



# KCA NEWS



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Dear all,



Proudly presenting the Inaugural edition of KCA quarterly newsletter packed with news, events and activities of the Kerala Cricket Association and District Cricket Associations. As we embark on this journey, our aim is to keep you informed and engaged with all the happenings of our association. Please follow our activities and send us your valuable suggestions to make the future editions better.

**Vinod S Kumar**  
Secretary

Dear Members

Delighted to come up with the first edition of KCA NEWS. It is important to update our members and well wishers about the initiatives / events and activities of the association and the players achievements.



**Jayesh George**  
President

## KCA PRESENCE IN ISSK- 2024

The Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) has made significant strides in bolstering sports infrastructure and sustainability initiatives. At the ISSK summit in Thiruvananthapuram, President Sri Jayesh George revealed KCA's ambitious plans for a state-of-the-art Cricket Stadium in Kochi, aiming to establish India's first Carbon Neutral Sports Complex. This visionary project encompasses a diverse range of facilities, including an International Cricket stadium, comprehensive training grounds, multi-sports training facilities, fitness centres, accommodation, entertainment zone and much more. Moreover, KCA's stewardship of the project promises to elevate Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi as premier destinations for international cricket matches, fostering growth and development in the region's sporting landscape. In connection with the event KCA pitched an exhibition stall showcasing the rich history, the talents and important moments of Kerala Cricket thereby enhancing charm of the event.





# ACHIEVEMENTS



Kerala Senior Women Team reached the Semi Finals of Womens T 20 Tournament



Kerala Senior Men team reached the Quarter finals of Vijay Hazare Trophy Tournament



Kerala Senior Men reached the knock out phase of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T 20 Tournament



Kerala U 19 boys Team reached the quarter finals of U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy Tournament



Kerala U 15 womens Team reached the quarter final of U 15 women's Tournament



Sajana received the award for the best catch of WPL



Kerala U-19 Womens Team reached the Knock Outs of U-19 Women's T20 Tournament



Sanju Samson selected to Indian Team for the series against Ireland



Ajayaghosh.N.S and Mr. Anaz Nazeer have represented the BCCI VIZZY trophy South Zone Team.



**D. VASU**

Appointed as the Director KCA High Performance Center (HPC)

Kerala Cricket Association appointed Sri. D Vasu as the Director of Kerala Cricket Association's High Performance center. Sri D Vasu is a BCCI Level III coach and former first class cricketer. He played 76 First class matches claiming 240 wickets and 3001 runs for Tamilnadu. He had held many high profile positions like Selector, Coach and BCCI Match referee. He was holding the position of Director - Academy (TNCA) previously.



# Achievements



Minnu Mani ( Captain)

Sajana S

Arundathi Reddy

Govind Dev D Pai Selected to India U-19 B team for Challenger Trophy

Sachin Baby scored 830 Runs and became 3rd highest run getter in Ranji Trophy -2023-24

Minnu Mani, Sajana S and Arundathi Reddy selected to Senior Women's Multiday Tournament



Thomas Mathew

Mastin Mathew P

Jeevan K.G

Ahammed Imran

Abhiram S

Mohamed Enaan

Jishnu A

Thomas Mathew, Mastin Mathew and Jeevan KG selected to U 16 ZCA Camp

Ahammed Imran, Abhiram S , Mohammed Enaan and Jishnu.A selected to U 19 boys elite camp



Sajana S

Vinaya Surendran

Arundathi Reddy

Jyoshitha

Nivedhya Mol

**9000 RUNS  
600 WICKETS  
IN INDIAN DOMESTIC CRICKET**



Sajana S, Vinaya Surendran and Arundathi Reddy selected to Senior Womens Inter zone Trophy

Jyoshitha and Nivedhya Mol selected to U 19 girls ZCA Camp

Jalaj Saxena

## Best wishes Rohan Prem

Rohan Prem was back bone of Kerala batting line up for more than two decades across all age categories . He represented Kerala in 102 First Class matches scoring 5479 runs with 13 centuries thereby becoming highest run scorer and player with most number of centuries (13) in First Class cricket for the state. He was a member of India Green, Board President's XI and South Zone teams besides representing India in Under 19 category.

The President , Secretary and Members of Kerala Cricket Association wishes him all success in his future endeavours.

**THANK YOU ROHAN PREM**



*Thank you for your service Rohan Prem*



## HPC SPINNERS CAMP

The Kerala Cricket Association kicked off the HPC programme of the season 2024-25 under its newly appointed Director Sri D Vasu with a 13-day Spinners Camp at the Krishnagiri Cricket Stadium in Wayanad. Aimed at honing the skills of spin bowlers in the Senior and Under-23 categories, the camp was held under the guidance of Sri D Vasu ( Director HPC) and M Venkataramana ( Head Coach - Kerala Senior team) M.Rajagopal, Francis Tiju, Mazhar Moidu ( KCA Coaches) Vysakh Krishna( KCA Trainer ) Varun S S (KCA physio) , Cibi Kumar (KCA video analyst )Avinash ( Specialist Fielding coach), were also a part of this programme. The camp served as an ideal platform for these cricketers to fine-tune their techniques, learn new strategies and prepare for the upcoming season. Fitness and Medical assessment of the players were conducted prior to this camp at Wayanad.



## SCORER'S SEMINAR

A two-day scorers seminar aimed at nurturing aspiring scorers was held in Thiruvananthapuram on March 23rd and 24th. 82 enthusiastic active scorers representing all 14 districts participated in the seminar. Unlike previous years, significant participation of women scorers was the notable aspect of the event. The seminar mainly dealt with the basics and spread light on the technical way of scoring like linear scoring, online scoring and much more. The clinic was led by BCCI scorers – Achuthan, Sathaji A and Hari M.G. Presence of BCCI statistician Mr Sudhir Aly and his valuable inputs enthused the participants. KCA Secretary emphasized the significance of adopting a professional stance in scoring and explained in detail of the roadmap for aspiring individuals on how to pursue career as a BCCI Scorer.



## PHYSIOS AND TRAINERS SEMINAR

The Kerala Cricket Association conducted a two-day seminar envisioned for updating the latest developments in Physiotherapy and S&C standards of NCA & BCCI for trainers and physiotherapists. The event, held at the KCA headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram, was led by Ms.Harini Vemuri, the Zonal Head of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the Sports Science and Medicine (SSM). The participants were instructed on the procedures to be followed for injury management. All Physios and S&C coaches associated with the Association participated in the seminar.





## CURATORS SEMINAR

A comprehensive workshop aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of curators across the state was held at The Sports Hub on 6th and 7th of April. The seminar saw the participation of 22 dedicated curators in charge of grounds maintained/owned by the Association. Led by Sri Prasanth Rao, a distinguished figure in the cricketing community serving as the BCCI South Zone Curator, the workshop delved into various aspects crucial for maintaining top-quality cricket pitches and outfield. The participants received hands-on training on latest advancements in pitch preparation and maintenance techniques. The workshop provided a platform for sharing experiences, discussing challenges, and fostering a collaborative spirit among our curators. By bringing together experts like Sri Prasanth Rao and curators from diverse backgrounds, the Kerala Cricket Association reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing skills and promoting excellence at every level of the game. The workshop not only empowered participants with new skills but also underscored the importance of continuous learning and professional development in ground management. The Seminar culminated with a thought-provoking address from Sri Vinod S Kumar, Secretary of KCA, shedding light on the multifaceted dimensions of ground management and emphasizing the pivotal role of curators along with the ultimate goal of raising the standards of cricket infrastructure in Kerala.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **NSK Trophy** – An Inter District T20 tournament- Season 2- St Xaviers College Ground, Thiruvananthapuram
2. **Pink Challengers** – Women's T20 Tournament- Season 4, St Xaviers College Ground, Thiruvananthapuram
3. HPC Spinners Camp for Juniors - Thodupuzha Cricket Ground,Idukki
4. Off season fitness assesment camp - Thiruvananthapuram
5. Inter District / Inter Zonal U 16 and U 19 Boys
6. Inter District/ Inter Zonal U 19 Girls



## IPL / WPL



**Sanju Samson** has made us proud by becoming the first player from Kerala to lead an IPL team. He is completing his 10th year in Rajasthan Royals thereby underlining his commitment to the team. Kerala Cricket Association wishes him a successful IPL Season-2024 on this occasion.



### Shreyas Gopal

Member of  
Mumbai Indians squad.

### Vishnu Vinod

An explosive Batsman and  
wicket keeper, was retained  
by Mumbai Indians.



### Sajana Sajeevan

One of the pillars of Kerala Women team, Sajana played for Mumbai Indians and in the first outing itself caught the attention of cricket lovers by hitting the first ball she faced for a six, the first Indian player to do so and earning the sobriquet, Lady Pollard. She also won the Best catch of the WPL 2024 award. Sajana earned her maiden call up to the Indian team for Bangladesh Tour riding on her eye-catching performance in WPL. Kerala Cricket Association wishes her a successful stint with Team India.

"I SAW SAJANA GETTING THE AWARD, SHE IS A GRADUATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, HER FATHER IS AN AUTO DRIVER & SHE CHOSE CRICKET - I HOPE THIS SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR PARENTS TO CHOOSE WHAT PROFESSION THEY WISH, WPL IS AN EXAMPLE FOR GIRLS IN ANY SPORTS"  
- NITA AMBANI



### Minnu Mani

Minnu Mani is the first player from Kerala to represent Indian women's team and WPL franchise. She was part of the Indian squad that won the maiden gold medal in Asian Games 2022. She has led the India A team against the touring England A and South Zone in the multi day Inter Zonal tournament. She was retained by Delhi Capitals this season.



### Arundhati Reddy

An exciting all rounder,  
was retained by Delhi  
Capitals and had an  
outstanding season in  
WPL 2024.





BOARD MATCHES

**RANJI TROPHY**  
2024

**KERALA VS UTTAR PRADESH**

VENUE	DATE
KCA COLLEGE CRICKET STADIUM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	15 <sup>th</sup> TO 18 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 2024

**Col CK Nayudu Trophy**

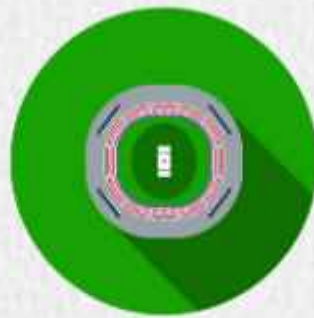
Kerala vs Punjab    18<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup> JAN 2024  
 Kerala vs Madhya Pradesh    23<sup>rd</sup> TO 26<sup>th</sup> JAN 2024  
 Kerala vs Karnataka    30<sup>th</sup> JAN TO 1<sup>st</sup> FEB 2024

At KCA Cricket Stadium, Mangalapuram, Thiruvananthapuram

**SENIOR WOMENS ONE DAY TROPHY- THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**RANJI TROPHY- THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**  
Kerala vs Mumbai - 19-01-2024 - 22-01-2024





# INFRASTRUCTURE

**KCA** announced the upcoming International Cricket Stadium at Kochi which would be the first Carbon Neutral Sports city in the country. The Sports city will include the International Cricket stadium, training and practice grounds both indoor and outdoor, a multi sports training facility, fitness centre, an International Convention Centre, multi sports academies and research centre, accommodation, parking area, eco park, water sports and club house as we aspire to be the greenest sports destination in India. A proposal was submitted to the Government of Kerala to take over and maintain the Sports Hub by the Kerala Cricket Association which will help to bring more international cricket matches to the state in the future.

## Works updates from January 2024 to March 2024

**A) Mangalapuram Project-** a project of Kerala Cricket Association at Thiruvananthapuram with facilities including first class cricket ground, pavilion block, flood lights, state of the art cricket academy, indoor and outdoor practice nets with gym/health club etc. Presently the ground and pavilion block has been completed and other works like utility block, substation etc is ongoing.

**B) Greenfield Stadium** – KCA has taken up several civil refurbishment/renovations works at the stadium in the recent past as part of hosting of international matches including hosting of ICC World Cup warm up matches. This included players dressing room refurbishment, upgrading the practice nets area into international standards by putting up flood light systems, setting up of corporate box in third floor of north pavilion etc.

The recent progress in works are

(1) Players Dressing room- PU flooring 2. Installation of chairs at new corporate box.

### **C) Alappuzha SD College Cricket Ground:**

The SD College management has further extended the MOU signed between Kerala Cricket Association and SDV Managing committee executed on 21.11.2009 for an additional 18 years thus a total lease period of 33 years. As part of the consideration of the MoU, KCA has agreed to develop a Multi Sports facilities ("Sports Hub") at the land owned by SDV College and the work is in progress.

**D) Conorvoyal Cricket Ground, Thalassery:** The heritage cricket ground of Kerala has undergone a major refurbishment of outfield and pitches during this quarter. The practice nets are now equipped with lights and the pavilion / office building has also been revamped.

**E) Pathanamthitta (Indoor Stadium at Thiruvalla):** The renovated practice pitches are fully functional now. The indoor lighting upgradation work is ongoing.

**F) Ezhukone , Kollam** : Permit for development and construction of cricket ground has been obtained The work will be tendered shortly. This will be KCA's first GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) certified project.

**G) Fort Maidan Palakkad:** Office block & allied infrastructure renovation work has been completed.

**H) Kasaragod:** The pitch relaying and practice nets installation work is going on.

**E) Idukki:** Pitch and outfield refurbishing is going on and KCA has submitted application for approval for construction of KCA Academy building at Thekkumbhagam twin ground with the district /village authorities.





# GRATIS

In the Diamond Jubilee year 2011, KCA introduced the 'One time Endowment Scheme' for its former first class players in recognition of their selfless services to Kerala Cricket. Former players who attained 65 years and above and not covered under any pension scheme including the monthly gratis given by BCCI were the beneficiaries. The players who played for Kerala (Including state of Travancore- Cochin) in Ranji Trophy since its inception in 1950-51 to 1960 - 61 (period of 10 years) were honoured in the inaugural year . The identified players were given a one-time gratis at the rate of of Rs. 10,000/- per match played for Kerala in Ranji Trophy Tournament subject to a minimum of Rs 25,000/-. Under this scheme , 15 players were identified in the first year and Rs. 9.51 lakhs was distributed during the Annual Award Night in 2011. More than 50 players have received the gratis so far.

Due to covid 19 pandemic , the programme was put on hold and KCA decided to reinstate the same in the Annual General Meeting held on 23.12.2023. The details are as follows.



Recipient	Amount paid	No of Matches
M RANJIT THOMAS	2,30,000	23
T S MAHADEVAN	1,90,000	19
M SOMAN	1,80,000	18
P BALACHANDRAN	1,40,000	14
J Y GODWIN	90,000	9
P V RANGANATHAN	80,000	8
K KRISHNA KUMAR	70,000	7
D GOPAKUMAR	50,000	5
P V SURENDRAN	40,000	4
V L MANICKAM	30,000	3
RAKESH PILLAI	30,000	3
VERGHESE DANIEL	25,000	1
K NEELAKANTAN	25,000	1
M K SHAM KUMAR	25,000	1



## Alappuzha

## District Activities

## Palakkad

First time in the history of Alappuzha, the district association hosted the Ranji Trophy between Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.

Hosted Col C.K. Nayudu Trophy for the first time. The match was from 14.01.24 – 17.01.24 between Kerala Vs Andhra Pradesh.

This year Vishnu Raj and P.K Midhun were selected to the Kerala team for Ranji Trophy.

Coaching camps are on full swing and registration for summer coaching camps started.

One of the affiliated clubs of Alappuzha District Cricket Association took five acres of land for lease at Chengannur for developing into a cricket ground. The master plan includes cricket ground, players pavilion, outdoor - Indoor nets facilities, dormitory for 40 players, parking area and cafeteria. The ground levelling work has been completed and cricket activities have already started.



Palakkad District Cricket Association conducted Fort Cup T20 Tournament Season 3 from 28.11.2023 to 22.12.2023. Twelve franchisees participated in the tournament. Muthoot Microfin emerged as Champions and Cricket 24 X 7 Finished runner-up. Sri. Shafi Parambil MLA gave away trophies.

Palakkad DCA Co-Hosted U-14 Inter District Matches along with Thrissur and Malappuram.

Palakkad DCA Conducted all Kerala women's Cricket Tournament for the first time at Fort Maidan . 8 teams participated in the tournament. BK 55 Cricket Club emerged champions and Cordiant Cricket Club Kozhencherry emerged runners up. District Collector Dr. Chithra IAS gave away the trophies. .



## Idukki

## Kasaragod

Hosted 65th Kerala State School games Cricket Championship 2023-24 was held at KCA Stadium Thodupuzha. The matches were watched by KCA Talent Scout.

Idukki DCA conducted a Senior Level club championship for affiliated clubs with IDCA.

Coaching camps were organised at various centres namely Thodupuzha , Nedumkandam, Rajakkadu, Vandiperiyar and Kattappana . Adimali and Cheruthoni has been identified as potential location for new coaching camps .



The pitch relaying and outfield refurbishing work is going on at Kasaragod Cricket Stadium.

6 scorers participated in the Scorers seminar conducted by KCA





## Ernakulam

## District Activities

## Wayanad

Organized a three-day seminar for the district level Umpires at St. Paul's College Kalamassery.

Organized a one-day Coaches' conclave on 3rd March 2024 at St. Paul's College Kalamassery.

Under 18 league 2023-24 (KTR Varma tournament)- Tripunithura Cricket Club became champions and RSC SG became runner up

Under 15 league 2023-24 (N.S.Krishnan Memorial)- RSC SG Cricket School became champions and M A College Cricket Academy became runner up

Under 13 league 2023-24 (Balan Pandit Memorial junior league) is in progress

EDCA League Matches for 2023-24 have started .  
C- Division League started on 11th March 2024 with 15 Teams,  
D-Division League Started on 23rd March 2024 with 15 teams,  
A-Division League Started on 02nd April 2024 with 8 teams,  
E-Division League starts from 11th April 2024 , & (B,F,G)Division will be starting soon.

Krishnagiri Stadium , Wayanad hosted the Cooch Behar Trophy quarter final match between Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.

Akhin Sathar from Wayanad played for Kerala in Ranji Trophy matches- He is the first player from Wayanad to be part of the Ranji Team.

Wayanad District Cricket Association felicitated Former Indian captain Sri. Kapil Dev during his visit to Wayanad.

Sajana Sajeevan was felicitated by Wayanad DCA for her outstanding performance in WPL.

U16 district team selection held on 28.03.24 at Krishnagiri, Wayanad.



## Kannur

## Malappuram

Two new red earth wicket and a concrete wicket was constructed near the park side of the Conorvoyal Cricket Ground.

Umpires' clinic was conducted in December 2023.

Sri. Vyshakh Balan qualified the BCCI level 1 coaches course and is now eligible for Level 2 .

Sri.Subin Sudharakan and Sri.Deena Dayal qualified the level O coaches certification course conducted by NCA

Five Scorers from district participated in the two-day workshop conducted by KCA.

41st Dr .M.S.Nair Memorial All Kerala Cricket Tournament conducted by Jolly Rovers Perinthimanna was held at Perinthalmanna Cricket Stadium from 20-12-2023 to 26-01-2024.

Conducted Umpires and scorers seminar on 14-01-2024

The district league tournament in 'A', 'B' & 'C' divisions started at Perinthalmanna cricket stadium from 24-02-2024 onwards.





## Thiruvananthapuram

## District Activities

## Thrissur

Hosted Senior Women's One Day Trophy- Ranji Trophy and CK Nayudu Trophy at KCA Stadium Mangalapuram, The Sports Hub and KCA - St Xavier's College Cricket Ground.

A Division league started from 21.2. 2024  
B Division league completed , TCU became winners and KRC became runner up

Selection trials of U 16 ,U 19 boys , held at The Sports Hub. 202 Boys attended in U16 and 123 boys attended in U 19 trials. U 16 boys played 4 Selection matches to prepare for the district matches at The Sports Hub and Mangalapuram Stadiums.

U-19 girls selection trials held at KCA H Q nets . 39 girls attended the trials.

Executive Committee meeting held on 28-2-2024 unanimously decided to fill up the vacancy with Adv Rejith Rajendran as Secretary, Suresh S as Assistant Secretary and Paeton Joseph as Vice President

Ahammed Imran selected to NCA U-19 Boys Elite Camp.



8th NDS Silver Cup All Kerala Cricket Tournament Muthoot Micro Mini, Ernakulam, emerged as the winners and Athreya Cricket Academy secured the runner-up position.

Baiju's Cricket Academy - 3rd U-19 All Kerala Ever-rolling Trophy-Loongs Cricket Academy emerged as the champions, with Shine's Cricket Academy secured the runner-up position.

Conducted 1st Cheers Cup 2023 All Kerala U-15 Cricket Tournament by Kodakara Cricket Club.Sussex Kozhikode emerging as the champions . The runners-up position was secured by MA Cricket Academy, Kothamangalam.

4th Athreya Navio Youth Trophy All Kerala U-22 Tournament- Masters Cricket Club, Trivandrum emerged as Champions and Athreya Cricket Academy, were runner-up

Women's Players League Season-4 Baijus Cricket Academy emerged as the winner by beating Trident cricket academy

Homage paid to Philip M Varghese- Former Kerala player and Former Chairman of Selection Committee.



## Kollam

U16 Boys district team selection trials held on 28.03.2024 at SKVVHSS, Thrikkannamangal, Kottarakara.

U19 Boys district team selection trials held on 30.03.2024 at SKVVHSS, Thrikkannamangal, Kottarakara.

Mr. Ajayaghosh.N.S and Mr. Anaz Nazeer have represented the BCCI VIZZY trophy South Zone Team.

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## Kottayam

As part of monitoring the fitness level of the players, conducted 4 fitness tests for the players .

A, B, C & D division league matches were conducted. Youngsters CC, Changanacherry were the "A" division champions,

Conducted SHE cricket tournament with mixed age group girls within the district. KDCA Pink emerged as the champions of the tournament. The tournament have been conducted in 25 over format.

Conducted a two day training program for the interns who will be assisting the senior coaches in the summer cricket coaching camp 2024 at various centers within the district.

6 Scorers participated in the Scorer's seminar conducted by KCA





Conducted One Day Coaches Training Programme: One day coaches Training was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Cibikumar MT, KCA Coach & Mr. Murali N., DCA Coach on 23.03.2024 at Indoor Stadium Thiruvalla.

A Division League Matches 2022-23: The Finals of A division Match held on 30.01.2024 at SD College Ground Alappuzha .The finals was between Winners CC and Adoor CC , Winners CC emerged as Champions.

Selection Trials 2024-25 U-16 Boys – on 13.02.2024 at Public Stadium Thiruvalla & U-19 Boys – on 18.02.2024 at Public Stadium Thiruvalla . Shamon PA was the Selector.



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