

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 while Washington Sundar, another India regular, also got richer by Rs 8.75 crore.

Yuzvendra Chahal would be a bit cross as he came late in the day and could only get Rs 6.5 crore from Rajasthan Royals.

Even a Nitish Rana, not an Indian regular but an IPL performer, was retained for Rs 8 crore by KKR while uncapped Rahul Tripathi, who has been consistent the league, very deservedly also crossed the million dollar mark at Rs 8.50 crore.

Shahrukh Khan, another formidable domestic T20 finisher but one with a base price of a mere Rs 20 lakh, was taken for a 'mic-drop' deal of Rs 9 crore by Punjab Kings.

Rajasthan's former one-season wonder Rahul Tewatia was lapped up by Gujarat Titans for a ming-

bogging Rs 9 crore.

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 mar-

ket and currently playing white-ball cricket.

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 Alamohan 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.

Fencing, Taekwondo experts bestow tips to trainees

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JAMMU: A month-long Refresher Course in various sports disciplines was in full swing at different venues selected for this Training Programme across the Union Territory.

764 PETs, PEMs and REKs, with 4 from each zone among 186 zones across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir are taking part in this programme. Three venues in the districts of Jammu, Srinagar and Pulwama have been selected for this programme.

Today, fencing and Taekwondo experts (resource persons) were busy in bestowing tips to the trainees at Sacred Heart School, Paloura, here.



Fencers at a training programme.

Fencing experts, Ujjwal Gupta and Shafali Gupta, Physical Education Teachers in the Department of Youth Services and Sports, who serve as resource persons in this programme said that such programmes are must for keeping the trainers, coaches

and teachers abreast with latest skills and techniques of various games and sports.

They further said that presently they are bestowing week-long training to a batch of 24 trainees drawn from the districts of Doda and Rajouri, which will be

followed by the trainees from other districts.

"For gaining wisdom, knowledge and keeping updated with the latest know-how of various games and sports in order to perform their jobs in a befitting manner, the involvement of the field staff of the Department of Youth Services and Sports in such courses is the need of the hour," said Rajeev and Gursharan, resource persons in Taekwondo.

The trainers are being imparted training in the disciplines of Taekwondo, Sqay, Fencing, Archery and Soft Tennis by a panel of experts mostly from the Department.

"We are receiving all kinds

of facilities during the course with regard to food, lodging, equipment and above all techniques of the games. For that matter, we are highly thankful to the Principal Secretary to Govt, Youth Services and Sports Department, Alok Kumar and Director Sports Gazanfar Ali for providing us such facilities," said the trainees and the trainers.

They said Director Sports and his subordinate officers visited the venue more than once to take stock of the arrangements.

It is pertinent to mention here that this Training Programme was e-launched by Alok Kumar in presence of Gazanfar Ali on 10th of this month.

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 . Addressing the NCC cadets, the College Principle appreciated their extra ordinary performance and exhorted them to continue to work with same dedication

and sincerity.

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.

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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

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.

He discussed the entire syllabus, the focus areas and the kind of questions asked in the previous years' papers were also taken up. Aspirants were also guided about the CSAT and Essay papers also.

Further, aspirants asked about the ethics, integrity and

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 prelim 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.



Participating teams posing with Chief Guest, Er. Rydham Singh and others.

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POONCH: Dhalan Tigers defeated Cobra Cricket Club Khari by five wicket in the opening match of the first edition of Big Bash Premier T-20 Cricket League which commenced at Cricket Ground Gulpur, here on Saturday.

Batting first after winning the toss, Cobra Cricket Club Khari made 155 runs for the loss of six wickets in 20 overs. Rhagav Khajuria was the top scorer with 47 runs.

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 Gagandeep 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.

Sumit wins Open Chess title



Chess matches in progress.

went to veteran player, SP Sharma. Ravi Sharma

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JAMMU: Sumit Grover won Open Chess Championship which was organised by Jammu District Chess Association at Mahamaya Ropeway Restaurant, here on Saturday. Sumit presented with a cash prize of Rs 3,000.

Former state champion and president of the All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA), Atul Kumar Gupta got second position while third place

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.10000 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 Banbah

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."