



## A Prestigious Achievement for Kerala, says the Chief Minister

Kerala reaching the Ranji Trophy final for the first time in history is an achievement equivalent to a victory, said Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. He was speaking as the chief guest at an event organized at Hotel Hyatt Regency to felicitate the Kerala team, which secured the runner-up position.

The Chief Minister noted that at one stage, it seemed Kerala would surpass the strong Vidarbha team in the first innings. He added that the achievement was the result of the excellent performance of a team that blended experience and youth.

The Chief Minister congratulated players such as Sachin Baby, Mohammad Azharuddeen, Salman Nizar, Jalaj Saxena, Aditya Sarwate, and M.D. Nidheesh for their outstanding performance this season. He also remarked that calling Saxena and Sarwate "outsiders" was inappropriate and emphasized that they are part of the Kerala community.

He praised the unparalleled efforts of the Kerala Cricket Association, stating that the KCA has played a major role in Kerala's progress in the field of sports, including in the development of infrastructure.

During the ceremony, Kerala team captain Sachin Baby handed over the runner-up trophy to the Chief Minister.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan added that each member of this Kerala team, which has secured a truly proud achievement, should become a role model for future generations.



## Kerala Cricket's New Era Begins

Kerala has made history by reaching the Ranji Trophy final for the first time, marking a stunning rise in Indian domestic cricket. Led by Sachin Baby, the team defeated heavyweights with grit and determination, showing remarkable resilience under pressure.

Crucial wins came by just one run in the quarterfinal and two runs in the semifinal, proving Kerala's fighting spirit. Key contributions came from Salman Nizar, Mohammad Azharuddeen, Nidheesh, and all-rounders Jalaj Saxena and Aditya Sarwate. Coach Amay Khurasiya also played a vital role, bringing a positive shift in team dynamics. This season's balanced squad, with experience and depth, has revived Kerala's presence in national cricket after a long gap.



## Ranji Trophy: KCA announced ₹4.5 Crore for Kerala Team



Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) announced a cash award of ₹ 4.5 crore for the Kerala team that finished as runners-up in the Ranji Trophy. KCA President Jayesh George and Secretary Vinod S Kumar made the announcement. The prize was declared at a felicitation ceremony held at Hotel Hyatt Regency in Thiruvananthapuram to honor the team for reaching the final for the first time in history. They stated that the amount would be distributed among all team members and the management.

## Vidarbha Crowned Ranji Trophy Champions, Kerala Returned with Their Heads Held High as Runners-up



Though Kerala missed out on the crown in the final, the team returned with pride from the Ranji Trophy with a historic achievement. For the first time in history, Kerala finished as runners-up in the Ranji Trophy. As the match ended in a draw, Vidarbha won the title based on their first-innings lead. This was Vidarbha's third Ranji Trophy title.

Kerala returned from Nagpur with their heads held high, having displayed consistent performances throughout the season. They progressed to the knockouts without losing a single match, defeating strong teams like Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar. In pressure situations, they fought back strongly with incredible performances against Jammu & Kashmir and Gujarat to reach the final. Even in the final, Kerala put up a strong fight against a powerful Vidarbha side. Several individual performances also stood out for Kerala this season.

The young cricketers traveled from Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram on March 27 and cheered for the senior team throughout the final match, gaining first-hand exposure to top-level domestic cricket.



To celebrate Kerala's historic entry into the Ranji Trophy final, KCA provided a unique opportunity for players from the Under-14, A, B, and Under-16 squads to witness the match live in Nagpur, turning a proud achievement into an inspiring experience for the next generation.

The initiative was part of KCA's 75th anniversary celebrations and aimed to inspire future stars by letting them be part of a historic sporting event.

KCA covered all arrangements including flights, accommodation, food and daily allowances, ensuring a comfortable and enriching experience for the juniors.



## KCA and CMS College Sign Agreement



Once completed, the stadium will serve as a venue for BCCI first-class matches, including the Ranji Trophy. It will also provide training and match opportunities for young cricketers in the Kottayam district.





# Ranji Trophy

## Kerala vs Madhya Pradesh

Kerala gained an early advantage with a crucial seven-run lead in the first innings against Madhya Pradesh. The opposition featured a strong lineup including Rajat Patidar and Venkatesh Iyer. However, thanks to M.D. Nidheesh's brilliant five-wicket haul, Kerala managed to bowl out Madhya Pradesh for just 160 runs.

In response, Kerala scored 167 runs. But in the second innings, with

stellar performances from Patidar and Venkatesh Iyer, Madhya Pradesh declared their innings at 369 for eight wickets.

At one point, Kerala was struggling at 121 for six, but a crucial partnership between Mohammad Azharuddeen and Aditya Sarwate provided stability. When the match ended, Kerala stood at 268 for eight, earning three valuable points from the encounter



## Kerala vs Bihar



Kerala advanced to the knockouts after a break, with an innings victory against Bihar. Kerala won by an innings and 169 runs. After Kerala posted a total of 351 runs, Bihar's first innings ended for just 64 runs. Following on, Bihar were bowled out for 118 in their second innings, which sealed Kerala's spot in the quarterfinals. Salman Nizar led from the front with a century in the batting department, while Jalaj Saxena shone with a 10-wicket haul in bowling. With this win, Kerala qualified for the knockouts after a gap of six long years.



## Kerala vs Jammu & Kashmir

One of the most dramatic moments in Ranji Trophy history — that's how the quarterfinal match between Kerala and Jammu & Kashmir can be described. Batting first, Jammu & Kashmir scored 280 runs. In reply, when Kerala lost their ninth wicket, the scoreboard read just 200. With only one wicket remaining, taking the lead seemed nearly impossible. However, Kerala once again proved their fighting spirit. Salman Nizar and Basil Thampi stitched together an 81-run partnership for the last wicket. That crucial one-run lead paved the way for Kerala to enter the semifinals.

Salman Nizar remained unbeaten on 112 and emerged as Kerala's savior. In the bowling department, M D Nidheesh shone with a 10-wicket haul.





# Kerala vs Gujarat



The semifinal clash against Gujarat was filled with dramatic moments and intense excitement. At one point, it seemed like the match had slipped out of Kerala's hands, but in a stunning turnaround, Kerala clawed their way back.

Batting first, Kerala put up a total of 457 runs. Alongside centurion Mohammad

Azharuddeen, Sachin Baby and Salman Nizar also shone in Kerala's batting lineup.

Gujarat, in their reply, fought back strongly. At one stage, they were within striking distance of surpassing Kerala's score—needing just 29 more runs with three wickets in hand. But fortune favored the deserving. Gujarat were

bowled out for 455 runs, falling short by just two.

The turning point came when a ball deflected off Salman Nizar's helmet and was caught by Sachin Baby—securing Kerala a slender two-run lead.

With that, Kerala reached the Ranji Trophy final for the first time in history

# Kerala vs Vidarbha



The Ranji Trophy final was held in Nagpur, Vidarbha's home ground. Batting first after winning the toss, Vidarbha scored 379 runs in their first innings, led by a century from Danish Malewar and a solid 86 from Karun Nair. For Kerala, Nidheesh and Eden Apple Tom picked up three wickets each, while Basil N.P. claimed two.

In reply, Kerala's captain Sachin Baby led from the front with a fine innings of 98



runs, supported by Aditya Sarwate's 79, keeping Kerala in the contest. However, Kerala's innings ended at 342, just 37 runs short of Vidarbha's total.

In the second innings, Vidarbha declared at 375 for 9, and with the match ending in a draw, Vidarbha were crowned champions based on their first-innings lead.

Despite falling short of the title in the final, Kerala bowed out with pride. The team reached the knockouts without losing a single match, with impressive wins against strong sides like Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. The team showed remarkable composure and confidence

throughout high-pressure situations.

Mohammad Azharuddeen was Kerala's top run-scorer of the season with 635 runs, including one century. Close behind was Salman Nizar, who scored 628 runs with two centuries.

In the bowling department, Jalaj Saxena led the way with 40 wickets, followed by Aditya Sarwate with 31 wickets. Much credit also goes to coach Amay Khurasiya, who guided the team with a positive approach.

All in all, this was Kerala's best-ever Ranji Trophy season, marking a proud and historic chapter in the state's cricketing journey.



## Women's Under-23 T20 Trophy

Kerala was placed in Group A of the Women's Under-23 Twenty20 Trophy. The other teams in the group were Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, and Meghalaya. Kerala advanced to the quarterfinals as group champions, having won all their matches. However, Kerala stumbled in the quarterfinal against Assam. Batting first, Assam scored 131 runs for the loss of six wickets, while Kerala was all out for 88 runs. Najla CMC was the captain of the team in the tournament.



## U19 Women's One Day

In the Under-19 Women's One Day tournament, Kerala was placed in Group E along with Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Tripura. Out of the five matches played, Kerala managed to win only two, earning a total of eight points. Kerala began their campaign with a loss against Himachal Pradesh on January 4. Their victories came against Tripura and Rajasthan. Shreya P Siju's performance stood out for Kerala, scoring 269 runs from five innings, including a century. Manaswi was the captain of the team.

## Distribution of Cricket Kits



Kerala Cricket Association distributed cricket kits to the trainees at KCA Junior Women's Academy, Kottayam and KCA Women's Academy, Wayanad.

## KCA President's Cup



The KCA President's Cup, held from March 5 to 15, featured a clash between five teams: KCA Lions, KCA Royals, KCA Eagles, KCA Tigers, and KCA Panthers. The tournament brought together some of the best young talents from across the state.

After the round-robin stage, where all teams played each other, KCA Royals and KCA Lions advanced to the final. Batting first in the final, Royals scored 208 runs for the loss of seven wickets. In response, Lions managed only 198, falling short by 10 runs, handing the title to the Royals.

Jobin Jobi, who delivered standout performances with both bat and ball throughout the tournament, was named the Player of the Series. He was also recognized as the Best Promising Youngster. Govind Dev Pai was awarded Best Batter, while Akhil Sathar was named the Best Bowler of the tournament.

## Women's U-23 One Day Trophy: Kerala's Campaign

Kerala competed in Group A of the Women's Under-23 National One Day Tournament. The other teams in the group were Punjab, Haryana, Saurashtra, Odisha, and Meghalaya.

Kerala began their campaign with a six-wicket loss to Punjab in the opening match. However, they bounced back with victories over Haryana by 24 runs and Meghalaya by 179 runs. The match against Odisha was abandoned, and Kerala suffered a three-wicket loss to Saurashtra.

In total, Kerala secured two wins, two losses, and one no result, finishing the group stage with 10 points. The team was led by Najla C M as captain.

**KCA Pre-season camp 2025/26 for the Senior Men category held at Krishnagiri Stadium, Wayanad from 25th March 2025.**



# APPOINTMENTS



**R. Karthik Varma**

R. Karthik Varma was appointed as the BCCI observer for the second ODI match in the One Day International series between India and England. Karthik Varma was also the secretary of the Ernakulam District Cricket Association. The match was held on February 9 at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack.



**Rahul Das AK**

Rahul Das AK has been appointed as the Strength and Conditioning coach for Under 19 Elite Boys camp from 2nd April to 28th April 2025 at Pondicherry.

# ACHIEVERS



Nidheesh M D crosses the 100-wicket mark in first-class cricket, marking a significant milestone in his career. A key performer in Kerala's bowling unit.



Jalaj Saxena crosses the 7000-run mark in first-class cricket, marking another milestone in his consistent career. A key all-round contributor in domestic cricket.



VJ Joshitha was part of India's U19 Women's World Cup-winning team.



Minnu Mani was selected for the ODI series against Ireland.

# ACHIEVERS



In WPL 2025, Minnu Mani played for Delhi Capitals, Sajana for Mumbai Indians, and Joshitha for RCB.



Eshaan Kunal, Abdul Basith N, and Nandan R Nair Selected for BCCI U-16 Boys Elite Camp 2025



Arundhati Reddy, Joshitha V J, and Minnu Mani Named in Senior Women's Multi-Day Challenger Trophy Squads



Aaditya Baiju and Mohamad Enaan Selected for U-19 Boys Elite Camp 2025



Devarsh B scored a spectacular 133 in the U14 South Zone Inter State Boys match against Goa, showcasing his batting prowess. A standout performance at the zonal level.



The U19 Women's Cricket Team made the nation proud with their remarkable triumph at the U19 World Cup. Joshitha VJ from Kerala, who was named Player of the Match, stood out with her exceptional performance and dedication



Sreya P Siju and Isabel Mary Joseph Selected for the U-19 girls Elite Camp 2025



Sajana received the Youth Icon Award from Kerala State Youth Commission.

Joshitha received the 'Stree Shakthi Award' from the Women's Commission.



*Heartfelt Condolences  
on the passing of*



**Sri. N. P. Subramania Swami**

*Former Ranji Trophy Cricketer who left an  
indelible mark on the cricketing field.  
May his soul rest in peace.*

*Remembering & Cherishing  
His Lasting Impact*



**Sri. R. Reghunath**

*Former Ranji cricketer, leaving behind a legacy  
that will continue to inspire future generations.  
A respected figure in Kerala cricket.*

*With Respect and  
Remembrance*



**Manav Poullose**

*Kerala Under 19 cricketer from  
Ernakulam District, passed away.  
Gone too soon, his dedication to the game  
was evident and will always be remembered.*



# ACTIVITIES

## Thiruvananthapuram

### BCCI Under 19 Women's One Day Trophy

Conducted from 2nd January, 2025 to 12th January, 2025 at KCA Stadium-Mangalapuram, Greenfield International Stadium & KCA-St. Xavier's college ground.

### BCCI Under 23 Women's T20 Trophy

Knockout stage conducted from 14th January, 2025 to 22nd January, 2025 at KCA Stadium – Mangalapuram & KCA – St.Xavier's college ground.

### Ranji Trophy

(Kerala vs Madhya Pradesh)

conducted from 23rd January, 2025 to 26. January, 2025 at Greenfield International Stadium.

### Ranji Trophy

(Kerala vs Bihar) conducted from 30th January, 2025 to 02nd February, 2025 at Greenfield International Stadium.

### BCCI Under 23 Women's One Day Trophy

Group B League match conducted from 3rd March, 2025 to 13th March, 2025 at KCA Stadium-Mangalapuram, Greenfield International Stadium & KCA – St. Xavier's college ground.

## KCA Activities hosted in Trivandrum

Ranji Trophy(2nd phase)-Senior team probable's preparatory camp 2024/25 conducted from 13th January, 2025 to 19th January, 2025 at Greenfield International Stadium.

Umpire's Screening Examination conducted at Greenfield International Stadium on 12th February, 2025

## Activities of Trivandrum District Cricket Association

A felicitation program honoring the Ranji Trophy players from Trivandrum DCA and the NSK Trophy players was held on 22nd March 2025 at the KCA Conference Hall, Thycaud, Trivandrum.



## Under 16 Boys Selection Trials conducted on 30th March, 2025 at Greenfield International Stadium







Prathibha CC emerged as the champions of the A-Division League Matches for the 2023–24 season, while Aries Pataudi CC secured the runner-up position.



Cricket Club of Punalur won the F-Division League Matches for the 2024–25 season, with Century CC finishing as runners-up.



In the E-Division League Matches for 2024–25, Lions CC claimed the championship title, and Southzone Kottarakkara CC were named runners-up.

IPO-B became the winner of the D-Division League Matches for 2024–25, while Galaxy CC finished in second place

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Quilon District Cricket Association was held on Sunday, 23rd March, 2025, at SKVVHSS, Thrikkannamangal.



In the C-Division League for the 2024–25 season, Legend CC secured the title, and Maruthi CC were the runners-up



District selection trials for the Under-16 Boys team were conducted on 30th March, 2025 at SKVVHSS, Thrikkannamangal, Kottarakara.

## ACHIEVERS

Sri. G. Sajikumar from Quilon District was appointed as the Observer for the Kerala U-14 Men's South Zone Inter State Tournament held in Pondicherry.





### Inauguration of Practice Wickets at Pramadam Stadium Pathanamthitta

The stadium was inaugurated for cricket practice and to encourage budding players by Sri. Prem Krishnan S IAS, District Collector of Pathanamthitta, and Adv. K.U. Janeeshkumar, MLA of Konni.



### Cricket for Kids- Selection Trials

The Cricket for Kids selection trials for the Pathanamthitta and Thiruvalla centres were held on 22nd February 2025 at Pramadam Stadium and the Public Stadium in Thiruvalla.



### U-19 Boys District Team 2025-26 Selection Trials

U-19 Boys selection trials 2025-26 conducted on 26th January, 2025 at Public Stadium Thiruvalla.



### U-16 Boys District Team 2025-26 Selection Trials

U-16 Boys selection trials 2025-26 conducted on 25th January, 2025 at Public Stadium Thiruvalla.

### A Division League Matches 2023-24 Inauguration

The A Division League Matches, Pathanamthitta 2023-24, were inaugurated by Sibi Joseph, Hon. Secretary of Kottayam DCA, on 22nd March 2025 at the CMS College Ground, Kottayam.



## ALAPPUZHA

Alappuzha DCA has successfully hosted KCA President's Cup T20 Season-4 at S D College Ground from 5th March 2025 to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. The competition was conducted in double headers (round robin) league followed by final. A total of 21 matches were played during this year's KCA President's Cup. Final was played between KCA Lions and KCA Royals and KCA Royals emerged as the Champions. Akhil Scaria was declared as the Player of the Final match and the Player of the series was awarded to Jobin P Joby.



### Performers From Alappuzha District

Jubin Thomas, Prabhul Praveen, Abhinav V V, and Devatheerth S –were selected to participate in the U-14 Boys' State Selection Matches. Abhinav V V went on to earn a place in the U-14 State Team for the state-level matches held in Pondicherry, while Devatheerth S was named in the State B Team for the multi-day invitational practice matches held in Vizianagaram.

The following players were included in various teams of KCA Presidents cup T-20 Season 4

- A. Midhun P K – KCA Panthers
- B. Jerin P S – KCA Royals
- C. Amal Ramesh & Harikrishnan MU – KCA Lions
- D. Nikhil M & Midhun S – KCA Tigers
- E. Anuj Jotin & Vishnu Raj – KCA Eagles

### League Tournaments

ADCA C- Division League matches 2022-'23 have been started and is ongoing as of now.

## ACTIVITIES

U-14 Boys District Team Camp was held at S D College ground. U-14 District team played South Zone Inter District matches 2024-25 at KCA SD College ground, Alappuzha and KCA Cricket Ground Thodupuza, Idukki.



### Regular Practice Activities

Regular practice sessions were organized for senior and junior boys, involving a total of 80 participants. Fitness sessions, designed by KCA trainers, were also conducted regularly.



### District Team Performance

U-14 boys team finished in third position in the Inter-District Tournament, securing 12 points and winning four out of six matches. Highlights of the campaign included impressive victories over Ernakulam by 1 wicket, Pathanamthitta by 132 runs, Idukki by 152 runs, and Kollam by 7 wickets.





## Other Achievements & Activities

- Sri. Rajeesh Retnakumar was appointed as the Assistant Coach of Kerala team for Ranji Trophy tournament.
- Sri. Arun U Kumar was appointed as Assistant Coach of the Kerala U-23 Women's team for the BCCI U-23 one day Tournament.
- Alappuzha DCA has hosted the U-23 Women's state camp and U-23 Women's State probables camp for the ODI team, U-14 boys Inter district matches, U-14 B team state probables camp.

## Camp Conducted by Academies of Alappuzha

**A. A11 Cricket Academy:** A total of 50 students participated in the Regular and Weekend batches. The sessions included match simulations, open nets/net practice, batting and bowling drills, fielding drills, and fitness sessions which featured the Yo-Yo test. Activities were conducted at the S.N. College ground and also included match simulations and practice matches. Students had the opportunity to interact with IPL player Vishnu Vinod and Kerala Ranji Trophy player Basil N.P.



**B. Muthukulam Cricket Club:** The total strength of the academy is 76 (Boys - 51 and Girls – 25). The academy participated in Fighters cup U-13 tournament at Chottaniakkara, League series matches at Sasthamkotta and practice matches. The club

Participated in the Coastal Cyclathon conducted by CISF on 30th March, 2025. The cycle rally was organized as part of a campaign against drug abuse. 20 players from the academy participated in the cycle rally. Rally was flag offed by Chief Sri. Rothash Singh, Asst. Commandant, CISF NTPC Unit Chief from academy nets at Muthukulam. The academy students cycled 10 kilometres & joined the CISF Cyclathon at Perumbally. Smt. Ashoka Nandini Mohanthy, CISF Deputy Commandant addressed the academy players & presented mementos to the participants.



## C. Lords XI Sandos Cricket Academy

**Practice Sessions:** Lords XI Sandos Cricket Academy participated in various tournaments across various locations. The academy become runners up in Vellor tournament and Salem tournament. The academy conducted motivational programs, including a "Student of the Month" award based on attitude, dedication, performance, and attendance, which had a notable impact on player focus and morale. was flag offed by Chief Sri. Rothash Singh, Asst. Commandant, CISF NTPC Unit Chief from academy nets at Muthukulam. The academy students cycled 10 kilometres & joined the CISF Cyclathon at Perumbally. Smt. Ashoka Nandini Mohanthy, CISF Deputy Commandant addressed the academy players & presented mementos to the participants.



**Status of S D College Ground Refurbishment:** The refurbishment works of KCA/SD College cricket ground is progressing. The construction of roads and futsal at the Multi sports hub is almost completed. The earth work for the installation of the flood lights, construction of the multi sports facilities at Sports Hub and refurbishment works is progressing.





## U-23 GIRLS STATE PREPARATORY CAMP



## KOTTAYAM

The Kottayam District Cricket Association continued its regular coaching initiatives, where the Day Scholar Academies and Weekend Coaching Camp saw consistent participation, and weekly 45-over matches at CMS School Ground provided valuable match practice.



The association successfully completed the A, B, C, and D Division league matches, with National CC, Anickad Cricket Club, Rockers XI, and St. Dominic's College emerging as champions in their respective divisions.

## IDUKKI

Coaching camps were conducted at various venues, including Thodupuzha, Rajakkadu, Vandiperiyar, and Kattappana. In addition to the existing centres, two new centres were successfully established one in Munnar and the other in Kumily.



The U-14 Group A League matches, U-14 Men's State probable matches, and the Probable Camp were successfully conducted at the KCA Thekkumbhagam Stadium, Thodupuzha, from 8th January 2025 to 16th January 2025, and again from 20th January 2025 to 24th January 2025.

## KCA PRESIDENTS CUP T-20 SEASON 4



The Under-16 boys' selection trials were held on 29 March, 2025, followed by coaching sessions and practice games arranged for the shortlisted players.



The association conducted a one-day orientation program for interns, preparing them to assist senior coaches during the upcoming Summer Cricket Coaching Camp 2025.

Sreeram J and Sreevivek Satheesan were selected to the U-14 (B) Team Probables' Camp. Additionally, Sreeram J was selected to represent the U-14 State (B) Team in the Multiday Invitational Inter-State Practice Match held at Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh.

Malavika Sabu was selected to the Women's U-23 State One Day and T20 Probables Camp held at Alappuzha. Following her impressive performance, she secured a place in the State Women's T20 Team for the T20 Trophy 2024-25 and in the State Women's One Day Team for the One Day Trophy 2024-25.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Akhil Scaria was selected for the Kerala Senior Men's team for the BCCI Vijay Hazare Trophy 2024–25.

The district proudly congratulates Sachin Baby, captain of the Kerala Ranji Trophy team, for leading the side to the finals for the first time in history.

## ERNAKULAM

Kerala emerged as the runners-up in the Ranji Trophy 2024–25 season, with significant contributions from Ernakulam players. Nidheesh MD delivered an impressive bowling performance, taking 27 wickets in 7 matches at an economy rate of 3.00, which included three 4-wicket hauls and two 5-wicket hauls. NP Basil claimed 16 wickets in 5 matches, while Basil Thampi contributed with 6 wickets in his 5 appearances.

EDCA conducted the selection trials for the Under-16 Boys district team on 29th March, 2025 at the Palace Oval Ground, Tripunithura. A total of 102 aspiring



Cricketers participated, competing for a place in the squad for the upcoming KCA Inter District League Matches 2025.

From 7th to 10th January, 2025, Ernakulam DCA successfully hosted the KCA U-14 Boys Inter District League (Central Zone) at the Tripunithura Palace Oval Ground. The home team comprised 16 players and 4 reserves, coached by David Cherian.



Isabel Mary Joseph and Ananya K Pradeep represented Kerala in the BCCI U-23 Women's One Day Trophy at Pondicherry in March 2025.

Arjun V Nair (WK), Madhav Vinod, Aaryan S, and Shivank V Jayesh from Ernakulam were part of the KCA U14 Men's South Zone Inter-State Tournament from 27th January to 18th February 2025.

Akhil Scaria also received special mention for being part of the Ranji Trophy squad. He captained the KCA Royals to victory in the latest edition of the President's Cup and was named Man of the Final.

Jobin P Joby, also representing KCA Royals, was honoured for his exceptional performance in the President's Cup. He received the Man of the Tournament title and was recognised as the Promising Youngster of the competition.

Darin Abraham Shemit and Nirmal Ajith represented the KCA U14 Men's B team in interstate matches held from 6th to 13th February 2025, under the guidance of coach David Cherian.

- A total of 13 players from Ernakulam District were selected for the KCA TCM President's Cup 2025 (Season 4). The selected players were Abdul Bazith PA, Rohith KR, Afrad N, Vipul Shakthi, Govind Dev Pai, Akhil M S, Preethish Pavan, Basil Thampi, Appu Prakash, Anandhu Sunil, Jose S Perayil, Ajith V, and Vinoop S Manoharan.

## CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

In the 42nd Dr. M.S. Nair Memorial All Kerala Cricket Tournament, Swantons Cricket Club emerged as the champions.

In the 43rd Thrissur Titans Elite Cricket Tournament, Globstars Cricket Club clinched the championship title, while Muthoot Microfin Cricket Club secured the runners-up position.

At the Canara Bank 28th All Kerala Celestial Trophy 2025, Muthoot Microfin Cricket Club lifted the trophy as champions, with Tripunithura Cricket Club finishing as runners-up.

In the 1st All Kerala Elite Cricket Academy Tournament held in Thrissur, Wisden Cricket Academy claimed the championship, marking a notable achievement in their competitive journey.

During the Lords Infinity U-14 All Kerala Tournament held at Kayamkulam, Sobers Cricket Club was crowned champions.

Kochi hosted the 2025 edition of the TATA IPL Fan Park, bringing fans closer to the action and enriching cricket culture across the city.



EDCA organized review meetings for its U-14 and U-16 teams on 28th March, 2025 at the EDCA office, JLN Stadium, Kaloor. These sessions included discussions with players, reserves, and those selected for HPC programs, focusing on performance assessments and future planning.

EDCA mourns the untimely demise of Manav Poulouse (17), an Under-16 zonal player who also represented the school state team. His loss is deeply felt by the cricketing community.



## THRISSUR

The U-14 Boys team from Thrissur delivered an outstanding performance in the 2024–25 Inter District Tournament, securing the Pool B Championship title.



Vishal George, Dheeraj Gopinath, and Muhamed Farooque P M were selected to represent the Kerala U-14 Boys team in the South Zone Inter State Tournament.



## PALAKKAD

The first edition of M G Unni Memorial U-19 Tournament ended on January 19. Palakkad Royals beat Mannarkkad Blasters in the final. Sri Bineesh Kodyeri, Joint Secretary, KCA, was the chief guest.



Vednath Koonath, Benvin Kannanaikkal, and Madhav S Nair, also from Thrissur, were chosen for the Kerala State U-14 Boys 'B' team. These players will participate in multi-day inter-state practice matches to be held at Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh.

Thrissur's Vathsal Govind Sharma and Sharafuddeen N M were selected to represent Kerala in the Ranji Trophy 2024–25 season.



Pavan Sreedhar, Vathsal Govind Sharma, Mohammed Enaan, Riya Basheer, Akarsh A K, Sharafuddeen N M, Kiran Sagar, Athif Bin Asharaf, Sibin P Girish, Adidev T J and Arjun Venugopal represented Thrissur district and made their mark in the KCA-TCM Presidents Cup, a prestigious tournament organised by the Kerala Cricket Association.

Riya Basheer, Kiran Sagar, and Pavan Sreedhar, three talented players from Thrissur, were selected for the Kerala U-23 Men's team competing in the Col. C K Nayudu Trophy 2024–25.



The second All Kerala Prayaga Women's Tournament was held in February. Ten teams participated. Cordiant CC, Kozhancherry won against KK 55 CC, Thalasserry. Smt. Prameela Sasidharan inaugurated the event.





48th Annual General Body Meeting was held on January 5 at Hotel Gazala. Sri Manoj K from Malappuram attended as KCA Observer.



Mr. Peter Wellings from Middlesex visited on January 27. He interacted and gave tips to young players during the camp.



Kerala reached the Ranji Trophy finals for the first time. Palakkad DCA celebrated the moment at Fort Maidan.



## KOZHIKODE

The U-14 boys North Zone Inter District Tournament 2024-2025 was held at Perinthalmanna, Thalassery and Kasaragod cricket stadium from 07th January, 2025 to 16th January, 2025.

U-14 Boys Kozhikode District Cricket Association Team 2024-2025



### Kozhikode District Cricket League Tournament 2023-2024

The Kozhikode District Cricket League Tournament 2023-2024 commenced on 22nd February, 2025 at Usha School of Athletics Grass Ground. The tournament was officially inaugurated by Km Sachin Dev MLA.

District League B and C Division matches began in January. Other matches were delayed due to a high UV Index and a daytime activity ban



IPL Fanpark was held on March 29 and 30 at Fort Maidan. Three matches were screened live. Over 10,000 people attended on Sunday



### Kozhikode District Cricket Association C Division League Championship – Final

Final match of Kozhikode District Cricket Association C Division Cricket League Championship was held on 23rd March, 2025 at the Usha School of Athletics Grass Ground. Bilathikulam Cricket Club emerged as champions by defeating Kannothe Cricket Club by 7 wickets.





## WAYANAD

- U23 C.K. Nayudu Trophy Phase 2 camp was held from 16th to 21st January 2025 at Wayanad Cricket Stadium.
- Senior Men's Pre-season Camp started on 25th March 2025 at Krishnagiri.
- B Division League 2024-25 was held at Krishnagiri and WMO from 6th to 26th February 2025.
- A Division League 2023-24 took place at the same venues from 2nd January to 5th February 2025.
- KCA Academy Training and DCA regular coaching camps were held at Krishnagiri. MACHANS were crowned champions, and Shogun were runners-up.



- VJ Joshitha was honoured by Wayanad DCA on 4th February 2025.



- An Iftar banquet was hosted by Wayanad DCA on 26th March 2025 to honour the Kerala Ranji team.
- Akhin Sathar was named Best Bowler in the President's Cup at Alappuzha.

## KANNUR

### BCCI TOURNAMENTS

#### Ranji Trophy Final 2024-25

Salman Nizar, Akshay Chandran and Varun Nayanar have been represented for Kerala in Ranji Trophy 2024-25 Final against Vidharbha at Ahmedabad.

#### Col. C K Nayudu Trophy

Varun Nayanar and Omar Abubacker have been represented for Kerala in Col CK Nayudu Trophy 2024-25.

#### NCA : UNDER 19 BOYS ELITE CAMP

Rahul Das AK have been appointed as the Strength and Conditioning coach for Under 19 Elite Boys camp from 2nd April to 28th April 2025 at Pondicherry

#### KCA Under-14 Men's South Zone Inter State Tournament

Diju Das have been Appointed as the Coach of KCA Under-14 Men's team, participated in the U14 Men's South Zone Inter State Tournament held at Pondicherry from 27th January to 18th February 2025.

#### KCA UNDER-14 MEN'S (B-TEAM) - Interstate Practice Matches

Ayaan Ahammed have been represented KCA Under-14 Men's (B-Team) for Interstate practice matches for Under-14 Boys "B" teams at Andhra Pradesh from 6th to 13th Feb 2025.

### DISTRICT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25

#### C DIVISION LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

**CHAMPIONS : FORT CRICKET CLUB 'B', KANNUR**

### B DIVISION LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



**CHAMPIONS : RANJI CRICKET CLUB, KUTHUPARAMBA**



### KCA /DCA CAMPS/MATCHES/ACTIVITIES

1. Salman Nizar, Akshay Chandran and Varun Nayanar has been selected to KCA Pre-season camp 2025/26 for the Senior Men category held at Krishnagiri Stadium, Wayanad from 25th March 2025.
2. Nandana C K has been selected for KCA Under-23 Women's state probable camp (One Day) held at KCA SD College Cricket Stadium, Alappuzha from 6th February 2025 to 18th February 2025.



3. Omar Abubacker, Varun Nayanar and Parthiv Jayesh has been selected for Col. C K Nayudu Trophy 2024/25 (Final Phase) – Under-23 Men's Team Preparatory Camp held at KCA Cricket Stadium, Krishnagiri, Wayanad from 16th January 2025

4. Varun Nayanar Led KCA Lions in the TCM-KCA President's Cup T20 (Season-4) matches held at S D College ground, Alappuzha from 5th to 15th March 2025.

5. Ayaan Ahammed has been selected to KCA Under-14 Men's State Probables Camp scheduled at KCA Cricket Ground, Thodupuzha, Idukki on 23rd & 24th January 2025.

6. Zehan Muhammed and Ayaan Ahammed has been selected for U14 Men's State Probables Matches held at KCA Cricket Stadium – 1 & 2, Thodupuzha, Idukki from 20th to 22nd January 2025.

7. Madhusudhanan M, Hari Govind and Jishnu Ajith has attended the Umpires Screening Examination 2024 held at The Sports Hub – Greenfield International Stadium, Karyavattom, Trivandrum on 12th February 2025.

8. Under- 14 boys Inter-District matches for the season 2024-25 conducted from 7th to 16th January 2024 at Thalassery Conorvayal cricket stadium, Thalassery. Participated teams are Kasaragod, Kannur, Wayanad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Palakkad & Thrissur.

9. ABBA Cricket Club, A Member of Cannanore DCA conducted Anver Pasha Memorial 3rd All Kerala Masters/Veteran Cricket Tournament on 23rd, 29th and 30th March 2025 at Thalassery Conor Vayal Cricket Stadium with Eight teams.

## KASARAGOD

### 1) KASARAGOD DISTRICT TEAMS 2024

#### U-14 BOYS INTER DISTRICT MATCHES

The Inter District one-day tournament was held at multiple venues, including Kasaragod KCA Stadium, KCA Stadium Perinthalmanna, Thalassery Conor Vayal Stadium, and Palace Oval Thrippunithura. Out of the six matches played, Kasaragod secured a victory against Wayanad.

### 2) LEAGUE TOURNAMENT 2023-24

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#### (A) A – DIVISION



DCA President Mr. N A Abdul Khadir inaugurated the A-division District League Cricket Tournament 2023-24 in the presence of other DCA office bearers at KCA Stadium, Manya

### PRACTICE WICKET CONSTRUCTION

The practice wicket at the KCA Stadium in Kasaragod has been completed.



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