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Cricket meet

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL
(JOKA), SOUTH KOLKATA**

■ With just two balls to spare, Aadrik Hazarika of Class IX smashed the winning runs and raised his bat in triumph — sealing the victory for Delhi Public School (Joka), South Kolkata, in a thrilling finish at the first edition of the Bharpal Devi Memorial Cup, 2025.

Hosted by DPS Joka, the Under-16 inter-school cricket tournament saw high-octane matches, tight finishes and displays of true sportsmanship. "It was not just about winning but showcasing team spirit and grit," said Supratik Sarkar of Class XI from the host school, which clinched the title.

The tournament was organised in memory of Bharpal Devi, a philanthropist who believed in holistic education. The opening day featured cricketer Indu Bhushan Roy, a former Bengal Ranji player, as guest. Cricketer Duttetreyo Mukherjee and Gautam Mitra, inspector-in-charge, Bishnupur, were the chief guest and guest of honour at the finals. A floral tribute to Bharpal Devi Agarwal was led



by pro-vice chairman Pawan Agarwal, director Deepak Agarwal and the principal.

Among the teams were Future Foundation School, DPS Newtown, DPS Ruby Park, Asian International School and others.

In the finals, Future Foundation won the toss and batted first, posting 63 for 5 in 10 overs. DPS Joka chased down the target with 67 runs in 9.4 overs without losing a wicket.

Aadrik Hazarika, who scored an unbeaten 32, was named Man of the Match. Rishit Dhar won Best Batsman and Future Foundation's Revanth Agarwal was declared Best Bowler.

"Cricket is about leadership, team spirit, and mutual respect," said principal Writuparna Chatterjee.