



North Delhi Strikers edge past East Delhi Riders by 3 wickets in women's DPL 2026

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 25: North Delhi Strikers Women produced a composed run chase to defeat East Delhi Riders Women by three wickets in the women's leg of the Delhi Premier League (DPL) 2026 on Tuesday.

Chasing 141, North Delhi Strikers reached 141/7 in 19.5 overs, securing a thrilling victory with one ball to spare, according to a press release from DPL.

East Delhi Riders, after being put to bat, posted 140/7 in 20 overs, with Vanshika Lila and Simran Bahadur leading their batting effort.

Lila struck a quickfire 39 off 20 balls, including three fours and four sixes, while Bahadur remained unbeaten on 39 off 37 balls, hitting three fours and a six.

Pragya Rawat contributed 23 off 20 balls, while Purva Siwach added a valuable 21.

For North Delhi Strikers, Nazma was the standout bowler, claiming 3/13 in four overs, while Shivani Jangid picked up two wickets.

North Delhi Strikers'



chase got off to a shaky start as they slipped to 25/3, but Shivi Sharma steadied the innings with a patient 34 off 37 balls.

Nazma then injected momentum into the chase with an aggressive 34 off 21 balls, smashing five fours and a six.

With the match finely poised, Samaira Raghav

took responsibility and delivered a match-winning unbeaten 34 off 21 balls, including two fours and two sixes.

Her late acceleration kept North Delhi Strikers ahead of the required rate.

Reshika Beniwal chipped in with 14 off 12 balls before Riya Shokeen added a crucial 11 off just six deliveries.

Shokeen's dismissal in the final over left North Delhi needing six runs, but Samaira and Priya Mishra completed the chase with one ball remaining.

For East Delhi Riders, Simran Bahadur and Tamanna Singh claimed two wickets each, while Bharti Rawal and Purva Siwach took one apiece. (ANI)

BJP felicitates talented Cricketers selected to represent India at Indo-Thai Open Championship

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
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J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma CA, along with J&K BJP General Secretaries Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan, felicitated talented cricketers Gaurav Majotra, Naman Sharma and Gurminder of Redhima Sports Club, who have been selected to represent India at the Indo-Thai Open Cricket Championship 2026.

Felicitating the young cricketers, Sat Sharma said that their selection to represent India is a matter of immense pride for Jammu & Kashmir and reflects the region's growing sporting talent. He said that the youth of J&K possess tremendous potential and, with the right opportunities, training and encouragement, they can excel not only at the national level but also bring laurels to the country on international platforms.

"Our talented youth are the real strength of Jammu & Kashmir. The selection of Gaurav Majotra, Naman Sharma and Gurminder to represent India is a proud moment for the entire region. Their achievement



demonstrates that Jammu & Kashmir has no dearth of sporting talent. We must create an ecosystem where young sportspersons receive continuous encouragement, infrastructure and opportunities to compete at higher levels," Sat Sharma said.

Sharma further stated that the BJP remains committed to promoting sports and empowering the youth through opportunities that channel their energy, discipline and talent towards constructive pursuits. He congratulated the players and their families, wishing them success in the championship and ex-

pressing confidence that they would make J&K and India proud through their performance and sportsmanship.

Baldev Singh Billawaria said that the achievement of the three cricketers is a source of inspiration for aspiring sportspersons across Jammu. He said that such achievements prove that dedication, hard work and perseverance can take local talent to international platforms. Gopal Mahajan congratulated the players and said that their selection is a significant recognition of their talent and commitment

to the sport. He called upon young people to pursue sports with determination and discipline.

Ajay Sharma, Convenor, Redhima Sports Club, said that the selection of Gaurav Majotra, Naman Sharma and Gurminder is a proud achievement for the club and the Jammu sporting fraternity.

He expressed confidence that the players would perform with distinction and bring further glory to the region. Co-Convenor Lavdeep Pathania and Co-Convenor Charanjeet Singh were also present on the occasion.

Sonal Dinusha defies India as rain forces early stumps on Day 3, Sri Lanka 265/8

COLOMBO, AUGUST 25: Sonal Dinusha's gritty unbeaten 85 kept Sri Lanka's hopes alive as rain forced an early end to the third day's play in the second Test against India at the Sinhalese Sports Club on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka ended the day at 265/8, still 239 runs behind India's mammoth first-innings total of 503/9 declared. The hosts need another 39 runs to avoid the follow-on, with Dinusha and Lahiru Kumara unbeaten on 85 and eight runs

respectively.

The second new ball was taken in the 81st over, but rain soon interrupted play and forced the covers onto the field. With conditions worsening, the umpires called off the day's play.

Dinusha's knock also saw him join an elite list. He became only the third batter after Zaheer Abbas and Everton Weekes to score 80 or more in each of his first three Test innings against India.

India had made significant inroads during the first

two sessions, but Sri Lanka's lower order showed considerable resistance.

Resuming the day at 8/2, Sri Lanka lost debutant Kamil Mishara for 19 early in the morning session, with Prasidh Krishna inducing an edge that was taken by wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel. The hosts were reduced to 35/3.

Pasindu Sooriyabandara and Kamindu Mendis then countered the Indian attack with positive strokeplay before Sooriyabandara went on to score 80. Ravindra

Jadeja dismissed him in the 45th over.

Captain Dhananjaya de Silva was the next major wicket to fall, with Manav Suthar removing him in the 35th over. Niroshan Dickwella was dismissed for a duck by Mohammed Siraj soon after, leaving Sri Lanka in further trouble.

Dinusha then took responsibility with a composed half-century, while Keshara Nuwantha provided valuable support before falling for 18 to Suthar in the 69th over.

Bandipora clinches U-14 Girls Kabaddi Title as Provincial-Level Competition concludes

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
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The Inter-District Provincial-Level U-14 Girls Kabaddi Competition, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Bandipora, concluded today at Higher Secondary School Nadihal, with District Bandipora emerging as the winner and District Anantnag securing the runner-up position.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from young athletes representing different districts, providing them a platform to showcase their sporting talent, teamwork, discipline and competitive spirit.

In the keenly contested final, District Bandipora displayed an impressive performance to secure the championship title, while District Anantnag finished as the runner-up.

The concluding ceremony was attended by District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Bandipora, Ab Majeed Rather besides officials and field staff of the department were also present on the occasion.

On the occasion, DYSSO Bandipora congratulated the winning team for their commendable performance and also lauded District



Anantnag for putting up a strong fight to finish as runners-up. He encouraged all participating teams, particularly those who could not make it to the final, to remain focused, continue training with dedication and treat the experience gained from the championship as a stepping stone towards greater achievements. He emphasised that every match played, every

challenge faced and every effort made on the field contributes to the growth and development of a young sportsperson.

While speaking on the occasion, the DYSSO Bandipora also expressed gratitude to the District Administration, District Information Officer Bandipora, Chief Medical Officer Bandipora, Principal HSS Nadihal, besides officials,

field staff and other supporting staff for their valuable cooperation and contribution towards the smooth and successful conduct of the championship.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports congratulated the winning team, runners-up and all participating athletes, and appreciated their commitment towards sports and healthy competition.

DC Anantnag inaugurates U-17 Girls Cricket Tournament

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
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Deputy Commissioner (DC), Anantnag, Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat today inaugurated the Inter-District Provincial Level (IDPL) Under-17 Girls Cricket Tournament at Government Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by SE R&B, Syed Ishfaq Ahmad, ACR, Tariq Ahmad Malik and DYSSO, Zahoor Ahmad Wani, besides sports officials, players and accompanying staff.

The tournament is being organised by Department of Youth Services & Sports (YSS), J&K and District Administration, Anantnag, with the objective of providing young girl cricketers a competitive platform and identifying promising sporting talent from across the districts.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC appreciated YSS Department for organising the tournament and providing young girls such opportunities to excel in sports. He interacted with the participants and encouraged them to play with passion, discipline and dedication for making best from such bigger platforms.

Emphasizing the importance of sports and games,



Dr. Bilal said that these engagements have active role in youth empowerment by inculcating discipline, leadership and other positive values among them. These activities are instrumental in keeping youth away from drugs and other negative influences besides promoting the cause of a healthy society, he remarked.

With 20 district teams participating in the tournament, the host district has made comprehensive

arrangements for players and accompanying officials of the visiting teams to conduct the mega sports event in a comfortable, smooth and well-organised manner.

The tournament is being conducted at multiple well-maintained venues, with matches being played on a league basis, providing each team adequate opportunities to showcase their talent and compete at the provincial level. A dedi-

cated selection process through experienced selectors and officials has also been planned following the conclusion of the tournament.

The tournament will be helpful in promoting women's cricket, strengthening grassroots talent and identifying sporting talent, while providing young athletes meaningful opportunities to compete, perform and progress in their sporting careers.

Shimla's Auckland House student secures 3rd rank in India, 8th in Asia at Asian Open Speed Skating Trophy

SHIMLA, AUG 25: A student of Shimla's Auckland House School has secured third rank in India and eighth rank in Asia at the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2026, held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, from August 17 to 20.

Competing on an international platform against some of Asia's finest young speed skaters, Tejasvi Kuthiala showcased excep-



tional speed, skill, determination and composure in the highly competitive 500-metre event.

The championship

brought together athletes from across Asia, including India, China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Viet-

nam, the Philippines, Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong.

The school management stated that Tejasvi's achievement is a testament to the power of dedication, perseverance and a strong sporting spirit. "Performing at such a high level on an international stage is a significant accomplishment and an inspiration for fellow students aspiring to excel in sports," they said.