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Kapil and Guha to grace launch of Jolly Rovers book on Friday

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KAPIL Dev will release V Ramnarayan's book based on the Jolly Rovers at a function that will be held by the cricket club at the Crowne Plaza hotel this Friday.

The event — conducted by Jolly Rovers for commemorating the completion of their 50-year association with the Sanmar Group — will also see Ramachandra Guha receive the first copy of the book.

The historian-cum-author will also deliver a keynote address titled 'Five forms of cricketing par-tisanship' at the gathering.



Kapil Dev

Dindigul Dragons

Take Solutions — owner of the Tamil Nadu Premier League's Dindigul (TNPL) franchise — have named their team as the Dindigul Dragons, with the ta-

gline 'Idhu neruppudaa'. The logo of the team is that of a fire-breathing dragon.

Former Tamil Nadu wicket-keeper M Sanjay has been appointed their assistant coach. Earlier, former India spinner M Venkataramana and former Indian cricket team trainer Ramji Srinivasan were appointed as the chief coach and fitness trainer.

BSL from Oct 2

The Badminton Super League (BSL) will be held from October 2-9 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The event will have eight teams and the purse is ₹1 crore.

Bid for franchises are open, and forms are available at the Tamil Nadu Badminton Association (TNBA) office. The last date for form submission is August 10, and the venue — open from 9 am to 5 pm — for the same is: TNBA-BSL, Camp Office, East Coast Sports Arena, Plot No 3, VGP Layout Part 2, Injambakkam. For further details, contact 9994141264 or send an email to president-tnba@gmail.com.

Rajesh shines

E Rajesh's unbeaten 71 helped SSCA beat Autolec ERC by seven wickets in their TNCA-Thiruvai-

Jur DCA league Second Division match.

Brief scores: Second Division: Autolec

ERC 154/9 in 30 ovs (G Sivathanan 55; Hari Ganesh 3/28) lost to SSCA 155/3 in 26 ovs (E Rajesh 71 n.o.); Third Division: Thiruthani CC 156/9 in 30 ovs (T Ramasamy 3/30) bt Stag CC 95 in 21.5 ovs (M Lingan 5/18, H Vijay 3/27).

Chennai Slam in final

Chennai Slam booked their place in the finals after registering a 97-79 victory against Pune Peshwas in the semifinals of the South Division of the UBA Pro Basketball League. Chennai will now play Punjab Steelers in a best-of-three-

games clash for the championship on Friday.

Result: Chennai Slam 97 (Jairam 28, Agu 19, Ashutosh 19) **bt Pune Peshwas 79** (Narender 25, Abhishek 20, Shinde 16).

Muthaiah in sole lead

AL Muthaiah of Chennai (6.5 points) extended his lead by a full point over his nearest rival L Barath — also from Chennai — after Round 7 of the Sri Kaliswari College State Junior Chess Championship, organised by the Sivakasi Chess Club, in Rajapalayam.

Among girls, top seed K Priyanka of Coimbatore emerged the sole leader with 6 points.