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Moments to Milestones

As I pen this note marking the close of my tenure as Editor, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and fulfilment. Serving as a storyteller for this vibrant organization has been both a privilege and a profoundly enriching experience.

Over the past years, this journal has evolved into more than just a publication—it has become a reflection of our collective spirit. Each edition has carried with it the voices, achievements, and aspirations of our people. From milestones in operations and innovation to stories of resilience, learning, and community, every page has been a testament to the strength and character of our organization. My parting desire for the journal would be that all units of KR to have at least one report or achievement to share in every edition, so that we can transform JwalaDhwani as a medium of monthly celebration for the Refinery.

In this edition we have messages from our Director (Refineries) with additional charge of C&MD and our Executive Director on the turn of the New Financial Year. We also have the updates on far reaching and business centered initiatives and accolades in Safety and Brand featured and special reports of the Women’s Day celebrations.

I would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to all contributors—employees, leaders, and well-wishers—whose enthusiasm and willingness to share their stories have been the true driving force behind this journal. My sincere thanks also to the editorial team, whose dedication, creativity, and unwavering commitment ensured that every issue met the highest standards. Ever since it is in the eFormat, it has become more access friendly from all devices.

While the pen may change hands, the story continues—stronger, richer, and ever-evolving. A new financial year unfolds in the diamond jubilee year of Kochi Refinery, with many more opportunities to add momentum to the milestones Team Kochi Refinery is set to cross together.

Best wishes for many more stories of success and togetherness.

Warmly,

George Thomas
CGM (HR) & Editor

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HON'BLE PM OF INDIA LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR BPCL PP PLANT IN KOCHI

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the ₹5,514 crore Polypropylene Plant at BPCL Kochi Refinery, along with several development projects from the Railways, Highways, and the Ministry of Rural Development.

Welcoming the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Suresh Gopi, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Tourism, expressed pride in the continued modernisation of Kochi and the launch of this landmark petrochemical project, which will strengthen the region's industrial growth.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasized that for the development of any nation, petroleum companies must continuously modernise and expand their capabilities. He described the Kochi Polypropylene Plant as a significant milestone in strengthening India's petrochemical ecosystem and advancing the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The project, aims to establish a 400 KTPA Polypropylene Unit and associated facilities capable of producing six grades of homopolymer Polypropylene for diverse applications such as packaging, automotive components, medical devices, home appliances, textiles, and household products. The project is targeted for completion by 31st October 2027.



Through this project, BPCL aims to strengthen domestic polymer production, thereby reducing import dependency in line with Government of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat mission. In addition, this project will lower raw-material cost for local industries, especially packaging companies, automotive component makers, and MSMEs, due to proximity-based supply and reduce transportation and handling expenses for local manufacturers, improving their competitiveness and production economics.

A steady supply of high-quality Polypropylene from BPCL KR Polypropylene unit will help local industries scale up and improve their global competitiveness. Additionally, Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)'s upcoming Petrochemical Park, located adjacent to the refinery, will leverage this assured feedstock to attract a wide range of downstream industries.

BPCL has also earmarked, Rs. 38.41 Cr under Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) fund of Polypropylene Project which will help in upliftment and improving the living standards of the communities in and around the area.

With respect to employment Generation, it is estimated that approximately 2500-3000 skilled & unskilled manpower will be engaged at project site during the peak construction period. Also, project is going to generate direct and indirect employment of 300 people during operation phase. Also, Significant indirect employment in small-scale industries, transport, warehousing, polymer processing, and auxiliary services is expected.

The Polypropylene Project at BPCL Kochi Refinery is poised to spur industrial growth, create employment, and contribute meaningfully to the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, thereby elevating socioeconomic development across the region. The project is progressing in full swing and is targeting completion by end of October 2027.





**A Message from
Sanjay Khanna
Director (Refineries) with addl. charge of
Chairman & Managing Director**



Dear Colleagues,

We step into Financial Year 2026-27, with a deep sense of pride in what we have together accomplished, and an even stronger sense of excitement about what lies ahead. In FY 2025-26, BPCL demonstrated the extraordinary potential of its people, its assets, and its vision. On behalf of the entire leadership, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and admiration to each one of you.

FY 26 will be remembered as a defining year in BPCL's journey, one of the best, marked by profitability, operational strength, and decisive strategic momentum. BPCL achieved its highest-ever market sales of 54.2 MMT and its highest-ever crude throughput of 41.1 MMT enabled by exceptional operational availability across our marketing network and our refining assets.

Beyond this performance, FY26 will be remembered for the sheer breadth of projects we executed and milestones we secured. India's largest Green Hydrogen Plant in a refinery went live at our Bina Refinery. Our integrated 1G+2G Bioethanol Refinery was commissioned at Bargarh, Odisha. Kerala's and BPCL's first MSW based CBG plant at Brahmapuram, Kochi, began converting city waste into clean fuel. Our 425 km Krishnapatnam-Hyderabad Pipeline (KHPL) was commissioned. BPCL's 71 MW Prayagraj Solar plant was commissioned, and Green Power was supplied to MR & KR. The DAS specialty chemicals plant at Mumbai Refinery was commissioned, expanding our product portfolio of MR. We launched 'Speed 100', our ultra-premium 100-octane petrol. Our JV with Sembcorp, 'NeuEN', won the NRL green hydrogen tender at ₹279/kg, the lowest commercially contracted green hydrogen tariff in India. The AP Refinery received Board approval with 6,000 acres of land allotted by the Andhra Pradesh Government, adding further depth to our petrochemical portfolio. These milestones, each significant on its own, together represent BPCL's future arriving ahead of schedule.

The global energy landscape continues to be shaped by geopolitical complexity - shifting trade routes, supply disruptions, and evolving crude price dynamics. BPCL has navigated this environment with agility, clarity and commercial Intelligence. Our crude procurement strategy is anchored firmly on techno-commercial merit, diversifying across the globe to ensure that no single geopolitical event can unsettle our operations. We are a company that neither overreacts to disruption nor ignores it, we plan around it and stay ahead of it.

Let me take a moment to say this plainly: everything you have read above, every crore of profit, every tonne of throughput, every project milestone was made possible by people. By you. I am acutely aware that BPCL's performance is not an outcome of market conditions or favourable economics alone. It is the result of BPCLians choosing, every single day, to go the extra mile, to do even better.

I wish to specifically recognise those among us who have upgraded their skills, embraced new technologies, taken on expanded roles, and stepped up in the face of new demands. Whether you are operating a refinery unit, managing a supply chain, driving a customer-facing business, building our digital infrastructure, or working on our new projects, your contribution is neither invisible nor incidental. It is indispensable. As we move into the most ambitious phase of Project Aspire, the capabilities each of you continues to build will be the very foundation on which our next chapter is written.



A Message from Sanjay Khanna Director (Refineries) with addl. charge of Chairman & Managing Director



As we set our compass for the year ahead, three clear aspirations will define our priorities, guide our decisions, and focus our collective energy:

01 Building Future-Ready Capabilities: AI, Innovation & Culture

Our next phase of growth will be defined by the capabilities we build today. AI and ML must move beyond pilots and become how BPCL operates. From predictive maintenance and process optimisation to demand forecasting, customer personalisation, and procurement intelligence, we will embed AI across our value chain. I want every function, every team, and every location to ask: how can AI make us sharper, faster, and more effective? Can we eliminate a step, reduce a cost, shorten a cycle, or improve an outcome? Innovation is not always technology. Sometimes it is a simpler process, a better conversation, or a more effective workflow. I urge each of you to engage with these tools actively, build your own fluency, and help us become India's most intelligent energy company. We will nurture a culture where individuals feel valued, engaged, and inspired to perform at their best.

02 Scaling New Energy Businesses

The maturity of our core refining and fuel marketing businesses allows us to sharpen our strategic focus on the next engines of growth that will define BPCL's future. FY27 must therefore see accelerated progress in new and emerging businesses including Non-Fuel Retail, biofuels, renewables, green hydrogen, and digital energy solutions. Within our retail network, initiatives such as DriveFresh, BeCafé, GHAR and Way Side Amenities will play an important role in enhancing customer experience, improving outlet economics, and strengthening non-fuel revenues. By upgrading convenience, quality, and engagement we are steadily transforming our fuel stations into vibrant customer destinations.

03 Advancing Infrastructure with Urgency

Under Project Aspire's ₹1.7 lakh crore five-year roadmap, the pace must increase further. In FY27 Andhra Pradesh greenfield refinery project will see pre-project activities intensify. Infrastructure at BPCL means more than assets and pipelines; it means building the foundations for our people and the community at large. Besides mega projects, we will advance township projects, develop our Skill Development Institutes into world-class centres for learning tailored to BPCL's evolving needs, and establish our Sports Academy to nurture talent, build discipline, and foster the spirit of the BPCL family in ways that go well beyond the workplace.

BPCL is not merely a supplier of energy to the nation, it is a force that fuels progress, empowers aspirations, and drives India forward. The determination, resilience, optimism and capacity for growth - these are not just values we aspire to. They are values we live every day, in every corner of this organisation.

FY 2026-27 is a year of extraordinary opportunity. The strategy is clear. The momentum is real. And most importantly... the team is exceptional !

With best wishes,

Sanjay Khanna

Director (Refineries)

with additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director

Scaling New Heights in the Diamond Jubilee Year



Dear Colleague,

In a landmark moment during our Diamond Jubilee year, the Refinery has achieved an extraordinary feat, exemplifying resilience, determination, and operational excellence, when we crossed the Business Plan target despite navigating numerous internal, external, and global challenges. We proudly accomplished the Business Plan crude target of 17.40 MMT on 28 March 2026. In an even more remarkable achievement, we surpassed the previous highest-ever crude processing and throughput records of 17.558 MMT and 17.654 MMT respectively during FY 26.

Adding further pride to this remarkable year, we also witnessed transformational milestones when the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India laid the foundation stone for the prestigious BPCL Polypropylene Project and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala launched the first BPCL Compressed Biogas plant in Kochi, both reinforcing BPCL's commitment to sustainable growth and future-ready expansion.

Achieving 91.63 million man-hours without a Lost Time Accident on 1st April 2026 –equivalent to 7,397 days which is over 20 years, is also a testament to our strong safety culture as we continue our unwavering pursuit of safe and incident-free operations.

In the last financial year, we also had the largest number of promotions from non-management to management cadre. We had more new intakes of women-officers in technical roles and we also introduced round-the-clock shifts for women officers working in shift, a Kerala first!

Business partnering initiatives such as the KPLEX 2025 - the International Polymer Expo that we hosted in September last year and the Conclave on Petrochemicals & Allied Sectors subsequently in January 2026 by the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation, in association with KINFRA, have further enabled the strengthening of BPCL's position as a hub of petrochemical industry leadership, innovation, and global engagement.

In a significant cultural milestone, BPCL also extended its support as a sponsor to the Kochi Muziris Biennale, the largest art and culture festival in South Asia, for the very first time, showcasing our commitment not only to industrial growth but also to the promotion of art, culture alongside other extensive community engagements.





Scaling New Heights in the Diamond Jubilee Year

These achievements were further reinforced by the commendable efforts by all the teams across the Refinery in systems improvement, sustainability and reliability enhancement, environment care, energy conservation, digital innovations, learning & development and CSR initiatives, reflecting a holistic and forward-looking approach to excellence.

Achieving these record-breaking milestones in the Diamond Jubilee year makes these accomplishments truly iconic – honouring six decades of excellence whilst also setting new benchmarks for the future. These proud moments also stand as a testament to the unwavering commitment, teamwork, and relentless pursuit of excellence by the entire Kochi Refinery family.

Let me take this opportunity to warmly welcome all the new members who have joined Kochi Refinery on fresh placements and extend our best wishes to KR members who are taking on new roles and responsibilities in other Business units. I feel honoured to be able to lead the biggest PSU Refinery in India after a wonderful stint at Bina Refinery.

Looking ahead, our focus will be on execution excellence with the PP project going as per scheduled timelines, TA for the Train-I planned for later this year and Non-Plan Capital projects. We will continue to build on our achievements in Safety, Reliability and Innovation. Capacity building of our biggest Asset, our people, will be the highest priority. We will proactively respond to the needs of the Nation, based on the current geopolitical developments.

My heartiest congratulations to each one of you and your family members for making this Diamond Jubilee journey truly historic! Together let us continue re-writing history and fill this historic year and the new financial year with more shining moments.

Warmly,

Chacko M Jose
Executive Director (Kochi Refinery)



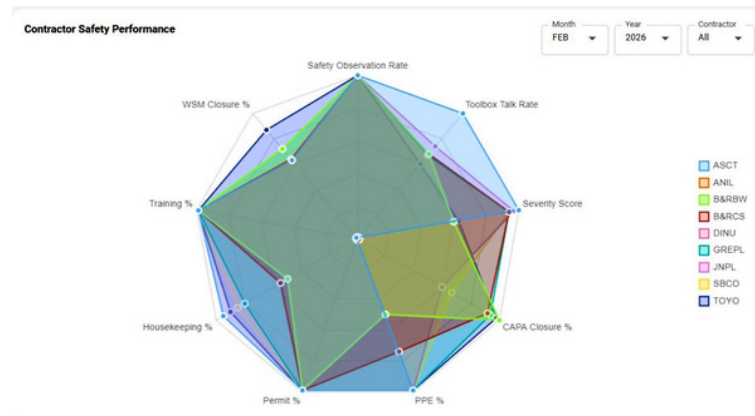


TWIN DIGITAL SAFETY INITIATIVES LAUNCHED AT PP PROJECT SITE

Twin safety digital initiatives were launched at the Polypropylene Project marking a significant step towards digitalization of safety management, proactive risk monitoring, and data-driven evaluation of contractor safety performance, thereby strengthening the overall safety culture at the PP Project. The Digital Safety Management System (DSMS) and Safety Matrix Analytics developed for the Polypropylene (PP) Project are the two initiatives that were launched on 06 March 2026 by Shri Chacko M. Jose, Executive Director (Kochi Refinery) in the presence of senior leadership and project team members. ED(KR), appreciated the Safety Matrix Analytics module and the focus given to leveraging digital platforms to enhance safety performance in large-scale projects.

Welcoming the gathering, Mr. Jaikishen C. Nath, CGM (Projects), stressed on the growing importance of digital transformation in strengthening safety governance across large construction projects and touched upon the significance of the DSMS initiative in enhancing proactive safety management. Mr. Satheesh Kumar K. P., CGM I/C (Projects), appreciated the leadership team and project members for their support in implementing these important digital safety initiatives at the project site.

The DSMS platform was inaugurated by Mr. Roshan Shihab PM, GM (HSE), who underscored the significance of adopting digital tools to enhance proactive safety management and strengthen contractor safety culture. CM (Projects), Mr. Amon TCR briefly explained the conceptualization of digital safety management at the PP Project, including the implementation of the e-Permit system, the work permit bridging document framework, and the overall digital journey of the project that culminated in the development of the DSMS platform.



Mr. Prabhul P., CM (Projects), explained the key modules of the system including incident management, CAPA management, toolbox talk documentation, safety observation reporting, and emergency broadcast functionality. The DSMS platform has been developed to integrate safety processes into a centralized digital system, enabling real-time monitoring and improved safety governance at the project site.

Further, Mr. Sethu N. Nandan, SM (HSE) presented an overview of the DSMS Safety Matrix Analytics, explaining how safety data captured in the system can be analyzed using structured safety metrics to evaluate contractor safety performance. The analytics module includes visual tools such as contractor safety ranking, spider web analysis, and heat maps, enabling leadership to identify safety trends, weak areas, and improvement opportunities in a clear and data-driven manner.



MULTIPLE AWARDS FROM NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL KERALA CHAPTER FOR 2026



BPCL Kochi Refinery demonstrated an outstanding performance at the National Safety Council Kerala Chapter Safety Awards 2026, bagging multiple prestigious awards and reinforcing its position as a leader in safety excellence.

The awards, which recognize exemplary practices in occupational health, safety, and environmental management, saw participation from leading organizations across sectors. BPCL KR's impressive performance across categories highlighted its robust systems, strong safety culture, and unwavering commitment to safe operations. Top Honours received by the KR team led by Executive Director Mr. Chacko M Jose are :

- **Best Contractor Management System (First Prize)** - Recognizing excellence in managing contractor safety and ensuring strict compliance with safety standards.
- **Best Safety Officer (First Prize)** - Awarded to Mr. Alamgeer Khan KH for exemplary leadership and proactive safety initiatives.
- **Project Safety Excellence**-The awards also acknowledged excellence in our new construction projects under different workforce categories. **Below 700 Employees** - REJP, for implementing robust safety systems and maintaining high safety standards. **Below 500 Employees** - BPCL CBG Plant, recognized for its outstanding safety performance during project execution.

Other notable achievements strengthening the award tally are :

- **Best Performing Safety Committee** award to the KR safety committee - For its proactive role in driving safety awareness and engagement.
- **Literary Contests** : Elocution Competition - Won by Mr. Salim KK for his impactful presentation on safety themes. Essay Writing (English) - Mr. Vijayan KN and Mr. Salim KK were recognized for their insightful and thought-provoking contributions emphasizing the importance of safety.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS :



Alamgeer Khan K H
Best Safety
Safety Officer



Salim KK
Elocution contest
& Essay writing
on safety themes



Vijayan AN
Accolades for
Essay writing on
Safety themes.



GOK SAFETY AWARD FOR SAFE OPERATIONS OF STF KOCHI

We are pleased to inform you that Bharat Petroleum's Kochi Refinery has been conferred with the Kerala State Industrial Safety Award - 2025, instituted by the Department of Factories and Boilers, Govt of Kerala in recognition of its exemplary commitment to industrial safety, health, and employee welfare at the Shore Tank Farm at Puthypeen in Kochi.

The award was presented by Shri. V. Sivankutty, Hon'ble Minister for General Education and Labour, Government of Kerala, to the Kochi Refinery team at a ceremony organized by the Department of Factories and Boilers on 04 March 2026. On behalf of BPCL, the award was received by Shri Roshan Shihab, GM (HSE), Shri Vinod P. L, GM (OM&S), Shri Michael Solomon, CM (OM&S), Shri Alamgeer Khan, Manager (Fire & Safety) and Shri Rishab Raj, Manager (OM&S).

The Kerala State Industrial Safety Award recognizes factories that demonstrate outstanding safety performance and compliance with statutory provisions under the Factories Act 1948 and the Boiler Act 1923. The selection process involves a comprehensive evaluation of safety management systems, workplace safety practices, and adherence to regulatory standards. This recognition reflects the team's continued commitment towards maintaining the highest standards of safety at BPCL Kochi Refinery.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS :



Alamgeer Khan K H
Best Statutory Safety Officer award from Dept of Factories & Boilers, GOK



Evugeen Fernandez
Best Safety Worker Award from Dept of Factories & Boilers, GOK



Mohammed Swalih
Safety Essay (2nd prize), Dept of Factories & Boilers, GOK



NEW GEN TRUCKS JOIN KR FIRE TRUCK FLEET



Kochi Refinery marked a significant milestone in strengthening its emergency response capabilities with the commissioning of two state-of-the-art fire trucks built on advanced Volvo chassis. These vehicles have been inducted as replacements for two of the refinery's aging fire tenders, reinforcing BPCL-KR's commitment to safety, reliability, and technological advancement.

The commissioning ceremony was held at the Main Fire Station truck bay, where a ceremonial pooja was performed. The keys of the new fire trucks were handed over to the fire crew by Mr. Chacko M Jose, Executive Director (Kochi Refinery), and Mr. Mahendiran A, CGM (Operations), in the presence of senior leadership including Mr. Kubade R K, CGM (Operations Designate), Mr. Jomy P Sebastian, CGM(CPO-KR), Mr. Roshan Shihab P M, GM (HSE), Mr. Santhosh Kumar Varshney, GM (Environment) and Mr. Bimal Raj V L, DGM (F&S). The event concluded with the flag-off of the vehicles by the GM (HSE).



ED(KR) and CGM (Ops) hand over the keys of the new fire trucks to the KR crew

The newly inducted fire trucks represent a significant technological upgrade. Powered by a robust 420 BHP engine, these are among the most powerful fire truck chassis of their kind in Kerala. The vehicles are equipped with automatic transmission systems, ensuring smoother and more efficient operations during emergency response.

A key highlight is their capability to deliver a monitor throw of up to 80 meters, enhancing firefighting reach and effectiveness. Additionally, the trucks are fitted with an ultra-high-pressure pump capable of generating up to 100 bar pressure, supported by two hose reels of 60 meters each. This feature is particularly beneficial for accessing difficult and confined areas, such as sulphur silos and coke domes, where smouldering fires may occur.

The trucks are further equipped with advanced safety and operational features, including roof-mounted cameras for real-time incident monitoring and inbuilt reverse parking cameras to aid maneuverability. Rescue and emergency operations are strengthened with the inclusion of turbo pumps for product evacuation and battery-operated combi tools for rescue interventions. The integration of Ziegler (Germany) make pumps ensures high energy efficiency, delivering superior performance even at relatively lower engine speeds (around 2000 rpm). Moreover, round-the-pump proportionators enable precise and homogeneous foam mixing, enhancing firefighting efficiency.

The induction of these modern fire trucks significantly enhances the refinery's preparedness to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies, reaffirming Kochi Refinery's unwavering focus on safety excellence and operational resilience. This Safety dedication during the National Safety month is also a milestone moment in the Diamond Jubilee year of Kochi Refinery, where we re-commit ourselves to Safety First, Safety Must.





SAFETY ALWAYS FIRST

Safety & Fire-fighting drills and trainings are an integral part of keeping our workforce set for any eventualities. A Level II emergency mock drill was conducted at the BPCl-Shore Tank Farm at Puthuvypeen to assess the preparedness and effectiveness of the Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan.

The scenario simulated crude oil leakage from a tank drain line, following which operators, fire crew, and shift personnel initiated immediate response and mitigation measures. Emergency roles were assumed as per the plan and mutual aid partners also participated in the drill.

Mr. Robert J. Benjamin, Inspector (The Department of Factories and Boilers) along with personnel from the Kerala Fire Force witnessed the drill. The situation was brought under control through coordinated efforts, and the drill that began at 10:58 was concluded at 11:45 hrs. At the post-drill assessment led by Mr. Vinod PL, GM(OM&S) and Mr. Bimal Raj, DGM(F&S) the internal and external stakeholders shared their points of learning and potential areas for improvements.

Several other awareness programmes and contests were also organised for various target groups at Kochi Refinery as part of the National Safety month being observed during 4 March to 3 April 2026.



BRAND ENGAGEMENT FOR APPRENTICES

Apprentices are not just trainees; they are future employees, ambassadors, and talent pipelines. Engaging them with the brand early creates long-term value and when apprentices feel connected to the organization's purpose and culture, they are more likely to enjoy the learning process, perform better, and seek long-term careers within the company. At a *Brand engagement for Apprentices*, CGM HR, Mr. George Thomas, empowered the Apprentices to follow the brand etiquette of BPCl, and view themselves as young ambassadors of BPCl. Opening out the Brand to them, instilling a mindful approach while learning at the Refinery and helping them to appreciate how to become a credible voice for the brand, these were the key takeaways of the session facilitated by Ms. Kavitha Mathew, Manager (Brand) KR on 31 March 2026. The half day session was extended to the 2025-26 batch of apprentices representing around 80 colleges in India





BEYOND THE BASELINE: LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Team Kochi Refinery was very fortunate to have one-more dream come true when Director HR, Mr Raj Dubey arrived in Kochi recently. D(HR) launched the Pickle Ball court at the Marine Drive Township on 10 March 2026, before joining Mr. Sanjay Khanna, Director (Refineries) with Additional Charge of Chairman & Managing Director to review the Foundation Stone Dedication ceremony of BPCL PP project by Hon PM in Kochi. BPCL was the chief coordinating OMC for the programme under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on 11 March 2026.

The State Heads of BPCL Kerala team joined the review along with the KR team led by ED(Kochi Refinery), Mr Chacko M Jose and CGM(HR), Mr. George Thomas. In a befitting farewell ceremony Mr. Dubey, was also given a standing ovation for being a tremendous source of inspiration as a sportsman, the BPCL Director of HR, and a leader who made working together across locations not just healthy but also meaningful. His was a tenure defined beyond the baseline, it was always leadership in action.

As an HR Director and a much decorated sports champion through several decades, he brings to leadership the discipline, focus, and resilience that define the game. Just as every point on the court demands strategy and composure, he showed us how effective HR leadership calls for clarity, agility, and calm decision-making. While addressing the team, the life lessons he shared was on how sports teaches balance, endurance, and the value of consistent effort—qualities that are essential in managing people and driving organizational success.

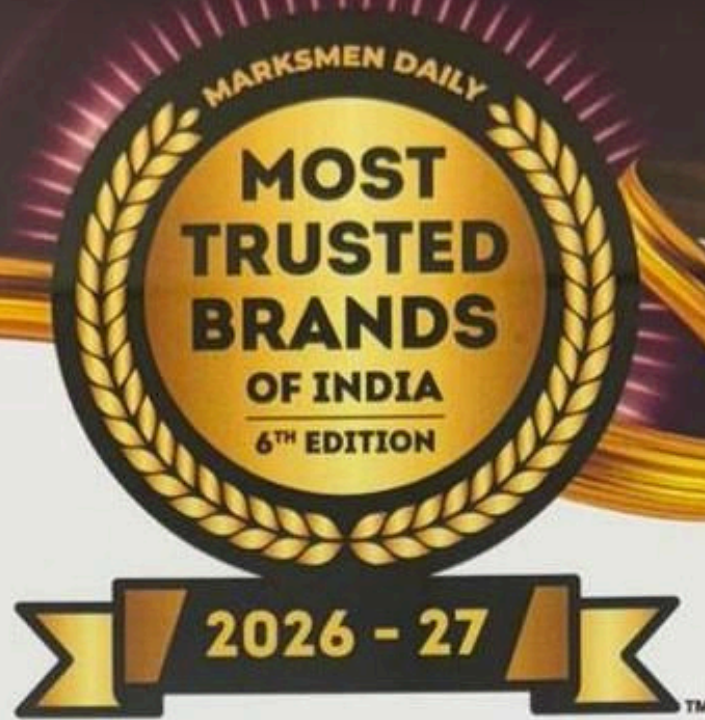


“Above all, the spirit of sportsmanship—fairness, respect, and integrity—naturally reflects in a leadership style that builds trust and fosters collaboration. In many ways, the court and the workplace are not very different—both demand perseverance, adaptability, and the will to keep moving forward,” he shared with the team.

He had inaugurated several facilities and sports initiatives developed in Kochi. The last one we were lucky to inaugurate with a game with Director (HR), is the Pickleball Court at the Marine Drive Township.. The court developed by the KR Estates wing, is of international standards, with court size of 19m x 10m and certified by the international federation. It has 5 layer acrylic system with a total thickness of 2-3 mm and the base was prepared by concrete flooring. The project was led by Mr. Shijil Subash, Senior Manager (Estates), Kochi Refinery. Inmates of the Marine Drive Township, young and old came to witness the happy moment with Direct (HR) and also play few rounds of the game with him.

Pickleball, a dynamic sport that blends the best elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, has rapidly gained popularity across the world for its accessibility and inclusive nature. By introducing this facility, we aim to encourage individuals of all age groups to embrace an active lifestyle, foster teamwork, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition. This court is not just a space for sport, but a platform to build connections, relieve stress, and nurture a culture of well-being. We hope it becomes a vibrant hub of energy, enthusiasm, and camaraderie for all who step onto it.





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BPCL PARTNERS WITH KOCHI BIENNALE LARGEST ART & CULTURE FEST IN SOUTH ASIA

Calling the Biennale an “open gateway” for global artistic exchange, Hon Chief Minister of Kerala Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan acclaimed that the Biennale allows cultures from around the world to flow into Kerala and enables the state’s cultural heritage to reach international audiences.

The Kerala CM inaugurated the sixth edition of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale at Parade Ground, Fort Kochi, calling for artistic resistance against the rising use of art to fuel hatred, riots, and even genocide. Highlighting Kerala’s capability to host international cultural events, the Chief Minister said the state government’s allocation of funds and support for the Biennale reflected its commitment to promoting the arts.

For the first time, BPCL partnered as the Principal Sponsor of the 6th edition of the *Kochi-Muziris Biennale*, marking both BPCL’s Golden Jubilee and the Diamond Jubilee of Kochi Refinery. This association reflects the deep-rooted bond BPCL shares with the people and spirit of Kochi—much like the Biennale itself, which has become an integral part of the State’s cultural identity and emotional landscape through its vibrant celebration of art and culture.

The exhibition is one of the largest tourist attractions in the State of Kerala and a global talking point in the international art circuit, as a visual and intellectual paradise with shows at existing galleries, halls, and site-specific installations in public spaces, heritage buildings and vacant structures in Kochi. Indian and international artists exhibited their works across a variety of mediums, including film, installation, painting, sculpture, new media and performance art.



Mrs & Mr. Sankar M, ED(KR) at the Biennale



Chair Person of the Kochi Biennale Foundation and former Chief Secretary of Kerala, Dr. Venu Vasudevan IAS along with Mr. George Thomas, CGM(HR) and Ms. Kavitha Mathew, Manager (Brand), Mr. Thomas Varghese, CEO of Kochi Biennale Foundation and members of organising team.



As an event that has placed Kerala, and specifically Kochi, on the global map, the Kochi Biennale has boosted Kerala's economy, tourism, and creative sectors. The continuous support extended by Government of Kerala, affirms the event's importance as a major cultural initiative for the State. Since its inception in 2012 and five successful editions, the event has showcased works of more than 450 artists from over 30 countries and welcomed more than 6 million visitors to each edition of the Biennale and boasts of several millions of views in print and social media.



Over 10 million visitors experienced the 6th edition of the Kochi Biennale themed as "For the Time Being" and curated by Artist Nikhil Chopra and HH Art Spaces, that featured 66 artist projects from over 25 countries. Around 36 artists and collectives from Kerala and abroad had their exhibits here. Performance art shows, discussions, lectures, music nights, were amongst other programmes that kept Fort Kochi the most sought after destination in the global travel calendar from 12 December 2025 to 31 March 2026.



Women officials of Kochi Refinery visited the Kochi-Muziris Biennale as part of the women's day initiatives organised by the Forum of Women In Public Sector - Kochi Refinery Unit. At the specially curated experience, the team also interacted with few of the leading artistes participating at the Kochi Biennale this year.



At the closing ceremony Mr. George Thomas, CGM (HR) felicitated the Chief Curator of Kochi Biennale 2025-26, Artist Nikhil Chopra. Mr. Saurabh Jain, DGM(Corporate Brand & PR), BPCL also felicitated few of the artists at the finale at the Durbar Ground, Kochi on 31 March 2026.





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WOMEN'S DAY '26



Sweet celebrations marked women's day at KR. DGM Shift Admn, Mr. Jils Francis made a surprise visit with colleagues to wish the lady officers at the Main Control and Integrated Control Room who arrived for the morning shift. Head of Petchem, Mr. Mahesh CD wished the new lady colleagues at the PDPP control room and Mr. Jomy Sebastian, CGM(CPO-KR) led the team that joined to wish their lady colleagues on the special day.



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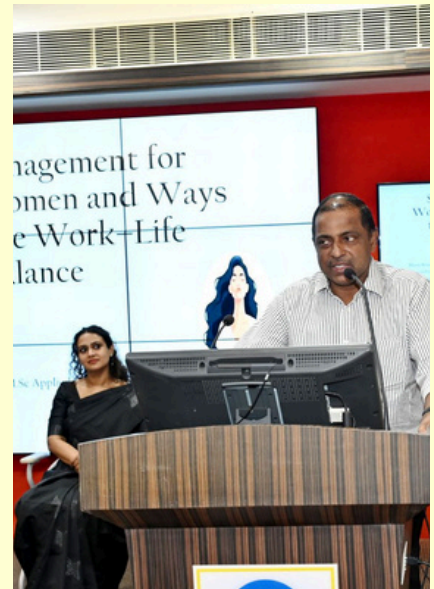
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WOMEN'S DAY SESSION BY WIPS-KR

Women in Public Sector (WIPS), Kochi Refinery Unit, organized a special session on "Stress Management and Work-Life Balance among Women" as part of the International Women's Day celebrations on 9th March. The programme aimed to empower women employees with practical strategies for personal well-being and professional effectiveness. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. George Thomas, CGM (HR), who extended his greetings to all women employees of KR and appreciated their ability to effectively balance personal and professional responsibilities.

The session on stress management was facilitated by Ms. Blessy Benjamin, Clinical Psychologist at Sunrise Hospital, Kakkanad. She began by highlighting common stress triggers such as high workloads, lack of support, and the "double burden" of managing both professional and domestic roles. Drawing on her clinical experience, she shared practical stress management techniques and guided participants through relaxation exercises. The session concluded with an engaging interactive discussion - offering a valuable platform for reflection, dialogue, and personal growth.





WALKING IN SUPPORT OF CANCER PATIENTS

BPCL at Kochi showcased its strong commitment to social responsibility and employee wellness with a remarkable presence at the Walkaroo Kochi Walkathon 2026, organized to support cancer patients at the Department of Oncology, Ernakulam General Hospital.

A total of 224 employees from BPCL Kochi Refinery (KR) and Kochi Marketing Units participated in the event, including 67 women from BPCL Fit Divaz. The walkathon, one of Kerala's largest, saw around 6,500 participants, reflecting a vibrant spirit of fitness and community engagement.

Aligning with its "Wellness through Sports" philosophy, BPCL employees turned their participation into meaningful support for a noble cause. Their enthusiasm and unity highlighted the organization's focus on both health and social impact.

The event also marked the fourth major marathon/walkathon initiative in Kochi during the current financial year, organized under Wellness Through Sports by Employee Satisfaction Enhancement (ESE), Kochi Refinery. These initiatives aim to promote fitness, teamwork, and a culture of well-being across the organization.

The participation was efficiently coordinated by the ESE/KR team led by Lt Col R Murugaiyan, Chief Manager (ESE), with strong support from Mr. Devikumar P, Chief Manager Engg. (Retail), Kerala, SPOC (KERALA), Mr. Harikishen V R, State Head (Retail), Kerala, and Mr. Premkumar S, Territory Manager (Lubes), Kochi.

The walkathon featured 5 KM and 10 KM categories, enabling broad participation. BPCL continues to inspire by integrating wellness with social responsibility.



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GEORGE THOMAS

Joined BPCL as a sportsperson and joined Kochi Refinery from Retail BU in 2007. He is now retiring as Chief General Manager (HR), Kochi Refinery.



SASI P K

Joined KR in the Projects Dept in 1996 and is retiring as Chief Manager (Environment), from HSE Dept.



MOHAN CHANDRAN K C

Joined KR in Finance & Accounts in 1991 and is retiring as Chief Manager (Information Systems).



SENTHILKUMAR A

Joined KR in the Manufacturing department in 1995 and is retiring as Senior Manager (Utilities), P&U.



SATHYAN K K

Joined KR in the P&A Department in 1996 and is retiring as Operator A from the OM&S Department.



PRADEEP KUMAR P P

Joined KR in the P&A department in 1991 and is retiring as Senior Electrical Craftsman from P&U Dept.



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FAREWELL TO A VERY SPORTIVE LEADER

An Arjuna awardee in Badminton and celebrated athlete, George Thomas, assumed charge as Chief General Manager (Human Resources) of Kochi Refinery in 2024. Armed with a B.Tech in Civil Engineering from Government Engineering College, Thrissur, he began his career with the Engineering Department of Indian Railways on the Alleppey-Kayamkulam new line construction project for 2 years, before joining BPCL's Marketing Division and further coordinated the merger between the stand-alone PSU Kochi Refinery and the marketing giant BPCL in 2006. Subsequently he moved to Kochi Refinery in 2007 from BPCL Marketing BU.

He aced external stakeholder management, with the clear understanding that the organization operates at the intersection of business, government policy, and public interest. He was responsible for negotiating long-term wage settlements with employee & contract unions and liaison with the Kerala State Government on matters of policy and compliance. Through enhanced employee engagement he maintained excellent Industrial Relations and push for investment in high return projects and cost reduction schemes.

A seasoned PR Professional, he has been extending expertise and support for speedy execution of statutory approvals of all major projects in KR; constantly surveying external factors that could impede Refinery Operations and BPCL missions and ironed out such impediments through appropriate Government interventions. He cherishes the support he could extend during BPCL - Kochi Refinery merger, various COVID care initiatives, organising four PM visits to KR, signing of long term settlements, obtaining approval for BPCL Marine Drive complex, execution of the Pipeline Corridor boundary protection project and obtaining Pattayam for the entire KR land. He has coordinated BPCL's Corporate Social Responsibility schemes over the past ten years and was directly responsible for executing CSR / ESE projects valued at several hundred crores.

In 2014, he received the "Most Effective Public Relations Manager of the Year" Award, jointly judged by the Press Club and the Public Relations Council of India (Kerala Chapter), from the former Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Oomen Chandy. He built a very reliable PR & Brand team to strengthen the Refinery's internal and external communications over the years. Under his leadership, the Refinery received multiple HR best practices, CSR and Brand awards from professional and government bodies.

George Thomas the athlete, grew as a force to reckon in Indian badminton from 1984 to 2000, competing in more than 80 international tournaments, captained the Indian Team in the World Championships, Thomas Cup and medallist in Common Wealth Games, Asian Championship and various other International tournaments. He held National Rank No. 1 in 1991 & 1992 and bagged 10 National titles and 22 Kerala State titles. He represented Kerala state from 1980 to 2006. In 2000, he was awarded the *Arjuna Award* by the Government of India for his contributions to badminton. This honour received from the President of India, recognized his role in elevating the sport's profile in Kerala and nationally. Winner of the Toulouse Open (France) he is also recipient of the *Golden Shuttle for Best Player* by the French Badminton Association, *Best Player of the Year*, by Badminton Association of India and the *Jimmy George & GV Raja Award*, both instituted by the Government of Kerala. He was subsequently nominated as National Coach of the Indian Senior Badminton Team in 2006. He was serving as Governing Body member of the State Sports Council, Government of Kerala.

His wife Preetha George, who is working with LIC is also a badminton player. Their sons, Arun George who is working with the Income Tax Department and Kiran George, who is working with the Reserve Bank of India, are representing India in badminton at the international level.

As the Editor of the House Journal- *JwalaDhwani*, he used the platform for highlighting employee contributions, teamwork, diversity initiatives, and workplace practices, reinforcing the organization's identity. A brand ambassador by himself and as a member of BPCL Brand Process Club, he amplified the brand image of BPCL and Kochi Refinery through various initiatives leading to better bottom line and improve customer width and depth intensity.

He was fortunate to closely associate with 10 outstanding Executive Directors of Kochi Refinery from the merger to now. He extends his gratitude and good wishes to all whom he has worked with, from his mentors to his colleagues and all the teams that have supported him in delivering his responsibilities. He will be continuing in Kochi itself and looks forward to dedicating more time to grooming young champions for India. *JwalaDhwani* wishes George Thomas and his family great success in the years ahead with good health and peace.

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WHEN THE LEAD TIGHTENS

The scoreboard lied. At twelve, leading 8-2 in the state semi-final, those red digits promised victory. Three points away. But that's when I stopped playing to win. I started playing not to lose. My serves got careful. Safe. Shots stayed inside the lines, nowhere near the edges where I'd been placing them all match. I wasn't attacking anymore. Just protecting.

The lead disappeared quietly. 8-5. Then 9-8. By 10-10, my hands were shaking. When the final point went past me, I couldn't process it. All that protecting and I'd lost anyway.

Years later, same situation. Different match. Score tightening again, that old instinct creeping back, play it safe and guard what I had. This time, I played the next point like the score was still 0-0. Aggressive. Committed. The difference wasn't skill. It was posture. How I chose to carry the lead.

I think about that a lot these days, walking into the refinery each morning. From outside, BPCL's Kochi plant looks permanent. Steel towers, symmetrical pipelines, procedures documented to the smallest detail. Something that feels unshakeable. But inside? The system's alive. Always moving, always breathing.

Last year, our 2-EH unit started drifting. Not failing but just refusing to hold load. Vaporizer differential pressure kept climbing. Liquid showing up where only vapour should be. Every shift, we'd adjust. Tweak temperature, trim pressure, fine-tune flows. On paper, it made sense. The unit disagreed. Production didn't stop. We hit targets, mostly. But the control room changed. People got quieter. Started staring at trend lines. At night, the cooling tower seemed louder or maybe we were just listening differently.

The manual was clear: keep aldol effluent withdrawal at 287 kg/hr. It did not explain why. We'd been adjusting it down, trying to be efficient. Less withdrawal, less waste. The logic seemed obvious, why remove more than needed?

his went on for weeks. Hypothesis after hypothesis, tested and ruled out. We stayed confident in our optimization. Page 23 of 29 But the plant was trying to tell us something. We'd forgotten how to listen. Finally, in a tense meeting, a senior officer spoke up. Quiet guy, been around forever. "Put it back to 287. Leave it there." We asked why. What was the calculation? He didn't have one. Not a technical answer anyway. That felt wrong. Like abandoning data for a hunch. But we did it. Nothing happened at first. Few days of waiting. Then slowly, things settled. Differential pressure came down. Carryover stopped. Load steadied.

Salt. It had been building inside the vaporizer. Thin layers, invisible, accumulating slowly. That effluent we'd called waste. It was carrying salt away. When we optimized withdrawal down, we left the salt behind. Not enough to alarm us. Just enough to choke the system. We'd focused on what we were removing. Never asked what we were leaving behind. Relief came first. Then something uncomfortable. Because that number wasn't random. Someone somewhere before us had stood exactly where we were. Watched the same trends, felt the same confidence, made the same optimizations. And learned this the hard way.

They wrote down the number. But couldn't write down the experience. The tension. The why behind the what. Our senior officer couldn't explain his certainty either. Just said he'd "seen something like this before." The memory wasn't documented. It lived in his instinct.

We got lucky. The vaporizer forgave us. When we restored flow, the salt dissolved. But it didn't have to. What if it hadn't? That's the question that stays with me. Nothing dramatic changed after. No new procedures. No announcements. But conversations shifted. Engineers started asking different questions - not just "how do we optimize?" but "what tension is this parameter holding?" Operators talked more openly about near-misses. Moments when something felt off, even when data looked fine. Page 24 of 29 Younger engineers read the manual differently. Less like rules, more like messages from people who'd survived something we hadn't yet.

Doubt stopped being weakness. It became information. BPCL's weathered decades of volatility- market crashes, new technologies, changing regulations. Every era brought its scorecard: production targets, efficiency gains, sustainability commitments. There's comfort in a lead. But leads have weight. And weight changes how you play. Right now, different volatility is building. Energy transitions accelerating. Climate impacts harder to predict. Digital systems reshaping control. The future won't look like the past we've optimized for.

Our procedures will face situations they weren't written for. Models will give answers that seem complete but feel incomplete. The temptation will be strong - tighten up, reduce variance, protect what we've built. But we've seen what happens when things accumulate quietly.

Pressure when resisted, builds up. Like salt in a vaporizer. Like fear in a semi-final. Like certainty in a system that's stopped listening. Pressure when faced, leaves a different mark. It sharpens judgment. Deepens collaboration. Turns memory into capability.

The next disruption won't announce itself with alarms. It might come as policy changes, technology shifts, market movements that redraw everything. When that happens, the scoreboard will light up again. The lead might narrow. What'll matter isn't how tightly we guard what we've built. It's whether we're willing to lean into that next point. Test our assumptions. Find what's accumulating before it hardens. Let strain show us where we can strengthen.

Because inside every stable system, there's a quiet question: Are we protecting our lead or becoming the kind of organization that gets stronger each time things get tight? The scoreboard is glowing. Right now, it feels like we're 8-2. The next point will show us who we're becoming.



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Mavericks Team, Kochi Refinery receives the Mercurix 2026 prize for Business Story Writing

AWARENESS ON NEW LABOUR CODES

An awareness programme on the New Labour Codes was organised by the Contract Cell of Kochi Refinery at the AMAS, Ambalamugal for contractors and supervisory personnel. The programme was designed to disseminate comprehensive insights into the Code on Wages, Code on Social Security, Industrial Relations Code, and Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code.

The sessions covered the salient provisions of these codes, with particular emphasis on key reforms such as the standardisation of wage definitions, expansion of social security coverage, introduction of fixed-term employment, and strengthened compliance frameworks. Mr. Praveen Anaswara, Chief Manager (Employee Relations) welcomed the gathering and gave an outline of the programme. The technical sessions were delivered by Labour Enforcement Officers Gnanasundar R and Vaibhav D A, whose expert deliberations, complemented by an interactive discussion segment, facilitated a deeper understanding of the subject matter. The programme that serves as an effective platform for enhancing awareness on statutory compliance and fostering sound industrial relations practices among stakeholders, was coordinated by Mr. Kiran Philip, Assistant Manager (Contract Cell), Kochi Refinery on 18 March 2026.





PLANET QUEST- INTER- SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

Aman B Manoj and Ishaan R Menon. of Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara emerged winners. of the Planet Quest - interschool quiz competition hosted by CR School. The inter-school competition on environmental awareness was inaugurated by Mr. M Sankar, Executive Director, (Kochi Refinery) in the presence of CRS Principal, Mr. Vinuoman Mathew, Vice Principal Ms. Premlatha Shaji, CR School Board Chairman, Mr. George Thomas, CGM (HR), Mr. G S Sivakumar, CEO, Skill Development Institute and Mr. Santhosh Varshney, DGM (Environment), Kochi Refinery,

Retired Professor Renji Mathew from the Dept of Economics, St. Berchmans College, Changanassery transformed the two-hour long finals into an engaging and thought-provoking finals, keeping both participants and audience keenly involved. Aman B Manoj and Ishaan R Menon. of Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara emerged winners. Second position went to Merin Rahael Eldho and Krishnapriya B of Bhavan's Newsprint Vidyalaya, Velloor, and the third place was taken by Malavika Menon and Arjun A Menon. of Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Girinagar. Winners received cash awards and consolation prizes were also given to the teams securing fourth and fifth positions.

Jointly organised by BPCCL Kochi Refinery and Cochin Refineries School as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the contest had 30 teams registering and top 15 schools from Kochi city vying for the qualifier rounds. From these, the top five teams qualified for the finals that found the winners after an exciting round of quizzing. Co-ordination team from KR included Mr. Dinesh S, Manager (HRD), Mr Tom Joseph, Manager (Admn) and Ms. Shyjni V, Secy to CGM (HR).

KARMA 2026 - TAKING IT COOL & CONFIDENT

Karma Camp 2026, a one-day developmental programme aimed at nurturing positive values, life skills, confidence and teamwork among students. Ms. Mary George facilitated the session on communication skills, stress management and teamwork. An energetic games and activities session led by Ms. Sonia, focused on eye-hand coordination, agility and cooperation. Ms. Parvathi conducted a motivating session on soft skills, which strengthened the students' self-confidence, mutual trust and sense of motivation. Adding a delightful twist to the day, Ms. Rachel's surprise session featured a simple three-ingredient cookie-baking activity along with a devotional song that created a calm and uplifting atmosphere. Mr. Sunil encouraged students to overcome inhibitions and express themselves with confidence. The camp concluded on a vibrant note with a lively DJ music and dance session, followed by the distribution of awards and prizes to inspire and encourage the participants.





CR SCHOOL PLAYER WINS GOLD IN KURASH

Rishab M. Midhun brought home a remarkable victory at the 17th Kerala State Kurash Championship 2025-26 organised by the Kerala Kurash Association in affiliation with the Kurash Association of India. Representing Ernakulam district, Rishab M Midhun (first winner in front row) competed in the 15 Kg Kids category and delivered an outstanding performance. Demonstrating remarkable strength, skill, and determination, he secured the Gold Medal, bringing honour and pride to his district and school. Rishab's achievement reflects his dedication, consistent training, and passion for the sport.

Kurash is an ancient form of upright jacket wrestling originating from Uzbekistan, with a history spanning over 3,500 years. It involves two athletes attempting to throw each other to the ground, with the goal being to throw the opponent onto their back for an instant win

CRS SUB-JUNIOR GIRLS BAG GOLD IN THROWBALL



A proud moment for CRS, as its talented girls team emerged Champions in the Sub Junior Girls Category, representing Ernakulam district, at the 24th Kerala State Sub Junior Throwball Championship. The gold medal-winning team includes **Shriya R. Nair, Evelyn Shiju, Akshara Rajeev, Sneha Sara Joseph, Manusri D., Daksha Ambat, and Akshara Bijesh**. Their remarkable achievement brought great pride to the school and the district. **Shriya (2nd from right)** was also declared Best Player of the tournament

BRONZE FOR THROWBALL - SUB JUNIORS

Representing Ernakulam district, the talented team members of CR School, – **Imran Ibrahim, Jasper Solomon Dayyala, Elhan Anoop, and Sreyas Sunil** – showcased remarkable teamwork, determination, and sporting spirit throughout the sub-juniors Throwball championship tournament. Competing against strong teams from across the state, the boys delivered an impressive performance that earned them a well-deserved third place at the 24th Kerala State Sub Junior Throwball Championship.



BRONZE IN STATE BASEBALL



Students of CR Refineries School brought home the bronze, at the 24th Kerala State Sub Junior Baseball Championship. Representing their district with determination and team spirit, the young players delivered an impressive performance throughout the tournament. The bronze medal-winning team from the school include **Stieve Benjamin, Pranav Pramod, Madhav H., Devansh Somaraj, and Benjamin Mathew**. Their dedication, skill, and perseverance helped them secure a proud place on the winners' podium. **Stieve Benjamin (Centre)** has been selected to represent Kerala in the upcoming Nationals



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