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CAB HOLDS 95TH AGM



The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) conducted its 95th Annual General Meeting at the Pankaj Gupta Indoor Coaching Centre, Eden Gardens, on September 24, 2026 in a smooth and befitting manner. Alongside CAB President Mr. Sourav Ganguly, CAB Vice President Mr. Nitish Ranjan Dutta, the then CAB Secretary Bablu Kolay, CAB Treasurer Mr. Sanjay Das, Sr Advocate & Legal Advisor Mr. Samrat Sen, Electoral Officer Mr. Sushanta Ranjan Upadhyay were present for the meeting. Mr. Ganguly told media-persons that CAB has plans for its 100-year celebration and the Eden Gardens could also host some good matches to mark the celebration.



Cricket Association of Bengal President Mr. Sourav Ganguly attended the BCCI's 95th Annual General Meeting at the BCCI Headquarters in Mumbai on Sept. 18, 2026.



GOLDEN GIRL RICHA RECEIVES GRAND WELCOME

Asian Games 2026 Gold-Medallist Richa Ghosh received a grand welcome on arrival at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata. Carrying a congratulatory message from CAB President Mr. Sourav Ganguly, CAB Treasurer Mr. Sanjay Das welcomed the "golden girl" as late as 2 am in the night at the Kolkata airport by draping a traditional uttariya (scarf) around her.

CAB CEO Mr. Chinmay Nayak and CAB Stadium Committee member Mr. Ambarish Mitra were also present. Richa was presented with a floral bouquet and box of sweets. India beat Sri Lanka by 147 runs in the gold medal match on September 22 to emerge victorious. Richa played an explosive unbeaten 49 off 22 balls in the Asian Games 2026 Women's Cricket Competition Final.



BENGAL'S IMPRESSIVE START IN RANJI TROPHY

Bengal, under the coaching of Laxmi Ratan Shukla, made a strong start to their Ranji Trophy campaign, defeating Delhi by 9 wickets in their opening match at the BCA Ground, Kalyani. In the first innings, Mohammed Shami took four wickets, Aamir Gani three, Akash Deep two, and Mukesh Kumar one. Centuries were scored by Abishek Porel (149 off 228 balls) and vice-captain Sudip Kumar Gharami (133 off 235 balls), while Sumanta Gupta contributed 50 runs. In the second innings, Pradipta Pramanik claimed three wickets, Sumanta Gupta and Aamir Gani took two each, and Shami, Akash, and Mukesh picked up one wicket each. Porel was named player of the match. In their second match at Palam A Ground in Delhi, Bengal defeated Services by 60 runs. Skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran scored 56 runs in the first innings. In the first innings, Shahbaz Ahmed and Aamir Gani took four wickets each, while Pradipta claimed two. In the second innings, Pradipta captured four wickets, Shahbaz took three, Gani two, and Mohammed Kaif secured one. Shahbaz won the player of the match award. Bengal completed a hat-trick of wins by defeating Kerala by 287 runs. Shahbaz Ahmed was named player of the match, scoring 141 runs (121 off 203 balls in the first innings) alongside taking four wickets. Pradipta Pramanik claimed 10 wickets in the match, including 6 scalps in the second innings.



MAHALAYA CELEBRATION AT EDEN GARDENS

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CAB celebrated the 80th Independence Day at the Eden Gardens. The national flag was hoisted by CAB President Mr. Sourav Ganguly along with West Bengal Youth Services and Sports and Consumer Affairs Minister Dr. Indranil Khan, Labour and Transport Minister Mr. Arjun Singh, Agricultural Marketing and MSME & Textile Minister of State Mr. Ashoke Dinda. Also present for the occasion were CAB Vice President Mr. Nitish Ranjan Dutta, the then CAB Secretary Mr. Bablu Kolay, CAB Treasurer Mr. Sanjay Das, along with former Office Bearers, Officials and Members.





CAB marked the 100th Birth Anniversary of late Biswanath Dutt by paying floral tribute to the former BCCI and CAB President at the Eden Gardens. Present for the occasion were Mr. Tapas Roy, Minister of department of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Public Enterprises & Industrial Reconstruction, and Non-Conventional and Renewable Energy Sources; CAB Treasurer Mr. Sanjay Das, CAB Vice President Mr. Nitish Rajan Dutta, former CAB Presidents Mr. Snehasish Ganguly and Mr. Avishek Dalmiya; Mr. Subrata Dutta, along with other CAB Officials and Members.

CAB President Mr. Sourav Ganguly, the then CAB Secretary Mr. Bablu Kolay, former CAB President Mr. Avishek Dalmiya, former CAB office bearers, Chairperson of various CAB committees, CAB committee members and officials paid floral tributes to Late Jagmohan Dalmiya on his death anniversary at the Club House premises of the Eden Gardens On September 20, 2026.





The Uruguayan national football team paid a visit to the iconic Eden Gardens on October 4 ahead of the FIFA International Friendly match against India. The football stars led by team's head coach and legend Diego Forlan walked through the Eden Gardens turf and also tried their hand at cricket with some batting and bowling making their visit a memorable one. Former India cricketer Mr. Robin Singh was also present.







SPARKLING CAB ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY

In a glittering Annual Award Ceremony 2026, the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) handed the Karthik Bose Lifetime Achievement Awards to former India and Bengal cricketers Utpal Chatterjee and Purnima Chowdhury. The grand ceremony was held for the third successive year at the gorgeous Dhano Dhanyo Auditorium. Former India fast bowler Ashish Nehra, who was the guest of honor for the occasion, was felicitated by CAB Office Bearers led by President Sourav Ganguly, CAB Vice President Nitish Ranjan Dutta, the then CAB Secretary Bablu Kolay and CAB Treasurer Sanjay Das. Former India and Bengal cricketer and current Minister of State, WB, Ashoke Dinda, was also present for the occasion.



CAB FELICITATES SHAMI ON 100TH FIRST-CLASS MILESTONE

In the Duleep Trophy final at the M. A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai, Mohammed Shami played his milestone 100th first-class match. To mark this special occasion, the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) Treasurer Mr. Sanjay Das, on behalf of CAB President Mr. Sourav Ganguly, felicitated the veteran fast bowler. Mr. Das presented Shami with a special 'No.100 Bengal jersey signed by Mr Ganguly', a special ball signed by the former India captain, along with a silver plaque. Shami's East Zone team also handed him a jersey signed by his teammates.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT & RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM AT CAB





With an aim to create a cleaner, greener and environmentally responsible sporting ecosystem, two major environmental initiatives — a 150 KLD MBBR-based Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and a Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) system, were inaugurated by CAB President Mr. Sourav Ganguly at the Eden Gardens. Both the Sewage Treatment Plant and Rainwater Harvesting system were planned as part of the stadium's environmental infrastructure. CAB Treasurer Mr. Sanjay Das and the then CAB Secretary Mr. Bablu Kolay were also present for the occasion.



CAB officially launched the CAB HR Management App, conceptualized under the visionary leadership of CAB President Mr. Sourav Ganguly and the strategic guidance of Treasurer Mr. Sanjay Das



CAB INTRODUCES GPS VEST FOR ATHLETE MONITORING

With an aim to monitor the players' fitness and workload, CAB introduced various new equipment including wearable GPS Technologies for Athlete Monitoring System for the Bengal Senior and Age Group players. The catapult vest is a high-tech performance-monitoring garment that helps to track real-time physical data, optimize training loads, and prevent injuries.



REST OF INDIA CLAIM IRANI CUP UNDER SHUKLA'S COACHING

Rest of India won the Irani Cup by defeating last season's Ranji champions, Jammu & Kashmir, by 167 runs. Laxmi Ratan Shukla, Bengal's head coach, served as the batting coach for the Rest of India team. Bengal's two pacers made major contributions to the team's victory. Mukesh Kumar took 6 wickets (10.4-1-33-6) in the second innings after taking two wickets in the first. Akash Deep picked up three wickets in each innings. Riding on their good form in domestic cricket, both Akash Deep and Mukesh Kumar have earned spots in the India A squad for the New Zealand tour.



EAST ZONE CHAMPIONS OF DULEEP TROPHY

East Zone beat South Zone in the final to emerge champions of Duleep Trophy. A proud moment for Bengal & East Zone Cricket.



A BCCI workshop on video analysis was held at the Eden Gardens in which close to 60 video analysts from East Zone and North East Zone cricket associations took part to redefine their responsibilities.



AKASH DEEP NAMED IN INDIA'S TEST SQUAD FOR NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Akash Deep returns to the Indian Test squad. He was initially included in the India A squad for the tour of New Zealand. Following that, Akash also earned a spot in the Test squad led by Shubman Gill. He had taken 6 wickets in the Irani Cup. Then Akash picked up 3 wickets against Delhi in the Ranji Trophy.



The Level-O Coaches Certification Course organized by CAB, in association with BCCI CoE was conducted at the Eden Gardens. The program facilitated knowledge transfer to 240 aspiring coaches under guidance of CoE instructors.



ABHIPRAI SHINES IN INDIA U-19 TEAM'S VICTORY

Abhiprai Biswas contributed to the India U-19 team's 10 wicket-win over the Australia U-19 team in the second Youth Test. Abhiprai scored 73 runs off 62 balls with 11 fours and 2 sixes. In addition to this, he took three catches and executed 2 stumpings. Earlier, congratulating Bengal's Abhiprai on his selection, CAB President Sourav Ganguly wished him success and presenting him with two cricket bats on behalf of the CAB.

BCCI DOMESTIC TOURNAMENTS

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VINOO MANKAD TROPHY ELITE

The Bengal U-19 team failed to advance to the knockout stage of the Vinoo Mankad Trophy (Elite). Bengal lost their first two matches to Tamil Nadu by 7 wickets and to Vidarbha by 3 wickets, respectively. Although they subsequently defeated Goa by 7 wickets, Jammu & Kashmir by 5 wickets, and Pondicherry by 101 runs, it was still not enough to qualify for the pre-quarterfinals.

WOMEN'S U19 T20 TROPHY ELITE

Bengal began their Women's Under-19 T20 Trophy Elite campaign losing to Haryana by 12 runs. Bengal bounced back with a 96-run victory over Pondicherry. However, they suffered an 11-run defeat to Delhi in the next match. The victory against Jammu & Kashmir came in the Super Over. Although they secured a 77-run win against Saurashtra in their final group match, Bengal couldn't make the knockouts.

COL C K NAYUDU TROPHY ELITE

Bengal U23 Men's team displayed a brilliant fighting performance to bag two wins out of three matches played in the Col C K Nayudu Trophy Elite. Bengal began their campaign with a draw against Mumbai at the JU, 2nd Campus Ground Salt Lake, Kolkata, followed by six-wicket victory over Rajasthan and a six-wicket victory against Himachal Pradesh in the two away matches.

SENIOR WOMEN'S T20 TROPHY ELITE

After suffering defeats by 15 runs against Karnataka and six wickets against Chhattisgarh in their first two matches of the Senior Women's T20 Trophy Elite, Bengal team led by Richa Ghosh bounced back to beat Jammu and Kashmir by 7 wickets. In their fourth match Bengal claim win over Goa by 8 wickets.