

Super Sixes Cricket Tournament between CA professionals, CA Students held

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JAMMU: The J&K Branch of the Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) hosted the Super Sixes Cricket Tournament Season V in Greenfield, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The tournament witnessed a remarkable participation of CA professionals and students, with a total of eight teams competing for the championship.

After an intense series of matches, the thrilling final match was held between Team Red and Team Neon Green, where Team Neon Green emerged victorious, led by the CA Hanok Hardy.

CA Hanok Hardy was honoured with the title of the best batsman of the tournament, showcasing extraordinary skill, precision, and



Chairman CA Vineet Kohli posing with winning team players and members of J&K ICAI.

determination throughout the games.

Likewise, CA Sahil Malhotra was recognized as the best bowler of the tournament, demonstrating exceptional talent and strategic prowess on the field.

The Chairman of J&K Branch, CA Vineet Kohli, along with Vice Chairman CA Sourav Pargal, Treasurer

CA Ayush Sawhney, Immediate Past Chairman CA Vikas Purdhani and Past Chairman CA Nakul Saraf, presented the trophy to the winning team, Team Neon Green.

The team's remarkable performance and unwavering determination led them to emerge as champions of the tournament.

Expressing their heartfelt appreciation, the J&K Branch officials thanked the esteemed umpires, CA Parveen Dogra, CA Vikas Purdhani and CA Raj Kumar Gupta, for their impeccable decisions and maintaining fairness throughout the matches. Their expertise and professionalism greatly contributed to the smooth con-

duct of the tournament.

Additionally, the J&K Branch officials extended their gratitude to Ritupal Singh and CA Jai Singh Jamwal, the commentators for their engaging and informative commentary, which added excitement to the matches and kept the spectators enthralled.

The J&K Branch expressed appreciation and gratitude to the distinguished past chairpersons and senior CAs who graced Tournament with their esteemed presence.

Chairman, CA Vineet Kohli expressed his gratitude for the continued support of these past chairpersons and senior CAs, and they remain committed to organizing events that uphold the highest standards of professionalism, collaboration, and camaraderie within the chartered accountancy community.

District Level Sports Meet organised by NYKS concludes



Winner team posing for a photograph with officials.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The two days District Level Sports Meet organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India concluded on Sunday at Jammu.

The program was held under the aegis of MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) an initiative of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

A total of six sports events were organised in which the winners of six clusters level sports meet participated.

The cluster level meet were held in the months of December, 2024 and January 2025 in Nagrota, R.S Pura, Bhalwal, Akhnoor, Satwari and Bishnah.

In the Volleyball Mens Group event, Shri Ram Youth Club emerged victorious while the Bishnah Youth Club emerged runner up. In the Kho Kho Women's Round, Bishnah Youth Club emerged victorious while Akhnoor Kho Kho Club was the Runner Up.

In the Badminton Singles Women Round, Mini Manzoor and Shraya secured first and

second spots respectively while Mehvish Malik was third.

In the Skipping Rope Women Round, Mini Manzoor secured the top spot, while Roshan Bibi and Manisha Khanna were the runner ups. In the 100 Metre Men's Event, Aadil khokhar, Himanshu Sharma, Rakesh Singh secured first, second and third prize respectively.

In the Men's Shot Put Event, Mohd. Yaseen, Arbaaz and Tanush Salgotra secured first, second and third prize respectively.

EuroKids Talab Tillo opens new benchmark in Preschool Education

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: EuroKids, India's leading preschool brand, inaugurated its newest center at Talab Tillo, here on Sunday. The event was honoured by Dr. Arvind Karwani, Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner, J&K, as the Chief Guest.

EuroKids Talab Tillo brings a world-class early learning experience with its heruka curriculum, aligned with NEP 2020, focusing on cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.



Ronit Kapoor, Owner of EuroKids Talab Tillo, Jammu, expressed excitement about bringing high-quality early childhood education to the region.

"At EuroKids Talab Tillo, our mission is to provide a safe, stimulating, and joyful learning environment where

young minds can thrive. We believe that the early years are the foundation for lifelong learning, and our scientifically designed curriculum ensures holistic growth in every child. With a child-first approach, modern teaching methodologies, and a nurturing atmosphere, we are committed to shaping bright futures. We warmly welcome parents to visit our center and become a part of the EuroKids family."

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Soft Tennis meet from Feb 22

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The J&K Amateur Soft Tennis Association shall hold the 8th J&K UT Level Soft Tennis (boys and girls) Championship across all age categories from February 22 to 24 at Gindun Sports Stadium, Rajbagh, here.

The registration of the players shall be upto February 20, a handout issued by the association here today informed. Those selected players out of this championship shall represent J&K in the 18th Sub-Junior National Soft Tennis Championship to be held at Ludhiana in Punjab from March 27 to 31.

Asmita City Wushu League commences

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The two-day Asmita City Wushu League Championship commenced on Sunday at Jammu involving around 300 girls from different clubs and districts at Bhagwati Indoor Complex here.

Asmita City League provides platform for the women athletes, it is a scheme of the Khelo India, Ministry Youth Affairs and Sports and Sports Authority of India to give edge to the women athletes in the country, a handout issued by the Wushu Association of J&K said.

It was for the third time that Wushu Association of J&K is hosting the Wushu City League Championship. Earlier, Dronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo declared open the event amidst appreciation for the SAI and MYAS for giving better edge to women ath-



Wushu athletes performing in a competition.

letes through this scheme. He said that Khelo India women league has brought revolution among the women athletes and the results are quite vivid in the recently Olympics, Asian Games and Common Wealth Games.

He further said that in Wushu sports, women athletes performed better than men athletes in the recently held Asian Games and World Championship.

"Khelo India Women League is the revolutionary

scheme initiated by the SAI and MYAS, said Kuldeep Handoo.

The Maqsood Rather, Joint Secretary Wushu Association of J&K was the Guest of Honour. Observers from SAI, Tuseef Ahmed (Badminton Coach) and Prateek (Volleyball Coach) were among other prominent, who were present.

The closing ceremony of the championship will be held tomorrow on at 5:00 PM.

India Nets: Shami works on lengths with Morkel, Pant recovers after freak hit by Hardik shot

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DUBAI: A focussed Mohammed Shami spent considerable time with bowling coach Morne Morkel as a full-strength Indian team started its training in earnest ahead of its Champions Trophy opener against Bangladesh at the picturesque ICC Academy practice ground here on Sunday.

With the new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) strictly in place, there was no question of an optional session and right from skipper Rohit Sharma to the youngest Harshit Rana, the entire squad was present where Shami's routines were interesting.

Having recently made his international comeback against England in both T20Is and ODIs, the stretchable knee caps did not go unnoticed as he

first tried to get a feel of the conditions by bowling a few deliveries with a short run-up.

He looked gingerly in his initial strides even as others engaged in their physical drills, while a few others engaged in some fun and games activity aimed at improving anticipation and decision-making.

Before the batters entered the nets, Shami was trying to adjust his length and walked up towards the batter's end in the net with bowling coach Morne Morkel in tow.

From a distance, it seemed that he was discussing the ideal length as he stood on the popping crease at the batter's end.

Shami was seen pointing at a certain length outside the batter's crease which could be termed

good length (4m to 6m) region. He gestured to indicate that he was trying to move the ball from that particular length as Morkel listened to him intently.

Once the batters joined the nets, Shami was seen bowling full tilt and on occasions did hurry the batters.

Hardik Pandya and Shreyas Iyer were seen depositing Kuldeep Yadav and other spinners over the fence on multiple occasions.

One such powerful hit from Pandya caused a minor but freakish accident as Rishabh Pant was hit on the knee. He was in pain but the physio Kamlesh Jain tended to him with a concerned Pandya coming out of the nets to check on his junior colleague.

But it didn't turn out to be a serious issue as Pant

padding up soon after the first team batters were finished with their sessions. Kohli, as usual, looked a picture of concentration during the nets. Rohit had a spring in his step and seemed to be in a good mood after a match-winning century against England in Cuttack last week. When the main batters were at the nets, the ones who were doing fielding drills with coach T Dilip were Harshit Rana, Varun Chakravarty and Pant. They engaged in some single-action pick-up and throws. It also indicated that that the troika was perhaps not in the scheme of things as far as the first game against Bangladesh on February 20 is concerned. The entire team seemed to be in good spirits as Kohli was seen joking during the fun activity which was

unique in its own way.

One among Rohit or Virat was sending a tennis ball with racket soaring and instead of catching, the first guy, who would be wearing a helmet, came under the ball and headed it. A wicked deviation would require the second man to catch it. There are times when innovative games drills are introduced by Strength and Conditioning coaches to beat monotony.

"There is no specific purpose but innovative way of warming-up other than playing football. And if you ask about the broader goal, you can say that once the first guy heads it, others have to have their instincts up as the ball can come towards anyone and he has to react," a well-known strength and conditioning coach told PTI.

IPL schedule: KKR vs RCB at Eden to kick off season

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The BCCI on Sunday unveiled a 74-match schedule for the 18th Indian Premier League that will be held across 13 venues, starting on March 22 with three franchises playing at least a couple of their home games at their designated second bases.

The event will kick off with a clash between Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bengaluru at Eden Gardens on March 22 and culminate at the same venue on May 25 in a schedule that did not offer any surprises.

A schedule features 12 double-headers. The games



will be held over 65 days across 13 venues, with Dharamsala, Guwahati, and Visakhapatnam hosting a couple of IPL fixtures each.

As has been the norm, Dharamsala will serve as Punjab Kings' second home venue alongside Mullanpur (New Chandigarh), while

Rajasthan Royals will make Guwahati their base in addition to Jaipur.

Delhi Capitals will have Visakhapatnam as their second home venue and will start their league campaign there on March 24 against Lucknow Super Giants.

Guwahati and Visakhapatnam will host

two matches each, while Dharamsala will stage three matches.

The first double-header of the season will be held on March 23 in which Sunrisers Hyderabad will face Rajasthan Royals in an afternoon game in Hyderabad, followed by a contest between Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

The playoffs will be staged in Hyderabad and Kolkata after the league stage.

Hyderabad will host Qualifier 1 and the Eliminator on May 20 and May 21, respectively, with the action shifting to

Kolkata for Qualifier 2 on May 23.

The IPL will continue with its two-group structure after the 2022 expansion to a 10-team format.

Kolkata Knight Riders, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Rajasthan Royals, Chennai Super Kings, and Punjab Kings are in one group, while Sunrisers Hyderabad, Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Titans, Mumbai Indians, and Lucknow Super Giants are in the other.

Each team will play the other sides in their group twice, one pre-determined team from the opposite group, and the remaining four teams from the other group once.

Pir Panjal Winter Festival Volleyball Tournament kicks off in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: The Under-21 Girls & Under-25 Boys Volleyball Tournament, a flagship event of the Pir Panjal Winter Festival, officially commenced with a grand opening ceremony. The festival, which is being celebrated from February 9 to March 31, 2025, aims to promote youth partici-



ipation in sports, cultural preservation, and social reformation.

The volleyball tournament has brought together teams from across Poonch district, showcasing their dedication and competitive spirit. The event serves as a platform to nurture young talent and provide aspiring athletes with the

exposure they need to excel.

"The Pir Panjal Winter Festival is a shining example of the enduring partnership between the Army and the populace. We firmly believe that sports can bridge gaps, foster understanding, and promote harmony."

The festival will feature a

diverse range of events, including sports tournaments, cultural performances, and exhibitions. The initiative aims to promote a bright and drug-free future, highlighting the importance of youth participation in sports and the role of such tournaments in shaping future champions.

Wushu to new heights in the region.

He also congratulated the J&K medalists at the 38th National Games in Uttarakhand and recognized the role of the J&K Sports Council in promoting sports across the UT.

Wani emphasized the importance of sports in shaping youth, highlighting how they instill discipline, determination, and self-confidence.

He encouraged parents to involve their children in sports to keep them away from drugs and mobile distractions.

He further assured that sports remain a priority for the government, with plans to establish J&K as a major sports hub in the near future.

The opening ceremony also saw the felicitation of Wushu medalists from the 38th National Games and the IWUF Wing Chun Championship in China.

The awardees included Gold medalists Surya Bhanu Partap Singh and Kamran Mohd Shamas, Silver medalist Ayeera Chisti, and Bronze medalists Ishant Singh, Rohan Sharma, Saleem Kumar, and Arjun Sharma.

Ranjeet Karla, Vice President of the Wushu Association, delivered the welcome address, thanking

the Advisor for inaugurating the championship and highlighting the sport's growing popularity across J&K.

He also briefed the audience on the significant achievements of Wushu athletes in the region.

The competition kicked off with the Sub-Junior Boys and Girls fighting for the coveted gold medal. Tomorrow, athletes in the Sub-Junior and Junior categories will take to the mats to contest for podium positions. The event was attended by notable guests, including Rajeep Sharma (member Sports Council), Tuseef Raina (Mayor) Baramulla, Sadat Aslam Wani (Vice President), Ritika Singh (Manager) Indoor, Pawandeep Kour (Athletic), Maqsood Rather (Joint Secretary), Ranjeet Singh (International Footballer), Ajay Paul Gill and Nissar Ahmed Mir.

In his closing remarks, Kuldeep Handoo, the esteemed coach and mentor, thanked the Advisor for his presence and support.

He called for the establishment of a dedicated Wushu academy in J&K, assuring that with proper infrastructure and training, Wushu athletes from the region would excel in international competitions like the Asian Games and World Championships.