



OVER 40'S NATIONAL SELECTION CRICKET TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES SUCCESSFULLY AT LONAVALA

Over 40's National Selection Cricket Tournament Showcases Elite Veterans' Cricket at Lonavala

PRESS RELEASE



The Over 40's National Selection Cricket Tournament concluded successfully at the SPJ Cricket Ground, Lonavala, after Six days of high-intensity and competitive cricket from 28 January to 2 February 2026. The tournament served as a key platform for evaluating and selecting top-performing veteran cricketers for future national-level opportunities.

The prestigious tournament featured six zonal teams, representing the North Zone, South Zone, East Zone, West Zone, Central Zone, and Global Zone, highlighting the wide reach and growing stature of veterans' cricket.



Outstanding Individual Performances

The tournament witnessed several exceptional individual performances, which were duly recognized at the closing ceremony:

- **Man of the Tournament: Jigar Mehta (Global Zone)** – for his consistent all-round impact throughout the competition
- **Best batsman: Karan Jain (West Zone)** – for his dominant and match winning batting performances
- **Best Bowler: Pritam Shinde (West Zone)** – for his disciplined and effective bowling spells across matches

Their performances set a high benchmark and played a vital role in elevating the overall quality of the tournament.





League Match Highlights

All league matches were played at SPJ Cricket Ground, Lonavala, and delivered thrilling contests along with commanding victories:

- **28 Jan 2026:** West Zone Veterans defeated Eastern Dynamos by **322 runs**.
- **29 Jan 2026:** North Zone defeated Southern Chargers by **5 wickets**.
- **29 Jan 2026:** Global Spartans defeated Central Falcons by **198 runs**.
- **30 Jan 2026:** North Zone defeated Eastern Dynamos by **7 wickets**.
- **31 Jan 2026:** Global Spartans defeated West Zone Veterans by **45 runs**.
- **01 Feb 2026:** Central Falcons defeated Southern Chargers by **28 runs**.
- **01 Feb 2026:** Global Spartans defeated North Zone by **101 runs**.
- **02 Feb 2026:** Central Falcons defeated Eastern Dynamos by **3 wickets**.
- **02 Feb 2026:** West Zone Veterans defeated Southern Chargers by **9 wickets**.

The matches reflected strong batting depth, tactical bowling performances, and sharp on-field decision-making, underscoring the professionalism of the Over-40's format.



Successful Conclusion

The Over-40's National Selection Tournament concluded on a highly positive note, achieving its objectives of competitive assessment, talent identification, and promotion of structured veterans' cricket. The excellent playing conditions at SPJ Cricket Ground and the smooth execution of matches contributed significantly to the tournament's success.

The event reaffirmed that age is no barrier to competitive excellence and highlighted the passion, discipline, and commitment of veteran cricketers, further strengthening the future of Over 40's cricket in India.