

Royal Strikers Delhi wins the 4th All India EPCH FASCO Tournament under FASCO Premier League (FPL) 2025

Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, Greater Noida; 8th - 11th May 2025



Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director General in the role of Chief Mentor, EPCH and Chairman, IEML, being greeted by Mr. Prince Malik, COA Member and FASCO Convenor, captaining Royal Strikers Delhi, in the presence of Dr. Neeraj Khanna, Vice Chairman, EPCH; Mr. R K Verma, Executive Director, EPCH, and members of the Committee of Administration (COA)-Mr. Ravi K. Passi, Mr R K Malhotra and Mr. Chintu Kohli; Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, EPCH; and other distinguished guests

EPCH, through its Fitness and Sports Committee (FASCO), organised the 4th edition of the All India EPCH FASCO Cricket Tournament under the FASCO Premier League (FPL) 2025 from 8th May to 11th May, 2025 at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Organised under the mentorship of Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director General in the role of Chief Mentor, EPCH and Chairman, IEML, and leadership of Mr. Dilip Baid, Chairman, EPCH, along with Mr. R K Verma, Executive Director, EPCH, and members of the Committee of Administration (COA), the tournament brought together vibrant participation.

A total of 12 teams, representing key handicraft clusters from across the country, participated: Royal Strikers Delhi; Moradabad Master Blasters; Panipat Thrashers; Firozabad Warriors; Kashmir Riders; Aligarh Panthers; Central Super Lions; BAA-D Shah; Jeypore Royals; Jodhpur Maharajas; Noida Cheetahs; and Sambhal Horn Stars. The top four teams that qualified for the semifinals were: Royal Strikers



Delhi; Moradabad Master Blasters; Central Super Lions; and Aligarh Panthers.

The final match was contested between Royal Strikers Delhi and Aligarh Panthers. In a thrilling high-

scoring game, Royal Strikers Delhi clinched victory by 27 runs, scoring 207 runs in 20 overs, with Tushar Bhardwaj from Delhi hitting his second century of the tournament. Aligarh Panthers fought valiantly but were bowled out for 180 runs in 20 overs. The final was watched live by over 2,000 exporters on YouTube, reflecting the popularity and engagement the league has built over the years.



Under the leadership of Mr. Prince Malik, Royal Strikers Delhi lifted their fourth FPL trophy, reinforcing their dominance in the league since its inception. The Winner's Trophy was presented by Chief Guest, Mr. Atul Wassan, Former Indian Cricketer and Cricket News Analyst, in the presence of Mr. Prashant Singhal, Mayor of Aligarh (Guest of Honour); Mr. R K Verma, Executive Director, EPCH; Mr. Sagar Mehta, Vice Chairman, EPCH; COA Members, EPCH - Mr. Ravi K. Passi, Mr. R K Malhotra and Mr. Chintu Kohli; Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, EPCH; and other distinguished office bearers from member associations.

Individual awards included Best Bowler of the Match & Most Valuable Player of the Tournament: Aryan Kapoor; Man of the Series: Tushar Bhardwaj (2 Centuries); and Best Bowler of the Tournament: Rachit Jain (Aligarh Panthers). This tournament also saw new young emerging players from Aligarh Panthers and Royal strikers Delhi team.

Chief Guest Mr. Atul Wassan and Guest of Honour Mr. Prashant Singhal lauded EPCH and FASCO's efforts in fostering physical well-being, camaraderie, and enhanced networking among member exporters through such sporting events.

