



## 96<sup>th</sup> All India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament to be held from July 10 to 20, 2025

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(From left) Olympians Mr Munir Sait and Mr BP Govinda, Mr Niranjan Mudaliar, Honorary Secretary of the MCC, Mr Arun Murugappan, Executive Chairman, Tube Investments of India Limited, Mr Vivek Kumar Reddy, President of the MCC, Mr S L Rajiv Reddy, Organising Secretary of the MCC, Olympians Mr V Baskaran and Mr Mohammed Riyaz.

**Chennai, July 8, 2025:** The 96<sup>th</sup> edition of the All India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament will be held from **July 10 to 20, 2025**. This edition features an international team, for the first time in the tournament's history, from Malaysia.

10 teams, pooled across two Groups, will compete for glory this year. The prize money for the top two teams is **₹7 lakh for the winning team** and **₹5 lakh for the runner-up**.

There will also be a cash prize of ₹50,000 each for the semi-finalist teams, in addition to a cash prize of ₹10,000 given along with a high-end bicycle each to the best forward, best midfielder, best goalkeeper, the most promising player of the tournament and the man of the match of the finals. Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Egmore, Chennai, will continue to be the venue for the tournament.



TI Cycles of India will present two special awards — ‘Hercules Most Stylish Player of the Tournament’ and ‘Hercules High Performance Player of the Tournament’. The winners will each receive a high-performance bicycle. E.I.D.-Parry (India) Limited will also be giving away two special awards — ‘Parry’s Jaggery Powder Fastest Player of the Tournament’ and ‘Parry’s Millets Strongest Player of the Tournament’. The winners will receive a cash prize of ₹10, 000 each along with a gift hamper.

### **Plant a Goal – A sustainability initiative by Murugappa Group**

As part of this year’s MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament, a special sustainability initiative has been introduced. Under ‘Plant a Goal’, 10 trees will be planted for every goal scored during the tournament. This effort symbolises the Group’s commitment to environmental responsibility, linking the excitement of the game with a long-term ecological impact. Trees will be planted at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, and at Tharuvaikulam village in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, with the support of the communities in the region.

### **The School Tournament**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> MCC-Murugappa TN U-17 Boys Schools Hockey Tournament took place between July 3 and 5, 2025. Indira Gandhi Higher Secondary School, Madurai won the tournament beating Vellore Government Higher Secondary School, Karnambut 3-2 in the final match on Saturday, July 5, 2025. This year’s competition saw three schools from Chennai and five schools from other districts in Tamil Nadu — Mettupalayam, Vellore, Hosur, Madurai and Cuddalore.

Details of the tournament were announced at a press conference held today by Madras Cricket Club (MCC) and Murugappa Group, the two institutions that are organising this tournament. **Mr. Vivek Kumar Reddy, President of MCC and Mr. Niranjan Mudaliar, Honorary Secretary of MCC welcomed the gathering. The MCC represented by Mr. S L Rajiv Reddy, Organising Secretary, briefed the press and made the vote of thanks. The Murugappa Group was represented by Mr. Arun Murugappan, Executive Chairman, Tube Investments of India Limited.**

A video on the tournament was released at the press conference, detailing the legacy and the impact of the cup. The video is up on the Murugappa Group’s YouTube channel - <https://youtu.be/bGS2E92GmYo>

**Mr. Arun Murugappan, Executive Chairman, Tube Investments of India** said, *"The MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup has long been a platform to celebrate and elevate Indian hockey. This year, we mark a new milestone with the participation of an international team from Malaysia — a reflection of the tournament’s expanding reach and reputation. Equally important is our continued focus on grassroots development with the U-17 school tournament, supported by the Tamil Nadu government’s sustained efforts to promote sports. A team promoted by our Group company EID Parry took part in this year’s tournament, reiterating our commitment to encourage sport at all levels.*

*We have also introduced a tree-planting initiative in the 96<sup>th</sup> edition, where 10 trees will be planted for every goal scored — a step that brings together the values of performance, social responsibility, and long-term impact.*

*At the Murugappa Group, we believe in building platforms that inspire young talent, uphold sporting excellence, and contribute meaningfully to the communities and environments we serve."*



**Mr. Vivek Kumar Reddy** added, “At the Madras Cricket Club, one of our primary missions is to support sports and sportspeople across India by hosting events and other initiatives. Hockey is a team sport and a part of our national identity. We are proud to host the 96<sup>th</sup> edition of the MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament along with the Murugappa Group, the sole sponsor, for whom we are truly grateful. We wish the participating teams all the best.”

The traditional inaugural match of the MCC–Murugappa Hockey tournament will be played between MCC and The Mercara Downs Golf Club, Coorg, on July 9, 2025, at 6.00 p.m. under floodlights.

Mr. Biswaranjan Sarangi will officiate as the Technical Delegate for this year’s tournament and will be assisted by a team of outstation and local officials.

**A total of 10 teams are pooled in 2 groups as follows:**

POOL ‘A’	POOL ‘B’
RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD (INDIAN RAILWAYS - RSPB)	INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD (IOCL)
INDIAN ARMY	MALAYSIA JUNIOR NATIONAL
NCOE, BHOPAL	INDIAN NAVY
HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA	HOCKEY KARNATAKA
HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU (HUTN)	CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES (CBDT)

The winners of the 2024 edition, the Indian Railways Hockey team, will be defending their title. The tournament will be played on a league-cum-knockout basis. The top 2 teams from each pool will qualify for the semi-finals to be played on July 19, 2025. The finals will be played on July 20, 2025, under floodlights.

One match will be played under floodlights on all days. The league fixtures are enclosed herewith. The press will be provided with broadband facility at the venue to facilitate sending reports after the last match.

No	DATE	DAY	POOL	TIME	TEAMS		
	09.07.2025	WED	-	6.00 PM	MCC	Vs	MERCARA DOWNS GOLF CLUB, COORG
1	10.07.2025	THU	A	4.15 PM	HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA	Vs	HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU
2	10.07.2025	THU	B	6.00 PM	HOCKEY KARNATAKA	Vs	CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES
3	11.07.2025	FRI	A	2.30 PM	INDIAN ARMY	Vs	HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU
4	11.07.2025	FRI	A	4.15 PM	HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA	Vs	NCOE, BHOPAL
5	11.07.2025	FRI	B	6.00 PM	INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD	Vs	CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES
6	12.07.2025	SAT	A	2.30 PM	INDIAN RAILWAYS (RSPB)	Vs	INDIAN ARMY
7	12.07.2025	SAT	B	4.15 PM	HOCKEY KARNATAKA	Vs	INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD
8	12.07.2025	SAT	B	6.00 PM	MALAYSIA JUNIOR NATIONAL	Vs	INDIAN NAVY



9	13.07.2025	SUN	A	2.30 PM	HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU	Vs	NCOE, BHOPAL	
10	13.07.2025	SUN	B	4.15 PM	INDIAN NAVY	Vs	HOCKEY KARNATAKA	
11	13.07.2025	SUN	B	6.00 PM	MALAYSIA JUNIOR NATIONAL	Vs	CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES	
12	14.07.2025	MON	A	4.15 PM	INDIAN RAILWAYS (RSPB)	Vs	HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA	
13	14.07.2025	MON	A	6.00 PM	INDIAN ARMY	Vs	NCOE, BHOPAL	
14	15.07.2025	TUE	B	4.15 PM	INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD	Vs	MALAYSIA JUNIOR NATIONAL	
15	15.07.2025	TUE	A	6.00 PM	INDIAN RAILWAYS (RSPB)	Vs	HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU	
16	16.07.2025	WED	B	2.30 PM	CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES	Vs	INDIAN NAVY	
17	16.07.2025	WED	A	4.15 PM	INDIAN ARMY	Vs	HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA	
18	16.07.2025	WED	B	6.00 PM	HOCKEY KARNATAKA	Vs	MALAYSIA JUNIOR NATIONAL	
19	17.07.2025	THU	A	2.30 PM	INDIAN RAILWAYS (RSPB)	Vs	NCOE, BHOPAL	
20	17.07.2025	THU	B	4.15 PM	INDIAN NAVY	Vs	INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD	
	18.07.2025	FRI	REST DAY					
21	19.07.2025	SAT	1 <sup>st</sup> SF	4.00 PM	WINNER POOL 'A'	Vs	RUNNER-UP POOL 'B'	
22	19.07.2025	SAT	2 <sup>nd</sup> SF	6.00 PM	WINNER POOL 'B'	Vs	RUNNER-UP POOL 'A'	
23	20.07.2025	SUN	FINALE	6.15 PM	WINNER of 1 <sup>st</sup> SF	Vs	WINNER of 2 <sup>nd</sup> SF	

### **About MCC and the tournament**

The Madras Cricket Club is one of the premier sports institutions in the country, which organizes major national level tournaments in the disciplines of Tennis, Squash, Cricket, Badminton, Billiards and Hockey.

Originally started as the Madras Challenge Cup in 1901 and later named the A.M.M Arunachalam Challenge Cup after the first Indian President of Madras Cricket Club, this is the 96<sup>th</sup> edition of the tournament which along with Murugappa group in the mid 90's was named MCC-Murugappa Gold

Cup Hockey Tournament. From the early days, this tournament has been the premier hockey event in South India and one of the major competitions in the country attracting top teams and talent.

This tournament has been keenly observed by coaches and administrators for picking talent to represent the country. As the Madras Cricket Club, we are proud to be associated with the All India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament and to be the only sporting club in India to host an event of such magnitude.

### **About Murugappa Group**

A 124-year-old conglomerate with presence across India and the world, the INR 778 billion (77,881 crore) Murugappa Group has diverse businesses in agriculture, engineering, financial services and more.



The Group has 9 listed companies: Carborundum Universal Limited, CG Power & Industrial Solutions Limited, Cholamandalam Financial Holdings Limited, Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Limited, Coromandel International Limited, E.I.D.-Parry (India) Limited, Shanthi Gears Limited, Tube Investments of India Limited and Wendt India Limited. Other major companies include Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited and Parry Agro Industries Limited. Brands such as Ajax, Hercules, BSA, Montra, Montra Electric, Mach City, Chola, Chola MS, CG Power, Shanthi Gears, CUMI, Gromor, Paramfos, Parry's are part of the Group's illustrious stable.

Abrasives, technical ceramics, electrominerals, electric vehicles, auto components, fans, transformers, signalling equipment for railways, bicycles, fertilisers, sugar, tea and several other products make up the Group's business interests.

Guided by the five lights — integrity, passion, quality, respect and responsibility — and a culture of professionalism, the Group has a workforce of over 83,500 employees.

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