

IPL's 'Home Truth' Ishan Kishan hits jackpot with USD 2 million plus deal as home players enjoy Big Pay Day

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BENGALURU: Ishan Kishan and Deepak Chahar clinched the most eye-popping deals as India's battle-hardened T20 exponents laughed their way to the bank on the opening day of IPL mega-auction where the franchises saved their highest bids for home-grown talent.

Kishan's Rs 15.25 crore winning bid from Mumbai Indians pipped the Rs 14 crore figure that CSK offered to retain Deepak Chahar on Saturday. Franchises showed prudence in overall spending but didn't hesitate to loosen the purse strings for proven performers, especially Indians.

In terms of US Dollars, there were 19 million-plus buys, the biggest by far at any IPL auction with most of the beneficiaries being Indian T20 specialists.

It was a satisfying 'Pay

Day' for all current India internationals with Shreyas Iyer getting a staggering Rs 12.25 crore deal from Kolkata Knight Riders and the multi-skilled Shardul Thakur making Delhi Capitals break the bank with a Rs 10.75 crore.

These two, along with Kishan and Chahar, were the top four buys of the day.

"I'm really excited to be back at MI. I know everyone has treated me there like a family so I am really happy to be there and I hope to give my best to the team. Thank you so much," said the 23-year-old Kishan in a video posted on his Twitter handle. The big-hitting Kishan made his India debut last year and has been a Mumbai Indians player all along, performing consistently well for the side.

Young pacer Prasidh Krishna (Rs 10 crore) was paid big by Rajasthan Royals for his timely Man of

the Series performance against the West Indies.

It wasn't an auction to remember for the old guard and only two 35 plus players -- Shikhar Dhawan (Rs 8.25 crore, Punjab Kings) and Ravichandran Ashwin (Rs 5 crore, Rajasthan Royals) -- got good deals.

Among other seniors Mohammed Shami was snapped by Gujarat Titans for Rs 6.25 crore. His new ball partner Bhuvneshwar Kumar got Rs 4.6 crore from Sunrisers.

While this was the last mega auction, what was impressive was the discretion that franchises used while buying players as the focus was on top Indian players available in the market.

boggling Rs 9 crore.

For Chennai Super Kings, the aim was to follow Mahendra Singh Dhoni's template and retain their core base of players as much as possible as they waited to buy back Deepak, another multi-skilled cricketer on ascendancy for India.

KKR retained eight out of their top first 11 players from last season but are still looking short in the fast bowling department.

KKR also didn't too badly as they picked up Australian Test captain Pat Cummins at Rs 7.25 crore, which is less than half of what he was paid at last auction.

JK Public School Kunjwani shines in 19th All India Inter-school Senior Karate C'ship



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating a winner student.

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JAMMU: Ashish Nirankari of Class X of JK Public School Kunjwani won gold medal in 19th All India Inter School Senior Karate

Championship 2021 held on December 17 and 18, 2021 at Dasnagar Alomohan Das Indoor Stadium Howrah, West Bengal.

Director of the School, Shashi Chaudhary felicitated the student and applauded the School Karate Coach, Gopal Dass for their outstanding achievement.

GCW Parade felicitates New Delhi RDC participants

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JAMMU: Government College for Women Parade Ground Jammu on Saturday felicitated its 3 cadets, who represented UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Republic day celebration held at New Delhi.

The College Principal Prof Dr. S.P. Sarswat felicitated the cadets at a ceremony held here on the college campus.

The NCC cadet participated in various competition in RDC and gave their excellent performance. SUO Priyanshi was selected in culture, JUO Priya Devi for Rajpath and was also a part of PM rally, while JUO Akshita Thakur was selected for Rajput and



Cadets of GCW Parade who attended R-Day Parade 2022 at New Delhi

PM rally from 2JK Girls Battalion.

The Principal also congratulated NCC Officer, Lt. Suman Lata and seniors for hard work and dedication due to which NCC cadets registered such big achievement at National level.

IAS Suchiter interacts with aspirants at SRCC



IAS Suchiter Sharma interacting with aspirants.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) organised an interaction cum workshop for the civil services aspirants in the college premises at Gandhi Nagar.

The session was taken by Suchiter Sharma who has qualified the Civil Services examination 2021 with 146th rank. While interacting with the aspirants he shared his journey right from the beginning how the idea of civil services struck to his mind and he started preparing for the same during his college days and also joined SR College for coaching.

He shared in detail his strategy for the civil services preparation, the problems he faced and the solutions attempted to overcome those problems.

He discussed in detail the

aptitude paper and the approach to handle the theory and the case studies part. Aspirants were also suggested to atleast attend one or two comprehensive test series for both prelims and mains examinations.

He also motivated the students about answer writing practice on regular basis. He also shared the details of his UPSC interview/ personality test.

The response to the workshops was overwhelming and the attendees appreciated the initiative taken by the SR College of Competitions. The attendees included the aspirants preparing for IAS 2022 and JKAS 2021 (mains) and JKAS 2022 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years.

"Such interactions encourage, motivates and inculcate a sense of confidence in the aspirants that if he can do it why can't we" told Parveen Sharma, Director of SR College.

"SR College keeps on organising such online and offline workshops, seminars, webinars and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts" informed Office Coordinator Ajay Salathia.

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syllabus, the various papers of general studies, optional and the essay papers.

All the aspects including the scheme and pattern of the exam, approach for Prelims and Mains, sources of study material and the books required, use of online sources, need of coaching and the relevance of newspaper reading in preparing the current affairs and writing test series for both prelims and mains were covered comprehensively and to the satisfaction of the aspirants.

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In reply, Dhalan Tigers comfortably chased the target by making 156 runs for the loss of five wickets in 16.5 overs. Yaseen and Shoket Hussain were the main scorer with 45 runs each.

For making 45 runs and clinching two wickets, Yaseen was declared Man of the Match.

Earlier the tournament was declared open by the Chief Guest, Er. Rydham Singh, J&K Vice President Youth

Wing of Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference in presence of Guest of Honour, Sub Inspector Dharamveer Singh.

The tournament is being organized by Wasid Ahmed, Harsimran Singh and Gangadeep Singh.

Organizing committee appealed to Rydham Singh to provide mat for pitch, who assured them that he would put up the demand to district administration for early redressal.

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ICAI elects new torchbearers

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JAMMU: The Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on Saturday elected its new President and Vice-President for the term 2022-23.



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Sumit wins Open Chess title



Chess matches in progress.

went to veteran player, SP Sharma. Ravi Sharma

secured fourth place and Arvind finished fifth. Manoj Kohli was declared best veteran and Neha Sharma named best woman participant. Pazhany Kohli bagged the best Under-12 title while the under-eight event won by Paras Sharma.

Colonel Ravi Kumar and businessman, Parminder Kumar distributed cash prizes worth Rs.10,000 among the winners.

Meanwhile, players appreciated the initiative of District Chess Association to organize an event at the famous tourist spot. Veteran players, SP Sharma, Manoj Kohli also participated in the event and encouraged those young participants.

Today's was 120th event held under the banner of AJKCA thus providing platform to the young talent to perform and excel.

JK Public School Panjtirthi organises vaccination drive phase-II



Vaccination drive phase-II in progress at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Panjtirthi organised the vaccination drive phase-2

for students belonging to the age group of 15 to 18 years.

A large number of stu-

dents took this second dose of COVID vaccine at the camp. Vaccination room, observation room and wait-

ing area was clearly earmarked for the smooth functioning of the vaccination drive.

All the team members of the medical department carried out the COVID-19 jab flawlessly. COVID-19 proto-

cols were strictly followed by one and all.

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banab

said, "We are thankful to the local administration and happy to organise the vaccination camp for the children

of the eligible age group. Together, we can help our country reach COVID-19 vaccination goals."