



Press Release

Dignitaries supported the IDCA 5th T20 Deaf Indian Premier League in Jammu for inclusivity

- *The opening ceremony was held on April 16th, 2024 at Maulana Azad Cricket Stadium, Jammu (J&K)*
- *Eight hearing impaired men's cricket teams - Deaf Punjab Lions, Deaf Rajasthan Royals, Deaf Kochi Tuskers, Deaf Delhi Bulls, Deaf Kolkata Warriors, Deaf Chennai Blasters, Deaf Hyderabad Eagles and Deaf Bangalore Badshahs – will participate in this four-day tournament and Final at 19th April, 2024*

New Delhi/ Jammu, 17th April 2024: The Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) organised the 5th T-20 Deaf Indian Premier League in Jammu, from April 16th to 19th 2024. In its inaugural edition, eight specially abled men's teams from different parts of the country will compete on the field to clinch the coveted Premier League trophy.

The opening ceremony witnessed the presence of **Sh. Ramesh Kumar (IAS), Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, J&K** as the chief guest. He praised IDCA for taking the initiative and encouraged the players for the upcoming matches. **Sh. Ranjeet Kalra, Member of J&K Sports Council;** along with **Sh. Deepakara Singh Anand & Sh. Deepjat Singh Anand,** Directors, Asia One Earth Hotels, Jammu, were the Guests of Honour.

Sumit Jain, President, IDCA, commented, "We are grateful to Serum Institute of India, Cyrus Poonawalla Group, KFC India, Hero MotoCorp, Trans Asia Hotels Private Limited, University of Jammu and Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association for their wholehearted support to our movement of supporting our forthcoming tournaments in the state of Jammu & Kashmir."

The four-day tournament kicked off with a special opening ceremony organized on Tuesday, April 16th at 9 AM at Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu.

The two best teams will face each other in the final match scheduled for April 19th, 2024.

Opening Ceremony:

1. Deaf Delhi Bulls Vs. Deaf Chennai Blasters

Deaf Chennai Blasters won the toss and elected field.

Deaf Delhi Bulls - 79/10 Overs 14.4

Amit Gaur – 16 (11)

Vivek Kumar 2 wickets



Deaf Chennai Blasters: - 80/0 Overs 5.0
Sai Akash – 52* (18), Manish Jain – 16* (13)

Player of the Match – Sai Akash – 52* (18)

2. Deaf Hyderabad Eagles Vs. Deaf Kolkata Warriors

Deaf Kolkata Warriors won the toss and elected field

Deaf Hyderabad Eagles – 126/6 Overs 15

Shakir – 28 (16) Varad Gore – 3 wickets

Deaf Kolkata Warriors: - 89/9 Overs 15

Munna Sarkar – 26 (20)

Player of the Match – Subrahmanyam – 28 (28) & wicket

3. Deaf Punjab Lions Vs. Deaf Rajasthan Royals

Deaf Rajasthan Royals won the toss and elected field

Deaf Punjab Lions – 155/4 Overs 15

Abhishek Thakur – 58 (31), Jangir Ankit – 3 wickets

Deaf Rajasthan Royals – 56/10 Overs 9.5

Player of the Match - Deepak Kumar – 5 wickets

4. Deaf Kochi Tuskers Vs. Deaf Bangalore Badshahs

Supporting the tournament, **Moksh Chopra, General Manager, KFC India and Partner Countries**, said, “With our program, KFC Kshamata, we have been on a journey to maximise potential and support ability imbalance gaps. Our partnership with the Indian Deaf Cricket Association marks a key milestone in our endeavour to maximise the potential and provide equal opportunities for persons with disability. As title sponsor we continue to focus on driving visibility, skill development and extending growth opportunities for hearing impaired cricketers. Together with IDCA we support the growth of the sport of deaf cricket, at both national and international levels.”



Corporate partners: - Serum Institute of India, Cyrus Poonawalla Group, KFC India, Hero MotoCorp, Kaizzen, Impact Research, Trans Asia Hotels Private Limited, University of Jammu and Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association are supporting IDCA for the upcoming tournament.

For more information follow IDCA on Twitter: @official_idca, LinkedIn, Facebook& Instagram.

Please watch the tournament live on YouTube channel, IDCA_TV

About IDCA:

IDCA was formed in 2020 by Mr. Sumit Jain, Vice President & member of DCCI (Differently-abled Cricket Committee, BCCI) registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 with the sole aim of promoting the game of Cricket amongst the deaf athletes of the country and to provide them the platform to showcase their talent and to represent their respective states at national level and country at international level.

Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) is a governing body for deaf cricket in India and a member of DICC (Deaf International Cricket Council) which closely works with ICC to promote Cricket amongst Deaf Cricketers globally. (Equal opportunities, protection of rights & full participation). It is solely dedicated to serving the cause of persons with disabilities.

Prior to forming IDCA, Deaf Cricket Society was established in 2012 and has nurtured & trained thousands of hearing-impaired cricketers over a decade to participate in state, national & international tournaments.

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