

## PRESS RELEASE

### Dimapur Crowned Champions after Nail-Biting 1-Wicket Win Over Kohima in the Final of the 5th Late G. Rio Men's U19 Tournament 2025

In a thrilling finale at the **Nagaland Cricket Stadium**, **Dimapur** edged past **Kohima** by **1 wicket** to lift the title in the **5th Late G. Rio Memorial Men's U19 Inter-District Cricket Tournament 2025**. The match was a gripping contest that went down to the final overs, with **Samir Ali's heroic 60-run knock** proving to be the difference.

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#### 1st Innings – Kohima: 134/10 in 41.5 Overs

Kohima, choosing to bat first, posted a competitive total of **134 runs in 41.5 overs**. **Vizoletuo Zhale** top-scored with a fluent **32 off 33 balls**, while **Thupuluzo Lohe** provided stability with **26 from 57 balls**.

Dimapur's bowling attack was sharp and consistent, with **Yashimeren Jamir** taking **3/27 in 10 overs**, and **Medempok Pongen** and **Raja Kumar** chipping in with two wickets each to restrict Kohima from posting a bigger target.

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#### 2nd Innings – Dimapur: 135/9 in 33.4 Overs

Dimapur's chase got off to a rocky start, with regular wickets falling, but **Samir Ali** stood firm under pressure. His **match-winning 60 off 69 balls** anchored the innings and guided Dimapur to victory with just one wicket remaining in **33.4 overs**.

Kohima fought valiantly till the end, with **Vizoletuo Zhale** starring with the ball as well, claiming **4 wickets for 24 runs in 7 overs**, nearly turning the tide in his team's favor.

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### Player of the Match: Samir Ali (Dimapur)



For his crucial and composed knock of **60 runs**, **Samir Ali** was awarded the **Player of the Match**, playing a pivotal role in helping Dimapur clinch the championship in a high-pressure final.

### Match Summary:

- **Tournament Stage:** Final
- **Date:** April 21, 2025
- **Time:** 9:30 AM
- **Venue:** Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Chümoukedima
- **Result:** Dimapur won by 1 wicket
- **Player of the Match:** Samir Ali (Dimapur)

This victory marks a memorable end to the tournament for Dimapur, who displayed resilience and teamwork throughout their campaign. The **5th Late G. Rio Men's U19 Tournament** once again showcased the exceptional talent and competitive spirit of Nagaland's emerging cricketers.

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- **Player of the Tournament: Samir Ali (Dimapur)**



- **Best Batter: Nikato Zhimo (Zunheboto)**



- **Best Bowler: Sujit Kumar (Niuland)**



- **Best Wicket Keeper: Renben Kithan (Wokha)**



- **Champions: Dimapur**



- **Runners-up: Kohima**



**The closing and prize distribution ceremony was graced by Mr. M. Khairul Jamal Majumdar, Member of the Apex Council, BCCI.**



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