



North Delhi Strikers edge South Delhi Superstarz by 2 runs in thrilling DPL 2026 women's clash

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 1: North Delhi Strikers (Women) held their nerve to register a thrilling two-run victory over South Delhi Superstarz (Women) in the women's leg of the Delhi Premier League (DPL) 2026.

Defending a modest total of 126/5, North Delhi Strikers produced a disciplined bowling effort and held their composure in a tense final over to restrict South Delhi Superstarz to 124/7 from their allotted 20 overs, according to a press release from DPL.

After being asked to bat first, North Delhi Strikers recovered well from an early setback to post 126/5. Opener Nazma was dismissed for 2, while Shivi Sharma departed for 3, leaving the side under pressure at 12/2.

Captain Ayushi Soni then played a crucial unbeaten knock of 62 from 55 deliveries, anchoring the innings with seven boundaries.

Archana provided useful momentum with a quick 21 off 14 balls, while Samaira Raghav chipped in with an



important 32 off 26 deliveries, including two fours and a six.

For South Delhi Superstarz, Roopali Vishwa Mohan was the most successful bowler with figures of 2/23.

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China Masters: Unnati Hooda bows out in opening round

SHENZHEN, SEPTEMBER 1: India's rising shuttler Unnati Hooda bowed out of the China Masters 2026 in the first round, with a loss to world number 12 Kim Ga-eun in the women's singles opening round on Tuesday at Shenzhen.

The 18-year-old, ranked world number 25, lost to Kim 21-10, 21-18 in 37 minutes at Shenzhen Sports Centre Gymnasium in China, as per Olympics.com.

Kim raced to a 4-0 lead in the opening game and raised her advantage to 11-3 in the mid-game interval. The South Korean maintained control after the break and won the first game. In the second game, Unnati bounced back well, with a 3-0 lead, but Kim managed to move ahead to a 7-5 lead, before Indian took back the lead briefly at 15-14. South Asians & Diaspora

Trailing 16-18, Unnati won two points to level the scores, but Kim bounced back to win the final three



points and sealed the match.

It was the first head-to-head meeting between Unnati and Kim, with the latter having won the Macau Open title in June and was a part of the South Africa's gold medal-winning women's team at the Asian Games 2023.

Previously before this, Unnati had made it to the second round of her Badminton World Championship (BWF) debut last month in New Delhi.

In the men's doubles, MR Arjun and Hariharan Am-sakarunan retired from their opening match against China's Chen

Boyang and Liu Yi while trailing 11-8 in the first game.

On Wednesday, Indian stars Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Tanvi Sharma, Devika Sihag and Satwik-sairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty will be in action in the ongoing BWF Super 750 tournament.

Uttar Pradesh T20 League: Kashi Rudras storm into playoffs with emphatic win

KANPUR (UTTAR PRADESH), SEPTEMBER 1: Defending Champions Kashi Rudras signed off their league-stage campaign in style, defeating table-toppers Meerut Mavericks by 56 runs to secure their place in the playoffs of the Uttar Pradesh T20 League.

Rudras posted a commanding 175/4 in their 20 overs before bowling Meerut out for 119 in 19.2 overs, according to a press release.

Captain Karan Sharma led the batting effort with a composed 57 off 40 balls, hitting six fours and three sixes, while Upendra Yadav provided the attacking impetus with a blistering 57 off just 29 deliveries, including four fours and five sixes.

The Rudras then produced a disciplined bowling performance to complete a



comprehensive victory. Kartik Yadav led the attack with 3/12, while Rishabh Rajput returned excellent figures of 3/13. Atal Bihari Rai also made an impact with 2/20 as the Rudras kept picking up wickets and never allowed Meerut to settle into a partnership.

Speaking after the victory, Kartik Yadav, who played a key role with the

ball, said: "We wanted to finish the league stage on a strong note and show what this team is capable of. The plan was to attack from the start, bowl in the right areas and keep taking wickets. Everyone contributed today, and that is what makes this team special. We have been through difficult moments, but we have stayed together. Now we are in the

playoffs, and we believe we can go all the way."

For the defending champions, the league stage may have presented its share of challenges, but the Rudras have found their rhythm at the right time.

With their playoff spot secured, Kashi now turn their attention to the knockout stages and another push for the title. (ANI)

All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026 begins at Nagrota

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The All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026 (Group 'A') commenced today at Sainik School Nagrota, bringing together young sportspersons from eight Sainik Schools and affiliated institutions for six days of competition, camaraderie and sporting excellence.

Maj Gen Paramvir Singh Dagar, SM, VSM, Chief of Staff, 16 Corps & Chairman, Local Board of Administration (LBA), graced the opening ceremony as the Chief Guest. The ceremony began with an impressive March Past, followed by the Oath-taking Ceremony, as participating players pledged to uphold discipline, fairness, integrity and the true spirit of sportsmanship.

Addressing the young athletes, Maj Gen Paramvir Singh Dagar emphasised that sports play a vital role in shaping confident, disciplined and resilient individuals. He highlighted the values of teamwork, leadership, perseverance and respect for opponents, and urged the participants to give their best while en-



joying the spirit of healthy competition.

Captain (IN) Shibu Devasia, Principal, Sainik School Nagrota, warmly welcomed the participating teams, officials and guests. He expressed his gratitude and pride at the honour of hosting the National Games and assured all participants that the school would leave no stone unturned to provide a well-organised, enriching and memorable experience for every contingent.

The Games feature participation from Sainik

School Nagrota, Sainik School Kapurthala, Sainik School Kunjpura Sainik School Sujapur Tira, Smt. Kesari Devi Lohia Jairam Public School Lohar Majra Kurukshetra, Woods Park School Hamirpur, Royal International Residential School Fatehabad and Dayanand Public School Nabha

The participants will compete in Basketball, Volleyball, Athletics, Debate and Quiz, in Boys and Girls categories, across Sub-Junior (Classes VI-VIII) and

Junior (Classes IX-XI) age groups. Beyond competition, the National Games aim to provide a platform for young cadets to develop discipline, leadership, teamwork, confidence and resilience-values that lie at the heart of the Sainik School system.

The championship will conclude on 05 September 2026, with teams competing for the coveted championship honours.

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Sports build character, confidence, stronger communities: Javid Dar

HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS JAMMU, SEP 01

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today attended the final match of the second edition of Behrampora Football Cup 2026 as the chief guest at Behrampora Sports Field.

The final witnessed an exciting contest between the Kupwara Football team and Behrampora Football team, with Kupwara emerging victorious after a keenly fought encounter to lift the championship trophy.

Congratulating the winning team, the Minister extended his best wishes to the runner-up Behrampora team, appreciating both sides for their competitive spirit, discipline and sportsmanship. He lauded all the participating teams and organisers for making the tournament a successful platform for promoting football and encouraging greater youth participation in sports. Javid Dar said that sports not merely a means of recreation but a powerful instrument for building character, discipline, confidence and leadership among the younger generation. He said that



sporting activities provide youth with a constructive avenue to channelise their energy, nurture their talent and aspire for excellence.

The Minister observed that grassroots sporting events have the potential to unite communities, foster a spirit of camaraderie and inspire young people to pursue their dreams with dedication and perseverance. He emphasised the need for sustained efforts to create a vibrant sporting culture across rural and semi-urban areas of Jammu and Kashmir. Highlighting the govern-

ment's commitment towards strengthening sports infrastructure at the grassroots level, the Minister announced provision and upgradation of basic sports infrastructure at Behrampora Sports Field. He announced that macadamisation work at the ground will also be undertaken wherever required, so as to improve the facilities and provide a better playing environment for local youth and sports enthusiasts. Javid Dar said that developing quality sports facilities closer to communities is essential for identifying and

nurturing sporting talent at the grassroots. He maintained that the government will continue to support initiatives that provide young people with better opportunities, facilities and platforms to excel in sports. The Minister also interacted with the players, organisers and local residents and appreciated the efforts of the organising committee in successfully conducting the tournament. A large gathering comprising public representatives, senior citizens, youth, sports enthusiasts and people from adjoining areas attended the event.

Inter-Zonal Cricket Competition begins in Baramulla

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The Inter-Zonal District-Level Cricket Competition for Boys commenced today across District Baramulla, organised by the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Baramulla, under the supervision of DYSSO Baramulla, Mushtaq Ahmad Pampori.

The week-long competition is being held simultaneously at four cluster venues viz Singpora Kalan, Sopore, Pattan and Boniyar, providing young cricketers an opportunity to showcase their talent, team-



work and sporting spirit.

At Cluster Pattan, Zone Pattan defeated Zone Kunzer in the opening match, while Zone Singpora Pattan

emerged victorious against Zone Nehalpora in the second match.

The competition will continue throughout the week,

with teams vying for district-level honours and an opportunity to showcase their cricketing potential.