

# Ton-up Kishan fashions 44-run win for Sunrisers Hyderabad over Rajasthan

## STATE TIMES NEWS

**HYDERABAD:** Ishan Kishan's blitzkrieg trumped the heroic efforts from Sanju Samson and Dhruv Jurel as Sunrisers Hyderabad buried Rajasthan Royals under a deluge of runs to start its IPL 2025 campaign in style with a 44-run win here on Sunday.

After Travis Head teed off with a 31-ball-67 adding 94 for the opening stand with Abhishek Sharma, Kishan (106 not out off 47 balls) smashed a 45-ball-100 in his first appearance for the new franchise as Sunrisers Hyderabad scored 286 for 6, their second highest total in the history of IPL.

But Royals were never in hunt as they finally managed 242 in their 20 overs and their effort will certainly help their net run-rate. At a sultry Hyderabad, Royals' experienced skipper Riyan Parag committed a harakiri by opting to bowl on the flattest deck on offer in IPL and this decision could come back to haunt them at the business end of the tournament.

In a tale of three flamboyant keeper-batters, although two of them didn't keep on the day, Samson (66 off 37 balls) and Jurel (70 off 35 balls) did make full use of a better by at least searing the SRH fans during a stand of 111 in just



9.5 overs. While Sunrisers were always favourites to win the run-fest, the match decisively turned in two overs --11th bowled by Adam Zampa (1/48 in 4 overs) and 12th sent down by skipper Pat Cummins (0/60 in 4 overs) - which yielded only seven runs cumulatively. Pacer Harshal Patel (2/34 in 4 overs) understated brilliance at the back-end also needs an honourable mention.

The difference became the number of dot balls consumed in the end. While Royals managed only 25 dot balls during SRH innings, Cummins and his men were able to bowl 15 more. The dot balls accumulated during the two overs did increase the pressure. Even though Jurel got three sixes off Simrajeet Singh (2/46 in 3 overs) in the 13th over, the pressure of the asking rate suddenly increased.

But wily Harshal, always a go-to bowler when captains need a change of pace, got Samson and within another couple of deliveries Jurel was gone too while trying to slog Zampa and the contest effectively ended. Shimron Hetmyer (42 off 23 balls) and Shubham Dubey (34 not out off 11 balls) also fought manfully but the target was just way too much. The result was inevitable with Head taking the Royals attack to cleaners and then Kishan slaying their bowlers to beef up the SRH total. Head and Kishan, who made his maiden IPL hundred, hit 20 fours and nine sixes between them. SRH picked up from where they left the last season and could have bettered their own and IPL's best-ever total (287/3) but two wickets fell in the final over: Jofra Archer, who went for 76 wicket-less runs in four

overs, recorded the most expensive individual bowling figures in the history of the tournament. Such was the dominance of Head during the front 10 and Kishan at the back-10 that Abhishek Sharma (24 off 11 balls) and fit-again Nitish Reddy's (30 off 15 balls) efforts were completely overshadowed. Heinrich Klaasen (34 off 14 balls) got a tailor-made situation to clobber the clueless Royals bowlers towards the end.

Kishan, one of the core players in Mumbai Indians in the past few years, had a rough 2024 as he lost his central contract for ignoring domestic cricket for the cash-rich league and MI also didn't retain him. The diminutive Patna man came back with a renewed vigour and packed a mean punch in his 'debut game' for the new franchise.

## SCOREBOARD

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	
Abhishek Sharma c Jaiswal b Theekshana	24
Travis Head c Hetmyer b Deshpande	67
Ishan Kishan not out	106
Nitish Kumar Reddy c Jaiswal b Theekshana	30
Heinrich Klaasen † c Parag b Sandeep Sharma	34
Aniket Verma c Archer b Deshpande	07
Abhinav Manohar c Parag b Deshpande	00
Pat Cummins (c) not out	00
<b>Extras</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>286/6</b>
RAJASTHAN ROYALS	
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Manohar b Simarjeet Singh	01
Sanju Samson c †Klaasen b Patel	66
Riyan Parag (c) c Cummins b Simarjeet Singh	04
Nitish Rana c Cummins b Mohammed Shami	11
Dhruv Jurel † c Ishan Kishan b Zampa	70
Shimron Hetmyer c Manohar b Patel	42
Shubham Dubey not out	34
Jofra Archer not out	01
<b>Extras</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>242/6</b>

# Anti Drug Veteran League 2025 Jandyal Club to meet Ever Shine in final on Tuesday



SP Rural Brijesh Sharma along with Team Jammu's Zorawar Singh and players the tournament.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Jandyal Cricket Club shall meet Ever Shine Cricket Club in the final of Anti-Drug Veterans Cricket Tournament 2025 T-20 League being organized by Ludhiana Brothers in collaboration with Team Jammu, here on Tuesday.

Earlier in first-final played on Sunday, Jandyal Cricket Club outplayed Anti Corruption Bureau by 28 runs.

Jandyal Cricket Club batted first and set a target of 145/5 in 20 overs. Sushu Kumar was the star of the innings, scoring a brilliant 71 runs off 46 balls. For Anti Corruption Bureau, bowlers Luckey, Imran, Amit, and Mohd Arif each took one wicket. In reply, Anti Corruption Bureau was bowled out for 117 in 18.5 overs. Luckey contributed 28

runs off 21 balls, but the team fell short of the target. Jandyal's bowler Sushu Kumar delivered an excellent performance, taking 3 wickets, while Vickey, Kuldeep, and Raman claimed one wicket each. Sushu Kumar was declared Player of the Match for his all-round performance.

The event was graced by SP Rural Brijesh Sharma and Team Jammu's Zorawar Singh as chief guests.

Addressing the media, SP Rural Brijesh Sharma congratulated the Ludhiana Brothers and Jammu team for organizing the league.

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142/3 with ease. Vijay Dogra led the charge with an impressive 60 runs off 47 balls, supported by Chamkar Singh's 34 runs off 34 balls. Vijay Dogra was named Player of the Day for his exceptional batting and bowling contributions.

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# First Lady Neelam Mishra inaugurates Sanitary Pad Vending Machine at TIC Leh

## STATE TIMES NEWS

**LEH:** In a significant step towards promoting menstrual hygiene and ensuring access to sustainable sanitary products, the First Lady of UT Ladakh, Neelam Mishra, inaugurated a Sanitary Pad Vending Machine at the Tourist Information Centre, Leh on Saturday.

The program began with a warm welcome address by Secretary of Rural and Social Welfare, Shashanka Ala, who acknowledged the presence of all dignitaries, especially the First Lady, and expressed her appreciation for the initiative. She highlighted its importance in addressing menstrual hygiene issues in public spaces, ensuring that women, particularly tourists and locals, have access to safe and hygienic menstrual products.

Dr. Disket, a gynecologist, engaged with the audience through an informative session on menstrual hygiene and health. She spoke about the importance of proper menstrual care, precautions that women should take, and the necessity of spreading awareness to break the stigma surrounding menstruation.

In her address, Neelam Mishra stressed the need to eliminate societal taboos around menstruation and encourage young women to prioritize their health. She pointed out that menstruation is a natural process, and ensuring access to clean, comfortable, and eco-friendly menstrual products is a fundamental step towards gender equality



and women's empowerment. She also emphasized that this initiative aligns with Ladakh's broader vision of creating a clean environment, promoting good health, and uplifting women through sustainable solutions.

The installation of the vending machines is expected to benefit not just local residents but also the increasing number of tourists visiting Ladakh, ensuring that women have access to sanitary facilities even in public spaces. By promoting the use of biodegradable sanitary pads made by local women, the initiative also contributes to reducing plastic waste and fostering economic opportunities for women-led businesses.

The programme was attended by Secretary Tourism Vikram Singh Malik; Secretary RDD Shashanka Ala; Assistant Director Tourism Padma Angmo; Gynecologist Dr. Disket; President, All Ladakh Hotel and Guest House Association Rigzin Wangmo Lachie and female staff of tourism Department.

# Akhnoor holds cultural & historic significance: Sat

## STATE TIMES NEWS

**AKHNOOR:** Jammu and Kashmir BJP President, Sat Sharma CA, while addressing a largely attended organizational meeting of Akhnoor district, highlighted historic and cultural significance of Akhnoor.

This meeting was organised by district president Kuldeep Sharma.

Sat Sharma said that Akhnoor has deep connections to the Pandavas and the sacred Chanderbhaga River, which flows through the area and continues to bless its people.

He described Akhnoor as the land of the Pandavas, referencing the legend that the Pandavas visited this region during their exile.

He underscored the district's spiritual and historical significance, stating, "Akhnoor holds a special place in our cultural history. It is not just a land of faith but also of valour and



BJP President, Sat Sharma CA and others during the party programme at Akhnoor.

sacrifice." Sat also spoke on the supreme sacrifices of patriots who laid down their lives for the honour of the Tricolour in Jammu and Kashmir.

He recalled the unwavering spirit of the nationalists, who fought against divisive forces and worked for the unity of the nation. Their sacrifices remind us of our duty to uphold the honour and integrity of India and we must ensure that their dream of a

strong, united, and progressive Jammu & Kashmir are fulfilled, he said.

Discussing the revocation of Article 370, Sharma highlighted how the special status of Jammu & Kashmir had deprived many sections of society of their fundamental rights.

He stated that the abrogation of Article 370 has brought justice, equality, and development to all communities, including West Pakistani refugees,

Valmiki Samaj, Gorkhas, women, who were earlier denied their rightful entitlements.

"For decades, certain sections of society faced discrimination. Today, they stand empowered with the same rights and opportunities as every Indian citizen," he affirmed.

Local MLA Mohan Lal lauded the developmental initiatives undertaken by the central government in Jammu & Kashmir, emphasizing the region's trans-

formation through enhanced infrastructure, economic growth, and improved governance.

District President Kuldeep Sharma urged party workers to strengthen the organizational framework of BJP in Akhnoor and work relentlessly to ensure that the benefits of good governance reach every household.

Ex MLA Rajeev Sharma reflected the party's growing presence and influence in the region.

District General Secretary Ajay Singh conducted the proceedings.

District Prabhari Brijeshwar Rana, DDCs Suresh Sharma and Bhushan Bral, former VC Daljeet Singh, Ex District Presidents Jagdish Bhagat and Manmohan Singh, senior leaders Dr. Suresh Ajay Magotra, Sushma Sharma and Nisha Kumari, also addressed the meeting.

# Meatwale.com launches first-ever store in Jammu

## STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Meatwale.com, India's leading and fastest-growing non-veg retail chain, marked another milestone by launching its first-ever store in Jammu. The grand opening was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce in Jammu, accompanied by other prominent dignitaries and Chamber members.

With an established presence in 12 states and over 90 stores, Meatwale.com is redefining meat retail with fresh, hygienic, and smartly packed products.

Owned by Ajay Gupta, the Jammu store promises to deliver the brand's hallmark quality to the region's meat



Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce during launch ceremony.

lovers. Krishna Kumar, Founder & CEO of Meatwale.com, expressed his excitement and said "We are thrilled to bring Meatwale.com to Jammu, a city with a rich culinary culture and a growing demand for quality meat. Our mission is to provide fresh, hygienic,

and conveniently packed non-veg products while upholding the highest industry standards."

Manika Chandra, COO of Meatwale.com, emphasized the brand's unique business model and said, "Our approach is not only attracting customers but also

empowering entrepreneurs with reliable and profitable franchise opportunities. We're excited to offer Jammu residents a seamless and hygienic meat shopping experience."

Meatwale.com is at the forefront of transforming India's traditional meat mar-

ket. By focusing on freshness, hygiene, and technology-driven processes, the brand has become a preferred choice for meat consumers.

Its dual operating models include COCO (Company-Owned, Company-Operated) Centralized quality control for consistent standards; and FOF (Franchisee-Owned, Franchisee-Operated) Attractive investment opportunities in a recession-proof industry.

Modern consumers demand premium-quality, antibiotic-free, and farm-fresh meat, and Meatwale.com delivers exactly that.

By sourcing from the best farms, adhering to stringent hygiene practices, and using

secure, smart packaging, the brand is setting new benchmarks in India's meat retail sector.

Meatwale.com has ambitious plans to broaden its footprint across Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities, as well as in Gulf countries. With its innovative approach, the company aims to make fresh, premium-quality meat products accessible to a wider audience.

This launch is a testament to Meatwale.com's commitment to revolutionizing the meat retail industry and delivering exceptional quality to its customers. Meatwale.com Expands its Footprint with a Grand Store Launch in Jammu & Kashmir.

# DIS Jammu celebrates Kinder Carnival 'The Indian Melange'

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**JAMMU:** Doon International School (DIS) Jammu, hosted its 8th Kinder Carnival, themed "The Indian Melange: Bhartiyyata Ka Adhbt Sangam." This vibrant event celebrated India's rich cultural diversity and unity, captivating all attendees with an array of remarkable performances.

The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Prof. Ashok Aima, former Vice Chancellor of Central University Jammu. He was joined by the Guest of Honour, Deepak Handa, Director of Tiny Tots School and Senior Vice President



Former VC CUJ Prof. Ashok Aima along with faculty and students during the event.

Private Schools Jammu. Special Guests Colonel Harinder Singh and Mohd Ashraf Khan, former session judge also graced the occasion.

The resounding success of the Kinder Carnival is a testament to the dedication of the school's excep-

tional team, under the visionary leadership of Chairman G.N. Tantray, Vice Chairman M.A. Tantray, Principal Dr. Vikesh Kaur, Directors Leesan Ul Nabi and Ehsaan, Vice Principal Dr. Sarita Moza Kaul, Academic Managers Gazia

Khan and Schrish.

The event was successfully coordinated by Avneet Kaur, Coordinator of Kindergarten, under the guidance of Headmistress Shivali Singh Pathania. Their collective commitment and innovative approach were instrumen-

tal in orchestrating an event that will be fondly remembered for years to come.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the distinguished dignitaries, symbolizing the enlightenment and wisdom imparted to the students at DIS Jammu.

Dr. Vikesh Kaur, Founder Principal of the School, extended a warm welcome to the guests, delivering an inspiring address that articulated the school's vision, mission, achievements, and core values followed by exceptionally phenomenal performances by the blooming buds of the Phulwari Section of Doon

International school depicting the kaleidoscopic cultural vibrance of India. Every performance left the audience spellbound and exhibited the incredible confidence and magical nurturing of the little DABS of DIS Jammu.

Chairman G.N. Tantray, along with the Principal Dr. Vikesh Kaur and Vice Chairman M.A. Tantray, expressed their deep appreciation for the inexplicable dedication of the staff and the outstanding performances of the students, which together rendered the celebration truly memorable. The vote of thanks was graciously presented by the Headmistress Shivali Singh Pathania.

# VC, SKUAST-J applauds ABI Centre Start-ups for National Recognition



## STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** In a proud moment for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, five budding agri-entrepreneurs nurtured by the Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) Centre, SKUAST-J, under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. B.N. Tripathi, have been selected by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, GoI, for a grant-in-aid. These start-ups achieved success for their innovative agri-business presentations during the Selection & Investment Committee (SIC) evaluation meeting held at Pusa Krishi, ICAR/IARI, New Delhi. The selected start-ups were meticulously trained and mentored at ABI Centre, SKUAST-J, through its agri-entrepreneurship training programs conducted by renowned academicians, industry leaders, and professional trainers of national repute. Prof. B.N. Tripathi congratulated the start-ups on their success and pledged ongoing support to help them achieve full-fledged commercial success. He made these remarks during the 13th meeting of the Research and Innovation Council (RIC) held at SKUAST-J's Main Campus, Chatha. The meeting was attended by eminent members, including Prof. S.K. Gupta (Director Research, SKUAST-J), Des Raj (DGM, NABARD), Satish Sharma (Jt. Director Agriculture, Extension), Prof. Ashok Aima (Former VC, CUJ), Prof. Dileep Kachroo (Ex-Registrar, SKUAST-J), Anil Suri (M.D., A.B. Industries, Jammu), and Vipul Shah (ICAR-IARI nominee). Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, CEO and PI of ABI Centre, provided an overview of the centre's recent achievements, highlighting its transparent monitoring mechanisms and the addition of a Krishi Branding Centre for promoting and branding processed agricultural products. She proudly noted that, so far, eight batches of 107 potential agri-entrepreneurs have been trained at the centre, with 31 start-ups receiving a total grant of ₹3.33 crores from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Some of these start-ups have achieved annual turnovers nearing ₹10 crores.

The grant-winning entrepreneurs expressed gratitude for the exceptional mentorship of Prof. Jyoti Kachroo and the ABI Centre team. The meeting's proceedings were conducted by Dr. Yamini Raut and Mr. Tarunjeet Singh, concluding with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Jyoti Kachroo.