



Open Cricket Tournament organised by HSA draws teams from all the Departments from the University



The Hill Students Association (HSA) of the University of North Bengal successfully organised an Open Knockout Cricket Tournament from the 1st of April to the 4th of April—the cricket tournament aimed at promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition. As the name suggests, the tournament was open for all the students and scholars of the University to showcase their talent in cricket. The rules being flexible permitted the players to mix-and-match by collectively making a team from various departments. As the tournament commenced, eight teams were in the boy's category and five in the girl's category.

The tournament was inaugurated with the lighting of the diya, followed by the HSA flag hoisting. The first

Students and Scholars of the University of North Bengal engage in a friendly duel in Cricket to foster sportsmanship and healthy competition.
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match was played between the Northern Warriors versus the Bengal Challengers. Then, the matches were held from the 2nd of April to the 4th of April.

On the 2nd of April, the first match was played between NBU 11 stars and VI-KING, followed by LEGEND 11 VS History Department, and the third match was played between the Nepali department and Rural Dev. Department. On the 3rd of April, the NBU 11 stars played against Northern Warriors; the second match was played between the Nepali department and the history department, followed by the Nepali department (girl's team) versus ER Warriors; the second match was a walkover as the Bengali department (girl's team) was not able to play the match due to internal issues. Hence, the Team Dreamers emerged victorious by default. After performing exceptionally well, NBU 11 stars, and the Department of Nepali was able to secure a place for the finals; in

the boy's and girl's categories, the Team Dreamers and ER warriors were undefeated.

The 4th of April was the day of the finals, which commenced with the lighting of the Diya and hoisting the HSA flag; the first match was an exhibition match between the NBU Legend Stars and Legend 11. It was followed by the 1st final of the day played between Team Dreamers and ER Warriors, in which Team Dreamers could grab a comfortable victory over ER Warriors by 25 runs. After a ferocious battle in cricket, it was time to cool down a bit, which was done by a cultural dance by the students of the Nepali department. Ultimately, it was the boys' finals played against the Department of Nepali vs NBU 11 stars. In this game, the NBU 11 stars were the champions after defeating the Department of Nepali by 70 runs. The tournament was concluded by distributing the prize to the victors.

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