



# Kerala Cricket League



The inaugural season of the Kerala Cricket League (KCL) 2024 unfolded with an extraordinary surge of excitement and enthusiasm, capturing the imagination of cricket enthusiasts across the region. The electrifying atmosphere of the opening ceremony set the stage for a truly unforgettable tournament. The highly anticipated player auction was held on 10 August, 2024 at Hyatt Regency, Thiruvananthapuram, where 168 finest domestic cricketers of the state were fiercely contested under the hammer of renowned auctioneer Mr Charu Sharma. The event marked the beginning of a new chapter in Kerala's cricketing history, generating immense buzz and building anticipation for the tournament.

The KCL kicked off on 02 September, 2024 showcasing the abundant domestic talent and fiercely competed matches. Six franchisees Alleppey Ripples, Adani Trivandrum Royals, Finesse Thrissur Titans, Kochi Blue Tigers, Calicut Globstars, and Aries Kollam Sailors—battled it out in the high-stakes tournament which saw intense rivalries, stunning performances and unforgettable moments for fans who were treated to some riveting performances as each team fought valiantly for supremacy on the field.

From breath-taking match finishes to individual feats of brilliance, the inaugural KCL season kept fans on the edge of their seats. The journey culminated in a gripping finale that crowned a deserving champion, marking the end of a season full of drama and passion showcasing our cricketing talent. The first edition of the KCL will forever be remembered as a landmark in Kerala's cricketing landscape, setting the stage for future seasons filled with even greater excitement.

Player of The Tournament  
**Sharafuddeen N M (AKS)**

Best Batter  
**Sachin Baby (AKS)**

Best Bowler  
**Akhil Scaria (CG)**

Emerging Player  
**Ahammed Imran (TT)**

Fair Play Award  
**Aries Kollam Sailors**

Semi Finalist 1  
**Adani Trivandrum Royals**

Semi Finalist 2  
**Thrissur Titans**

Runners Up  
**Calicut Globstars**

Winners  
**Aries Kollam Sailors**

The teams played a total of 10 matches each in a double round-robin format at the Sports Hub Greenfield International Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, bringing local and regional cricket enthusiasts together to witness the action up close. The matches were broadcast live worldwide on Star Sports 1 and streamed live on the Fancode App. Additionally, both the inaugural and final matches were aired on the Asianet Movie channel.

The top four teams from the league stage who advanced to playoffs battled it out in knockout matches, ultimately determining the champion of the inaugural season.

Aries Kollam Sailors emerged as the champions defeating Calicut Globstars by 6 wickets in the final. In a stunning display of skill and consistency, Sachin Baby firmly established himself as the highest run-scorer of the tournament, amassing a remarkable 528 runs with two centuries, including a match-winning effort in the final.

On the bowling front, Akhil Scaria, the medium pacer for Calicut Globstars was nothing short of sensational. He bowled with precision and aggression, taking 25 wickets to claim the title of the tournament's highest wicket-taker with an exceptional average of 13.1. His ability to strike at crucial moments and dismantle opposition batting line-ups was a testament to his skill, making him a formidable force with the ball.



## Tribute to Sri. S. Anilkumar

During the closing ceremony, the Kerala Cricket Association honored the memory of S. Anil Kumar, a devoted umpire, KCA employee, and valued member of the cricket community, who passed away recently. As a tribute, the association presented a cheque of ₹12,00,000/- to his wife and two daughters.



## Groundsmen the Unsung Heroes

In recognition of their exceptional efforts and dedication, KCA announced a cash reward of 5 Lakhs for the groundsmen of The Sports Hub Greenfield International Stadium. The Curator & groundsmen worked relentlessly to prepare top-quality pitches, even in challenging weather conditions for a total of 33 matches.



# KCA ACTIVITIES

## KCA Umpire's Seminar 2024

KCA Umpire Seminar, held on 3rd & 4th July 2024 in Thiruvananthapuram envisaged to enhance the standards of umpiring across Kerala. The seminar was attended by 76 umpires and featured Sri K N Ananthapadmanabhan (International Umpire) as Chief faculty and Sri Jose Kurishinkal (Former International Umpire) as Moderator. BCCI Level B umpires A. Sivakumar, Tony Emmatty, B Viswajith, K Nidhin, GanshyamPrabhu and Ali Asgar were the other faculties. The event provided a platform for participants to engage with experts and refine their skills, receive insights and also deepen their understanding of the responsibilities and challenges of modern cricket umpiring. Through comprehensive sessions, the seminar sought to elevate the proficiency and professionalism of the participants.



## HPC U-19 WOMEN'S SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

HPC U-19 Women's Skill Development Programme, held from 10 to 17 July, 2024 at The Sports Hub Greenfield International Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram, was designed to enhance the technical skills of young women cricketers. The camp saw the participation of 32 players who were guided by Anu Ashok (Coach), Jini Jomon (Coach), Anusha Prabhakaran (S&C Coach), Rose Maria & Megha Manohar (Physio), and Manu S (Video Analyst). The camp provided targeted training sessions to improve various aspects of their game, focusing on key technical abilities and performance strategies. This camp aimed to empower the participants with the necessary skills and confidence to excel at higher levels of competition, fostering the growth of women's cricket.

## COACHING BEYOND HIGH-INTENSITY CAMP

The High-Intensity Fast Bowlers Camp, held from 15 to 24 July, 2024 at Coaching Beyond in Chennai, was meticulously designed to enhance the speed and technique of fast bowlers under the guidance of Sri B. Arun, former Bowling Coach of Team India. The camp featured 16 fast bowlers and 5 batters from various categories and along with KCA Coaches Mazhar Moidu & Francis Tiju. The program focused on developing crucial aspects of fast bowling, such as strength, agility, and precision, with personalized coaching sessions tailored to the specific needs of each participant. This intensive camp aimed to refine the skills of the bowlers and elevate their performance to an international standard.



## HPC U-19 MEN'S PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The camp was held from 16 to 25 July, 2024 at KCA Stadium Krishnagiri, Wayanad. The camp involved 30 players identified from under 19 inter-district matches. M Rajagopal (Head Coach), Sebastian Antony (Batting Coach), Anish S (Bowling Coach) Vyshak Krishna (S&C Coach) Varun (Physio) worked together to improve the players' skills, fitness, recovery and overall performance. Through a series of focused training sessions, the camp sought to enhance both the technical and physical aspects of the players thereby ensuring their development and readiness for higher-level competitions.

## U19 STATE PROBABLE'S CAMP

State Probable's Camp, held from 11 to 21 August, 2024 in Thiruvananthapuram was a pivotal training session for U-19 players in preparation for upcoming interstate matches. The camp involved 37 players. MazharMoidu (Head Coach), Francis Tiju (Coach), Vyshak Krishna & KiranLal(S & C Coach) and Varun (Physio) were in charge. The camp kicked off with fitness sessions for the players at The Sports Hub International Stadium.

## PRE-SEASON FITNESS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Pre-Season Fitness Assessment Programme started on 14 to 19 August, 2024, which was designed to assess the players' fitness levels in preparation for the upcoming seasons. 34 participants from various categories were there in the program, which focused on evaluating key aspects of physical conditioning, including strength, endurance, and agility. Tailored fitness sessions and performance evaluations were conducted to identify areas for improvement, helping players achieve peak fitness and ensuring they were ready for the challenges of the season ahead. The assessment was headed by Vyshak Krishna (S&C Coach) and RS Unnikrishnan (Physio). The fitness assessment for U-23 Men's probable players was taken on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## U-19 Women's T-20 Probable's Camp

U-19 Women's State Probable's Camp, conducted from 17 to 30 August 2024 at KCA Stadium Krishnagiri, Wayanad. The camp was a focused two-week training session for enhancing the skills of the U-19 women's players in preparation for the upcoming competitive season. Led by Head Coach Rumeli Dhar, Assistant Coach Anu Ashok, Rahul Das(S&C), and PhysioMegha, the camp emphasized both technical development and physical conditioning, ensuring the players were fully prepared for the challenges of the upcoming season.

## Physios & Strength and Conditioning Coaches Orientation Program

The Physios and Strength & Conditioning Coaches Orientation Program, conducted from 26 to 28 July, 2024, was led by Ms Harini, Zonal Head SSM at BCCI. The program sought to enhance the knowledge and skills of physios and S&C coaches in managing player fitness and recovery. It offered participants advanced insights and practical strategies to optimize athlete performance, prevent injuries, and ensure effective rehabilitation, based on the latest trends.

## Seminar on CSA

A seminar on Understanding Child Sexual Abuse in the Context of Sports—was conducted on 15 July, 2024 at Ernakulam by partnering with Dil Se-India a non-governmental organisation (NGO) founded by Ms.Cristelle Hart Singh. It dealt with understanding what is considered abuse, the factors that increase the chances of abuse within the sports setting, its effect on children, ways of preventing and creating a safe environment for children, disclosure, and POCSO law. It was attended by 110 participants ranging from coaches, Team officials, administrative staff, Curators, and groundsmen. The seminar concluded with a pledge and call to action for all involved to work together to create a safer environment for children in Sports.



## Ranji Trophy Preparatory Camp

The Ranji Trophy preparatory camp for the upcoming season commenced on 26 September, 2024 under the guidance of the new Head Coach, Amay Khurasiya. The camp was held at the KCA Stadium in Mangalapuram, Thiruvananthapuram.

## Senior Women's T-20 Probable's Camp

The Camp was headed by Senior Women's team coach Ms Devieka Palshikaar. The camp began at KCA Stadium Krishnagiri, Wayanad, held from 20<sup>th</sup> August to 5 September, 2024. It was designed to prepare the senior women's team for the upcoming season with probable 24 players and was supported by Justin Fernandez (coach), Rose Maria (Physio), Anusha Prabhakaran (S&C).

## Invitation Tournaments & Practice Matches

### Women's Quadrangular Practice Match

Our team headed to Mangalagiri, Andhra post completion of the U19 T20 Probables camp, for Quadrangular exposure matches against Andhra Secretary XI, Andhra President XI & Maharashtra from 4 to 10 September, 2024.

### Reliance Men U-19 All India Invitation Tournament

We participated in the Reliance Men U-19 All India Invitation tournament on 22 August, 2024 at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, and Gujarat. Unfortunately, some matches of the tournament were suspended due to a cyclone and inclement weather in Ahmedabad after the first day of the first match against Mumbai.

### U-19 Men's Outstation Practice Matches

U-19 Men's team visited Andhra from 25 to 28 September, 2024 for outstation One Day practice matches played against Andhra & Andhra B before the start of the Vinoo Mankad Trophy.

### Senior Women's Inter-State Practice Matches

The Senior Women's team participated in Inter State T-20 practice matches against Andhra and Baroda that were held in Baroda from 14 to 25 September, 2024. We played 3 matches each against Andhra and Baroda Senior Women teams, where we won 4 matches against the opponents.

### U-19 Women T-20 Exposure Matches

The U-19 Women's team played exposure matches against Bengal and Maharashtra from 8 to 13 September 2024, at the KCA Stadium, Mangalapuram, Thiruvananthapuram. Prior to their departure to Rajkot for the next round of practice matches, starting on 21 September 2024, against Saurashtra, a training camp was organized in Thiruvananthapuram. These matches are set to take place before the commencement of the BCCI tournaments.

## Players selected for Asia Cup in Sri Lanka



Sajana Sajeevan



Arundhati Reddy



## APPOINTMENTS

### Amay Khurasia



Amay Khurasia appointed as Head coach Senior Men's Team. He is a former Indian cricketer who played 12 One Day Internationals, including the 1999 World Cup and the 1998 Commonwealth Games. A certified NCA Level C coach, he served as the Chief Coach of the M.P. Cricket Academy from 2008 to 2019.

### Devieka Palshikaar



Devieka Palshikaar appointed as Head Coach Senior Women's Team. She is a former Indian cricketer who played 15 One Day Internationals and 1 Test for India. She also served as the Batting Coach for Mumbai Indians WPL and has also been an Assistant Coach for the Bangladesh Women's Team, holding an NCA Level B Coaching certification.

### Rumeli Dhar



Rumeli Dhar appointed as Head Coach U 19 & U 23 Women's Team. She is a former Indian cricketer who represented India in 78 One Day Internationals, 18 T20Is, and 4 Tests. An NCA Level B coach, she is known for her versatile all-round performances and significant contributions to Indian women's cricket.

## KASARGOD

Camps for U-23 Boys were conducted under the supervision of Mr. Shadab Khan in August & U-15 Girls were conducted under the supervision of Mr. Shafeeq in the month of August.

Mohammed Jaseel got selected to Kerala U19 Boys Team for the Reliance Men (3-Day) All India Invitation League Divya Ganesh was selected to represent the Kerala Team for the Senior Women Exposure matches.

## KANNUR

Mazhar Moidu has been appointed as the fielding coach of the India "D" Team in the Duleep Trophy held at Anantapur Kannur became the champions of Under 15 Women Inter District Tournament (North Zone) Kannur became the champions of Under 23 Men Inter District Tournament (North Zone) Nivedhya Mol VN, Anushka CV, Theertha Suresh and Bhavya Nandha have been selected for Under-19 Women's Inter-Zonal matches held at KCA Stadium Mangalapuram, Trivandrum on 18th & 19th July 2024.

Anushka C V has been selected for the HPC Under-19 Women's

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The construction at KCA Stadium Mangalapuram includes the development of the Pavilion Block, which involves extensive civil works, plumbing, drainage, HVAC, and fire fighting system installations. Electrical works, lift installation, and waterproofing measures are also underway to ensure functionality and durability. The substation block, focused on electrical infrastructure, is being built, and alongside the utility block, waterproofing efforts are in place. Additionally, the amphitheatre construction is progressing at a good pace.

The refurbishment works of the KCA Stadium Kasaragod center wicket is completed under the supervision of Mr. Biju AM - Chief Curator KCA Practice Nets has been completed at KCA Stadium Kasaragod Officials from KPMG visited the new project site at Palakkad to conduct a feasibility study on 29 July, 2024 Maintenance work is being carried out on the lighting systems at Indoor Nets, Thiruvalla, Pathanamthitta Practice Nets Construction Work is in progress at Pramadon Stadium, Pathanamthitta.

Skill Development Program Milan Nath ,Vaishnav E, and Abhiraj PV have been selected for the HPC Under-19 Men's Performance Enhancement Program.

## KOZHIKODE

In the second position of the U-23 North Zone Inter District Tournament 2024-2025, Nazal P, Abhiram V, Rishal Ahammed, and V.L. Vikranth represented the North Zone team. Haya Fathima C P M from the Kozhikode DCA team represented the U15 North Zone team from Kozhikode district in 2024-25.



## WAYANAD

U19 Boys inter zone tournament from 01 July, 2024 to 10 July, 2024 at Wayanad Cricket Stadium ·Wayanad DCA AGM was held at Krishnagiri on 13 July, 2024. Indian/State players, Coaches & Staff were felicitated at the award function that followed. Wayanad DCA distributed jerseys for active Coaches, Curators, Umpires and Scorers · Minnumani & Sajana sajeevan were selected for the India A team for the Australian Tournament.

Sajana Sajeevan was selected for the Indian Team for the ICC Women's T20 World cup in Dubai. Sajana Sajeevan was selected for the Indian Team for the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka · Nazir Machan was appointed as the Chairman of KCL · Wayanad was the Runner-up in the North Zone U 15 Girls Inter district tournament held at Perinthalmanna.

Wayanad Players Joshitha Vj, Parvathy Kunjumon, Swaffiya & Niya Nazneen were selected for the HPC U/19 Women's Skill Development program Akhin sathar was selected to the High Intensity camp for fast bowlers at Coaching Beyond, Chennai Wayanad Players Jai Mathew, Gokul MS and Vishnu Sankaran were selected for the U/19 men's performance Enhancement program.



## MALAPPURAM

1. The Annual General Body Meeting and Annual Awards Function for the 2023-24 season were conducted on August 11, 2024, at Perintalmanna Cricket Stadium. 52 out of 59 clubs participated. Mr. Jaffer Sait was the KCA observer for the function.

2. A "One Club, One Coach" program was conducted for aspiring coaches of the DCA from October 18 to 20, 2024.

3. MDCA planted 200 trees at Perintalmanna Cricket Stadium, sponsored by the Kerala Forest Research Institute in cooperation with Dr. Venugopal, on October 21, 2024.

4. A two-day workshop for umpires and scorers was conducted from October 26 to 27, 2024, at Perintalmanna Cricket Stadium for the state and district panel umpires and scorers of MDCA.

5. Century Universal commenced their 3rd Champions Trophy Season (District Tournament) at IRB Ground, Pandikkad, from November 10 to 24, 2024.

## PALAKKAD

Palakkad DCA conducted the Women Empowerment Programme for women players, their parents, and coaches from the district on 03 August, 2024 at Hotel Sayoojyam. Mr. Adam Khan, Inspector of Police, inaugurated the event. The program 'Hygeia', was conducted by a concerned handling sports psychology group. The programme was attended by more than 80 people and according to the feedback received, the sessions were highly effective.



## THRISSUR

Sharafuddeen N M, from Thrissur, was crowned Kerala Cricket League Season-1 Player of The Tournament for his outstanding all-round performance.

Hosted the U-15 Girls Inter District Central Zone Matches U-19 women's HPC Camp- Sreya P Siju, Isha Faisal, Keerthi Damodharan, and Urvasi SR

HPC Under-19 Men's Performance Enhancement Program Simon Siju, Adithya Rajesh, and Vasudev K S

High-Intensity Camp for Fast Bowlers at Coaching Beyond, Chennai- Sharafuddeen.

## ERNAKULAM

Ernakulam DCA Successfully Hosted the KCA Under 23 Men's Inter-District League Matches 2024/25 (Central Zone) at Rajagiri College Ground & St.Paul's College Ground respectively From 16th August 2024 to 19th August 2024.

### Under 23 Men's Central Zone Representations

1. Appu Prakash
2. Govind Dev D Pai
3. Arjun R Nair

### 24-26 August Umpires Clinic

### Under-19 Women's Skill Development Program

1. Sheethal V J
2. Isabel Mary Joseph
3. Manasvi Potti
4. Ashima Antony

### High Intensity Camp for Fast Bowlers at Coaching Beyond

1. Basil Thampi
2. Basil N P
3. Hridhay Abhilash



## IDUKKI

Akhil Scaria, Jobin P, and Anandhu Prasad were selected for the High-Intensity Camp for fast bowlers at coaching beyond Chennai from 15 July to 24 July and Vasudev R Nair was also selected for the HPC U-19 Men's performance enhancement program at Wayanad.

IDCA conducted a Coaching Camp at Various venues namely Thodupuzha, Vandiperiyar, Rajakkad, and Nedumkandam.

Mr Akhil P has been appointed as a curator Trainee in Thodupuzha Stadium from 5 August, 2024.

Akhil Scaria who represented Calicut Glob Star becomes the highest wicket taker of KCL.



## KOTTAYAM

### Fitness Assessment

To ensure the physical fitness of DCA players, fitness assessments were conducted on 21 and 22 September, 2024, at CMS College Ground, strictly adhering to NCA protocols. The sessions were conducted under the leadership of KCA Trainer Sri. Akhil S, supported by the DCA coaching staff.

### Umpires' & Scorers' Clinic

To enhance officiating standards, the association organized a comprehensive 3-day training program for aspiring umpires and scorers at S B College, Changanacherry, on August 28, 31, and September 1, 2024.







## ALAPPUZHA

Mr. P.J Navaz, Secretary of Alappuzha DCA was appointed as a Member of the Governing Council of the Kerala Cricket League (KCL) Adv. Sreejith V Nair was felicitated by Lt. Col. Dr. Mohanlal and Sri. V. Abdurahiman, Honourable Sports Minister of Kerala .

Regular practice sessions were conducted for senior and junior boys, comprising 60 members. These sessions included skill development, nets simulations, turf wicket practice, indoor facilities, and centre wicket practice. Fitness sessions, designed by KCA trainers, were held regularly, incorporating conditioning, strength training, and beach running. A new batch for the regular camp is scheduled to commence from October 1st week.

Arun U Kumar was appointed Assistant Coach of the Kerala U-19 Girls team for the BCCI U-19 T20 Tournament. Alappuzha DCA hosted the U-15 Girls South Zone Inter-District Tournament at SD College Cricket Ground.

## PATHANAMTHITTA

Pathanamthitta DCA conducted an 'Awareness class for preventing child abuse' class at YMCA Hall Thiruvalla on 04 August, 2024. The Class was handled by Sri. CJ Antony, Former chairman- Kerala Child Rights Protection Commission.

## KOLLAM

Quilon District Cricket Association conducted the U-12 Inter Camp Tournament at SKVVHSS, Thrikkanamangal. 4 teams participated.

Conducted E-division, D-division, C-division, and B-division league matches 2023-24.

Ms.Lekshida Jayan has been selected for the KCA U-15 (Girls) South Zone team. Mr.Advaith Prince Asramam, Mr.Ahamed Khan.J and Mr.Shafan.F have been selected for Kerala U-19 Boys Team - Reliance Men Under-19 (3-Day) All India Invitation League & Knock-Out Tournament 2024-25 held at Ahmedabad. Mr. Advaith Prince Asramam and Mr.Shafan.F has been selected for Kerala U19 Boys Team BCCI Vinoo Mankad Trophy 2024-25 held at Hyderabad.

## THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

1. HPC Under-19 Girls Camp held at Green Field Stadium, Kariyavattom, Trivandrum from 10 July, 2024 to 17 July, 2024.
2. Under-19 Girls Zone match Held at KCA ground Mangalapuram and St. Xaviers College KCA Ground from 19 July, 2024 to 20 July, 2024
3. Under-23 Inter-District match held at St. Xaviers College KCA ground and KCA ground Mangalapuram from 07 August, 2024 to 11 August, 2024
4. Ranji Trophy Camp at St. Xaviers College KCA ground from 26 September, 2024 to 30 September, 2024



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