

UCL T20 night tournament cricket: Final Anjuman vs Chicago Tornado

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CHICAGO: UCL T20 night tournament was held for the first time at Skokie Sports Park Cricket ground. Guests present were Akhter Masood Chick, former Pakistani Cricket player, Dr. Husnain from Michigan, Syed Mushtaq Hussain, Syed Iqbal, Faheem, Anwar Ul Haq, Iftikhar Shareef and Mohammed Rafi.

Syed Mushtaq Hussain started his speech with a minute's silence for

people who lost their lives due to Covid-19. The prize distribution ceremony was held later. Dinner was served by the organizers.

United cricket league night tournament closing ceremony was held on 24 September 2020 at Skokie Sports Park district cricket ground. Final match was played between Anjuman vs. Chicago Tornado.

Chicago tornado captain Jaimin Patel

won the toss and decided to field first. Anjuman scored 215 in the first inning. Initially Anjuman lost a few wickets early. Then Ahsan Syed and Ayaz Patel played an extraordinary inning. Then the Chicago Tornado came to chase 216 runs. Viral Patel bowled extraordinarily and has done an extraordinary job in bowling too. He took six wickets. Viral Patel was man of the match.

Ayaz Patel was the man of the series. The Chicago Tornado collapsed early unfortunately they all out for 106. At the end both the teams have shown sportsmanship. Cricket lovers came to support the cricket final match in the ground. Crowd was a huge presence in the ground.

Adil Azeem (UCL president) in his thank you address, thanked all the teams who participated in UCL Night tournament, umpires (Shabbir Patel, Farhan Hashmi, Hanif Patel and Shaik

Ahmed). The league MC, Sufiyan Dukanwala and all who supported the league. Adil Azeem (UCL president) humbly requested all cricket lovers to support cricket in Chicago.

The sponsors for the UCL night tournament were First Savings Bank, Pepsi, Happy Mortgage, Devon Discount Pharmacy, Air Tour Travels, Patel Brothers, Sabri Nahari and MP jewelers.

Adil Azeem was thankful to the management. Ayaz Patel (UCL web de-



Iftikhar Shareef (Guest of Honor), Ayaz Patel (Anjuman team Captain) and Adil Azeem (UCL president)



Anjuman (winning team)

signer), Ahsan Syed (scheduler), Sufiyan Dukaanwala (UCL Manager), Javed Patel (league Advisor), Ather Syed (league Advisor), Mohammed Afroz (league Advisor), Syed Ahmed (league Advisor), Shaik Ahmed (league Advisor).

'Ekal Foundation' Embarks on a Trailblazing Goal

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Starting 2021, having fulfilled the noble assignment given by the Hon. PM Modi to establish 100,000 schools in villages, two years in advance, Ekal set up a new trailblazing agenda for the next 5 years. In essence, Bajarang Bagra, CEO of 'Ekal Abhiyan' (umbrella organization of all 'Ekal' satellite-divisions) proposed to keep 102,000 school tallies 'as is' and embark on a transformative 'roadmap' that would revolutionize rural life in all its aspects.

Among the primary goals adopted by the delegates were to increase - 'Ekal On Wheels' vans from current 25 to 85; 'Integrated Village Clusters' (30 villages each) from current 12 to 51; 'Skill Development Centers' from current 33 to 100; 'Gramotthan Resource Centers' (GRC) from current 16 to 27; 'Telemedicine' from current 120 villages to 6,000 villages and 'Intensive Health Care' from current 1,200 villages to 6,000 villages. In addition, the most ambitious project that Ekal wants to push forward is that of 'E-Shiksha' or digital education. It wants to spread it from current 1,200 villages to 100,000 villages by Yr. 2025.

A new initiative, called 'GRANE' (Gramotthan Atma-Nirbharata for Ekal), was also introduced to bring E-commerce activity to the villages so as to avail villagers with new economic opportunities. There is a plan to accomplish this by rewarding farmers, empowering village women and providing necessary tools to the ground team. The conference also resolved to plant 10 Million trees in next 5 years. There were some breakout parallel discussions too. Youths

lifestyle.

This year, youth connected to Ekal-USA played an important role during the corona pandemic. They, not only, kept the home-bound school children engaged through their DIY (Do-It-Yourself) educational campaign, but also, raised donation through this effort. In last few years, 'Arogya (Health) Foundation of India' had been a force to reckon with in rural healthcare. Their Medical-camps, initiatives for Anemia control, child &

based rural India, Ekal has floated a fleet of 'Kathakars' (storytellers of India's cultural identity and heritage) to reach out to the lowest strata of the society. From current strength of 1000 such 'Kathakars', the plans are under way to double that number by 2025.

The price tag for this 5-year wish list is estimated to be \$80 Million and Ekal-USA has been challenged to bear at least 1/3 of that amount. Touching on this ambitious budget Suresh Iyer, President of Ekal-USA and his 'Board' resolved to master 'grant-writing' efforts to court philanthropic 'Foundations' & 'Corporate-Wings' for specific ventures. As a successful technocrat, he wants to introduce 'Technology' at every possible level to streamline accountability and progress of all projects. While doing this phenomenal work, the importance of public-relation, its exposure in the Media and the 'reach-out' aspect within the Indian diaspora, wasn't lost on the participants. The conference applauded all the efforts of the 'Media Teams'.

The conference was a splendid example of the 'multi-model connectivity' that Hon. PM Modi floated in his Aug. 15, 2020 address to the nation.

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from schools and colleges had brainstorming sessions of their own under the auspices of 'Ekal Youth Leaders' to formulate their own initiatives. The initiatives include getting connected to youths in schools & colleges, visiting Ekal villages, starting activities in slum-areas, raising funds every which way possible, promoting ecological aspect and healthy

women health-practices and Herbal-medicine & 'Telemedicine' have found wide spread acceptance. Now, for ophthalmic care, there are plans to deploy numerous mobile-clinic vans, called 'Eye-Van'. Hon. PM Modi has said that, "no education in the world can succeed by giving up its culture and values". Therefore, to prepare self-reliant and value-