM at the University of Jammu Ground, where Valley Stars Ganderbal and Sultan Warriors Baramulla registered commanding victories in their respective encounters.

The league is being conducted with Hexamed Diagnostics as the Title Partner, CT University as the Powered By Partner, Kanwal Spices and Oxford Hospital as Associate Partners, JK Sports Time as the Live Streaming Partner, and Pepsi as the Beverage Partner.

In the first match of the

day, Valley Stars Ganderbal put up a dominant all-round performance against Power Panthers. After Power Panthers were bowled out for just 51 runs, Samardeep delivered a sensational bowling spell, taking 6 wickets for only 3 runs, completely dismantling the opposition batting lineup.

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