

Gujarat Titans complete dream debut with IPL 2022 title

■ AGENCY
AHMEDABAD: Nobody gave them a chance but Gujarat Titans, bucking all pre-tournament predictions, surprised everyone by lifting the Indian Premier League title in a dream maiden season after a seven-wicket victory over Rajasthan Royals in the final here on Sunday.

Gujarat's highly-rated bowling attack, led by skipper Hardik Pandya (3/17) himself, limited a formidable Rajasthan Royals batting unit to 130 for nine after losing the toss.

Shubman Gill and David Miller remained unbeaten on 45 and 32, respectively, to complete an emphatic win for their team.

It should have been a comfortable chase but Rajasthan bowled their hearts out to make it an interesting final. As they showed all season, Gujarat remained calm in tough situations to finish the chase in 18.1 overs.

Not many gave Gujarat a chance in their first season especially after a mixed auction where they waited till the end to secure the services of wicket-keepers Wriddhiman Saha and Matthew Wade.

It was not a team studded with star players but Hardik impressed with his leadership



and got the best out of his colleagues.

His performance with bat and ball also contributed immensely to the team's triumph besides the ability to bounce back from any situation through the brilliance of Miller and Rahul Tewatia.

After posting an underwhelming total, Rajasthan had to produce a special effort with the

Boult, who also bowled a maiden over in his tidy spell, removed Wade. Gujarat would have been three down in the powerplay if Yuzvendra Chahal held on to a simple catch of Gill off Boult in the first over of the innings.

Hardik and Gill struggled to get the boundaries but never felt extreme pressure as the asking rate remained very much in control.

R Ashwin was introduced in

the 12th over and Hardik (34 off 30) decided to go after him, collecting a four and six off successive balls to bring up the 50-run stand with Gill and take Gujarat to 77 for two in 12 overs.

The skipper fell to a brilliant leg break from Chahal but Gill and Miller got the job done in the end. The entire stadium, housing more than a lakh people, erupted when Gill hit the winning six.

SCOREBOARD		
RAJASTHAN ROYALS INNINGS		
Yashasvi Jaiswal	c Sai Kishore b Yash Dayal	22
Jos Buttler	c ‡Saha b Pandya	39
Sanju Samson	(c) ‡ c Sai Kishore b Pandya	14
Devdutt Padikkal	c Mohammed Shami b Rashid Khan	02
Shimron Hetmyer	c & b Pandya	11
Ravichandran Ashwin	c Miller b Sai Kishore	06
Riyan Parag	b Mohammed Shami	15
Trent Boult	c Tewatia b Sai Kishore	11
Obed McCoy	run out (Tewatia/Mohammed Shami)	08
Prasidh Krishna	not out	00
Extras		02
Total		130/9
GUJARAT TITANS INNINGS		
Wriddhiman Saha	‡ b Prasidh Krishna	05
Shubman Gill	not out	45
Matthew Wade	c Parag b Boult	08
Hardik Pandya	(c) & Jaiswal b Chahal	34
David Miller	not out	32
Extras		09
Total		133/3

Gill flags-off J&K specially-abled Cricket team for Nationals



Mentor of J&K Physically Challenged Cricket Team, Rajesh Gill posing with team.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Ranji Player and Member of Indian Cricketers Association, Apex Council Member of JKCA and mentor of J&K Physically Challenged Cricket Team, Rajesh Gill on Sunday flagged off J&K cricket team of specially-abled players in the presence of Saleem Ur Rehman and Sanjeev Sharma for their participation in the National Championship at Pune.

During the flag off ceremony, uniform and bags were also distributed among the players through Rajesh Gill.

Speaking on the occasion, Gill advised the captain and players of the J&K team to play as a cohesive unit, motivate each other during the

matches and try to play for the victory.

He also guided the players and discussed various aspects of different cricket strategies for displaying great performance in the national level matches.

He conveyed his best wishes to the team for the successful performance in the championship.

Rajesh Gill also thanked Arjun Choudhary, Managing Partner KC Sports Club for providing all logistic support and guidance for the smooth conduct of the selections trials of the specially-abled cricketers of the UT of J&K.

It needs to mention here that Selected team of Specially abled Cricketers of Jammu &

Kashmir will participate in the State Level National Tournament for the Divang Cricketers which is scheduled to be held at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Pune from 1st of June,2022 and five other states national teams of Specially abled Cricketers shall also be participated.

The list of J&K team includes: Mohd Nadeem (Captain), Jagmohan Singh, Amir Hassan (Vice Captain), Firdous Ahmad, Ayaz Ahmad (Wkt.Keeper), Zahoor Ahmad, Abid Hussain, Nikhil Manhas, Suhail Bhat, Ranjeet Singh, Bhargav Singh, Vivek Sharma, Majid Ahmad Magrey, Yawar Mubarak and Ravi Verma.

Advisor Bhatnagar tees off Golf Tournament at RSGC Srinagar



Advisor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar along with others at Golf Tournament.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Sunday teed off the Golf Tournament at Royal Springs Golf Course (RSGC) here.

The tournament is being organised by Tourism department J&K in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and Chattisgarh

Tourism Board.

Secretary Tourism, J&K, Sarmad Hafeez; Director Tourism, Kashmir; Dr G.N Itoo; MD, Chattisgarh Tourism Board, Senior office bearers of FICCI, professional golf players from J&K and across the country, among others were also present on the occasion.

While interacting with different stakeholders during the tee off ceremony,

Advisor Bhatnagar said that the J&K government will look out for the possibilities of holding winter golf tournament at Pahalgam on the lines of Switzerland.

Interacting with the players at the event, Advisor Bhatnagar assured them that the administration will provide them all possible support and assistance for playing professional tournaments in J&K.

Super Star Manjakote to meet Derirelote A in Volleyball final today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Super Star Manjakote to meet Derirelote A in final of the two days girls volleyball championship being organised by Romeo Force with the collaboration of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council and Volleyball Association of Rajouri at Government Higher Secondary School Manjakote, here tomorrow. Earlier, the championship in which six teams are taking part was inaugurated on Sunday organised by the Chief Guest, Col. R S Thakur in the presence of special guest, Mohd Tariq Incharge Volleyball Association Rajouri. Others present were Samreen Anjum, Sarpanch Manjakote, Ruksana Kouser Sarpanch Dehri Dhara, Mohd Sabar Khan Sarpanch Hayatpur and Mohd Latief Sarpanch Mangalhar. Today's matches were officiated by Shabir Khan, Rashid Khan, Jameel Hussain, Mohd Sagir and Shakeel Khan. Today's Results: Khan Club beat Patrara 2-0 sets; Derirelote B beat Hill Star Rajdhani 2-0 sets, Super Star Manjakote beat Khan Club 2-0 sets and Derirelote A beat Derirelote B 2:0 sets.



Volleyball team posing with dignitaries.

Chasana boys bag gold medals in International Indo-Nepal Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Army has been undertaking various projects and activities for the youth and students of the region with an aim to improve the standard of sports and promote budding talent for higher level competitions. Towards this end, Indian Army felicitated Hardev Singh and Deepak Singh who won gold medals in Under-17 Wrestling (53 Kg weight category) and Under-19 Kabbadi respectively in International Indo-Nepal Championship held in Pokhara, Nepal from May 18-19, 2022. Parents of medal winners, Principal and students of Government Higher Secondary School, Gota, Chasana, SHO Chasana and others attending the ceremony expressed gratitude towards the Indian Army for hosting them and motivating the young students to excel in their chosen fields.



SR College conducts IAS/ JKAS Prelims Test Series

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: SR College has started test series for candidates preparing for the forthcoming 2022 Civil Services Examinations conducted by the UPSC and JKPS in the college premises.

SR College of Competitions has been providing guidance to the students since the year 2000 in the field of civil services and a number of students coached by the college have made their entry into the final lists of coveted exams

like IAS ,IPS ,IRS , IFS , JKAS ,JKPS and many other national and state level services. The college has started a test series for Prelims 2022 containing 12 sectional and 8 full mock tests of General Studies & CSAT . The students are also being provided with answers keys, explanatory notes and doubt clearing sessions wherever required .

"The response for the prelims test series was overwhelming and the tests are scheduled every Sunday

and Wednesday . Further Full Mock Tests at end immediately before the Prelims will help the aspirants in getting their preparation assessed and evaluated," told Praful Sharma, Chief Office Coordinator.

"The College has also been conducting workshops and counselling sessions every Sunday by inviting experts from across the country for general studies and various Optionals," informed Supriya Sharma , Students Counsellor.

Inter-School U-19 tournaments in various sports commence at Kishtwar



Participating teams posing with officials and other dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Under the guidance of DYSSO Kishtwar, Kharati Lal Sharma, inter-school U-19 tournament for both boys and girls in various sports like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Rope Skipping

and Tug of War tournaments commenced, here at Chowgahan Ground Kishtwar.

The matches at all the venues were supervised by the concern incharges and officials of the sports department Kishtwar.

The teams participating from different schools showcased their talent in different games.

A huge gathering of spectators boost the players by applauding them with enthused energy throughout the tournament.

Newspaper reading mandatory for students: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Highlighting the importance of newspaper reading for students to become the future leaders in their chosen fields, Principal JK Public School Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore addressed the teachers of the school and shared his views with the intellectual audience.

"Reading newspaper daily is a great habit that equips and empowers every reader with the latest in the world. It's a potential tool to keep oneself abreast of time. Its educational value is phenomenal. It carries plethora of information regarding the latest happenings in the world, what all is going on in the country, town & nearby areas", he reflected.

"The front page covers all the major national news items. That's the reason: why some of the news items on the front page are ended with a phrase "CONT'D ON PAGE 3/5/7/9. Regular reading of newspaper keeps a reader well informed. One gets to know about the sequential development of every national or international happening".



Students of JK Public School Kunjwani reading newspapers.

"Major meetings, chaired by the LG of J&K, are covered on the front page. "Children must take a note of the policy decisions & developmental plans of the Govt. They must be well-informed about the facts and figure. Having a natural flair for jotting down the budgetary allocations for different departments is a must for every well-informed future leader", added the Principal.

"Students of Secondary classes (IX&X) and Sr.

Secondary (XI & XII) classes must be familiar with the names of the bureaucrats of J&K cadre. When a comprehensive list of major reshuffle of IAS, IPS, JKAS or JKPS officers is published in the newspapers, then youngsters shouldn't sound completely ignorant. Names of Principal Secretary/Commissioner Secretary of various departments should be on the finger tips of the senior students".

"Like-wise, they must be familiar with the names of

the top cops, namely, DGP, ADGs of various departments, IG Jammu & Srinagar, DIG of various ranges of Jammu division & SP/SSPs of all the districts of Jammu division. Students should also be familiar with the starring on the shoulders/vehicles of the police officers".

"It will be worth appreciating, if every school prepares a comprehensive board to be displayed at a strategic location on the school campus

with details of major administrative positions of the UT of J&K and their current incumbents".

"Newspapers cover all the major global news items pertaining to international relations, diplomatic ties, business ventures etc. It keeps students informed about the names of the global leaders and international agencies".

"Casting a glance on the page, covering all the Business news items at national & global level is a

must. Equipping children in the domain of financial literacy is expected from every futuristic institution. Profit/loss of various top MNCs in Q-1 is expected from the GenNext. Every student must be well-versed with the economic terms, namely, GDP/GNP/ current inflation rate/progress of India towards attaining \$5 trillion economy target by 2024-25 etc".

"Sports news items are covered brilliantly by all the

newspapers. Sports correspondents, being creative geniuses, compose press release with special flavours, whether it be cricket, soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, track & field events or any other sports discipline. A concise reading of sports columns may inspire young sports enthusiasts to venture into the sphere of Sports journalism".

"Editorial page of the newspapers holds prime importance for those students, who

are serious aspirants for the UPSC exams, grooming themselves as future writers, journalists , columnists etc. Main articles, editorial comments, letters to the Editor with esp emphasis on maintaining the high standard of expression in English make it an extremely sought-after page for the language lovers".

In order to enhance vocabulary, reading skills, knowledge and writing skills of budding writers, an activity was organized by the Raskin Bond Club of Budding Writers.

The students were given different newspaper cuttings and were asked to read it first and then write the content in their own words with a different headline. All budding writers enthusiastically participated in this activity.

The Club Incharge Arti apprised students of the benefits of newspaper, as they are the good source of knowledge and help them groomed as great orators and enrich their vocabulary. Students enjoyed the activity to the hilt & appreciated the mentors for honing their linguistic competence.