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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Sri Lanka Cricket's annual report. As the national governing body for cricket in Sri Lanka, we represent the sport domestically and internationally at the highest levels. Cricket is undeniably the country's premier sport, a well-earned distinction given its rich history spanning over a century. Today, cricket is an integral part of Sri Lanka's cultural identity, deeply embedded in the fabric of the island.

Introduced to Ceylon under British rule in the 19th century, cricket quickly captured the imagination of the island's people, who embraced the game with passion, flair, and grace. The first recorded cricket match happened in 1832, marking the beginning of a long and storied cricketing journey. Over time, as cricket transitioned from being a colonial pastime to a sport embraced by the islanders, it became evident that Sri Lanka had great potential for cricketing success.

As cricket in Ceylon rose to first-class status in the 1930s, the country laid the foundation for the sport's national administration in 1975 by establishing the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL), marking the formalisation and state recognition of the sport. Under the auspices of the BCCSL, Sri Lanka began making significant strides on the international stage.

A major milestone came in September 1985, when Sri Lanka won its first Test match—a remarkable achievement after playing just 12 Tests in three and a half years. Despite limited resources, the team's unwavering commitment and determination shone through, leaving a lasting impression on all who witnessed the victory.

Since that historic win, Sri Lanka's cricketing journey has continued to rise, with the pinnacle of success achieved in 1996, when the team triumphed as ICC World Cup champions. This victory remains one of the most significant moments in Sri Lankan cricket, cementing the country's place among the elite cricketing nations of the world.

In 2003, recognizing its growing stature and the need for a more inclusive, forward-thinking brand, the BCCSL transformed and rebranded as Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). This rebranding signified a new sports era with a more dynamic approach to development, infrastructure, and international representation. Under the banner of Sri Lanka Cricket, the island has continued to nurture talent and build on its proud cricketing tradition, producing world-class players who have excelled on the global stage.

Cricket has long been known as the gentleman's game, steeped in tradition and elegance. However, in line with the global movement towards making sports more inclusive, women have embraced cricket with remarkable enthusiasm and passion. Sri Lankan women, in particular, have repeatedly proven they can rise to the occasion, meeting and surpassing global standards. Their achievements have become a source of immense pride for the nation.

Together, the men's and women's teams have elevated the sport and transformed it into a symbol of national excellence. Their unwavering dedication and hard work have been instrumental in establishing Sri Lanka Cricket as the most valuable sports brand in the country. With its widespread recognition and influence, Sri Lanka Cricket has become a powerful magnet for lucrative local and international partnerships, all eager to tap into the brand's remarkable value and potential for growth.

Today, Sri Lanka Cricket stands as one of the most respected cricketing institutions in the world, with a legacy of both on-field success and off-field development. The sport remains a source of immense pride for Sri Lankans, uniting the nation in celebration every time the teams take to the field. From its humble beginnings in the 19th century to its current status as a cricketing powerhouse, Sri Lanka's story is one of passion, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence. SLC





Sri Lanka Cricket

Vision

To be the best cricketing nation with the signature benchmark in **consistency, stability** and **sustainability** in all departments of the game.

Mission

Sri Lanka Cricket will be the most sought after **resource centre** in the world that would shape and fashion the **future of the game** of cricket all over the world.

Core Values

Integrity
We strive to protect Sri Lankan Cricket from activities that are detrimental to its integrity by means of disciplinary protocols that ensure fair-play.

Professionalism
We believe in portraying professionalism in our conduct, behaviour and attitude as the chief body of national cricket in Sri Lanka.

Accountability
We as a team believe in accountability and taking responsibility for our actions.

Transparency
We aim to achieve transparency through our sound governance protocols.

Team Work
We are a diverse team who possess our own unique ideas. Through the collaboration of our individual uniqueness we achieve collective success.

Innovation and Creativity
Innovation and creativity are co-dependent to thrive in a competitive game such as cricket. This helps us to tackle unexpected situations in a competent manner.

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SHAMMI SILVA
PRESIDENT
SRI LANKA CRICKET

Cricket is more than just a sport to us, it is our brand and business. Safeguarding this legacy has been our top priority, and we have left no stone unturned in our efforts to uphold the name of Sri Lanka Cricket on the global stage.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA CRICKET

Sri Lanka Cricket had a stable year in 2024. We received unwavering support from across the board, enabling us to fulfil our responsibilities for the betterment of cricket. The independence of sports governing bodies is essential for progress, and as the cricketing landscape shifted, we embraced change with the sport's best interests at heart.

While our teams' outcomes varied, we recognized the need for introspection and responded by implementing necessary changes. These decisions started to yield positive results, and I am confident that the future is bright, thanks to the supportive environment we've fostered. Cricket is more than just a sport to us, it is our brand and business. Safeguarding this legacy has been our top priority, and we have left no stone unturned in our efforts to uphold the name of Sri Lanka Cricket on the global stage. It brings immense pride to reflect on the strides we've made in 2024 as we adapted to the evolving dynamics of the game. However, we are always mindful that cricket, like all sports, is ever-changing and unpredictable.

Our dedicated players, men and women, are the true ambassadors of this great brand called Sri Lanka Cricket. As the President, my Executive Committee and I remain dedicated to serving them and ensuring that Sri Lanka Cricket continues to shine brightly on the world stage.

The Journey of Sri Lanka's National Men's Cricket Team

The past year was significant for the National Men's Cricket Team, marked by a busy and eventful calendar. At the forefront was the ICC T20 World Cup, the standout tournament of the year. Throughout the season, the team competed against seven national sides, embarking on three outbound tours to Bangladesh, England, and South Africa and hosting four inbound series against Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, India, and New Zealand. In these series, Sri Lanka achieved remarkable victories that made history: the first bilateral ODI series win over India in 27 years, a landmark Test triumph over England at The Oval after a decade, and a dominant 2-0 Test series win over New Zealand on home soil.

Although the team could not progress past the ICC T20 World Cup group stage, the cricket administration quickly took stock of the areas requiring attention, prompting a strategic shift.

In July 2024, we appointed Sanath Jayasuriya, Sri Lanka's World Cup-winning player, as the Interim Head Coach—a decision that led to a noticeable change in the team's performance. Under Jayasuriya's guidance, the team improved, particularly in their victories over the world champions, India. That was a key turning point, as Sri Lanka broke their long-standing drought and set new records, further testament to the positive impact of his coaching in a short time. We observed Jayasuriya's growing influence on the team. It became clear that his approach—built on open communication and a deep understanding of the game—resonated with the players. Alongside his appointment, the coaching setup changed, with SLC recruiting local expertise and turning to foreign specialists only when necessary. In October 2024, we appointed Jayasuriya as the Head Coach. We remain optimistic about the team's continued progress under his guidance.

The National Women's Cricket Team's Journey in 2024

The National Women's Cricket Team had an action-packed 2024 of international engagements. In April, they toured South Africa while participating in the ODI Qualifiers in the UAE. The team continued their busy schedule with a series against the West Indies Women in June, followed by the Women's T20 Asia Cup in July, which they hosted in Sri Lanka. August saw them travelling to Ireland for an ODI series, and they capped off the year with an appearance at the ICC T20 World Cup in the UAE in October.

The standout achievement of the year was undoubtedly the team's victory in the Women's T20 Asia Cup, where they triumphed over India in a thrilling final in Dambulla. This victory brought immense pride to the nation and showcased the skill, dedication, and unyielding determination of the Sri Lankan women. Though they could not progress past the group stage in the ICC T20 World Cup, their performances throughout the year demonstrated resilience and a never-say-die attitude—qualities that reflect the unwavering support they have received from Sri Lanka Cricket and their dedicated coaching staff.

The courage and spirit of the National Women's Team have earned them the admiration of fans across Sri Lanka, who now cheer with pride for their Women's Team on the global stage. With continued focus on key growth areas, women's cricket will continue to excel in the years ahead.

The Success and Growth of Sri Lanka's Junior Cricket Teams in 2024

In 2024, Sri Lanka's junior men's and women's cricket teams showcased

significant promise, competing at home and overseas against their international counterparts. The Men's A Team stood out as runners-up at the ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup while securing series victories against Afghanistan and South Africa in four-day and OD matches. Additionally, the Sri Lanka Men's Under-19 Team made an impressive run to the semi-finals at the ACC Under-19 Asia Cup and later achieved two victories at the ICC Under-19 World Cup in South Africa.

The Junior Women's Teams also had a full and dynamic calendar, with the Under-19 Women's Team competing in the inaugural Under-19 Women's T20 Asia Cup in December alongside five other nations. Their success continued with a strong performance in the Tri-Nations T20 Series in Bangladesh, where they emerged as champions, defeating Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Sri Lanka Cricket ensured that these junior national teams had plenty of opportunities to compete in domestic and international fixtures, preparing them for the challenges of competitive cricket. When these young players are ready to step up to the senior men's or women's teams, they will be well-equipped to navigate the demands of international cricket.

Growth of the Lanka Premier League and Lanka T10 Super League

It was a good year for franchise and domestic league cricket in Sri Lanka, with significant strides in the Lanka Premier League (LPL) and the newly launched Lanka T10 Super League. The fifth edition of the LPL was a huge success, continuing its growth and solidifying its status as a competitive tournament recognized alongside other global cricket franchise leagues. The tournament's progression over the years highlights its increasing stature and importance on the world cricketing stage.

The inaugural Lanka T10 Super League was also a success, with six teams battling it out for the title. The Hambantota Bangla Tigers were crowned the first champions of the newly established competition, offering thrilling performances that captivated audiences and demonstrated Sri Lanka's ability to host major cricketing events. This event showcased exciting cricket and reinforced our commitment to hosting league tournaments with international player participation, further establishing our capacity to organize large-scale events. These leagues are pivotal in enhancing Sri Lanka Cricket's global presence and positioning us alongside other cricketing nations that leverage their infrastructure to host lucrative tournaments. They have become key revenue generators and are elevating the Sri Lankan cricket brand, making it more attractive to top-tier sponsors. Through these home-grown leagues, we are strengthening the value of Sri Lanka Cricket and cementing its place as the most prominent and valued sports governing body in Sri Lanka.

Domestic Cricket's Success in 2024

It was a busy year for domestic cricket, with vibrant competition across all three formats—three-day, limited-overs, and T20—giving cricketers a solid platform to showcase their talents. The major club league tournaments – First Class, T20, Major Club 50-Over Tournament, and Major Club Emerging (Under-23) Tournament—dominated the domestic circuit, offering both emerging and established players the opportunity to shine.

The National Super League (NSL), Sri Lanka's flagship four-day and limited-overs tournaments were held at international stadiums. The participation of majority of the national players amplified the tournament's competitive nature, many of whom used the tournament to regain form ahead of international fixtures. In 2024, the NSL saw a notable increase in prize money, further enhancing its prestige and importance within the domestic cricket landscape.

Sri Lanka Cricket remains committed to youth development, and the Sri Lanka Youth League (SLYL) played a crucial role in identifying future stars. The league hosted tournaments for under-19, under-17, and under-15 teams, ensuring a steady channel of young talent for the national teams.

Women's cricket also made significant strides in 2024. Sri Lanka Cricket organized a limited-overs tournament for women featuring 15 clubs, with Major Clubs showing strong enthusiasm for fielding women's teams.

Additionally, the inaugural National Super League Women's U23 Tournament and the Sri Lanka Youth League Girls' U19 Tournament were held for junior women's teams, further strengthening the foundation for the future of women's cricket in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Cricket's Commitment to Development in 2024

At Sri Lanka Cricket, our focus remains steadfast on developing the sport at every level, from selecting the best players and coaches to providing top-tier facilities and playing conditions. Our development efforts start at the school level, where we recognize the importance of early nurturing in shaping future cricketers. In 2024, we significantly increased our investment in school cricket to enhance ground facilities, provide playing equipment, and improve young players' fitness and nutritional needs. These interventions at an early stage are essential in building physically fit players while also helping them grow emotionally and socially, preparing them to enter the global sporting arena as confident and capable performers.

Clubs, district, and provincial cricket associations play a crucial role in this development journey, serving as the nurturing grounds for potential national players. To support these vital components of our cricket ecosystem, we distributed cricket gear and ground equipment to clubs and associations. We also financed various tournaments, including Tier-B competitions, the Governor's Trophy, and intra-provincial events, ensuring that these platforms continue to provide players with the opportunities to excel and progress to national selection.



Victory of Women's T20 Asia Cup.

Cricket development extends beyond players, and in 2024, we continued to invest in the development of coaches and umpires. Our ongoing focus on upskilling these key figures opened doors for them to take on international assignments, clearly indicating the quality we strive to instil across all aspects of the sport. The growing presence of women in officiating roles is also worth noting, a significant achievement for women's cricket in Sri Lanka. As we continue to invest in their development, we can expect heightened excellence in our cricketing performances and increased global visibility for our experts.

Another significant milestone in our development journey is relocating and upgrading the Brain Centre to the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium. This move is part of our commitment to staying in tune with global sports advancements. The upgraded facility will enhance efficiency by centralising training, technology, and data analysis at one location. It will provide players and coaches quick access to critical tools such as video analysis and strategy sessions, support our youth programs and advance player education and development with cutting-edge resources.

Sri Lanka Cricket's Global Partnerships

Sri Lanka Cricket has flourished due to various factors, with key relationships and partnerships playing a

central role in our success. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has been a steadfast supporter, consistently providing funding for our initiatives. That reflects the trust the ICC has placed in Sri Lanka Cricket's credibility and ability to elevate the sport to the highest standards on the island. During times of crisis, the ICC and its officials have remained committed to our cause, reinforcing the firm foundation of support and encouragement we receive.

I thank Greg Barclay, the former Chairman of the ICC, who completed his tenure in December 2024. His service to global cricket and unwavering support for Sri Lanka Cricket has been invaluable.

With immense pleasure, I now see Jay Shah taking up the prestigious role of ICC Chairman. As the youngest individual to hold this position, his achievement is remarkable. From his rise within the Indian cricket administration to leading the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) and now to the helm of the ICC, Jay Shah has shown exceptional leadership.

Having worked closely with him, I can attest to his vision, drive, and ability to foster unity and constructive dialogue in the cricketing world.

Jay Shah is among the most influential figures in global cricket, and his leadership is respected worldwide. I am confident that under his guidance, Sri Lanka Cricket will continue to benefit from his leadership. I wish him every success in his new role.

As the newly appointed President of the Asian Cricket Council, I hope to build on Jay Shah's strong legacy and continue the excellent work he has done for Asian cricket.

Sponsors and CSR

In 2024, we successfully demonstrated the relevance of Sri Lanka Cricket by securing new sponsorships through to 2027, while also bringing on board sponsors for specific tournaments. With a year packed with high-profile events, including the ICC World Cup, we received enthusiastic support from Sri Lanka's leading brands. We were also thrilled by the interest from international brands, many of which signed on as sponsors for various tournaments.

Among our new partners are three of Sri Lanka's most respected companies, each a cornerstone of the nation's identity: Ceylon Cold Stores and its renowned Elephant House beverages, Hameedia with its Signature menswear brand, and Cargills with its RIDE energy drink. These companies have signed sponsorship agreements for both the National Men's and Women's Teams, a testament to their trust in the Sri Lanka Cricket brand. We are honoured to have them on board, alongside our long-standing sponsors whose continued support reinforces the strength of the Sri Lanka Cricket brand.

In addition to attracting valuable sponsorships for our national teams and home-grown franchise leagues, which have positioned Sri Lanka Cricket as the most valuable sports governing body in the country, we remain deeply committed to making a meaningful impact on society. Our annual CSR initiatives are a reflection of this commitment, aimed at uplifting the sport across the nation, including among individuals with special needs and in other sports. We have supported individuals in need of financial assistance for medical treatment, as well as breast cancer awareness and prevention programs through the Indira Cancer Trust. By sharing our resources each year, we have positively impacted lives, demonstrating that Sri Lanka Cricket cares about the well-being of our community.

Reflecting on Sri Lanka Cricket's Achievements in 2024

Our achievements were made possible by the seamless operations of every department and unit at the headquarters. From organizing tournaments to managing day-to-day tasks, which are vast in scale given our prominence, to ensuring security at matches and addressing the players' needs—our team operated with expertise and dedication. The commitment of everyone at Sri Lanka Cricket ensured that the sport remained at its peak throughout the year. Despite facing challenges, we made necessary changes, acknowledging that cricket, like all sports, has its ups and downs. We learned from these experiences and emerged stronger.

I express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to making 2024 a success. I thank Mohan de Silva, our former Secretary, for his unwavering support and dedication to cricket development. I also thank Chris Silverwood, the former Head Coach of the National Men's Team, for his tireless efforts in training and guiding the team. I wish them both the very best in their future endeavours.

Looking ahead, I am confident that Sri Lanka Cricket will continue to thrive in a peaceful and supportive working environment. We will foster a motivated, focused team that takes immense pride in representing our nation globally. My appointment as President of the Asian Cricket Council in December 2024 is also an opportunity to elevate the game in the region and at home, a great honour that I hope to fulfil with dedication and love for the sport I represent. SLC

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CHRYSHANTHA KAPUWATTE
HONORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SRI LANKA CRICKET

As we move forward, our commitment to Sri Lankan cricket remains unwavering. With resilience, strategic planning, and the continued support of our fans, we are confident in our ability to restore and enhance the nation's cricketing legacy.

MESSAGE FROM THE HONORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF SRI LANKA CRICKET

The nature of sports is inherently unpredictable, filled with both setbacks and moments of glory. In 2024, our national cricket teams faced significant challenges but also triumphed, reigniting hope in the hearts of our passionate fans. As we witnessed the dreams and aspirations of our men's and women's teams unfold, their dedication and resilience inspired us all.

At Sri Lanka Cricket, we remain committed to ensuring that the game continues to be played at the highest level, even in the face of adversity. We listened to the voices of our people, acknowledged their concerns, and recognized their deep love for the sport. In response, we implemented key changes in 2024 most notably, the infusion of fresh talent, which bore fruit in the latter half of the year.

Recognizing the urgent need to enhance the competitiveness of our national teams, particularly the Men's Team, the Executive Committee prioritized coaching. With many of our young players hailing from different regions of Sri Lanka, it was essential to support them in overcoming challenges and reaching peak performance. The bond between players and coaches plays a crucial role in this journey, which is why we decided to bring in more Sri Lankan coaching staff, led by Sanath Jayasuriya. This ensured consistency, competitiveness, and a deeper connection between players and coaches.

This decision proved to be a success. Many of our young players elevated their performance benefitting from open and honest communication in a language they were most comfortable with. This smooth interaction fostered a strong player-coach relationship, which was instrumental in improving our overall game.

The President and Executive Committee remain fully committed to elevating Sri Lankan Cricket to its highest potential. Significant investments have been made at the school and club levels to develop infrastructure that meets modern international standards.

However, 2024 was not without its challenges. The year was marked by turbulence, largely due to unwarranted external interference and baseless accusations from individuals with hidden agendas and misguided authorities. These disruptions led to serious consequences, including the ICC suspension, the cancellation of our Under-19 World Cup hosting rights, missed sponsorship opportunities, reduced grants for local venue development, and substantial visible and invisible losses to Sri Lanka's tourism revenue.

Despite these setbacks, Sri Lanka Cricket remained steadfast and focused. We successfully preserved and strengthened our relationships with the ICC and other global stakeholders, ensuring that our objectives remain on track.

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Sri Lanka Cricket: A Global Brand Built on Hard Work and Strategic Partnerships

Cricket is more than just a sport—it is a product that we proudly present to the world. Sri Lanka Cricket has established itself as a globally recognized brand, continuously attracting international attention and sponsorships while experiencing significant year-on-year growth.

Through relentless dedication and strategic efforts, Sri Lanka Cricket has emerged as one of the most respected and valuable sports governing bodies among its global counterparts.

The management of Sri Lanka Cricket has consistently demonstrated its capability to organize and oversee international events and tournaments at the highest level. Successfully hosting such events requires immense effort in ensuring safety, securing suitable environments, handling logistical challenges, providing world-class facilities for players and officials, and safeguarding our loyal supporters and fans. Our ability to meet and exceed these demands is on par with the highest global standards.

Unfortunately, those unfamiliar with the extensive work required to host and manage these events often overlook the complexities involved. At times, baseless accusations and misinterpretations arise, particularly regarding overseas travel, which is essential for securing the necessary resources and partnerships. Negative publicity, especially when spread by our own Sri Lankans, causes significant harm—damaging the reputation of Sri Lanka Cricket and tarnishing the image of this esteemed institution.

As we continue to strengthen Sri Lanka Cricket's position on the global stage, we urge all stakeholders to recognize the dedication, strategic planning, and hard work that go into maintaining and growing our cricketing legacy. By working together, we can further

elevate Sri Lanka Cricket as a powerful and respected global brand.

Building the Future of Sri Lankan Cricket

During the period under review, Sri Lanka Cricket made its highest-ever financial investment to promote and develop school cricket. This initiative is a key part of our long-term vision to nurture young cricketers through our National Pathway Program. By standardizing tournaments and providing essential resources, we have ensured that the future of Sri Lankan cricket remains strong.

As part of this effort, we have distributed high-quality cricket equipment and materials, supplied top-grade tournament balls, and financed school cricket expenses at the Under-13, Under-15, Under-17, and Under-19 levels. Additionally, we have provided quality coaches and expert assistance through the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association.

Beyond financial support, we have worked through district and provincial associations to upgrade school cricket infrastructure. This includes improving playgrounds and pavilions, establishing gymnasiums, preparing turf and concrete wickets, supplying clay and matting, and—most importantly—providing costly ground maintenance machinery to ensure long-term sustainability.

Our investment is shaping the future of Sri Lankan cricket by developing not just individual players but a deep pool of talent ready to compete at the highest level. As a result, competition has intensified, raising performance standards across all levels of the game. We are no longer short of skilled cricketers—whether bowlers or batters.

Our structured efforts have created a strong pipeline of players, ensuring that any vacant position due to injury or unforeseen circumstances can be swiftly and seamlessly filled. With this foundation in place, the future of Sri Lanka Cricket looks brighter than ever, and we remain committed to fostering the next generation of champions.

Hosting a Prestigious World Cup in Sri Lanka

To host a World Cup, a minimum of five international-standard venues are required. At present, Sri Lanka has four such venues: R. Premadasa in Colombo, Pallekele in Kandy, Rangiri in Dambulla, and Mahinda Rajapaksa in Hambantota.

A few years ago, we initiated an ambitious development plan to construct a world-class cricket stadium with a 50,000-seat capacity, strategically located in Diyagama. This location was chosen for its convenient access to highways, ensuring smooth travel for cricket fans across the country. The project was designed with the goal of positioning Sri Lanka as a strong contender to host the 2027 World Cup. Sri Lanka Cricket was fully prepared to fund the stadium, with additional financial assistance from the ICC through a long-term loan. Unfortunately, external obstacles and the failure to secure necessary approvals from the relevant sports authorities during that period stalled the project. However, we remain determined to revive this initiative, with the optimism of completing the stadium in time for a future World Cup.

Our vision for hosting a World Cup in Sri Lanka remains strong, and we are committed to making the necessary investments to ensure that our country is fully equipped to welcome the world's biggest cricketing spectacle.

A Landmark Year for Women's Cricket in Sri Lanka

The landscape of women's cricket in Sri Lanka made remarkable strides in 2024, culminating in the team's historic victory in the Asia Cup. This achievement is the result of years of consistent investment in the development and promotion of women's cricket, combined with the unwavering commitment and determination of our players. The victory stands as a testament to the collective efforts of Sri Lanka Cricket's administration and the team's dedication to excellence.

Chamari Athapaththu, in particular, has been a driving force, leading by example and guiding the team with her outstanding performances on the field. Her leadership has played a crucial role in elevating the team's competitive spirit and success.

To further strengthen the future of women's cricket, we introduced a series of limited-overs tournaments and the National Super League, aimed at identifying and nurturing young talent at the Under-19 and Under-23 levels. These initiatives are designed to create a strong pipeline of players, ensuring that the next generation of female cricketers are well-prepared to compete on the international stage. This progress marks a significant turning point for women's cricket in Sri Lanka. As we continue to build on this momentum, we remain committed to providing even more opportunities for women to excel and shine in the years ahead.

Cricket's Global Potential: Preparing for the 2028 Olympic Stage

It is exciting to see cricket expanding its global footprint with its inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. This milestone presents a unique opportunity for Sri Lanka to prepare and compete at the Olympic level, with the potential to bring glory to the nation on one of the world's biggest sporting stages.

Beyond the competition itself, Olympic recognition opens new doors for Sri Lankan cricket professionals worldwide. With cricket now part of the Olympic movement, there will be increased global demand for experienced cricket experts. This presents significant opportunities for our former cricketers and professionals to establish themselves in the international sports arena.

To capitalize on this, Sri Lanka Cricket has already launched professional education programs for coaches, umpires, match referees, curators, physiotherapists, and even ground preparation specialists. Our goal is to equip Sri Lankan cricket professionals with the necessary skills to secure positions in highly developed cricketing nations. This, in turn, will not only enhance their careers but also contribute to overseas revenue generation for our economy.

As we prepare for the 2028 Olympics, Sri Lanka Cricket remains committed to strengthening both our National Team and the broader cricketing ecosystem, ensuring that our players and professionals are ready to make a mark on the global stage.

Sri Lanka Cricket: A Beacon of Social Responsibility and Support

As a leading sports governing body, Sri Lanka Cricket remains steadfast in its commitment to giving back to the community. Beyond our efforts to develop cricket, we have invested generously in the National Sports Fund to support a wide range of sports, regardless of discipline, ensuring that all athletes have the resources they need to excel.

In 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket extended its contributions beyond the sporting arena, supporting several worthy initiatives as part of our social responsibility efforts. These included the supply of essential medicines, participation in cancer awareness campaigns, and various other community-driven projects aimed at improving lives.

Our dedication to social responsibility reflects our belief that sport is not just about competition—it is also about making a meaningful impact on society. As we move forward, Sri Lanka Cricket will continue to play an active role in uplifting communities and supporting causes that bring positive change to the nation.

A Strong Foundation for the Future of Sri Lanka Cricket

Sri Lanka Cricket stands on a solid foundation, guided by the able leadership of Shammi Silva, the unwavering commitment of the Executive Committee, and the tireless efforts of everyone involved in the sport. Together, we ensure that our cricketing legacy remains strong and continues to thrive on the global stage.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated individuals who have contributed at every level to the growth of cricket in Sri Lanka. Their commitment and hard work have been instrumental in driving the sport forward. Despite the challenges faced in 2024, we had a fruitful year—one that focused on progress, development, and the continued elevation of Sri Lankan cricket.

Our efforts have been centered on providing opportunities for all who love the game, including those who are differently abled, ensuring that every individual can reach their full potential. Through these initiatives, we are proud to have delivered unforgettable moments that the cricket-loving public will cherish for years to come. SLC

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ASHLEY DE SILVA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SRI LANKA CRICKET

Sri Lanka Cricket is shaping the future of the sport, empowering players at all stages of their journey and fostering a culture of excellence across age groups and regions.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO OF SRI LANKA CRICKET

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) continued solidifying its brand dominance in 2024, a year marked by mixed results that concluded with renewed hope and optimism.

The National Teams, across both men's and women's cricket, responded well to SLC's considerable investment at all levels—from national and provincial to district and school cricket. With cricket being a sport that Sri Lankans hold dear, SLC's focus on ensuring the highest global standards while aligning with ICC frameworks remains a priority.

We express our gratitude to the ICC, the ACC, players, coaches, and all stakeholders whose combined efforts helped ensure the continued success and relevance of Sri Lanka cricket, locally and internationally.

A Year of Progress and Achievement for Men's Cricket

Twenty-twenty-four was a year of challenges and triumphs for Sri Lanka's Men's National Team, who played 50 international matches, of which 31 were on home soil. Early successes in January and February saw Sri Lanka win ODI and T20I series against Zimbabwe and Afghanistan.

An overseas tour to Bangladesh in March resulted in a Test series win and a T20I series victory. Although the team faced early elimination in the ICC T20 World Cup, the year's latter half proved transformative.

In July, Sri Lanka Cricket appointed Sanath Jayasuriya as Interim Coach and Charith Asalanka as ODI captain. These changes sparked an impressive turnaround for the team.

Under Jayasuriya's leadership, Sri Lanka achieved historic milestones, including their first bilateral ODI series victory over India in 27 years, a landmark Test win over England at The Oval, and a dominant 2-0 Test series victory over New Zealand at home.

As the Men's Team regained form, individual performances stood out. Kamindu Mendis was named ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year. At the same time, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Perera, Prabhath Jayasuriya, Maheesh Theekshana, and Wanindu Hasaranga earned ICC rankings for their performances in various formats.

A Historic Year for Women's Cricket

Twenty-twenty-four was a landmark year for Sri Lanka's Women's National Team. The Women's Team made significant strides with continued investment and focus, culminating in a historic achievement.

Under the leadership of Chamari Athapaththu, Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup for the first time in July 2024, showcasing their growth and determination. The year began with a T20I series win over South Africa and continued with an unbeaten run in the World T20 qualifiers, followed by a 3-0 ODI series win against the West Indies at home. While Sri Lanka fell short in the Women's T20 World Cup, they ended 2024 on a high note by securing automatic qualification for the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup. Chamari Athapaththu's incredible performance, scoring an unbeaten 195 in April 2024, propelled her to number one in the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings.

The rise of women's cricket in Sri Lanka has sparked a growing fan base. To promote the sport further, SLC has prioritised grassroots development in schools, especially in rural and underserved areas.

I am happy to note that the ICC and the ACC recruited Sri Lankan women umpires to officiate in their women's tournaments, marking another significant milestone in developing women's cricket in Sri Lanka. As we celebrate women's cricket triumphs, we embarked on a mission to inspire urban and Colombo schools to embrace the sport. We aim to ignite passion in young girls, encouraging them to take up cricket and pursue it with determination. By nurturing this talent, we envision a future where women's schools become powerhouse contenders in the Big Match circuit, leaving an indelible mark on the game.

Junior Teams: Developing Future Talent

Sri Lanka's Junior Teams continued to build on their development programs. The Sri Lanka Men's A Team achieved notable success, recording series wins against Afghanistan and South Africa in four-day and OD formats.

The Sri Lanka Emerging Team competed in the Emerging Teams Asia Cup, finishing as runners-up.

At the same time, the Under-19 Team participated in the ICC Under-19 World Cup in South Africa, winning two out of five matches. Additionally, Sri Lanka's Under-19 Team reached the semi-finals of the Youth Asia Cup, further highlighting the potential of the next generation.

Lanka Premier League and Lanka T10 Super League: Thriving Domestic Competitions

The fifth edition of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) saw the Jaffna Kings clinch their third title in July 2024, defeating Galle Marvels in the final.

The inaugural Lanka T10 Super League also concluded with the Hambantota Bangla Tigers

emerging as champions after defeating the Jaffna Titans.

These home-grown franchise leagues continue to foster local talent and attract international players' participation promising to elevate them to immense proportions in years to come.

Cricket Development: Building for the Future

Sri Lanka Cricket's strategic investments in infrastructure, player development, and coaching education underpin its long-term vision for the sport. We invested significantly in upgrading facilities and providing cricketing gear at the school, district, and provincial levels to equip players to meet international standards.

Sri Lanka Cricket dedicates a significant portion of its annual budget—70 per cent—to developing cricket at every level, ensuring that the sport continues to thrive across the nation. This substantial investment supports not only schools, district and provincial associations and clubs but also the 30 players on national contracts and the 78 on domestic contracts, reflecting our commitment to nurturing talent from the grassroots to the elite level. By allocating such resources, Sri Lanka Cricket is shaping the future of the sport, empowering players at all stages of their journey and fostering a culture of excellence across age groups and regions.

SLC's player development program focuses on identifying and nurturing talent from an early age, providing young players with the necessary tools and resources to excel. Sri Lanka has over 900 schools participating in cricket across various age groups, from Under 13 to Under 19, involving around 15,000 to 18,000 players nationwide. Our age-group tournaments allow these young people to build confidence playing in a competitive environment.

In addition, we support their health and fitness, nutrition, medical and financial needs that form part of the pathway to success for emerging players. Furthermore, in 2024, SLC invested in educational programs for 1,080 coaches across the country, equipping them with the technical and tactical expertise to elevate the standard of coaching and, in turn, the overall standard of cricket in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Cricket relocated its 'Brain Centre' from the headquarters to the High Performance Centre at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in 2024, aiming to boost the facility's effectiveness. This new hub will centralise advanced cricket analytics, talent development, and coaching, providing a space for large groups of players and coaches to engage in workshops, strategy sessions, and video analysis.

Sri Lanka's international stadiums undergo continuous evaluation and upgrades each year, and 2024 was no different. Significant renovation projects at the R Premadasa, Pallekale, Rangiri Dambulla, Galle, and Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadiums were either completed, ongoing, or in the bidding stage, ensuring that these prestigious venues remain world-class facilities for both players and fans.

Coaching Changes: A New Era of Leadership

The appointment of Sanath Jayasuriya as the Head Coach of the Men's National Team was a key development in 2024. Jayasuriya's leadership has renewed the team's sense of discipline and communication. He has forged strong connections with players, allowing for more open dialogue and addressing concerns. His impact has been evident in the team's resurgence, which has seen several outstanding performances and historic victories. The change in leadership was a crucial turning point for Sri Lanka Cricket, and Jayasuriya's methods have instilled a new focus, motivation, and winning mentality within the squad.

Building Strong Partnerships

Sri Lanka Cricket continued to attract reputable sponsors in 2024. Long-term sponsorships, signed in 2023, remained in place until 2027, while new sponsors came on board for specific tournaments in 2024, such as the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, the Women's Asia Cup, and the ICC T20 Women's World Cup. These partnerships are a testament to Sri Lanka Cricket's strong brand presence in the global cricketing ecosystem.

A Promising Future Ahead

Sri Lanka's cricket teams remain proud ambassadors of the sport, representing the nation and its rich cricketing heritage on the global stage. Sri Lankans display remarkable unity and passion for their National Teams, and cricket remains the heart of the country's sporting identity.

Sri Lanka Cricket has made substantial progress in fortifying its financial position with 4.6 billion rupees positive cash flow in 2024. This financial stability enables SLC to continue investing in cricket development at all levels, ensuring the sport's future remains secure. The focus on developing disciplined players, enhancing the coaching staff, and fostering strong leadership has set the foundation for sustained success in the years to come.

Looking back, 2024 has been a year of growth, overcoming challenges, and laying the groundwork for a promising future. The journey continues with renewed hope and determination to achieve even greater heights in cricket. SLC

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Hasantha Fernando

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

2024 at a Glance

January
Zimbabwe Tour of Sri Lanka
January 6 – 18



January / February
ICC Under 19 Men's World Cup
January 21 – February 2

Women's Under 19 Tri Nation
T20 Tournament in
Bangladesh
January 24 – February 2

February
Afghanistan Tour of Sri Lanka
February 2 – 21



March
Sri Lanka Tour of Bangladesh
March 4 – April 3

March/April
Sri Lanka Women's Team Tour
of South Africa
March 27 – April 17

April
Women's Under 19
Tri Nations Youth ODI and T20I
Series in Sri Lanka
(Australia, England,
Sri Lanka)
March 28 – April 3

April/May
ICC Women's T20 World Cup
Qualifier
April 25 – May 7

Afghanistan A Team Tour
of Sri Lanka
April 28 – May 7



June
ICC Men's T20 World Cup
June 3 – 16



West Indies Women's Team
in Sri Lanka
June 15 – 28

June/July
Sri Lanka Under 19 Team Tour
of England
June 28 – 19 July

July
ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup
July 20 – 28



July/August
India Tour of Sri Lanka
July 27 – August 7

August
Sri Lanka Women's Team
Tour of Ireland
August 11 – 20

August/September
Sri Lanka Tour of England
August 21 – September 9

Sri Lanka A Team Tour of
South Africa
August 31 – September 18



September
New Zealand Tour
of Sri Lanka
September 18 to 29

September/October
Women's Under 19
Tri Nations
Youth ODI Series in Australia
(Australia, New Zealand,
Sri Lanka)
September 20 – October 1



October
ICC Women's T20 World Cup
October 3 – 12

West Indies Tour
of Sri Lanka
October 13 – 26

ACC Men's T20 Emerging
Teams Asia Cup 2024
October 18 – 27



November
Hong Kong International Sixes
2024
November 1 – 3

New Zealand Tour of
Sri Lanka
November 9 – 19

Sri Lanka A Team Tour
of Pakistan
November 11 – 29

November/December
Bangladesh Under 17 Team
Tour of Sri Lanka
November 24 – December 8



Sri Lanka Tour of South
Africa
November 27 – December 9

ACC Under 19 Asia Cup
November 29 – December 6

December
Women's Under 19 T20 Asia
Cup in Malaysia
December 15 – 20



SRI LANKA MEN'S CRICKET

Sri Lanka Men's National Team



The Sri Lanka Men's National Team triumphantly soared as champions in the ODI Series against India in 2024.

Twenty-twenty-four was a defining chapter in Sri Lanka's cricketing journey. It was a year that exemplified perseverance, adaptability, and a relentless drive for excellence. The Sri Lankan Men's National Cricket Team etched its name into the history books with extraordinary achievements, showcasing individual brilliance and collective strength.

One of the most significant milestones of 2024 came with the Men's National Cricket Team securing landmark victories in the ODI format. They triumphed in series against cricketing giants India and New Zealand, ending 27 and 12-year-long waits for success against these teams, respectively.

Clinching a historic Test victory in England after a decade-long drought was the icing on the cake. This win reignited national pride and reaffirmed their competitive stature on the world stage.

The year also marked the rise of the Men's National Test Team, which made impressive strides under the astute leadership of Dhananjaya de Silva.

By the end of 2024, the team was on the verge of a historic achievement: qualification for the inaugural World Test Championship in 2025. Key victories against New Zealand and Bangladesh and a resolute showing in England cemented their position as one of the top contenders in the international Test arena. The team's ability to adapt and perform under pressure was a testament to their growth and evolving prowess in the game's most extended format.

The year began on a high note, with Sri Lanka dominating early in the season. Three consecutive series victories—against Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh—set the tone for what would come. But in all its unpredictability, cricket was a sharp reminder of its mercurial nature.

The Men's Team faced a frustrating setback at the T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies, failing to progress past the group stages. It was a bitter pill, yet it sparked a turnaround that would fuel an incredible comeback. Rallying from

that disappointment, Sri Lanka's Men's Team displayed remarkable resilience and skill in the following months. Their victory in the ODI series against India and a gallant effort against the reigning T20 World Champions brought renewed hope and energy. The momentum continued to build, and Sri Lanka proceeded to clinch consecutive series wins against New Zealand and the West Indies, both in limited-overs formats, solidifying their reputation.

Among the standout performers was Kamindu Mendis, whose year in cricket was extraordinary. Spectacularly returning to Test cricket, Mendis achieved the rare feat of being named ICC Player of the Month twice. He was subsequently named the ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year for 2024, completing a significant year victoriously. His dazzling performances earned him the distinction of being the second-fastest player to reach 1,000 Test runs, only behind the legendary Sir Donald Bradman. This remarkable achievement underlined his exceptional talent. Meanwhile, Prabath Jayasuriya continued his ascent as one of the finest spin bowlers in world cricket. The year ended with him firmly established among the top wicket-takers in Test cricket, having claimed 48 wickets across nine matches. His five-wicket haul in South Africa, first outside Sri Lanka and tenth overall, were standout moments in his already impressive career.

The year wasn't just about the senior team; Sri Lanka's junior cricket teams also had moments of glory. The Men's A-Team made headlines with series wins in South Africa across both the four-day and OD formats. Their victory was a testament to the squad's strength and a glimpse into the future of Sri Lankan cricket.

The A-Team also competed in the ACC Emerging Asia Cup 2024 in Oman, finishing as runners-up, highlighting the depth of talent emerging from the country.

The U19 Team, while facing challenges, displayed resilience and promise throughout the year. Their standout performance came at the ACC Asia Cup, where they progressed to the semi-finals with an unbeaten record in the group stage. Their experience in England, where they faced off against top-level competition, provided invaluable exposure to conditions that would serve them well in future international assignments.

The year under review encapsulated the spirit of Sri Lankan cricket—one of resilience, excellence, and unwavering commitment to the game.

It was a year of victories, outstanding individual performances, and a reminder that, in cricket, the journey is just as important as the destination. With eyes now set on the 2025 World Test Championship and future successes, Sri Lanka's cricketing future looks brighter. SLC



Sri Lanka Team during ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

Sri Lanka Men's National Team Tours in 2024

Zimbabwe Tour of Sri Lanka

3 ODIs and 3 T20Is

Sri Lanka vs **Zimbabwe**
1st ODI January 6, 2024

SL 273/9
ZIM 12/2 (4/50 ov)

No result

Sri Lanka vs **Zimbabwe**
2nd ODI January 8, 2024

ZIM 208
SL 211/8 (49/50 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 2 wickets
(with 6 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Janith Liyanage, SL, 95 (127)

Sri Lanka vs **Zimbabwe**
3rd ODI January 11, 2024

ZIM 96 (22.5/27 ov)
SL 97/2 (16.4/27 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 8 wickets
(with 62 balls remaining) (DLS method)

Player of the Match
Wanindu Hasaranga, SL, 7/19

Player of the Series
Janith Liyanage, SL,
119 runs, 1 wkt

Series Result: SL 2, ZIM 0
Sri Lanka won the series

Sri Lanka vs **Zimbabwe**
1st T20I January 14, 2024

ZIM 143/5
SL 144/7 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 3 wickets
(with 0 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Angelo Mathews, SL, 46 (38)

Sri Lanka vs **Zimbabwe**
2nd T20I January 16, 2024

SL 173/6
ZIM 178/6 (19.5/20 ov)

Zimbabwe won by 4 wickets
(with 1 ball remaining)

Player of the Match
Luke Jongwe, ZIM, 25* (12) & 2/32

Sri Lanka vs **Zimbabwe**
3rd T20I January 18, 2024

ZIM 82
SL 88/1 (10.5/20)

Sri Lanka won by 9 wickets
(with 55 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Wanindu Hasaranga, SL, 4/15

Player of the Series
Angelo Mathews, SL,
112 runs, 2 wkts

Series Result: SL 2, ZIM 1
Sri Lanka won the series



Celebrating the triumph of the Sri Lanka Team as ODI Champions during the Zimbabwe Tour of Sri Lanka 2024.



The Zimbabwe Tour of Sri Lanka 2024 highlights Sri Lanka's Team as T20I Champions.

Afghanistan Tour of Sri Lanka

1 Test, 3 ODIs and 3 T20Is

Sri Lanka vs **Afghanistan**
TEST February 2– 5, 2024

AFG 198 and 296
SL 439 and 56/0

Sri Lanka won by 10 wickets

Player of the Match
Prabath Jayasuriya, SL, 3/67 and 5/107



Sri Lankan Team clinching the T20I Champions title.



During the Afghanistan Tour of Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan Team emerged as ODI Champions.

Sri Lanka vs **Afghanistan**
1st ODI February 9, 2024

SL 381/3 (50 ov)
AFG 339/6 (50 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 42 runs

Player of the Match
Pathum Nissanka, SL, 210* (139) & 2 catches

Sri Lanka vs **Afghanistan**
1st T20I February 17, 2024

SL 160 (19/20 ov)
AFG 156/9 (20/20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 4 runs

Player of the Match
Matheesha Pathirana, SL, 4/24

Sri Lanka vs **Afghanistan**
2nd ODI February 11, 2024

SL 308/6 (50 ov)
AFG 153 (33.5/50 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 155 runs

Player of the Match
Charith Asalanka, SL, 97* (74)

Sri Lanka vs **Afghanistan**
2nd T20I February 19, 2024

SL 187/6 (20 ov)
AFG 115 (17/20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 72 runs

Player of the Match
Angelo Mathews, SL 42* (22) and 2/9

Sri Lanka vs **Afghanistan**
3rd ODI February 14, 2024

AFG 266 (48.2/50 ov)
SL 267/3 (35.2/50 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 7 wickets
(with 88 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Pathum Nissanka, SL, 118 (101)

Player of the Series
Pathum Nissanka, SL,
346 runs

Series Result: SL 3, AFG 0
Sri Lanka won the series

Sri Lanka vs **Afghanistan**
3rd T20I February 21, 2024

AFG 209/5 (20 ov)
SL 206/6 (20 ov)

Afghanistan won by 3 runs

Player of the Match
Rahmanullah Gurbaz, AFG, 70 (43)

Player of the Series
Wanindu Hasaranga, SL,
102 runs, 4 wkts

Series Result: SL 2, AFG 1
Sri Lanka won the series

Sri Lanka Tour of Bangladesh

3 T20Is, 3 ODIs and 2 Tests

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
1st T20I March 4, 2024

SL 206/3 (20 ov)
BAN 203/8 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 3 runs

Player of the Match
Charith Asalanka, SL, 44* (21) & 3 catches

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
2nd T20I March 6, 2024

SL 165/5 (20 ov)
BAN 170/2 (18.1/20 ov)

Bangladesh won by 8 wickets
(with 11 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Najmul Hossain Shanto, BAN, 53* (38)

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
3rd T20I March 9, 2024

SL 174/7 (20 ov)
BAN 146 (19.4/20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 28 runs

Player of the Match
Nuwan Thushara, SL, 5/20

Player of the Series
Kusal Mendis, SL,
181 runs

Series Result: SL 2, BAN 1
Sri Lanka won the series

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
1st ODI March 13, 2024

SL 255 (48.5/50 ov)
BAN 257/4 (44.4/50)

Bangladesh won by 6 wickets
(with 32 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Najmul Hossain Shanto, BAN, 122* (129)

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
2nd ODI March 15, 2024

BAN 286/7 (50 ov)
SL 287/7 (47.1/50 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 3 wickets
(with 17 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Pathum Nissanka, SL, 114 (113)

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
3rd ODI March 18, 2024

SL 235 (50 ov)
BAN 237/6 (40.2/50)

Bangladesh won by 4 wickets (with 58 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Rishad Hossain, BAN, 48* (18) & 1/51

Player of the Series
Najmul Hossain Shanto,
BAN, 163 runs

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
1st TEST March 22 – 25, 2024

SL 280 & 418
BAN 188 & 182

Sri Lanka won by 328 runs

Player of the Match
Dhananjaya de Silva, SL, 102 & 108

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
2nd TEST March 30, 2024 – April 3, 2024

SL 531 & 157/7d
BAN 178 & 318

Sri Lanka won by 192 runs

Player of the Match
Kamindu Mendis, SL, 92* & 3/32

Player of the Series
Kamindu Mendis, SL,
367 runs, 3 wkts

Series Result: SL 2, BAN 0
Sri Lanka won the series



ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024



Sri Lanka vs **South Africa**
4th Match **T20** June 3, 2024

SL 77 (19.1/20 ov)
SA 80/4 (16.2/20 ov)

South Africa won by 6 wickets
(with 22 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Anrich Nortje, SA, 4/7

Sri Lanka vs **Bangladesh**
15th Match **T20** June 7, 2024

SL 124/9 (20 ov)
BAN 125/8 (19/20 ov)

Bangladesh won by 2 wickets
(with 6 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Rishad Hossain, BAN, 3/22

Nepal vs **Sri Lanka**
23rd Match **T20** June 11, 2024

Match abandoned without a ball bowled

Sri Lanka vs **Netherlands**
38th Match **T20** June 16, 2024

SL 201/6 (20 ov)
ND 118 (16.4/20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 83 runs

Player of the Match
Charith Asalanka, SL, 46 (21) & 2 catches

India Tour of Sri Lanka

3 T20Is and 3 ODIs

Sri Lanka vs **India**
1st T20I July 27, 2024

IND 213/7 (20 ov)
SL 170 (19.2/20 ov)

India won by 43 runs

Player of the Match
Suryakumar Yadav, IND, 58 (26)

Sri Lanka vs **India**
2nd T20I July 28, 2024

SL 161/9 (20 ov)
IND 81/3 (6.3/8 ov)

India won by 7 wickets
(with 9 balls remaining) (DLS method)

Player of the Match
Ravi Bishnoi, IND, 3/26

Sri Lanka vs **India**
3rd T20I July 30, 2024

IND 137/9 (20 ov)
SL 137/8 (20 ov)

Match tied
(India won the Super Over)

Player of the Match
Washington Sundar, IND, 25 (18) 2/23

Player of the Series
Suryakumar Yadav, IND,
92 runs, 2 wkts

Sri Lanka vs **India**
1st ODI August 2, 2024

SL 230/8 (50 ov)
IND 230 (47.5/50 ov)

Match tied

Player of the Match
Dunith Wellalage, SL, 67* (65) & 2/39

Sri Lanka vs **India**
2nd ODI August 4, 2024

SL 240/9 (50 ov)
IND 208 (42.2/50 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 32 runs

Player of the Match
Jeffrey Vandersay, SL, 6/33

Sri Lanka vs **India**
3rd ODI August 7, 2024

SL 248/7 (50 ov)
IND 138 (26.1/50 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 110 runs

Player of the Match
Avishka Fernando, SL, 96 (102)

Player of the Series
Dunith Wellalage, SL,
108 runs, 7 wkts

Series Result: SL 2, IND 0
Sri Lanka won the series

Sri Lanka Tour of England

3 Tests

England vs **Sri Lanka**
1st TEST August 21 – 24, 2024

SL 236 & 326
ENG 358 & 205/5

England won by 5 wickets

Player of the Match
Jamie Smith, ENG, 111 & 39

England vs **Sri Lanka**
2nd TEST August 29 – September 1, 2024

ENG 427 & 251
SL 196 & 292

England won by 190 runs

Player of the Match
Gus Atkinson, ENG, 118, 2/40 & 5/62

England vs **Sri Lanka**
3rd TEST September 6 – 9, 2024

ENG 325 & 156
SL 263 & 219/2

Sri Lanka won by 8 wickets

Player of the Match
Pathum Nissanka, SL, 64 & 127*

Player of the Series
Kamindu Mendis, SL,
267 runs

Player of the Series
Joe Root, ENG,
375 runs, 1 wkt



New Zealand Tour of Sri Lanka

2 Tests

Sri Lanka vs **New Zealand**
1st TEST September 18 – 23, 2024

SL 305 & 309
NZ 340 & 211

Sri Lanka won by 63 runs

Player of the Match
Prabath Jayasuriya, SL, 4/136 & 5/68

Sri Lanka vs **New Zealand**
2nd TEST September 26 – 29, 2024

SL 602/5d
NZ 88 & 360 (fo)

Sri Lanka won by an innings and 154 runs

Player of the Match
Kamindu Mendis, SL, 182*

Player of the Series
Prabath Jayasuriya, SL,
18 wkts

Series Result: SL 2, NZ 0
Sri Lanka won the series



West Indies Tour of Sri Lanka

3 T20Is and 3 ODIs

Sri Lanka vs **West Indies**
1st T20I October 13, 2024

SL 179/7 (20 ov)
WI 180/5 (19.1/20 ov)

West Indies won by 5 wickets
(with 5 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Brandon King, WI, 63 (33)

Sri Lanka vs **West Indies**
2nd T20I October 15, 2024

SL 162/5 (20 ov)
WI 89 (16.1/20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 73 runs

Player of the Match
Pathum Nissanka, SL, 54 (49)

Sri Lanka vs **West Indies**
3rd T20I October 17, 2024

WI 162/8 (20 ov)
SL 166/1 (18/20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 9 wickets
(with 12 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Kusal Mendis, SL, 68* (50)

Player of the Series
Pathum Nissanka, SL,
104 runs

Series Result: SL 2, WI 1
Sri Lanka won the series

Sri Lanka vs **West Indies**
1st ODI October 20, 2024

WI 185/4 (38.3/38.3 ov)
SL 234/5 (31.5/37 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 5 wickets
(with 31 balls remaining) (DLS Method)

Player of the Match
Charith Asalanka, SL, 77 (71) & 1/56

Sri Lanka vs **West Indies**
2nd ODI October 23, 2024

WI 189 (36/44 ov)
SL 190/5 (38.2/44 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 5 wickets
(with 34 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Maheesh Theekshana, SL, 3/25

Sri Lanka vs **West Indies**
3rd ODI October 26, 2024

SL 156/3 (23/23 ov)
WI 196/2 (22/23 ov)

West Indies won by 8 wickets
(with 6 balls remaining) (DLS method)

Player of the Match
Evin Lewis, WI, 102* (61)

Player of the Series
Charith Asalanka, SL,
145 runs, 1 wkt

Series Result: SL 2, WI 1
Sri Lanka won the series



Sri Lanka Team secured the T20I Champions title during the West Indies Tour of Sri Lanka 2024.

New Zealand Tour of Sri Lanka

3 T20Is and 3 ODIs

Sri Lanka vs **New Zealand**
1st T20I November 9, 2024

NZ 135 (19.3/20 ov)
SL 140/6 (19/20 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 4 wickets
(with 6 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Charith Asalanka, SL, 35* (28)

Sri Lanka vs **New Zealand**
2nd T20I November 10, 2024

NZ 108 (19.3/20 ov)
SL 103 (19.5/20 ov)

New Zealand won by 5 runs

Player of the Match
Lockie Ferugson, NZ, 3/7

Player of the Series
Wanindu Hasaranga, SL,
25 runs, 6 wkts

Series Result: SL 1, WI 1
Series drawn

Sri Lanka vs **New Zealand**
1st ODI November 13, 2024

SL 324/5 (49.2/49.2 ov)
NZ 175/9 (27/27 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 45 runs
(DLS method)

Player of the Match
Kusal Mendis, SL, 143 (128)

Sri Lanka vs **New Zealand**
2nd ODI November 17, 2024

NZ 209 (45.1/47 ov)
SL 210/7 (46/47 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 3 wickets
(with 6 balls remaining) (DLS method)

Player of the Match
Kusal Mendis, SL, 74* (102) & 2 stumpings

Sri Lanka vs **New Zealand**
3rd ODI November 19, 2024

NZ 112/1 (21/50 ov)
SL No result

Player of the Series
Kusal Mendis, SL,
217 runs

Series Result: SL 2, WI 0
Sri Lanka won the series

Sri Lanka Tour of South Africa

2 Tests

South Africa vs **Sri Lanka**
1st TEST November 27 – 30, 2024

SA 191 & 366/5d
SL 42 & 282

South Africa won by 233 runs

Player of the Match
Marco Jansen, SA, 7/13 & 4/73

South Africa vs **Sri Lanka**
2nd TEST December 5 – 9, 2024

SA 358 & 317
SL 328 & 238

South Africa won by 109 runs

Player of the Match
Dane Paterson, SA, 5/71 & 2/33

Player of the Series
Temba Bavuma, SA,
327 runs



Sri Lanka Cricket National Pathway



Sri Lanka Men's A Team.

In 2024, Sri Lanka's junior cricket teams continued to make their mark in various international tournaments, showcasing the nation's growing cricketing depth and emerging talent.

The Men's A-Team proved their strength with impressive performances in South Africa, clinching series wins in four-day and OD formats. Their success against a quality South African side demonstrated their potential and provided a glimpse into the future of Sri Lankan cricket. Alongside this, their runner-up finish in the ACC Emerging Asia Cup in Oman was another key highlight. The team's run to the final emphasized the depth of talent and their competitive spirit. Several young players from the squad gained exposure to pressure situations and began to establish themselves as key future assets for the senior national team. Meanwhile, despite facing their fair share of challenges, the Under 19 Team continued to show promise. Their most notable achievement came at the ACC Asia Cup, where they made a strong impression by finishing unbeaten in the group stage and advancing to the semi-finals. Their resilience and teamwork were highlighted by their exceptional performances under pressure, particularly in matches against regional heavyweights like India and Pakistan. Although they fell short in the semi-finals, their performance was a testament to the future potential of Sri Lankan youth cricket.

Beyond these regional tournaments, the Under 19 Team also embarked on tours abroad to face some of the best junior sides in world cricket. Their tour of England, where they played against top-level Under 19 Teams, provided invaluable experience in challenging conditions. These matches tested the team's abilities and exposed the players to high-pressure environments they would likely face in their senior careers. This experience was especially beneficial for the player's technical development, particularly in dealing with fast, swinging conditions.

Additionally, several players from the Men's A-Team and the Under 19 Team were involved in the Sri Lanka Development Squad, participating in various training camps and practising matches against international sides. These camps have been crucial in fine-tuning the skills of young cricketers and helping them transition from age-group cricket to professional-level competition.

The performances of Sri Lanka's junior teams in 2024 reaffirm the strength of the country's cricketing pipeline. With the foundation laid by the Men's A-Team's success in South Africa and the Under 19 Team's resilience in the ACC Asia Cup and England tour, the future of Sri Lankan cricket looks increasingly positive. SLC

Afghanistan A Team Tour of Sri Lanka

1 4-day match and 5 ODs (Unofficial)

Sri Lanka A vs **Afghanistan A**
Only unofficial **4-day** May 11–14, 2024

SL A 435
AFG A 198 & 211 (f/o)

Sri Lanka A won by an innings and 26 runs

Sri Lanka A vs **Afghanistan A**
1st Unofficial **OD** April 28, 2024

SL A 304/8 (50 ov)
AFG A 277/7 (48/48 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 8 runs
(DLS method)

Sri Lanka A vs **Afghanistan A**
2nd Unofficial **OD** April 30, 2024

AFG A 121 (27.2/30)
SL A 104/2 (15.2/30 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 8 wickets
(with 88 balls remaining) (DLS method)

Sri Lanka A vs **Afghanistan A**
3rd Unofficial **OD** May 3, 2024

AFG A 185 (41.2/50 ov)
SL A 186/6 (37.3/50 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 4 wickets
(with 75 balls remaining)

Sri Lanka A vs **Afghanistan A**
4st Unofficial **OD** May 5, 2024

SL A 275/7 (50 ov)
AFG A 276/6 (49.4/50 ov)

Afghanistan A won by 4 wickets
(with 2 balls remaining)

Sri Lanka A vs **Afghanistan A**
5nd Unofficial **OD** May 7, 2024

SL A 197 (43/50 ov)
AFG A 198/5 (45/50 ov)

Afghanistan A won by 5 wickets
(with 30 balls remaining)

Series Result: SL 3, AFG 2
Sri Lanka won the series

Sri Lanka A Team Tour of South Africa

3 OD matches (Unofficial)**, 2 4-day matches** (Unofficial)

South Africa A vs **Sri Lanka A**
1st Unofficial **OD** August 31, 2024

SL A 289/9 (50 ov)
SA A 205 (36.5/50 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 93 runs

Player of the Match
Nuwanidu Fernando, SL A, 97 (101)

South Africa A vs **Sri Lanka A**
2nd Unofficial **OD** September 2, 2024

SL A 270/2 (50 ov)
SA A 239 (41.1/50 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 31 runs

Player of the Match
Dushan Hemantha, SL A, 5/48

South Africa A vs **Sri Lanka A**
3rd Unofficial **OD** September 4, 2024

SL A 308/6 (50 ov)
SA A 311/5 (42.5/50 ov)

South Africa A won by 5 wickets
(with 43 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
David Bedingham, SA A, 188* (129)

Player of the Series
Lahiru Udara, SL A
181 runs

Series Result: SL 2, SA 1
Sri Lanka won the series

South Africa A vs **Sri Lanka A**
1st Unofficial **4-day** September 8 – 11, 2024

SA A 372 & 124
SL A 323 & 174/4

Sri Lanka A won by 6 wickets

Player of the Match
Oshada Fernando, SL A, 122 & 80

South Africa A vs **Sri Lanka A**
2nd Unofficial **4-day** September 15 – 18, 2024

SA A 334 & 238/9d
SL A 319 & 254/5

Sri Lanka A won by 5 wickets

Player of the Match
Pavan Rathnayake, SL A, 116*

Series Result: SL 2, SA 0
Sri Lanka won the series



Sri Lanka A Team in South Africa.

ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024

5 T20s

Afghanistan A vs **Sri Lanka A**
2nd Match Group A – **T20** October 18, 2024

AFG A 166/7 (20 ov)
SL A 155 (19.3/20 ov)

Afghanistan A won by 11 runs

Player of the Match
Sediqullah Atal, AFG A, 83 (46)

Pakistan A vs **Sri Lanka A**
1st Semi Final – **T20** October 25, 2024

PAK A 135/9 (20 ov)
SL A 137/3 (16.3/20 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 7 wickets
(with 21 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Dushan Hemantha, SL A, 4/21

Sri Lanka A vs **Hong Kong**
5th Match – **T20** October 20, 2024

SL A 178/5 (20 ov)
HK 136/7 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 42 runs

Player of the Match
Yashoda Lanka, SL A, 56 (44)

Sri Lanka A vs **Afghanistan A**
Final – **T20** October 27, 2024

SL A 133/7 (20 ov)
AFG 134/3 (18.1/20 ov)

Afghanistan A won by 7 wickets
(with 11 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
AM Ghazanfar, AFG A, 2/14

Sri Lanka A vs **Bangladesh A**
10th Match – **T20** October 22, 2024

SL A 161/7 (20 ov)
BAN A 142/7 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka A won by 19 runs

Player of the Match
Dushan Hemantha, SL A, 3/23

Player of the Series
Sediqullah Atal, AFG A,
368 runs

Runners up in the ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup



Sri Lanka A Team Tour of Pakistan

2 4-day matches (Unofficial) and **3 OD matches** (Unofficial)

Sri Lanka A vs **Pakistan A**
1st Unofficial **4-day** November 11 – 14, 2024

SL A 115 & 364
PAK A 258 & 222/3

Pakistan A won by 7 wickets

Player of the Match
Ali Zaryab, PAK A, 55 & 83*

Sri Lanka A vs **Pakistan A**
1st Unofficial **OD** November 25, 2024

PAK A 306/7 (50 ov)
SL A 198 (39.4/50)

Pakistan A won by 108 runs

Player of the Match
Haider Ali, PAK A 108 (94) & 2 catches

Sri Lanka A vs **Pakistan A**
2nd Unofficial **4-day** November 18 – 21, 2024

SL A 310 & 260/4d
PAK A 287 & 156/3

Match drawn

Sri Lanka A vs **Pakistan A**
2nd Unofficial **OD** November 27, 2024

PAK A
SL A

Postponed

Sri Lanka A vs **Pakistan A**
2nd Unofficial **OD** November 29, 2024

PAK A
SL A

Postponed



Sri Lanka A Team playing against Pakistan A Team.

Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2024

When the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes made a grand return after seven years, it was Sri Lanka's turn to clinch the trophy after 17 years.

Sri Lanka marked its second win in the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes, held from November 1 to 3 at the Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground, putting on an outstanding performance under the captaincy of Lahiru Madushanka, cruising through the group stage with wins against Bangladesh and Oman.

The quarter-final against Nepal was also in Sri Lanka's favour. Sri Lanka faced Bangladesh again in the semi-final match. This time, the Sri Lankan Team had to push themselves against a formidable defence, securing victory with the penultimate ball, thanks to the combined efforts of Sandun Weerakkody and Tharindu Rathnayake.

The final against Pakistan was a comfortable win for the Lankans, who chased a target of 73, defeating Pakistan by three wickets to clinch the Hong Kong Sixes champions' crown. Tharindu Rathnayake, who performed stellarly throughout the tournament and in the finals, won the Most Valuable Player Award for Sri Lanka. SLC



The winning Sri Lankan Team.

Hong Kong International Sixes 2024

Oman vs **Sri Lanka**
Pool D November 1, 2024

OMA 80/2 (6 ov)
SL 82/2 (4.1/6 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 4 wickets (with 11 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Dhananjaya Lakshan, SL, 1/6

Bangladesh vs **Sri Lanka**
2nd Semi Final November 3, 2024

BAN 103/5 (6 ov)
SL 104/3 (5.5/6 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 3 wickets (with 1 ball remaining)

Player of the Match
Tharindu Rathnayake, SL 4/33

Sri Lanka vs **Bangladesh**
Pool D November 1, 2024

SL 107/3 (6 ov)
BAN 89/3 (6 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 18 runs

Player of the Match
Lahiru Madushanka, SL 48* (17)

Pakistan vs **Sri Lanka**
Final November 3, 2024

PAK 72 (5.2/6 ov)
SL 76/3 (5/6 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 3 wickets (with 6 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Dhananjaya Lakshan, SL, 2/6

Sri Lanka vs **Nepal**
3rd Quarter final November 2, 2024

SL 123/2 (6 ov)
NEP 83 (5/6 ov)

Sri Lanka won by 40 runs

Player of the Match
Lahiru Samarakoon, SL, 22 (5) & 2/6

Player of the Series
Tharindu Rathnayake, SL, 8 wkts

ICC Under 19 World Cup 2024

5 ODs

Sri Lanka U19 vs **Zimbabwe U19**
6th Match – **OD** January 21, 2024

SL U19	204 (48.3/50 ov)
ZIM U19	89 (21.1/22 ov)

Sri Lanka U19 won by 39 runs
(DLS Method)

Player of the Match
Dinura Kalupahana, SL U19, 60 (55) and 1/25

Sri Lanka U19 vs **West Indies U19**
26th Match – **OD** January 30, 2024

SL U19	231 (50 ov)
WI U19	232/7 (49.3/50 ov)

West Indies U19 won by 3 wickets
(with 3 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Steve Wedderburn, WI U19 61 (71)

Sri Lanka U19 vs **Namibia U19**
12th Match – **OD** January 24, 2024

SL U19	133 (37.5/50 ov)
NAM U19	56 (27/50)

Sri Lanka U19 won by 77 runs

Player of the Match
Supun Waduge, SL U19, 56* (79)

South Africa U19 vs **Sri Lanka U19**
35th Match – **OD** February 2, 2024

SA U19	232/8 (50 ov)
SL U19	113 (23.2/50 ov)

South Africa U19 won by 119 runs

Player of the Match
Kwena Maphaka, SA U19, 6/21

Sri Lanka U19 vs **Australia U19**
24th Match – **OD** January 28, 2024

SL U19	208 (49.5/50 ov)
AUS U19	211/4 (48.5/50 ov)

Australia U19 won by 6 wickets
(with 7 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Ryan Hicks, AUS U19, 77*(104)



Sri Lanka Under 19 Team.

Sri Lanka Under 19 Tour of England

2 4-Day matches and 3 Youth ODIs

Sri Lanka U19 vs **England U19**
1st Youth **– 4-day** July 8 – 11, 2024

SL U19	324 & 192/4
ENG U19	247

Match drawn

Sri Lanka U19 vs **England U19**
1st Youth ODI June 28, 2024

SL U19	294/6 (50 ov)
ENG U19	229 (43.3/50 ov)

Sri Lanka U19 won by 65 runs

Sri Lanka U19 vs **England U19**
2nf Unofficial **– 4-day** July 16 – 19, 2024

SL U19	153 & 271
ENG U19	477

England U19 won by an innings and 53 runs

Sri Lanka U19 vs **England U19**
2nd Youth ODI July 1, 2024

ENG U19	360/7 (50 ov)
SL U19	330 (49.2/50 ov)

England U19 won by 30 runs

England U19 vs **Sri Lanka U19**
3rd Youth ODI July 3, 2024

ENG U19	268/9 (45/45 ov)
SL U19	260 (44.4/45 ov)

England U19 won by 4 runs
(D/L method)



Asian Cricket Council Under 19 Asia Cup

4 ODs

Sri Lanka U19 vs **Nepal U19**
2nd Match **– OD** November 29, 2024

SL U19	233 (50 ov)
NEP U19	178 (46.2/50)

Sri Lanka U19 won by 55 runs

Player of the Match
Sharujan Shanmuganathan, SL U19, 62 (99)

Sri Lanka U19 vs **India U19**
2nd Semi Final **– OD** December 6, 2024

SL U19	173 (46.2/50 ov)
IND U19	175/3 (21.4/50 ov)

India U19 won by 7 wickets
(with 170 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Vaibhav Suryavanshi, IND U19, 67 (36)

Sri Lanka U19 vs **Afghanistan U19**
6th Match **– OD** December 1, 2024

SL U19	243/7 (50 ov)
AFG U19	112 (28.2/50 ov)

Sri Lanka U19 won by 131 runs

Player of the Match
Sharujan Shanmuganathan, SL U19, 102 (132) & 3 catches

Sri Lanka U19 vs **Bangladesh U19**
9th Match **– OD** December 3, 2024

SL U19	228 (49.2/50 ov)
BAN U19	221 (49.3/50 ov)

Sri Lanka U19 won by 7 runs

Player of the Match
Vimath Dinsara, SL U19, 106 (132)



Bangladesh Under 17 Tour of Sri Lanka

3 ODs and 2 3-Day matches

Bangladesh U17 vs **Sri Lanka U17**
1st Match – **OD** November 24, 2024

BAN U17	141 (33.5)
SL U17	23/1 (5.3)

No result

Bangladesh U17 vs **Sri Lanka U17**
2nd Match – **OD** November 26, 2024

Abandoned without a ball bowled

Bangladesh U17 vs **Sri Lanka U17**
3rd Match – **OD** November 28, 2024

BAN U17	77 (17)
SL U17	80/3 (16.4)

Sri Lanka U17 won by 7 wickets

Series Result: SL 1, BAN 0
Sri Lanka won the series

Bangladesh U17 vs **Sri Lanka U17**
1st Match – **3-day** December 1 – 3, 2024

BAN U17	252 & 51/4 (78.5 & 16 ov)
SL U17	285/8 & 317/7 (82 ov & 65 ov)

Match drawn

Bangladesh U17 vs **Sri Lanka U17**
2nd Match – **3-day** December 6 – 8, 2024

BAN U17	328 (96 ov)
SL U17	304 & 110/5 (84.5 & 35.2)

Match drawn

Series Result: SL 0, BAN 0
Series drawn



Sri Lanka Cricket Under 17 Team.

SRI LANKA WOMEN'S CRICKET

Women's National Team



Sri Lanka National Women's Team after winning the Women's T20 Asia Cup.

Sri Lanka Women's National Cricket 2024 Overview

The Sri Lanka Women's National Cricket Team, established in 1997, has undergone a remarkable journey over the past 27 years, steadily growing in stature and reputation. From humble beginnings to becoming the current Asia Cup champions, their journey has been one of resilience, dedication, and hard-earned progress. The elevation of women's cricket in Sri Lanka is a testament to the unwavering investment made by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) in promoting gender equality in the sport. Through consistent support and development programs, Sri Lanka has created equal opportunities for women to showcase their talent, helping them reach the pinnacle of the game.

Today, women's cricket is prominent and respected in Sri Lankan sports. The team has earned the admiration and love of the Sri Lankan public, with fans wholeheartedly supporting the team, echoing the same enthusiasm for the Women's Team as they do for the Men's. Their growing success has captured the hearts of many, with each victory igniting nationwide celebrations. Sri Lanka's commitment to nurturing and empowering women's cricket has undoubtedly contributed internationally to the team's rise.

Sri Lanka Women's National Team: 2024 Achievements

The Sri Lanka Women's National Team concluded 2024 as one of its most successful years, marked by several notable performances on the international stage. While the team faced disappointment by being eliminated at the ICC T20 World Cup group stage, their overall year demonstrated significant progress and resilience. Several players stood out for their exceptional performances, both with the bat and ball, contributing to the team's growth and success throughout the year.

Batting Performers: Captain Chamari Athapaththu continued to lead from the front, showcasing her brilliance with the bat in key

matches. Alongside her, Vishmi Gunaratne emerged as a promising talent, contributing significantly to the team's total runs. Their consistency at the crease provided the backbone for many of Sri Lanka's successful outings during the year.

Bowling Performers: W. K. Dilhari and S.I.P Fernando were standout bowling performers. Both played pivotal roles in restricting opposition teams and taking crucial wickets. Their efforts with the ball were integral to Sri Lanka's ability to compete vigorously, even in the most challenging of matches.

Asia Cup Glory: The crowning achievement of 2024 came in the Twenty20 Asia Cup, where Sri Lanka's Women's National Team made history by defeating India in the final. This win was especially significant in front of a home crowd at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium, a venue that has become a fortress for Sri Lankan women's cricket. Sri Lanka's victory over India by eight wickets, chasing down a target of 166 with eight balls to spare was a momentous occasion, signalling their rise as a formidable force in women's cricket. In this historic final, Chamari Athapaththu led the charge with an elegant half-century, supported by an equally impressive knock from Harshitha Samarawickrama, who also scored a crucial half-century. Their partnership at the crease ensured Sri Lanka secured the win in style, etching their names in the annals of cricket history and solidifying their place among the top teams in women's cricket. The victory in the Asia Cup highlighted Sri Lanka's cricketing potential and demonstrated the team's strength and unity. It was a triumph that brought the nation together and marked the start of a new chapter in the history of Women's Cricket. SLC

Women's National Team Performance in 2024

ODI Batting Performance													
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
AMCJK Athapaththu	9	9	2	458	195*	65.42	453	101.1	1	2	1	67	7
RMVD Gunaratne	9	9	1	288	101	36	373	77.21	1	1	0	37	4
H Madavi	7	6	2	217	105	54.25	272	79.77	1	0	1	27	0
NND Silva	9	7	4	200	63	66.66	248	80.64	0	2	0	20	1
WK Dilhari	8	7	1	149	53	24.83	196	76.02	0	1	2	10	1
GWHM Perera	7	5	0	119	46	23.8	192	61.97	0	0	0	11	1
MAA Sanjeewani	8	5	1	74	55	18.5	77	96.1	0	1	2	7	1
H Karunaratne	3	3	0	37	33	12.33	71	52.11	0	0	0	2	1
BMSM Kumari	7	2	0	20	18	10	15	133.33	0	0	0	3	0
S Nisansala	5	3	2	20	17*	20	20	100	0	0	0	1	0
OU Ranasinghe	4	2	1	20	20	20	27	74.07	0	0	0	2	0
WGAKK Kulasuriya	7	3	1	5	3*	2.5	13	38.46	0	0	1	0	0
PM Weerakkody	1	1	0	4	4	4	6	66.66	0	0	0	1	0
K Kavindi	3	1	0	2	2	2	2	100	0	0	0	0	0
KDU Prabodhani	6	1	0	2	2	2	8	25	0	0	0	0	0
I Ranaweera	3	1	1	0	0*	-	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

ODI Batting Performance												
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5
WK Dilhari	8	8	67.1	2	306	17	4/20	18	4.55	23.7	2	0
WGAKK Kulasuriya	7	7	53	5	225	10	3/35	22.5	4.24	31.8	0	0
AMCJK Athapaththu	9	9	62.5	2	290	9	3/15	32.22	4.61	41.8	0	0
S Nisansala	5	5	39.5	2	182	8	5/28	22.75	4.56	29.8	0	1
BMSM Kumari	7	7	48	1	251	6	3/30	41.83	5.22	48	0	0
OU Ranasinghe	4	4	34	4	144	5	2/14	28.8	4.23	40.8	0	0
KDU Prabodhani	6	6	46	3	165	2	1/6	82.5	3.58	138	0	0
SIP Fernando	1	1	10	5	7	1	1/7	7	0.7	60	0	0
KADA Kanchana	1	1	5	1	14	1	1/14	14	2.8	30	0	0
K Kavindi	3	3	13.4	1	90	1	1/28	90	6.58	82	0	0
I Ranaweera	3	3	27	0	146	1	1/41	146	5.4	162	0	0

Women's National Team Coaching Structure

Rumesh Ratnayake
Head Coach

Tharindu Perera
Assistant Coach

Duminda Perera
Batting Coach

Carmen Mapatuna
Fielding Coach

W. Vithubala
Analyst

Darshana Weerasinghe
Trainer

Chamika Perera
Masseur

T20I Batting Performance												
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
AMCJK Athapaththu	21	21	3	720	119*	40	568	126.76	2	4	0	86	32
H Madavi	21	20	3	585	86*	34.41	523	111.85	0	4	0	70	7
RMVD Gunaratne	23	23	4	475	73*	25	499	95.19	0	3	3	57	6
WK Dilhari	22	20	5	303	51*	20.2	252	120.23	0	1	1	32	3
NND Silva	22	16	7	224	29*	24.88	222	100.9	0	0	1	18	1
GWHM Perera	19	15	2	164	30	12.61	154	106.49	0	0	1	22	1
MAA Sanjeewani	20	14	5	163	31	18.11	158	103.16	0	0	1	16	1
KADA Kanchana	7	5	3	66	19*	33	59	111.86	0	0	0	5	1
H Karunaratne	3	2	1	36	25*	36	38	94.73	0	0	0	4	0
KDU Prabodhani	17	3	2	13	9	13	26	50	0	0	0	0	0
BMSM Kumari	17	5	1	11	10	2.75	16	68.75	0	0	2	2	0
EMKN Senavirathna	2	1	0	7	7	7	6	116.66	0	0	0	1	0
I Dulani	1	1	0	6	6	6	5	120	0	0	0	1	0
SIP Fernando	21	4	2	6	2*	3	10	60	0	0	0	0	0
K Kavindi	5	1	1	6	6*	-	4	150	0	0	0	1	0
S Nisansala	8	3	0	3	3	1	8	37.5	0	0	2	0	0
I Ranaweera	6	2	1	3	2*	3	11	27.27	0	0	0	0	0
WGAKK Kulasuriya	13	3	2	2	1*	2	6	33.33	0	0	0	0	0

T20I Bowling Performance												
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5
WK Dilhari	22	22	65.3	1	430	22	4/13	19.54	6.56	17.8	1	0
AMCJK Athapaththu	21	20	55.3	0	353	21	4/29	16.8	6.36	15.8	1	0
SIP Fernando	21	21	68	2	397	20	3/11	19.85	5.83	20.4	0	0
KDU Prabodhani	17	17	59	3	377	18	3/13	20.94	6.38	19.6	0	0
BMSM Kumari	17	17	62.5	0	366	15	3/19	24.4	5.82	25.1	0	0
WGAKK Kulasuriya	13	13	38	1	277	8	2/26	34.62	7.28	28.5	0	0
S Gimhani	5	5	15	1	83	6	3/9	13.83	5.53	15	0	0
K Kavindi	5	5	13.4	1	62	5	2/7	12.4	4.53	16.4	0	0
S Nisansala	8	8	25	1	171	4	1/4	42.75	6.84	37.5	0	0
I Ranaweera	6	6	18	0	140	4	2/10	35	7.77	27	0	0
KADA Kanchana	7	7	19	0	119	3	1/5	39.66	6.26	38	0	0

Women's National Team Tours in 2024

Sri Lanka Women's Team Tour of South Africa

3 T20Is and 3 ODIs

South Africa W vs **Sri Lanka W**
1st **T20I** – March 27, 2024

SA W 198/5 (20 ov)
SL W 119 (18.2/20 ov)

South Africa W won by 79 runs

Player of the Match
Laura Wolvaardt, SA W, 102 (63)

South Africa W vs **Sri Lanka W**
2nd **T20I** – March 30, 2024

SA W 137/8 (20 ov)
SL W 138/3 (18.5/20 ov))

Sri Lanka W won by 7 wickets
(with 7 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Kavisha Dilhari, SL W 45* (28) & 1/22

South Africa W vs **Sri Lanka W**
3rd **T20I** – April 3, 2024

SA W 155/6 (20 /20 ov)
SL W 156/6 (19.1/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 4 wickets
(with 5 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 73 (46)

Player of the Series
Laura Wolvaardt, SA W,
158 runs

Series Result: SL 2, SA 1
Sri Lanka won the series



South Africa W vs **Sri Lanka W**
1st **ODI** – April 9, 2024

SA W 270/6 (50 ov)
SL W 23/0 (6.5/50 ov)

No result

South Africa W vs **Sri Lanka W**
2nd **ODI** – April 13, 2024

SL W 229 (49.5/50 ov)
SA W 230/3 (47.4/50 ov)

South Africa W won by 7
wickets (with 14 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Laura Wolvaardt, SA W, 110* (141)

South Africa W vs **Sri Lanka W**
3rd **ODI** – April 17, 2024

SA W 301/5 (50 ov/50 ov)
SL W 305/4 (44.3/50 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 6 wickets
(with 33 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 195* (139) & 1/59

Player of the Series
Laura Wolvaardt, SA W,
335 runs

Series Result: SL 1, SA 1
Match drawn



ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier

6 T20s

Sri Lanka W vs **Thailand W**
1st Match **Group A – T20** April 25, 2024

SL W 122/5 (20/20 ov)
THA W 55 (16.2/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 67 runs

Player of the Match
Inoshi Priyadharshini, SL W 3/14

Sri Lanka W vs **USA W**
19th Match **Group A – T20** May 3, 2024

SL W 123/4 (20 ov)
USA W 105/6 (20/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 18 runs

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 3/14

Scotland W vs **Sri Lanka W**
8th Match **Group A – T20** April 27, 2024

SCO W 94 (18.1/20 ov)
SL W 95/0 (10.1/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 10 wickets
(with 59 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Kavisha Dilhari, SL W 4/13 & 3 catches

Sri Lanka W vs **UAE W**
T20 May 5, 2024 – **2nd Semi Final**

SL W 149/6 (20 ov)
UAE W 134/7 (20/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 15 runs

Player of the Match
Esha Oza, UAE W, 66 (44) & 2/27

Sri Lanka W vs **Uganda W**
14th Match **Group A – T20** May 1, 2024

SL W 154/4 (20/20 ov)
UGA W 87 (19.2/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 67 runs

Player of the Match
Vishmi Gunaratne, SL W, 73* (64)

Sri Lanka W vs **Scotland W**
T20 May 7, 2024 – **Final**

SL W 169/5 (20 ov)
SCO W 101/7 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 68 runs

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 102 (63)

Player of the Series
Kathryn Bryce, SCO W,
177 runs, 9 wkts



ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier.

West Indies Women's Team Tour of Sri Lanka

3 ODIs and 3 T20Is

Sri Lanka W vs **West Indies W**
1st Match – **ODI** June 15, 2024

WI W 195 (47.1/50 ov)
SL W 198/4 (34.1/50 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 6 wickets
(with 95 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Harshitha Samarawickrama, SL W, 44* (53) & 2 catches

Sri Lanka W vs **West Indies W**
1st Match – **T20I** June 24, 2024

WI W 134/8 (20 ov)
SL W 137/6 (18.4/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 4 wickets
(with 8 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 4/29 & 2 catches

Sri Lanka W vs **West Indies W**
2nd Match – **ODI** June 18, 2024

WI W 92 (31/50 ov)
SL W 93/5 (21.2/50 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 5 wickets
(with 172 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Kavisha Dilhari, SL W, 28 (38) & 4/20

Sri Lanka W vs **West Indies W**
2nd Match – **T20I** June 26, 2024

SL W 89/4 (15.2/15.2 ov)
WI W 99/4 (14.1/15 ov)

West Indies W won by 6 wickets
(with 5 balls remaining) (DLS method)

Player of the Match
Afy Fletcher, WI W, 4/23

Sri Lanka W vs **West Indies W**
3rd Match – **ODI** June 21, 2024

SL W 275/6 (50 ov)
WI W 115 (34.5/50 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 160 runs

Player of the Match
Sachini Nisansala, SL W, 5/28

Sri Lanka W vs **West Indies W**
3rd Match – **T20I** June 28, 2024

SL W 141/7 (20/20 ov)
WI W 142/4 (19.5/20 ov)

West Indies W won by 6 wickets
(with 1 ball remaining)

Player of the Match
Shemain Campbelle, WI W 41* (30)

Player of the Series
Vishmi Gunaratne, SL W,
134 runs

Player of the Series
Hayley Matthews, WI W,
108 runs, 1 wkt

Series Result: SL 3, WI 0
Sri Lanka won the Series

ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup 2024

5 T20s

Sri Lanka W vs **Bangladesh W**
4th Match **Group B – T20** July 20, 2024

BAN W 111/8 (20/20 ov)
SL W 114/3 (17.1/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 7 wickets
(with 17 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Vishmi Gunaratne, SL W, 51 (48)

Sri Lanka W vs **Pakistan W**
T20 July 26, 2024 – **2nd Semi Final**

PAK W 140/4 (20 ov)
SL W 141/7 (19.5/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 3 wickets
(with 1 ball remaining)

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 63 (48)

Sri Lanka W vs **Malaysia W**
7th Match **T20** – July 22, 2024

SL W 184/4 (20 ov)
ML W 40 (19.5/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 144 runs

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 119* (69)

India W vs **SL W**
T20 July 28, 2024 – **Final**

IND W 165/6 (20 ov)
SL W 167/2 (18.4/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 8 wickets
(with 8 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Harshitha Samarawickrama, SL W, 69* (51)

Sri Lanka W vs **Thailand W**
12th Match **T20** – July 24, 2024

THA W 93/7 (20 ov)
SL W 94/0 (11.3/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 10 wickets
(with 51 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W 49* (35) & 1/15

Player of the Series
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W,
304 runs, 3 wickets

Sri Lanka Women's Team Tour of Ireland

2 T20Is and 3 ODIs

Ireland W vs **Sri Lanka W**
1st **T20I** – August 11, 2024

IRE W 145/6 (20 ov)
SL W 149/3 (16.4/20 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 7 wickets
(with 20 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Harshitha Samarawickrama, SL W, 86* (45)

Ireland W vs **Sri Lanka W**
2nd **T20I** – August 13, 2024

IRE W 173/3 (20 ov)
SL W 166/7 (20 ov)

Ireland W won by 7 runs

Player of the Match
Gaby Lewis, IRE W, 119 (75)

Player of the Series
Gaby Lewis, IRE W,
158 runs

Series Result: SL 1, IRE 1
Series drawn



Ireland W vs **Sri Lanka W**
1st **ODI** – August 16, 2024

SL W 260/8 (50 ov)
IRE W 261/7 (49.2/50 ov)

Ireland W won by 3 wickets
(with 4 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Orla Prendergast, IRE-W, 122* (107), 3/25 & 2 catches

Ireland W vs **Sri Lanka W**
2nd **ODI** – August 18, 2024

IRE W 255/5 (50 ov)
SL W 240 (48/50 ov)

Ireland W won by 15 runs

Player of the Match
Leah Paul, IRE W, 81 (101)

Ireland W vs **Sri Lanka W**
3rd **ODI** – August 20, 2024

IRE W 122 (46.3/50 ov)
SL W 123/2 (23.1/50 ov)

Sri Lanka W won by 8 wickets
(with 161 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Chamari Athapaththu, SL W, 48 (49) & 3/15

Player of the Series
Arlene Kelly, IRE W,
48 runs, 5 wkts



ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024

4 T20s

Pakistan W vs **Sri Lanka W**
2nd Match – **T20** October 3, 2024

PAK W 116 (20 ov)
SL W 85/9 (20/20 ov)

Pakistan W won by 31 runs

Player of the Match
Fatima Sana, PAK-W 30 (20) & 2/10

India W vs **Sri Lanka W**
12TH Match – **T20** October 9, 2024

IND W 172/3 (20 ov)
SL W 90 (19.5/20 ov)

India W won by 82 runs

Player of the Match
Harmanpreet Kaur, IND W, 52* (27)

Australia W vs **Sri Lanka W**
5TH Match – **T20** October 5, 2024

SL W 93/7 (20 ov)
AUS W 94/4 (14.2/20 ov)

Australia W won by 6 wickets
(with 34 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Megan Schutt, AUS W, 3/12

Sri Lanka W vs **New Zealand W**
15TH Match – **T20** October 12, 2024

SL W 115/5 (20 ov)
NZ W 118/2 (17.3/20 ov)

New Zealand W won by 8 wickets
(with 15 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Georgia Plimmer, NZ W, 53 (44)



Sri Lanka Women's Team.



During ICC Women's World Cup match against Australia.

Sri Lanka Women's A Team

The A Team played only one international tournament against Bangladesh A Team in September 2024.

Women's A Team Performance in 2024

OD Batting Performance												
Player	M	I	R	B	HS	NO	AVG	SR	50s	100s	DB%	BDRY%
Sathya Sandeepani	1	1	36	39	36	0	36.00	92.31	0	0	43.59	38.89
Malsha Shehani	1	1	25	14	25*	1		178.57	0	0	7.14	48
Piumi Wathsala	1	1	22	36	22	0	22.00	61.11	0	0	66.67	36.36
Kaushini Nuthyanga	1	1	18	18	18	0	18.00	100	0	0	55.56	66.67
Imesha Dulani	1	1	5	8	5	0	5.00	62.5	0	0	50	0
Nilakshana Sandamini	1	1	3	2	3*	1		150	0	0	0	0
Amadhi Wijesinghe	1	1	1	3	1	0	1.00	33.33	0	0	66.67	0

OD Bowling Performance												
Player	M	I	O	R	WKT	AV	SR	ECON	NB	WB	DB%	BDRY%
Chethana Vimukthi	1	1	3	20	1	20	18	6.67	0	3	55.56	40
Nimesha Madushani	1	1	4	31	1	31	24	7.75	0	0	33.33	51.61
Amadhi Wijesinghe	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imesha Dulani	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaushini Nuthyanga	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malki Madara	1	1	1	12	0	0	0	12	0	1	50	83.33
Malsha Shehani	1	1	3	23	0	0	0	7.67	0	0	33.33	43.48
Nilakshana Sandamini	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piumi Wathsala	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sathya Sandeepani	1	1	3	15	0	0	0	5	0	0	33.33	0
Tharuka Shehani	1	1	4	16	0	0	0	4	0	0	45.83	25

Women's A Team Coaching Structure

Sampath Perera
Head Coach

Gayan Weerakoon
Bowling Coach

Ruvin Peiris
Batting Coach

Kethakee
Physio

T20 Batting Performance												
Player	M	I	R	B	HS	NO	AVG	SR	50s	100s	DB%	BDRY%
Kaushini Nuthyanga	3	3	75	66	43	0	25	113.64	0	0	36.36	48
Sathya Sandeepani	5	5	70	75	46*	1	17.5	93.33	0	0	44	37.14
Nethmi Poorna	5	5	58	78	27	0	11.6	74.36	0	0	52.56	34.48
N Sandamini	5	4	45	73	22	1	15	61.64	0	0	49.32	8.89
Malsha Shehani	5	5	38	49	21*	1	9.5	77.55	0	0	46.94	31.58
Piumi Wathsala	3	3	35	45	29	0	11.67	77.78	0	0	53.33	45.71
Malki Madara	3	3	23	32	8	1	11.5	71.88	0	0	50	26.09
Sandali Weerasinghe	3	3	12	23	6	0	4	52.17	0	0	60.87	33.33
Chethana Vimukthi	2	1	11	20	11	0	11	55	0	0	60	0
Dewmi Vihanga	2	2	11	19	9	0	5.5	57.89	0	0	63.16	36.36
Tharuka Shehani	5	3	10	15	8*	1	5	66.67	0	0	60	40
Imalka Mendis	2	2	9	16	9	0	4.5	56.25	0	0	62.5	44.44
Kawya Kavindi	2	2	7	20	5	1	7	35	0	0	65	0
Imesha Dulani	3	3	4	18	3	0	1.33	22.22	0	0	77.78	0
Nimesha Madushani	5	1	2	4	2*	1	NA	50	0	0	50	0

T20 Bowling Performance													
Player	M	I	O	R	MD	WKTS	AVG	SR	ECON	NB	WB	DB%	BDRY%
Malsha Shehani	5	5	17	95	0	8	11.88	12.75	5.59	0	4	43.14	31.58
Nimesha Madushani	5	5	17	95	0	5	19	20.4	5.59	0	2	43.14	35.79
Tharuka Shehani	5	5	19	90	1	4	22.5	28.5	4.74	0	0	50	40
Chethana Vimukthi	2	2	5.3	20	0	3	6.67	11	3.64	0	4	78.79	60
Malki Madara	3	3	9	73	0	3	24.33	18	8.11	0	7	48.15	68.49
Dewmi Vihanga	2	2	6	28	0	2	14	18	4.67	0	0	50	35.71
Kawya Kavindi	2	2	4	43	0	0	0	0	10.75	2	3	45.83	65.12
Sanduni Nisansala	1	1	0.4	9	0	0	0	0	13.5	0	0	0	66.67
Sathya Sandeepani	5	4	9.5	58	0	0	0	0	5.9	0	3	42.37	34.48
Tharika Sewwandi	1	1	2	18	0	0	0	0	9	0	3	41.67	44.44

Sri Lanka Women's Under 19 Team – 2024

The Under 19 Sri Lanka Women's Cricket Team had an eventful 2024. They participated in three Tri-Nation tournaments, where they showcased their talent and determination on the international stage.

The team toured Malaysia, competing in the highly anticipated inaugural Under-19 Women's T20 Asia Cup alongside five other nations, held from December 15 – 22, 2024.

Under the leadership of Captain Manudi Nanayakkara, with Rashmika Sewwandi serving as Vice-Captain, the young team is ready to make its mark and continue its growth in the international arena. With a blend of promising talent and strong leadership, the Under 19 squad is ready to take on the challenges ahead and further establish itself as a rising force in women's cricket. SLC



Sri Lanka Women's Under 19 Team set for ICC Women's Under 19 T20 World Cup 2024.







Women's Under 19 Team Performance in 2024

Youth ODI Batting Performance									
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	BF	Averg	SR	4s	6s
R Sewwandi	4	4	1	145	155	48.33	93.55	16	3
S Kavindi	4	4	0	88	175	22.00	50.29	10	0
S Nisansala	4	4	0	84	154	21.00	54.55	10	0
M Nanayakkara	4	4	0	46	90	11.50	51.11	7	0
V Balasuriya	3	3	0	45	57	15.00	78.95	9	0
C Praboda	4	4	2	38	89	19.00	42.70	4	0
R Nethranjali	3	3	0	33	58	11.00	56.90	3	0
D Vihanga	2	2	0	29	41	14.50	70.73	5	1
D Sanethma	3	3	0	24	65	8.00	36.92	0	0
H Hansika	2	2	1	23	50	23.00	46.00	4	0
Limansa Thilakaratne	1	1	0	14	31	14.00	45.16	2	0
S Gimhani	2	2	0	9	15	4.50	60.00	0	0
R Sanjana	1	1	0	8	21	8.00	38.10	0	0
Aseni Thalagune	2	2	0	6	18	3.00	33.33	0	0

Youth ODI Bowling Performance								
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Balls	Runs	Wkts	Averg	SR
C Praboda	4	4	35.6	216	145	12	12.08	18.00
D Vihanga	2	2	20	120	86	5	17.20	24.00
Limansa Thilakaratne	1	1	8	48	31	3	10.33	16.00
S Gimhani	2	1	10	60	48	3	16.00	20.00
Aseni Thalagune	2	2	11	66	51	2	25.50	33.00
H Hansika	2	2	11	66	61	2	30.50	33.00
Pramudi Methsara	2	2	7	42	33	1	33.00	42.00
R Sewwandi	4	4	12.2	74	62	1	62.00	74.00
Shehara Induwari	1	1	6	36	15	1	15.00	36.00
D Sanethma	1	1	2	12	15	0	-	-
M Nanayakkara	3	2	3	18	29	0	-	-
R Nethranjali	3	3	9	54	49	0	-	-

Women's Under 19 Team Coaching Structure

Mahesh Weerasinghe
Head Coach/Batting

Omesh Wijesiriwardana
Bowling Coach

Nishitha Silva
Analyst

Ruvin Peiris
Fielding Coach

Thanula Wickramasinghe
Trainer

Navini Perera
Physio

T20 Batting Performance										
Player	Inns	NO	Runs	BF	Averg	SR	100	50	4s	6s
M Nanayakkara	12	1	207	226	18.82	91.59	0	0	24	1
N Senarathna	6	1	185	199	37.00	92.96	0	2	22	0
S Kavindi	8	0	166	182	20.75	91.21	0	0	23	1
Vishmi Gunarathna	4	1	130	121	43.33	107.44	0	1	15	1
D Vihanga	8	0	120	157	15.00	76.43	0	0	11	5
R Sewwandi	9	2	110	92	15.71	119.57	0	0	11	3
R Nethranjali	10	1	75	88	8.33	85.23	0	0	5	1
Vimoksha Blasooriya	4	0	68	80	17.00	85.00	0	0	7	1
S Nisansala	9	1	65	77	8.13	84.42	0	0	8	0
D Sanethma	6	1	46	69	9.20	66.67	0	0	5	0
H Hansika	8	2	33	59	5.50	55.93	0	0	3	0
Shashini Gimhani	5	3	32	34	16.00	94.12	0	0	3	1
A Kaushalya	2	0	24	23	12.00	104.35	0	0	5	0
Pramudi Methsara	4	1	10	23	3.33	43.48	0	0	1	0
Aseni Thalagune	3	1	8	13	4.00	61.54	0	0	0	0
C Praboda	4	3	4	5	4.00	80.00	0	0	0	0
Rismi Sanjana	1	1	3	2	-	150.00	0	0	0	0

T20 Bowling Performance								
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Balls	Runs	Wkts	Averg	SR
R Sewwandi	12	12	33	198	195	9	21.67	22.00
S Gimhani	8	8	29.4	178	169	8	21.13	22.25
D Vihanga	8	8	28	168	160	7	22.86	24.00
H Hansika	8	8	22	132	131	7	18.71	18.86
C Praboda	8	8	27	162	152	6	25.33	27.00
Pramudi Methsara	4	4	10.3	63	39	6	6.50	10.50
M Nanayakkara	8	7	10	60	68	5	13.60	12.00
Aseni Thalagune	4	4	14	84	84	4	21.00	21.00
YN Madushani Herath	4	4	14	84	66	3	22.00	28.00
R Nethranjali	11	10	21.3	129	148	2	74.00	64.50
Rismi Sanjana	4	4	10	60	50	2	25.00	30.00
Danuli Thennakoon	1	1	1	6	8	0	-	-
V Savindi	3	1	2	12	15	0	-	-

Women's Under 19 Tri Nation T20 Tournament in Bangladesh

5 Youth T20Is (Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka)

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Bangladesh W U19**
1st Match – Youth **T20I** January 24, 2024

SL W U19 95/9 (20 ov)
BAN W U19 96/5 (18.3 ov)

Bangladesh W U19 won by 5 wickets

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Bangladesh W U19**
Final Match – Youth **T20I** February 2, 2024

SL W U19 148/3 (20 ov)
BAN W U19 112/8 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 36 runs

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Bangladesh W U19**
2nd Match – Youth **T20I** January 25, 2024

SL W U19
BAN W U19

Match abandoned

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Bangladesh W U19**
4th Match – Youth **T20I** January 28, 2024

SL W U19 114/6 (20 ov)
BAN W U19 113/5 (20 ov)

Bangladesh W U19 won by 1 run

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Pakistan W U19**
5th Match – Youth **T20I** January 30, 2024

SL W U19 134/2 (20 ov)
PAK W U19 103/4 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 31 runs

Series Result: SL 2, BAN 2
Match drawn



Women's Under 19 Tri Nation T20 Series in Sri Lanka

4 Youth T20Is (Australia, England and Sri Lanka)

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Australia W U19**
1st Match – Youth **T20I** March 28, 2024

SL W U19 117/6 (20 ov)
AUW U19 110/5 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 7 runs

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Australia W U19**
4th Match – Youth **T20I** April 1, 2024

SL W U19 132/7 (20 ov)
AU W U19 133/3 (20 ov)

Australia W U19 won by 7 wickets
(with 0 balls remaining)

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **England W U19**
3rd Match – Youth **T20I** March 30, 2024

SL W U19 128/7 (20 ov)
ENG W U19 122/7 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 6 runs

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **England W U19**
6th Match – Youth **T20I** April 3, 2024

SL W U19 126/9 (20 ov)
ENG W U19 127/4 (14.4/20 ov)

England W U19 won by 6 wickets
(with 32 balls remaining)



Women's Under 19 T20 Asia Cup in Malaysia

4 T20s

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Malaysia W U19**
1st Match – **T20** December 15, 2024

SL W U19	153/4 (20 ov)
MAL U19	59/6 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 94 runs

Player of the Match
Manudi Nanayakkara, SL W U19, 74* (40)

Bangladesh W U19 vs **Sri Lanka W U19**
3RD Match – **T20** December 16, 2024

BAN W U19	122/9 (17 ov)
SL W U19	94/8 (17 ov)

Bangladesh W U19 won by 28 runs

Player of the Match
Nishita Akter Nishi, BAW U19, 2/16

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Nepal W U19**
9TH Match – **T20** December 19, 2024

SL W U19	1/1 (1/20 ov)
NEP W U19	

No result

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **India W U19**
10TH Match – **T20** December 20, 2024

SL W U19	98/9 (20 ov)
IND W U19	102/6 (14.5/20 ov)

India W U19 won by 4 wickets
(with 31 balls remaining)

Player of the Match
Aayushi Shukla, IND W U19, 4/10



Women's Under 19 Tri Nation T20 Series in Australia

6 Youth T20Is (Australia, New Zealand and Sri Lanka)

New Zealand W U19 vs **Sri Lanka W U19**
2nd Match – Youth **T20I** September 20, 2024

NZ W U19	79/10 (17.3 ov)
SL W U19	148/7 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 69 runs

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **New Zealand U19**
6th Match – Youth **T20I** September 26, 2024

NZ W U19	103/6 (20 ov)
SL W U19	110/9 (20 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 7 runs

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **Australia W U19**
3rd Match – Youth **T20I** September 22, 2024

AU W U19	96/3 (13 ov)
SL W U19	90/10 (19.5 ov)

Australia W U19 won by 7 wickets

Australia W U19 vs **Sri Lanka W U19**
5th Match – Youth **T20I** September 25, 2024

AU W U19	116/6 (20 ov)
SL W U19	112/10 (20 ov)

Australia W U19 won by 4 runs



Under 19 Women's Team during Tri Nation T20 Series – Australia vs New Zealand.

Women's Under 19 Tri Nations OD Series in Sri Lanka

2 Youth ODIs (Australia, England, Sri Lanka)

Australia W U19 vs **Sri Lanka W U19**
1st Match – **Youth ODI** April 5, 2024

AUS W U19	228/10 (48.5/50)
SL W U19	140/10 (44/50)

Australia W U19 won by 88 runs

Sri Lanka W U19 vs **England W U19**
3rd Match – **Youth ODI** April 9, 2024

SL W U19	226/10 (48.4)
ENG W U19	118/10 (23.3/50 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 108 runs



Women's Under 19 Tri Nations OD Series in Australia

2 Youth ODIs (Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka)

Australia W U19 vs **Sri Lanka W U19**
Match – **Youth ODI** September 30, 2024

SL W U19	180/10 (39.2 ov)
AUS W U19	181/2 (27.4 ov)

Australia W U19 won by 8 wickets

New Zealand W U19 vs **Sri Lanka W U19**
Match – **Youth ODI** October 1, 2024

SL W U19	159/10 (42 ov)
NZ W U19	104/10 (35.2 ov)

Sri Lanka W U19 won by 55 runs



Domestic Cricket – 2024

In 2024, Sri Lanka's women cricketers performed impressively in domestic tournaments, showcasing their skill and determination while competing fiercely for a spot in the National Team. The level of competition was high, with players constantly challenging each other to earn selectors' attention.

Several players had the opportunity to participate in various domestic tournaments and inbound matches throughout the year. This approach ensured that almost all players gained valuable experience in competitive cricket, helping to address the shortage of players at the age group level.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) took proactive steps to provide talented cricketers from major clubs and schools the chance to compete at district and provincial levels. These trials and tournaments served as crucial platforms for emerging players to showcase their abilities, with many securing eligibility for selection to the national squad.

SLC extends its best wishes to all the players who are making their mark in domestic cricket and look forward to seeing them contribute to the future success of the Sri Lanka Women's Cricket Team.

The achievements of Sri Lanka Women's Cricket in 2024 have been ground-breaking, with the team showcasing immense growth, resilience, and promise for the future. Despite the Women's National Team's challenges in other tournaments, their success in the Asia Cup exemplifies their determination and tremendous potential within the squad. With the continued backing of Sri Lanka Cricket and an ever-growing fan base, the future looks bright for the Lionesses, and they are poised to make even more significant strides in the years to come. SLC



Major Club Women's 50 Over Tournament 2024 Champions - Chilaw SC Women's.

Significant Milestones: Men's and Women's Cricket Teams

Men's National Team

- ODI series win against Zimbabwe (January)
- T20I series win against Zimbabwe (January)
- ODI series win against Afghanistan (February)
- T20I series win against Afghanistan (February)
- Test series win against Bangladesh (March)
- T20I series win against Bangladesh (March)
- ODI series against India (August)
- Test series win against New Zealand (September)
- ODI series win against West Indies (October)
- T20I series win against West Indies (October)
- ODI series win against New Zealand (November)



Men's A Team

- Four Day series win against Afghanistan (May)
- Four Day series win against South Africa (September)
- OD series win against Afghanistan (May)
- OD series win against South Africa (September)
- Hong Kong Cricket Sixes 2024



Men's Emerging Team

- Runners up in the ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup (October)



Women's National Team

- T20I series win against South Africa (March)
- Winners of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier (April)
- ODI series win against West Indies (June)
- Winners of ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup (July)



Women's A Team

- Won the Tri Nations T20 Series in Bangladesh (January)



Under 19 Men's Team

- Sri Lanka Under 19 advances to the semi-final stage in the Under 19 Asia Cup (November/ December)



ICC Rankings



Sri Lanka's middle-order batter Kamindu Mendis was named ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2024.

Kamindu Mendis was ranked ICC Men's Player of the Months for March and September 2024.



Charith Asalanka was ranked ICC Men's ODI Team Captain of the Year 2024. Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis and Wanindu Hasaranga were also in the team.



Sri Lanka National Women's Team Captain Chamari Athapaththu won the ICC Women's Player of the Months for May and July 2024.



Harshitha Samarawickrama was ranked ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2024.



Dunith Wellalage was ranked ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2024.

DOMESTIC CRICKET

Lanka Premier League Season 5 – T20 Cricket at its Best



Jaffna Kings were the winners of Lanka Premier League 2024.

The Lanka Premier League (LPL) Season Five, held from July 1 to 21, 2024, set new benchmarks in T20 cricket. From record-breaking runs to thrilling last-over finishes, this edition of Sri Lanka's premier franchise league captivated audiences with innovative enhancements that delivered an unparalleled cricketing experience. Over the years, the LPL has grown exponentially, attracting local and global talent and solidifying its position as a premier cricketing event hosted by Sri Lanka Cricket.

The trend of high-scoring matches stood out in the 2024 edition, with a record 307 sixes hit throughout the season, surpassing the previous record of 275 sixes set in 2020.

Jaffna Kings again claimed the title in 2024, marking their third victory. Young cricketers showcased their potential, with Chamindu Wickramasinghe of Dambulla Sixers earning the Emerging Player of the Tournament award.

The Red Cap for the highest wicket-taker went to Shadab Khan, who claimed 17 wickets, while Tim Seifert won the Pink Cap for the highest run-scorer for his 400 runs. Dhananjaya de Silva earned the Catch of the Match award for his remarkable effort in dismissing Alex Hales in the final match.

Colombo Strikers



Dambulla Sixers



Galle Marvels



Jaffna Kings



Kandy Falcons





Charith Asalanka, Captain of Jaffna Kings team receiving the Champions Trophy from Harin Fernando, former Sports Minister and Greg Barclay, former Chairman, ICC.



Charith Asalanka from Jaffna Kings receiving the prize money from Shammi Silva, President, SLC.



Chamindu Wickramasinghe receiving the prize money for Emerging Player of the Tournament.



Niroshan Dickwella from Galle Marvels receiving the prize money for Runners Up from Greg Barclay, former Chairman, ICC.



Rilee Rossouw receiving the prize money for Player of the Tournament from Samantha Dodanwela, Tournament Director, LPL.

LPL Fan Zone

The Fan Zone at the R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in Colombo remained a key feature, designed to enhance fan engagement during the tournament. Fans were given a variety of cricket-themed items, including cricket balls, t-shirts, and complimentary tickets.













Fan moments.

Annual Tournament Review 2024: A Year of Unprecedented Success

The Tournament Committee, under the guidance of Samantha Dodanwela, Chairman, Kasun Fernando, Secretary and esteemed members Marlon Fernandopulle, Deepal Madurapperuma, and Dilan Polonnowita, completed a successful year. Despite numerous challenges, Sri Lanka Cricket completed all scheduled tournaments across the Men's and Women's categories, underscoring the governing body's commitment to fostering competitive cricket at every level.



L–R: Dilan Polonnowita, Deepal Madurapperuma, Samantha Dodanwela (Chairman), Kasun Fernando and Marlon Fernandopulle.

Major Club League Tournaments

In 2024, the Major Club tournaments were a vibrant showcase of domestic talent. After relegating four clubs the previous year, 18 Premier Clubs played in the tournaments. These tournaments spanned all three formats—three-day, limited-over, and T20—providing cricketers with the platform to display their skills.

- **T20 Tournament:** Scheduled in May/June to help players prepare for the Lanka Premier League (LPL), this tournament faced challenges with inclement weather, affecting several games. Nonetheless, Nondescripts Cricket Club emerged as champions, defeating Bloomfield in the final.
- **Major Club 50-Over Tournament**: Held from June 10 to August 11, 2024, the 50-over tournament battled against rain interruptions. Ace Capital emerged champions, with CCC as runners-up. This three-day tournament began again in late 2024 and ran through February 2025, continuing the tradition of high-level domestic competition. Sri Lanka Cricket's ongoing efforts to support club cricket infrastructure significantly increased the Annual Grant to clubs in 2024, alongside a marked rise in player payments.
- **Major Club U23 (Emerging)**—The Major Club Emerging (Under-23) Tournament was a two-day competition to spotlight emerging young cricketers transitioning from school to club cricket. This tournament is a valuable platform for Major Clubs to identify and nurture promising talent for their senior teams. Ace Capital claimed the championship, while Moors Sports Club finished as runners-up.

Tier B Competitions

The Tier B category saw extensive competition across all formats, with 12 teams vying for supremacy. While this segment lacked first-class status, it proved vital for cricket development in the country. Teams in Tier B battled in the three-day, limited-over, and T20 formats.

- **Tier B 3-Day**: Galle Cricket Club clinched the championship, while Leo Cricket Club emerged

as the runners-up. As a relegation tournament, the four lowest-placed teams—Lankan Cricket Club, Kandy Cricket Club, Old Dharmapalians, and Air Force Cricket Club—received relegation to the Governor's Trophy for 2025.

- **Tier B Limited Over**: Galle Cricket Club triumphed in the limited-over format, followed by the Malay Cricket Club as runners-up.
- **Tier B T20:** Malay Cricket Club emerged champions in T20, defeating Army Sports Club in the final.
- **Tier B Under 21**: Aimed at giving youth cricketers a platform, the Under 21 two-day tournament saw Malay Cricket Club and Sebastianite Sports Club finish as champions and runners-up, respectively.

National Super League (NSL)

The **National Super League** (NSL), Sri Lanka's flagship limited-overs tournament, was fiercely contested by five teams: Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Dambulla, and Jaffna.

Held from August 27 to October 6, the tournament featured competitive cricket at some of Sri Lanka's premier international venues, including Hambantota's Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium and Colombo's R Premadasa Stadium. The final, held at the Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium, was a thrilling, high-scoring affair, with scores of over 700 runs.

Team Colombo emerged as the champions, while Team Jaffna finished as runners-up. The NSL's competitive nature received a boost from the presence of several national players, many of whom used the tournament to regain form ahead of international duties. The year under review witnessed a significant increase in the prize money, enhancing the tournament's prestige.



Major Club T20 Winning Team 2024- NCC.



Major Club 50 Over Champions 2024.

Governor's Trophy and Intra-Provincial Competitions

The **Governor's Trophy 2024** saw 16 teams participate in a highly competitive relegation tournament. Narammala Cricket Club and Kurunegala Sports Club shared the joint championship. At the same time, three clubs—Kalutara Town Club, Digamadulla Cricket Club, and Ambalangoda Singha—were relegated to the Intra-Provincial Tournament for 2025.

The **Intra-Provincial Tournament**, conducted by the Provincial Cricket Association (PCA), saw participation from 76 teams, furthering SLC's commitment to strengthening provincial cricket across the country.

Franchise Leagues: LPL and Lanka T10 Super League

Twenty-twenty four was a remarkable year for Franchise Leagues in Sri Lanka, with the Lanka Premier League (LPL) and the inaugural Lanka T10 Super League providing thrilling entertainment and international exposure.

- **Lanka Premier League 2024**: Held from July 1 to 21, the LPL was a resounding success, with a remarkable 85 per cent increase in viewership in India alone. The tournament featured five teams: Colombo Strikers, Jaffna Lyca Kings, Galle Marvels, Dambulla Sixes, and Kandy Falcons. Jaffna Lyca Kings claimed their second LPL title, defeating Galle Marvels in the final. Both teams delivered exceptional performances. The tournament set new standards in terms of crowd attendance and TV ratings.
- **Lanka T10**: The inaugural Lanka T10 Super League, played in December 2024, featured six teams and was designed to bring fast-paced action to the cricketing landscape. Hambantota Bangla Tigers emerged as champions, while Jaffna Titans finished as runners-up, offering fans a glimpse into the future of shorter formats.

Sri Lanka Youth Leagues

Sri Lanka Cricket has always prioritised youth development, and the Sri Lanka Youth League (SLYL) continued to play a vital role in identifying future stars.

A total of 16.3 million rupees was allocated to the super provinces to organize 98 matches across their respective regions. Upon completion of these games, the provinces will select players to form five competitive teams: Dambulla, Galle, Kandy, Colombo South, and Colombo North.

Sri Lanka Cricket will oversee the organization of the SLYL U19 tournament. The Junior National Selectors will make the final team selections, ensuring the best talent from each region gets represented.

- **U19 Tournament**: The teams played the U19 tournament in Galle from June 23 to July 2. Rain severely impacted the game. Despite the weather disruptions, Colombo North emerged champions after defeating Colombo South in a memorable final.
- **U17 Tournament**: The U17 edition in Anuradhapura at the Samadhi and Saliyapura Army Grounds, saw high competition. Colombo South triumphed as champions, while Kandy finished as runners-up. Players produced standout performances, including eight centuries and 24 half-centuries.
- **U15 Tournament**: The Prima Under-15 SLYL concluded in December 2024, with Colombo South emerging victorious against Kandy in the final held at the prestigious Thurston College Cricket Ground. The tournament venues included the Thurston College, Royal College, and University of Colombo grounds.

Women's Cricket

The Women's Cricket landscape in Sri Lanka took significant strides in 2024. In the year under review, SLC took substantial steps to develop Women's Cricket by organizing a limited-overs tournament featuring 15 clubs. The enthusiasm demonstrated by Premier Clubs to field women's teams was highly commendable. However, the Tournament Committee limited the competition to 15 teams to maintain quality and competitiveness.

Chilaw Marians emerged as the champions, with Army Sports Club finishing as the runners-up. As part of the league's structure, the five teams that finished at the bottom of the standings—two from Group A and three from Group B—were relegated for the 2025 season. The Nondescripts Cricket Club, the Galle Cricket Club, the Tamil Union, the Kurunegala Youth Cricket Club and the Burgher Recreation Club were thus relegated.

- **National Super League Women's U23 2024**: The inaugural **National Super League Women's** U23 Tournament took place in Galle in May 2024, ahead of the Women's Asia Cup. The competition featured five teams, with Team Dambulla emerging as champions after defeating Team Colombo, who finished as runners-up. This tournament marked an important milestone in developing young women cricketers in Sri Lanka.
- **Sri Lanka Youth League Girls U19: The Sri Lanka Youth League Girls U19** tournament in August 2024 saw Team Galle crowned champions

after a thrilling final victory over Team Kandy at the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium in Hambantota.
The tournament, featuring teams from Galle, Kandy, Colombo, and Dambulla, was highly competitive and showcased the immense talent of young female cricketers in Sri Lanka.



SLC Tier B 50 Over Champions 2024.

Ad Hoc Tournaments

In addition to regular tournaments, SLC hosted several notable Ad Hoc Tournaments in 2024, including the 48th National Sports Festival, the Sri Lanka Sports Fiesta, and the MCA Tournament-SLC U19 Team.

- **48th National Sports Festival**: The Department of Sports Development approached Sri Lanka Cricket to organize a T20 tournament for men and women, involving all districts. Sri Lanka Cricket coordinated the event through its Provincial Cricket Associations and district selectors to complete all matches in Colombo by June 30, 2024.

- **Sri Lanka Sports Fiesta 2024**: The Sri Lanka Sports Fiesta, a prestigious three-day multisport event, was organized by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Lands. The event aimed to inspire the next generation of athletes and provide them with a platform to showcase their talents. The Sports Ministry invited Sri Lanka Cricket to conduct a T20 club tournament. However, considering the upcoming Lanka T10 Super League tournament, SLC proposed a T10 competition. Unfortunately, the tournament could not proceed as planned due to inclement weather. However, after a draw, the Galle and Kandy teams played the final match, with Team Galle emerging as champions. While there was no prize money, the champions and the player of the final received trophies in recognition of their achievements.



Under 19 Division I Tier A Champions.



Under 21 Invitational Trophy Champions 2024 - Malay CC.



National Super League (NSL) 50 Over Champions 2024.



Champions of Lanka T10 Super League - Hambantota Bangla Tigers.



Champions of Lanka Premier League 2024 Season 5 - Jaffna Kings.

- **MCA Tournament – SLC U19 Boys Team**: In preparation for the U19 Asia Cup, Sri Lanka Cricket included a U19 school team in the Mercantile Cricket Association

Tournament at the request of Sanath Jayasuriya, Interim Coach. This initiative aimed to provide the team with valuable experience and exposure ahead of the international competition.

The Tournament Committee thanks Shammi Silva, President of Sri Lanka Cricket and the Executive Committee for their unwavering support throughout 2024. We extend a special thank you to the SLC staff, particularly Chinthaka Edirimanne, Head of National Cricket Operations, and Suresh Bulankulame, Senior Manager of Cricket Administration, whose efforts were indispensable in ensuring the success of the tournaments.

The year 2024 will go down as one of the most eventful and successful years in Sri Lanka Cricket's history. The sport's governing body made significant strides in fostering men's and women's cricket and youth talent. With a robust structure in place and a growing commitment to all levels of the game, Sri Lanka Cricket looks forward to even more significant achievements in the year ahead.



Sri Lanka Youth Leagues (SLYL) 2024 Champions - Team (Colombo North).



Womens National Super League (NSL) T20 Champions 2024 - Team Colombo.



Womens National Super League (NSL) 50 Over Champions 2024.

UMPIRES COMMITTEE

Umpires Committee Report: 2024

The Umpires Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), comprising Chairman Bandula Dissanayake, Secretary Dilran Abeysekara, and Members Mohamed Siddeek, Gihan Weerasinghe, and Shammi Gunasekara, continued its work through 2024. The committee remained focused on ensuring that it upheld umpiring standards across the country, particularly in maintaining high standards of match officiating for all levels of cricket in Sri Lanka. Below is an overview of the committee's activities and key milestones in 2024.


(L–R): Mohamed Siddeek; Shammi Gunasekera; Bandula Dissanayake (Chairman); Dilran Abeysekera and Gihan Weerasinghe.

Recruitment and Development of Play Control Teams

The Umpires Committee ensures the recruitment and development of a diverse and competent pool of umpires and match referees. This task is critical to maintaining the integrity and quality of cricket in Sri Lanka.

In line with SLC's mandate, the committee continued recruiting new umpires, focusing on underrepresented regions. Following recruitment drives in the Northern, Eastern, and Uva Provinces in 2023, the committee expanded its efforts in 2024 with successful recruitment drives in the North Central and North Western Provinces, adding 162 new umpires to the national panel. The recruits received official recognition at a ceremony organized by the respective Provincial Cricket Associations in Kurunegala on June 29, 2024. Additionally, in response to requests from two Umpire Associations, the committee organized a qualifying examination for umpires whom Sri Lanka Cricket had not yet accredited. Those who passed the exam received official accreditation certificates, ensuring that all cricket matches across the country, from grassroots to the highest levels, would be officiated by SLC-accredited umpires.

The committee also addressed vacancies in the Match Referee ranks following several retirements. Efforts are ongoing to fill these positions with qualified individuals to strengthen the match control teams further.

Scorer Training and Recruitment

The Umpires Committee supported the Sri Lanka Cricket Scorers Association by providing resources for the training and recruiting of cricket scorers. This collaboration ensures that scoring at all game levels is handled accurately and professionally.

Performance Evaluation and Rankings

Maintaining high standards of umpiring is crucial, and the Umpires Committee continued to assess the performance of its members in 2024. The committee conducted

evaluations based on the criteria outlined in the Umpires Policy, and rankings were updated accordingly for all five umpire levels. A significant development in 2024 was outsourcing the Level 1 and Level 2 umpire evaluation processes to a highly regarded educational institute. This initiative, approved by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Cricket Technical Committee, aimed to bring more transparency to the evaluation process and eliminate any potential bias. The evaluation's rankings took effect on June 1, 2024, and the committee plans to continue outsourcing evaluations at these levels to enhance fairness and credibility further.

Training and Knowledge Enhancement

With cricket's increasing reliance on technology and the evolving nature of decision-making roles, the Umpires Committee emphasized equipping umpires and match referees with the necessary skills to manage games effectively.

In 2024, the committee organized several professional development events, focusing on both technical and management aspects of umpiring. The year began with a two-day workshop for Level 1 and 2 umpires conducted by the Imperial Institute of Higher Education in January. The sessions, led by experienced instructors, covered critical areas such as Situation Handling, Conflict Management, Communication Skills, Leadership, and Emotional Regulation in Decision Making.

The most notable training event of the year was a series of workshops led by retired ICC Elite Panel Umpire Simon Taufel. Sri Lanka Cricket contracted Taufel to conduct two seven-day seminars focusing on the roles and responsibilities of match officials. The first segment of these workshops took place from October 4 to 15, 2024, and the second will happen in March and April 2025. These workshops have been well-received by participants, who appreciated the depth of knowledge and the opportunity to exchange experiences.

Expansion of Umpire Educators

Recognizing the rapid expansion of cricket in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, the Umpires Committee sought approval from the Executive Committee to appoint Tamil-speaking Provincial Umpire Educators to support local umpire development. The Umpire Educator for the Northern Province was appointed in November 2024, while the selection process for the Eastern Province is underway. These educators will be crucial in training local umpires and ensuring that officials in these regions receive the necessary updates and guidance.

Domestic Assignments

Despite weather-related disruptions, SLC successfully conducted its full domestic tournament calendar for men and women in 2024. The Umpires Committee assigned Play Control Teams to oversee all SLC tournaments, including the National Super Leagues, club tournaments, and age-group competitions.

Additionally, the committee facilitated umpire assignments for the Lanka Premier League (LPL) T20 Tournament, held from July 1 to 21, 2024 in Pallekele, Dambulla, and Colombo. The LPL featured ICC International Panel Umpires Roland Black and Faisal Khan Aafreedy, Sri Lanka's top 10 umpires, and five match referees. Local umpires and match referees were appointed to officiate the inaugural Lanka T10 Super League tournament in Pallekele from December 11 to 19, 2024.

International and Overseas Assignments

The Umpires Committee worked closely with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) to secure international match assignments for Sri Lanka's umpire and referee panel members.

In 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket secured more ICC and ACC assignments than in previous years, reflecting the growing recognition of Sri Lankan officials on the global stage. SLC

ICC Tournaments - Men's Assignments (2024)

January/February 2024	
1	Graeme Labrooy – Lead Referee at ICC U19 Men's CWC, South Africa
2	Wendal Labrooy – ICC Men's CWC Challenge League, Malaysia
3	Prageeth Rambukwella – ICC Men's CWC Challenge, Malaysia
4	Lyndon Hannibal – ICC U19 Men's CWC League 2, Thailand
5	Raveendra Wimalasiri – ICC Men's CWC League 2, UAE
February 2024	
1	Lyndon Hannibal – Nepal vs Canada 3 Men's ODI, Nepal
March/April 2024	
1	Wendal Labrooy – Oman vs Namibia Men's T20 Series, Oman
September/October 2024	
1	Graeme Labrooy – ICC Men's CWC Challenge League A, Kenya
November 2024	
1	Graeme Labrooy – Sri Lanka vs New Zealand ODI Series, Sri Lanka

ICC Tournaments - Women's Assignments (2024)

February/March 2024	
1	Dedunu De Silva – ICC Women's CWC Challenge, Malaysia
2	Nimali Perera – ICC Women's CWC Asia Qualifier, Thailand
April/May 2024	
1	Dedunu De Silva – ICC Women's T20 CWC Qualifier, UAE
June 2024	
1	Nimali Perera – India vs South Africa Women's ODI Series, India
August/September 2024	
1	Dedunu De Silva – ICC Women's U19 T20 CWC Qualifier, Rwanda
September/October 2024	
1	Nimali Perera – ICC Women's T20 CWC, UAE
2	Michelle Pereira – Lead Referee at ICC Women's T20 CWC, UAE
September 2024	
1	Dedunu De Silva – ICC Women's T20 CWC Qualifier, Rwanda
2	Vanessa De Silva – ICC Women's T20 CWC Qualifier, Rwanda
3	Prageeth Rambukwella – ICC Women's T20 CWC Qualifier, Rwanda
November/December 2024	
1	Nimali Perera – South Africa vs England Women's ODI and T20 Series, South Africa

ACC Tournaments - Men's Assignments (2024)

April 2024	
1	Prageeth Rambukwella – ACC Men's Premier Cup, Oman
October 2024	
1	Chamara De Soysa – ACC Men's Emerging Asia Cup, Oman
November/December 2024	
1	Raveendra Kottachchi – ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup, UAE

ACC Tournaments - Women's Assignments (2024)

February 2024	
1	Nimali Perera – ACC Women's Premier Cup, Malaysia
2	Vanessa De Silva – ACC Women's Premier Cup, Malaysia
July 2024	
1	Michelle Pereira – ACC Women's Asia Cup, Sri Lanka
2	Nimali Perera – ACC Women's Asia Cup, Sri Lanka
3	Dedunu De Silva – ACC Women's Asia Cup, Sri Lanka
December 2024	
1	Vanessa De Silva – ACC Women's U19 Asia Cup, Malaysia
2	Dedunu De Silva – ACC Women's U19 Asia Cup, Malaysia
3	Nimali Perera – ACC Women's U19 Asia Cup, Malaysia

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The committee also looks forward to continued collaboration with various stakeholders to improve umpiring standards further and support the growth of cricket in Sri Lanka.

SRI LANKA CRICKET MEMBERSHIP

Provincial Cricket Associations

- Central Province Cricket Association
- North Central Province Cricket Association
- Western Province Cricket Association
- Uva Province Cricket Association
- Southern Province Cricket Association

Cricket Associations

- Mercantile Cricket Association
- Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association
- Defence Services Sports Board
- Nationalised Services Cricket Association
- Sri Lanka State Services Cricket Association
- Sri Lanka University Sports Association

District Cricket Associations

- Ampara District Cricket Association
- Anuradhapura District Cricket Association
- Gampaha District Cricket Association
- Hambantota District Cricket Association
- Badulla District Sports Board
- Batticaloa District Cricket Association
- Jaffna District Cricket Association
- Kalutara District Cricket Association
- Colombo District Cricket Association
- Galle District Cricket Association
- Kandy District Cricket Association
- Kegalle District Cricket Association
- Kurunegala District Cricket Association
- Matale District Cricket Association
- Matara District Cricket Association
- Monaragala District Cricket Association
- Nuwara Eliya District Cricket Association
- Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association
- Puttalam District Cricket Association
- Ratnapura District Cricket Association
- Trincomalee District Cricket Association
- Vavuniya District Cricket Association

Controlling Clubs

- Bloomfield Cricket & Athletic Club
- Bohra Sports Club
- Leos Cricket Club
- Matara Sports Club
- Burgher Recreation Club
- Catamarans Sports Club
- Moors Sports Club
- Moratuwa Sports Club
- Chilaw Marians Cricket Club
- Colombo Colts Cricket Club
- Mutwal Sports Club
- Negombo Cricket Club
- Colombo Cricket Club (Gymkhana)
- Colombo Malay Cricket Club
- Nomads Sports Club
- Nondescripts Cricket Club
- Dimbula Cricket & Athletic Club
- Galle Cricket Club
- Panadura Sports Club
- Peterson Sports Club
- Kalutara Town Club
- Kollupitiya Sports Club
- Saracens Sports Club
- Sebastianites Cricket & Athletic Club
- Kurunegala Sports Club
- Liberty Cricket Club
- Singhalese Sports Club
- Tamil Union Cricket & Athletic Club
- University of Colombo

Affiliated Clubs

- Antonian Sports Club
- Badulla Cricket Club
- Ragama Cricket Club
- Rajarata Sports Club
- Baduraliya Cricket Club
- Kegalle Cricket Club
- Rio Sports Club
- Singha Sports Club
- Kurunegala Youth Cricket Club
- Lankan Cricket Club
- University of Moratuwa
- United Southern Cricket Club
- Nugegoda Sports & Welfare Club
- Old Anandians Sports Club
- University of Kelaniya
- Wattala Cricket Club
- Old Cambrians Sports Club
- Old Dharmapalians Sports Club
- Wennappuwa Sports Club
- Xavierites Cricket Club
- Old Trinitians Sports Club
- Piliyandala Town Sports Club
- Kalutara Physical Culture Circle

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Launched to manage the infrastructures, tournaments, and player management under the Sri Lanka Cricket concept of **“Creating equal opportunities for every Sri Lankan with innate talents to represent the National Team.”**

Cricket Development Grants Released to Clubs and Associations

District/Provincial Stadium Development

1	**Anuradhapura District Cricket Association**
1	Construction of District Office and pavilion at the Anuradhapura DCA Ground.

2	**North Central Province Cricket Association**
1	Water supply system at the Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium (RDICS).
2	Purchase of new Hydrotherapy gym equipment for RDICS’ new swimming pool.

3	**North Western Province Cricket Association**
1	Scoreboard repair at Welagedara Stadium.

Association Ground Development

1	**Nationalised Services Cricket Association**
1	Development of Nationalised Services Cricket Association Stadium in Ratmalana.

2	**Mercantile Cricket Association**
1	Repairing of drainage system at MCA Grounds.
2	Proposed 3 Phase On-Grid Solar System.

Development at Member Clubs

1	**Colts Cricket Club**
1	Refurbishment of the centre turf and replacement of sprinklers in the playing area.

2	**Burgher Recreation Club**
1	Proposed development work at BRC.
2	Replacement of clay turf pitch.
3	Purchase of a digital screen.

3	**Nondescripts Cricket Club**
1	Installation of digital video screen at the clubhouse.

4	**Tamil Union Cricket and Athletic Club**
1	Proposed outer drain system for the P. Saravanamuttu International Cricket Stadium (Oval).
2	Purchase of a digital screen.

Development at Member Clubs

5	**Colombo Cricket Club**
1	Development of drainage system at CCC ground.
2	Purchase of a digital screen.
3	Media building and dressing room renovation project.
4	Dressing room renovation project.
5	Infrastructure projects to celebrate the 158th anniversary of the Colombo Cricket Club.
6	Rectification and improvement to infrastructure facilities at CCC ahead of the 2024 Under 19 World Cup.
7	Supply and installation of LED digital screens at CCC ahead of the 2024 Under 19 World Cup.

6	**Chilaw Marians Cricket Club**
1	Proposed ground development of CMCC at Mirigama.

7	**United Southern Cricket Club**
1	Proposed construction of office building, clubhouse and player dormitory.

8	**Panadura Sports Club**
1	Addition and alteration to the existing building and supply and installation of lift.
2	Supply and installation of solar power.

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9	**Sinhalese Sports Club**
1	Grant to purchase Astro Turf for outdoor cricket nets at SSC.
2	Rectification and improvement to infrastructure facilities at SSC ahead of the 2024 Under 19 World Cup.

Sri Lanka Cricket Grants for Island-Wide District Cricket Associations' Player Squad Maintenance

Sri Lanka has over 900 schools participating in cricket across various age groups, from Under 13 to Under 19, involving around 15,000 to 18,000 players nationwide.

At the conclusion of each season (Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, and Under 19), players who have performed well and meet the required criteria are selected to the District Squads by the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) District Coaches. For 2024, SLC had allocated an annual grant of 1,200,000.00 rupees per District Cricket Association (DCA) to all 25 districts under the National Pathway Program, totaling 30,000,000.00 rupees.

This grant will support the maintenance of the following player squads across the respective districts:

a) Boys' Under 13 Squad
b) Boys' Under 15 Squad
c) Boys' Under 17 Squad
d) Boys' Under 19 Squad
e) Girls' Under 19 Squad

The financial grants provided to the DCAs are utilized for the following purposes:

- Ground/stadium hiring fees for training sessions
- Transport costs for players' travel between home and the grounds
- Provision for nutritious meals for players
- Medical support and injury management

The primary objective of this program is to ensure that every child with an interest in cricket, starting from the district or village level, has a clear pathway to continue their cricketing journey.

SLC aims to provide full financial and technical support throughout this process, helping players progress through various levels until they choose to represent a cricket club or, eventually, the national team. This initiative is designed to nurture future talent for the Under 19 Team, Sri Lanka A, the Emerging Team, and the National Team, with further assistance from the Sri Lanka Cricket National Development Centre (NDC).

Ultimately, this program ensures that talented young cricketers across the country have access to the best facilities and resources, enabling them to develop their skills and pursue their cricketing dreams in the long-term.

Special Fitness Training Program

Sri Lanka Cricket, in collaboration with the 25 District Cricket Associations (DCAs) and under the expert guidance of Sunil Gunawardana, former Olympic and National Athletics Coach, conducted a specially designed Physical Fitness Program for the selected District Age Group Squads—comprising boys' Under 17 and Under 19 Teams, as well as the Under 19 Girls' Team. These players were chosen by their respective DCA coaches.

A total of 1,090 boys (Under 17/19) and 407 girls (Under 19) from all 25 districts participated in the program. Coaches involved in the initiative have shared positive feedback, noting its effectiveness in preparing potential future national players. Over the course of two days in each district, the coaching team conducted intensive sprint drills, step drills, and endurance training, working closely with the selected squads.

The team conducting the program emphasized the importance of such training for DCA squad players, highlighting that it adds significant value in improving fitness levels. The initiative received full support from provincial and district coaches, who expressed their appreciation for Sri Lanka Cricket's commitment to player development.

This fitness program will be integrated into regular squad practice schedules, ensuring the continued benefit of Sri Lanka Cricket's investment in long-term player development under the National Pathway Program.

Launched in July and completed in December 2024, the program successfully reached all nine provinces and 25 districts across the island. SLC

Distribution of Cricket Material and Machinery to Members, Schools and other Groups Associated with Cricket throughout the Country

DISTRIBUTION OF GROUND EQUIPMENT

Boundary Ropes - 24 mm

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	42
2	Clubs	
3	Districts	5
4	Member Associations	1
5	Others	3
	Total	**51**

Boundary Ropes - 32 mm

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	
2	Clubs	16
3	Districts	11
4	Member Associations	2
5	Others	6
	Total	**35**

Turf Covers - 150 X 150

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	7
2	Clubs	16
3	Districts	11
4	Member Associations	
5	Others	10
	Total	**44**

Turf Covers - 100 X 100

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	43
2	Clubs	2
3	Districts	5
4	Member Associations	
5	Others	2
	Total	**52**

Matting Pitch Covers - 80 X 30

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	396
2	Clubs	5
3	Districts	10
4	Member Associations	
5	Others	
	Total	**384**



Bowling machine.



Distribution of cricket equipments.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROUND MACHINERY

Massport Golf Turf Cutters

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	38
2	Clubs	7
3	Districts	2
4	Member Associations	1
5	Others	1
	Total	**49**

"Bola" Bowling Machine With All Accessories

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	25
2	Clubs	
3	Districts	29
4	Member Associations	
5	Others	
	Total	**44**

Gang Mower With Tractor

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	1
2	Clubs	3
3	Districts	
4	Member Associations	
5	Others	5
	Total	**9**

Cricket Balls

No	To	No of Units
1	Schools - U 13, 15 & Girls	14616
2	Schools - U 17 & 19	5028
3	District Coaches	5616
4	District Div III Tournaments	2424



Boundary rope.

DISTRIBUTION OF CRICKET EQUIPMENT

Senior Cricket Material Bags

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	487
2	Clubs	
3	Districts	350
4	Member Associations	
5	Others - District Squads	26
	Total	**863**

Junior Cricket Material Bags

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	659
2	Clubs	
3	Districts	
4	Member Associations	
5	Others - District Squads	50
	Total	**709**

Cricket Mattings - Senior 66 X 10

No	Ground	No of Units
1	Schools	501
2	Clubs	
3	Districts	199
4	Member Associations	
5	Others	
	Total	**700**

Infrastructure

Development and Refurbishment of International Stadia/National Stadia, Stadium Development, Pavilion Development, Clubhouse Development and Indoor Development

No	Venue	Project Name	Status
1	R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium	Proposed concrete ground path near the outer drain at RPICS	Completed
		Proposed supply, installation, testing and commissioning of sound system for Brain Centre at RPICS	Completed
		Proposed supply, installation and maintenance of air conditioning units at the RPICS media building	Completed
		Repair of generator room at RPICS	Completed
		Temporary strengthening of existing high masts at base connection	Completed
		Construction of one steel movable scoreboard	Completed
		Modification of Brain Centre at RPICS	Completed
		Installation of lightning protection system for newly constructed LED screen at RPICS	Completed
		Proposed rectification and refurbishment of existing media building (roof and cladding)	Work in progress
		Proposed supply, installation, testing and commissioning of passenger elevators for Block "A" and "B" at RPICS	Work in progress
		Proposed indoor net at RPICS	Work in progress
		Proposed 25m swimming pool at RPICS	Work in progress
		New flood lighting system at RPICS	Work in progress
		Design, build, test, commission and maintenance of Roof Mounted Grid Tied Solar Power System for ICS and SLC HQ – RPICS	Work in progress
		Design and construction of indoor net area, netting system, seven practice wickets with bowling pads and electrical work at the indoor nets complex at RPICS	Bidding Stage
2	Pallekale International Cricket Stadium	Installation of lightning protection system at the newly constructed LED screen	Completed
		Construction of one steel movable scoreboard	Completed
		Proposed supply and installation of permanent power supply for the swimming pool complex at the PICS	Completed
		Design, build, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Roof Mounted Grid Tied Solar Power System for ICS and SLC HQ – PICS	Work in progress

No	Venue	Project Name	Status
3	Rangiri Dambulla International CricketStadium	Refurbishment of existing grand stand washroom blocks at RDICS	Completed
		Refurbishment of steel stair cases (2) in the grandstand building	Completed
		Painting of the external façade of the grandstand building	Completed
		Supply and installation of street solar light system at RDICS	Completed
		Painting of posts of the chain link fence and cleaning of chain link net	Completed
		Supply and installation of toilet partitioning for public toilets at RDICS	Completed
		Supply and laying of carpet at RDICS	Completed
		Access road soil improvement and asphalt work at RDICS	Completed
		Repairing defective electrical units in the grandstand building including replacement with new units	Completed
		Installation of lightning protection system for newly constructed LED screen at RDICS	Completed
		Repairing defective air conditioning units or air conditioning units in the grandstand building including servicing and filling gas at RDICS	Completed
		Supply, laying and compaction of ABC on top of compacted ground at RDICS	Completed
		Construction of a steel movable scoreboard	Completed
		Temporary supply, fixing and dismantling of broadcasting room platform, including two ramps, North End, South End, Slip, Midwicket camera plates and sight screen prior to LPL and Women's Asia Cup 2024 at RDICS	Completed
		Temporary supply, fixing and dismantling of broadcasting room platform including two ramps, North End, South End, Slip, Midwicket camera platforms and sight screen, AC and aluminium partitions repair work prior to West Indians Tour in October 2024 at RDICS	Completed
		Urgent demolition of existing building and clearing of debris at RDICS	Completed
		Improvement to access path and parking area for generators at the premises of RDICS	Completed
		Proposed 25m swimming pool project at RDICS	Completed
		Construction of proposed new media centre for RDICS	Work in progress
		Refurbishment of Pop Up Sprinkler Irrigation System including pumps and accessories for RDICS	Work in progress
		Design, build, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Roof Mounted Grid Tied Solar Power System for ICS and SLC HQ – RDICS	Work in progress
		Proposed extension of grandstand building at RDICS	Bidding Stage
		Proposed four pitch indoor cricket practice nets for RDICS	Bidding Stage

No	Venue	Project Name	Status
4	Galle International CricketStadium	Proposed rectification and refurbishment of GICS (outdoor area) ahead of New Zealand Tour 2024	Completed
		Construction of a steel movable scoreboard at GICS	Completed
		Design, build, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Roof Mounted Grid Tied Solar Power System for ICS and SLC HQ – GICS	Work in progress
		Proposed improvement to the roof structure, roof covering with roof plumbing at the GICS	Work in progress
5	Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium	Design, build, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Roof Mounted Grid Tied Solar Power System for ICS and SLC HQ – MRICS	Work in progress
		Construction of a steel movable scoreboard at MRICS	Completed
		Proposed four pitch indoor cricket practice nets for MRICS	Bidding Stage
6	Surrey Village Cricket Ground	Proposed retaining wall for Surrey Village Cricket Stadium at Maggona, Kalutara.	Work in progress
7	Sri Lanka Cricket Headquarters	Renovation of administration and domestic cricket department at SLC headquarters	Completed
		Improvements to the CEO's office at Sri Lanka Cricket Headquarters	Completed
		Rectification and refurbishment of existing office building at NCC, Colombo 7	Completed
		Design, build, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Roof Mounted Grid Tied Solar Power System for ICS and SLC HQ – SLC headquarters	Work in progress
		Proposed construction of roof including structural, covering and plumbing at SLC headquarters	Bidding Stage
		Proposed renovation at the SLC generator area	Bidding Stage
		Proposed improvement to the museum and conference room at SLC headquarters	Bidding Stage
8	Kandy High-Performance Centre	Proposed retaining walls and guard room for International High Performance Centre at IHPC Katugastota, Kandy	Work in progress
9	Mallakam Sri Baskaran Ground	Proposed construction of ground at Mallakam	Work in progress
10	Jaffna International CricketStadium	Proposed construction of barbwire fence	Completed
		Supply and delivery of precast concrete fence posts, barbed wires with nuts and bolts for Jaffna International Cricket Stadium at Mandathivu	Completed

No	Venue	Project Name	Status
11	Batticaloa District Cricket Ground	Excavation, footing, concreting, backfilling and erection of PVC barbed wire fence	Work in progress
		Supply and delivery of precast concrete fence posts, barbed wires with nuts and bolts	Work in progress
12	National Cricket Stadium, Polonnaruwa	Erection of steel structures (two shades) using existing steel and existing roofing sheets available at the premises of the National Cricket Stadium at Polonnaruwa	Completed
		Proposed construction of steel score board	Completed
		Excavation, footing, concreting, backfilling and erection of PVC barbed wire fence	Work in progress
		Supply and delivery of precast concrete fence posts, barbed wires with nuts and bolts	Work in progress
13	Proposed Two Pitch Indoor Cricket Practice Nets	Proposed two pitch indoor cricket practice nets for Ibbagamuwa Central College, Kurunegala	Bidding Stage
		Proposed two pitch indoor cricket practice nets for Devapathiraja College, Rathgama	Bidding Stage
		Proposed two pitch indoor cricket practice nets for St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa	Bidding Stage
14	Women's Cricket Division at Tamil Union Cricket Ground	Supply, fabrication and installation of toilet convertainers and other facility convertainers with related civil works at the Tamil Union Cricket and Athletic Club	Completed
		Construction of temporary office for staff at the Women's Cricket Division on the ground floor of the Tamil Union main building	Completed

Finance and Administration

Grants for Administration Activities

1	District Office Maintenance Grant
1	Ampara District Cricket Association
2	Batticaloa District Cricket Association
3	Galle District Cricket Association
4	Gampaha District Cricket Association
5	Hambantota District Cricket Association
6	Jaffna District Cricket Association
7	Kandy District Cricket Association
8	Kegalle District Cricket Association
9	Kurunegala District Cricket Association
10	Matale District Cricket Association
11	Matara District Cricket Association
12	Monaragala District Cricket Association
13	Nuwara Eliya District Cricket Association
14	Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association
15	Ratnapura District Cricket Association
16	Vavuniya District Cricket Association
17	Trincomalee District Cricket Association
18	Kilinochchi District Cricket Association
19	Mannar District Cricket Association
20	Mullativu District Cricket Association
2	**District Stadium Maintenance Grant**
1	Monaragala District Ground - Uva Wellassa Ground
2	Anuradhapura District Ground - Samadhi Ground
3	Ratnapura District Ground - Monarawila

Other Payments and Grants

1	District and Provincial Cricket Association Award Ceremony 2023/24
1	Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association
2	**District Super League T20 Tournament 2024**
1	Kegalle District Cricket Association
3	**Provincial Super League Tournament**
1	Northern Premier League
4	**Special Grants released for Schools**
1	D S Senanayake College, Colombo – Financial assistance to purchase heavy machine roller for the College Ground
2	Financial assistance for the Big Match between Devapathiraja College Vs Rajgama Vidyalaya
5	**Sri Lanka Air Force**
1	Upgrade the players and match officials' facilities in the cricket pavilion at Sri Lanka Air Force Base Katunayake Cricket Grounds

The First Cutting-edge LED Floodlight System at Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium



Centre of Excellence at the Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium

The Centre of Excellence at the Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium (RDICS) marks a ground-breaking leap in Sri Lanka's commitment to elevating national cricket development.

Unveiled in February 2024, this state-of-the-art facility will transform the sport's landscape. With cutting-edge additions like a Hydrotherapy and Injury Rehabilitation Unit, a swimming pool, and a modern floodlight system—the first LED-driven sports lighting in the country—RDICS has firmly positioned itself as a premier venue for cricket in Sri Lanka.

The Centre of Excellence represents a significant milestone in the National Pathway Program, which seeks to nurture young cricketing talent and foster growth across the North Central, Northern, and North Western provinces. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to invest in top-tier cricket infrastructure and introduce world-class facilities to the country.

A standout feature of the new facilities is the Hydrotherapy and Injury Rehabilitation Unit, offering a vital resource for athletes' recovery. Aquatic therapy has become



Former President Ranil Wickremesinghe formally unveiled the plaque at the 'Centre of Excellence' located within the Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium.

a key recovery tool for sportspeople worldwide, and its introduction in Sri Lanka underscores the depth of Sri Lanka Cricket's commitment to player welfare and skill development.

The newly installed floodlight system, which replaces the outdated and inadequate lighting that previously hindered daynight matches at RDICS, equips the stadium for international-level play. The new, high-wattage LED floodlights will provide superior visibility, address players' concerns, and enhance the match-day experience.

The new facilities will benefit all teams across various levels—from U13 to U23, both Men's and Women's Teams, and the National Super League Team of Dambulla. These upgrades will help raise the bar for cricket standards at every level, fostering a new generation of skilled players.

The Dambulla Centre of Excellence was officially opened by former President Ranil Wickremasinghe in the presence of Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket, the Executive Committee, and key stakeholders, marking a new chapter in the country's cricketing journey.



The 'Centre of Excellence' at Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium.



Former President Ranil Wickremesinghe opening the swimming pool at the Dambulla 'Centre of Excellence'.



Former President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Harin Fernando, former Sports and Youth Affairs, Lands, and Tourism Minister, took the opportunity to inspire and support young talents at the newly inaugurated swimming pool facility.



Hydrotherapy facility.

Ratnapura District Cricket Ground

On March 30, 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket proudly unveiled the newly constructed Ratnapura District Cricket Ground in Monaravila, marking a significant milestone for the region. This state-of-the-art facility promises to be a game-changer, enhancing the cricketing landscape of the Sabaragamuwa Province. It stands as the 11th district ground opened by SLC, a testament to its commitment to expanding cricket's reach across Sri Lanka.

The ground boasts seven premium centre turf wickets designed to host first-class matches, under-19 competitions, practice sessions with touring teams, and international women's cricket. Local schools and cricket clubs will now have access to this top-tier facility for their practice sessions and competitive games, fostering growth and nurturing young talent in the area.



The first ball being bowled by Wanindu Hasaranga in the newly constrcuted cricket ground.



Sri Lanka National Player Pathum Nissanka trying out the new pitch.



Sri Lanka National Men's Team Head Coach Sanath Jayasuriya trying his hand at the bat.

Polonnaruwa National Cricket Stadium

On July 18, 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket officially opened the first phase of the Polonnaruwa National Cricket Stadium in a ceremony attended by Harin Fernando, former Minister of Sports, district politicians, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) officials, and local cricket representatives from the Polonnaruwa district.

Built as part of SLC's National Pathway Program, the stadium is a significant step towards providing equal opportunities for talented cricketers to represent Sri Lanka nationally. With an investment of 170 million rupees, this new facility addresses the long-standing need for a national cricket stadium in the North Central Province.

Spanning across 45 acres in Hingurakkgoda, Polonnaruwa, the stadium features 10 grass strips and an 80-meter boundary surrounding the main pitch, making it a crucial hub for cricket development. The Polonnaruwa National Cricket Stadium will serve cricketers from the districts of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, and Matale, as well as from the Eastern Province districts of Batticaloa, Ampara, and Trincomalee, providing them with the resources to hone their skills under the guidance of the North Central Province Cricket Association.



Shammi Silva, President, SLC; Harin Fernando, former Minister of Sports; Maithripala Sirisena, former President and officials at the opening.



Shammi Silva, President, SLC being welcomed.



Harin Fernando, Former Minister of Sports unveils the plaque at the opening ceremony of the first phase of the Polonnaruwa National Cricket Stadium.



Raveen Wickramaratne, Vice President, SLC trying out the new pitch.



Sujeewa Godaliyadda, Treasurer, SLC batting at the new pitch.



The Chief Guest Harin Fernando, Former Minister of Sports; Maithripala Sirisena, former President; Shammi Silva, President, SLC; Raveen Wickramaratne, Vice President, SLC with invitees and members of the Polonnaruwa District Cricket Association and cricketers who played the inaugural match at the newly opened ground.

Nationalised Services Cricket Association

As part of its nationwide cricket development program under the National Pathway initiative, Sri Lanka Cricket funded the renovation of the Nationalised Services Cricket Association (NSCA) ground and stadium complex.

The newly upgraded facility was officially inaugurated in December 2024 by Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket with senior officials from Sri Lanka Cricket and representatives from the NSCA in attendance.



Nalin Aponso, SLC Member, Shammi Silva, President, SLC and Raveen Wickramaratne, Vice President, SLC being escorted for the opening.



The façade of the renovated NSCA ground and stadium complex.



Shammi Silva, President, SLC opening the renovated NSCA stadium complex.



President Shammi Silva and officials inspecting the renovated NSCA ground.

Kalutara District Cricket Ground

As part of Sri Lanka Cricket's National Pathway Program, construction for the development of the Kalutara District Cricket Ground began in August 2024. This initiative aims to provide equal opportunities for every young, talented cricketer to make their mark and ultimately represent the National Team. The development plan includes the creation of five centre pitches, with the flexibility to extend the boundary up to 60 meters from the main pitch. Upon completion, the ground will serve as a venue for district-level matches and school cricket tournaments, fostering the growth of the sport at the grassroots level.



Former Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardane, Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket and officials unveiling the plaque before the commencement of construction.



Construction work being ceremonially initiated.



The cricket ground being readied for construction.



Former Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardane with Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket.



Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket handing over cricket gear to school cricketers in the Kalutara District.

Driving Sustainability and Growth

The Finance Department of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) ensures growth and sustainability by swiftly conveying critical information to provide the correct responses at the right moment and plays a vital role in safeguarding the organization's financial health. Acting as the pulse of Sri Lanka Cricket, the Finance Department provides timely, accurate information and proactive guidance, helping the organization navigate financial challenges and seize opportunities, all while mitigating potential risks to its operations. In 2024, the department successfully managed budgets, streamlined financial processes, and introduced innovative strategies to support the growing demands of the sport.

The Finance Department works closely with top management to formulate a strategic road map for the future, aligning financial goals with the organization's broader objectives. By providing regular, insightful financial and management reports, the department offers valuable feedback on achieving targets and adjusts its path when necessary.

This collaborative approach ensures that SLC remains on track to meet performance and financial stability goals. It prioritises compliance with statutory requirements and ensures that all financial operations adhere to the relevant legal frameworks, including those set by the International Cricket Council (ICC) while actively managing SLC's investment portfolio, balancing financial growth with risk mitigation.

The department demonstrates its unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of financial governance through strict adherence to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Behind the scenes, the Finance Department builds and maintains a strong financial infrastructure that supports SLC's day-to-day operations while ensuring that all events, tours, and internal operations receive adequate funding, are efficiently managed, and remain aligned with the organization's financial goals. Its support extends beyond financial oversight; it plays an integral role in planning, budgeting, and forecasting, assuring SLC optimises its financial resources.

In addition to managing the day-to-day financial operations, the Finance Department provides strategic insights that guide key decision-making at the highest levels. It proactively identifies financial risks and offers solutions, ensuring SLC is ready for potential challenges. This foresight enables the organization to respond swiftly to emerging issues, minimising disruptions to ongoing operations.

Key achievements include:

Optimising Revenue Streams: Together with other departments of SLC, the Finance Department has implemented strategies to diversify and increase revenue. Significant successes include new sponsorships, enhancing broadcasting partnerships, and improving ticket sales for major tournaments.

Cost Efficiency Initiatives: Through diligent financial planning and monitoring, the department has achieved cost savings across various operational areas, ensuring effective resource allocation while maintaining the quality of cricketing events.

Sustainable Financial Practices: The Finance Department has championed responsible spending and risk management, positioning the organization for long-term success while balancing investments in grassroots programs, international competitions, and player development.

Transparent Reporting: The department maintains high transparency and accountability standards, providing detailed financial reports that offer stakeholders clear insights into the organization's financial position.

The Finance Department often operates behind the scenes. Its impact, though, is undeniably far-reaching. The department plays a central role in enabling SLC to thrive in the competitive world of international cricket by maintaining financial discipline, fostering transparency, and ensuring compliance. Its efforts are crucial to the organisation's ability to deliver successful events, tours, and programs that contribute to the growth of cricket in Sri Lanka. Looking ahead, the Finance Department remains committed to supporting the development of cricket, both on and off the field, by fostering strong financial foundations and promoting strategic investments for the game's future.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Driving Engagement and Growth

Cricket remains the heartbeat of Sri Lanka, unwavering in its popularity and love among the people. Twenty-twenty-four only further cemented its position as the nation's favourite sport. Cricket is deeply woven into the fabric of Sri Lankan culture, making it impossible to ignore. Its presence is undeniable, constantly in the spotlight. Sri Lanka Cricket's Marketing Department plays a crucial role in bridging the sport to a diverse range of audiences, from passionate fans to valuable sponsors, creating endless opportunities for connection. This strong network ensures cricket's continued growth and enduring legacy in Sri Lanka.

The Marketing Department has played a pivotal role in ensuring the enduring success of cricket in Sri Lanka, bridging the gap between sponsors and fans. Its primary responsibility is to create a win-win situation for all stakeholders—Sri Lanka Cricket, the players, the fans, and the commercial partners—fostering the sport's long-term prosperity. Thanks to the Marketing Department's relentless efforts, revenue-generating sponsorships ranging from long-term agreements to tour-specific deals across various categories are secured every year.

The scope of the Department's work is vast, managing everything from TV production and global broadcasting rights to securing sponsorships for clothing, beverages, and ground partnerships. The Marketing Department looks into the sponsorships of the National Team as well. In 2024, several long-term partnerships continued.

The Marketing Department secured new sponsors for Casual and Formal Clothing Partner in Signature, the Official Carbonated Beverage Partner - Ceylon Cold Stores (Elephant House) and RIDE as the Official Energy Drink Partner. Moose Clothing has come fully on board as the Official Cricket Clothing Partner. Additionally, the team promotes domestic and international matches and events tied to media operations, ensuring maximum coverage across print, digital, and electronic platforms. Through timely briefings and statements, the Marketing Department keeps the conversation about cricket alive and vibrant. Their dedicated media team consistently engaged with both local and global cricket media, ensuring that Sri Lanka Cricket—and its men's and women's teams—remained in the global spotlight and relevant to stakeholders everywhere. The tireless work of the Marketing Department continues to fuel the growth and visibility of Sri Lanka Cricket, keeping the sport at the heart of the nation's passions.

In 2024, the Marketing Department faced a dynamic challenge, seizing numerous opportunities to elevate Sri Lanka Cricket to local and global audiences. As Sri Lanka continued its exciting journey into the realm of popular franchise leagues, the Marketing Department once again delivered outstanding results across multiple platforms. A key highlight was the tremendous success of the fifth edition of the Lanka Premier League (LPL).

With the Marketing Department at the helm, the Lanka Premier League reached new heights, especially with the second player auction held in Colombo. That marked another milestone for Sri Lanka's growing franchise cricket scene, making the LPL the third franchise league in the world to host a player auction. The auction was broadcast live on the Star Sports Network and streamed on Sri Lanka Cricket's YouTube channel. Working closely with the Event Rights Holder, IPG, the Marketing Department ensured a seamless and impactful edition in 2024.

Over the years, Sri Lanka's first franchise league has flourished, thanks to an integrated marketing campaign that spanned television, radio, print, outdoor advertising, social media, and on-ground activations. In 2024, the Marketing Department executed this campaign with great energy and passion, driving strong public engagement and enthusiasm. The closing ceremony was a spectacle—a stunning 500-drone show executed with IPG and BotLab Dynamics, creatively showcasing Sri Lanka's rich heritage.

The inaugural Lanka T10 Super League further underscored the Marketing Department's critical role in enhancing the sport's visibility. The Department successfully organized the first-ever player draft for the T10 League, live-streamed on the Sri Lanka Cricket YouTube channel and the T10 League YouTube channel.

While franchise leagues draw major sponsorships and global attention, the Marketing Department also focused on elevating domestic tournaments that are essential for nurturing local talent. By ensuring that prestigious events like the National Super League and major club finals were broadcast on leading local TV channels and streamed on the Sri Lanka Cricket YouTube channel, the Marketing Department gave national tournaments the recognition they deserve, reinforcing Sri Lanka's position as a rising hub for franchise leagues and strengthening the sport at the grassroots level.

Reflecting on 2024, the Marketing Department continued to build on its momentum, playing its role with unmatched dedication, hitting boundaries and sixes, and forging invaluable partnerships that help Sri Lankan players shine on the global stage. The team's commitment to the sport's longevity and visibility remains unwavering, regardless of their challenges. Rain or shine, the game goes on—and so does the Marketing Department, ensuring that cricket transcends boundaries and embeds itself in the hearts of countless fans.





Commercial Partners

In 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket's Marketing Department made significant strides in securing commercial partnerships, with a notable surge in tournament-based sponsorships. Amid a busy year of cricket, featuring the World Cup as well as numerous inbound and outbound tours, several sponsors came on board as official partners for full tournaments and prominent brand placements on the arm, back of the jersey, middle chest, trousers, and caps.

Among the new partnerships, Ceylon Cold Stores, renowned for its iconic Elephant House range of soft drinks, has become the Official Carbonated Beverage Partner.

Meanwhile, Signature, a distinguished brand under the well-respected Hameedia Group, is now the Official Casual and Formal Clothing Partner. RIDE, an energy drink brand from Cargills Food & Beverages, has joined as the Official Energy Drink Partner.

What truly stands out about these three high-profile deals is that they represent Sri Lankan brands with rich legacies. Ceylon Cold Stores and Cargills, both rooted in Sri Lanka's colonial history, have evolved from British-era enterprises into resilient, enduring pillars of the economy. Hameedia, a family-owned business since 1949, has similarly weathered the test of time. Their partnerships with Sri Lanka Cricket symbolize more than just sponsorships; they reflect the perseverance, success, and legacy of homegrown brands that continue to thrive. As Sri Lanka's men's and women's cricket teams take to the field, these partnerships are a testament to the strategic efforts of the Marketing Department, which has harnessed the star power of Sri Lanka Cricket to secure lucrative sponsorships. Just as these brands have stood the test of time, they now stand alongside Sri Lanka Cricket, enduring together through every challenge and triumph.

Global Media Rights

Sri Lanka Cricket has renewed its partnership with Culver Max Entertainment (SONY) as the Global Media Rights Partner for a four-year term, from April 2023 to March 2027. Under this agreement, SONY will exclusively televise and livestream all senior men's cricket matches hosted by SLC worldwide.

National Inbound and Outbound Team Sponsor

ITW Catalyst secured the contract as the National Team Sponsor for both outbound and inbound tours of Sri Lanka's men's and women's national teams. The partnership for the National Men's Team runs from September 15, 2023, to March 31, 2027, while the contract for the National Women's Team extends from September 15, 2023, to March 31, 2025. ITW Catalyst will serve as the National Team sponsor for inbound and outbound tours of men's teams until March 31, 2027.

Ground Sponsorship Rights

Sri Lanka Cricket's partnership with ITW Consulting, India's leading sports management agency, began in 2020 and concluded in March 2023. Following a new bidding process for Ground Rights related to inbound tours of the National Men's Team, ITW Consulting was once again selected as the successful bidder. The new contract for ground rights runs from April 2023 to March 2027.

Production Services Partner

Innovative Production Group (IPG), a leading sports marketing agency, entered into a Production Services Partner contract with Sri Lanka Cricket in April 2023. This partnership will continue through March 2027.

The Official Carbonated Beverage Partner

Elephant House, a renowned brand in Sri Lanka, has been synonymous with quality and innovation in the beverage industry since its founding in 1866. Known for its iconic range of carbonated drinks, including the beloved Elephant House Soft Drinks, the company has long been a pioneer in Sri Lanka's beverage sector. The parent company, remains committed to delivering refreshing, high-quality products. Their strategic partnership with Sri Lanka Cricket as the Official Carbonated Beverage Partner, starting in July 2024, highlights their support for local sports. The partnership will run until March 2027 for the National Men's Team and until March 2025 for the National Women's Team, aiming to enhance the fan experience during major cricket events and reinforce their ongoing commitment to the sport.

The Official Energy Drink Partner

RIDE, Sri Lanka's premier energy drink, is designed to fuel passion and drive, pushing individuals to go further, faster, and stronger. Crafted by Cargills Food & Beverages, RIDE is a symbol of strength, endurance, and innovation qualities that resonate with sportspeople and individuals alike.

What truly sets RIDE apart is its deep-rooted commitment to sports excellence. As the Official Energy Drink Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket, RIDE is a proud supporter of both the Men's National Team (from July 2024 to March 2027) and the Women's National Team (from July 2024 to March 2025). This partnership reflects more than just a sponsorship, it's a powerful alliance in the pursuit of victory. In the world of cricket, where peak physical and mental performance is paramount, RIDE provides that crucial edge, ensuring players have the energy and focus to perform at their absolute best during high-stakes, high-intensity matches. By partnering with Sri Lanka Cricket, RIDE is empowering cricketers and inspiring fans and aspiring players to push beyond their limits.

The Official Casual and Formal Clothing Partner

Signature, a renowned name in Sri Lanka's menswear industry, has earned its reputation as a leader in providing stylish, high-quality clothing that offers exceptional value for money.

Established in 1990 by the Hameedia Group of Companies, Signature has successfully carved a niche in both formal and casual wear, seamlessly blending affordability with contemporary fashion. The brand is celebrated for its extensive range, including formal and ceremonial attire, smart casual wear, casual outfits, sportswear, footwear, and accessories. Signature empowers men, particularly the younger generation, to confidently express their personalities while maintaining excellent value for money.

With a strong presence across Sri Lanka, Signature continues to cater to fashion-conscious customers who seek both style and quality at accessible prices. As the Official Casual and Formal Clothing Partner of Sri Lanka Cricket, Signature will provide exclusive attire for the Men's National Team from July 2024 to March 2027, and for the Women's National Team from July 2024 to March 2025. This partnership underscores Signature's commitment to excellence and its unwavering support for Sri Lankan sports.

The official launch of this partnership between Signature (Hameedia) and Sri Lanka Cricket took place, where both the Men's and Women's National Teams were in attendance, marking the beginning of a prestigious collaboration that promises to elevate the style and spirit of Sri Lankan cricket.



Chryshantha Kapuwatte, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Sri Lanka Cricket addressing the gathering while Fouzul Hameed, Managing Director, Hameedia looks on.



Amjad Hameed, Director, Signature at the launching ceremony.



Members of the National Women's Team – setting a new standard in style.



Amjad Hameed, Director, Signature and Fouzul Hameed, Managing Director, Hameedia officially handing over the sponsorship to Ashley de Silva, CEO, Sri Lanka Cricket.



Ashley de Silva, CEO, Sri Lanka Cricket; Chryshantha Kapuwatte, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Sri Lanka Cricket; Fouzul Hameed, Managing Director, Hameedia; and Dr. Jayantha Dharmadasa, Vice President - International Cricket.



Amjad Hameed, Director, Signature handing over the sponsorship to Chryshantha Kapuwatte, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Sri Lanka Cricket.



A light moment.



Sanath Jayasuriya and Fouzul Hameed, Managing Director, Hameedia.



Charith Asalanka and Dhananjaya de Silva.



The Official Cricket Clothing Partner

Moose Clothing Company secured the bid to become the Official Cricket Clothing Partner for Sri Lanka's Men's and Women's National Teams, with a contract that commenced in April 2023 and will run through March 2027. As part of this partnership, Moose will supply the official cricket apparel for Sri Lanka's national teams across all formats, including International Cricket Council (ICC) and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) tournaments.



Ashley de Silva, CEO, Sri Lanka Cricket, Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket, Wanindu Hasaranga, Captain, National Men's Team and Hasib Omar, Director CEO, Moose and Brandix at the launch.



Cricket apparel manufactured by Moose on display at the launch.



A winning collaboration.



Official launch of the Sri Lanka Cricket jersey for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

The Official Helmet Partner

Sri Lanka Cricket has extended its successful partnership with the UK-based Masuri Group, naming them the Official Cricket Helmet Partner for a further three years, from October 2023 to September 2026. Masuri, renowned for its innovative and high-quality protective gear, will continue to supply state-of-the-art helmets and StemGuards to the Men's and Women's National Teams, as well as the Sri Lanka A-Team and the Under-19 Team. As part of this agreement, Sri Lankan national cricketers will wear Masuri helmets during all international matches, ensuring their safety with the industry's leading protective equipment. Masuri's commitment to enhancing player safety and performance aligns with Sri Lanka Cricket's ongoing dedication to providing its teams with the best resources to excel on the global stage.

The Official Healthcare Partner

Nawaloka Hospitals has entered into a renewed partnership with Sri Lanka Cricket as the Official Healthcare Partner. The agreement includes two separate contracts: one for the National Men's Team, from December 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027, and another for the National Women's Team, from December 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.



Sunquick as the Official Sponsor of the Sri Lanka Women's National Team for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024.

MEN'S INBOUND NATIONAL TOURS

TOUR
ZIMBABWE
(3 T20Is + 3 ODIs)

Terrestrial TV

Title Sponsor

Middle Chest

Back of Jersey

Leading Arm

TOUR
AFGHANISTAN
(1 TEST, 3 ODIs and 3 T20Is

Terrestrial TV

Terrestrial Radio

Title Sponsor

Powered by
Inspiring goodness...

Co-Sponsor

Middle Chest

Back of Jersey

Leading Arm

TOUR
INDIA
(3 T20Is + 3 ODIs)

Terrestrial TV

Terrestrial Radio

Title Sponsor

Powered by
(For T20I)

(For ODIs)

Middle Chest

Back of Jersey

Leading Arm

Cap

TOUR
NEW ZEALAND
(2 TESTs)

Terrestrial TV

Title Sponsor

Powered By
Inspiring goodness...

Middle Chest

Leading Arm

MEN'S OUTBOUND NATIONAL TOURS

TOUR	TOUR	TOUR	TOUR	EVENT/TOUR
BANGLADESH (2 TESTs + 3 T20Is + 3 ODIs)	ENGLAND (3 TESTs)	SOUTH AFRICA (2 TESTs)	NEW ZEALAND (3 T20Is + 3 ODIs)	ICC T20 World Cup 2024
Back of Jersey Ritzbury	**Middle Chest** Dialog	**Middle Chest** Dialog	**Middle Chest** CBL Munchee	**Sri Lanka Team Sponsor** Amul
Leading Arm Dialog	**Back of Jersey** dafaNEWS	**Back of Jersey** dafaNEWS	**Back of Jersey** itw sports	**Introduced by** itw catalyst
	Leading Arm HONOR	**Leading Arm** dafaNEWS		

WOMEN'S INBOUND NATIONAL TOURS

TOUR	EVENT/TOUR
WEST INDIES (3 T20Is + 3 ODIs)	ACC T20 Asia Cup 2024
Television	**Sri Lanka Team Sponsor** SUNQUICK
Middle Chest HONOR	**Introduced by** itw catalyst
Back of Jersey SUNQUICK	
Leading Arm NIPPON PAINT THE COATINGS EXPERT	

WOMEN'S OUTBOUND NATIONAL TOURS

TOUR	EVENT/TOUR
IRELAND (2 T20Is + 3 ODIs)	ICC T20 World Cup 2024
Middle Chest SUNQUICK	**Sri Lanka Team Sponsor** Amul
Back of Jersey SUNQUICK	**Introduced by** itw catalyst
Trouser SUNQUICK	

National Women's Team Felicitation Ceremony

The National Women's Team made 2024 a year to remember, culminating in a historic victory at the Asia Cup Women's T20 in July.

That was their first major championship win, a long-awaited achievement after previously finishing as runners-up to the Indian Women's Team. Their resilience, determination in a tense, closely contested match were undeniable.

On July 28, 2024 the Sri Lankan women took to the field with one goal: to secure their country's championship title. Playing in front of a home crowd, they were fully aware of the high expectations, and they rose to the occasion, delivering a thrilling and hard-fought victory that resonated with fans across the nation.

Sri Lanka Cricket and the entire country celebrated the culmination of years of investment in developing women's cricket. Their achievement was a testament to their dedication and hard work.

Recognizing their remarkable success, the Sri Lanka Cricket Executive Committee rewarded the team with a fitting USD 500,000.

To honour this milestone, the Marketing Department of Sri Lanka Cricket, under the guidance of the Executive Committee and the direction of the Ministry of Sports, organized a grand felicitation ceremony on July 30, 2024 in Colombo.

On the invitation of Sri Lanka Cricket President Shammi Silva, the former Minister of Sports Harin Fernando attended the event along with Dr Jayantha Dharmadasa, Vice-President of International Cricket; Raveen Wickramaratne, Vice-President of Domestic Cricket; Chryshantha Kapuwatte, Honorary Assistant Secretary; Sujeewa Godaliyadda, Treasurer; Ashley de Silva, CEO; members of the Executive Committee; and other guests, all of whom gathered to celebrate this remarkable victory in Sri Lanka's women's cricket history.



A felicitation ceremony to honour the National Women's Team.



A rewarding moment.



Chamari Athapaththu.



An evening of entertainment.



Lanka Premier League 2024 – Season 5 Player Auction

The second player auction of the Lanka Premier League was held on May 21, 2024. Several leading names in cricket came under the hammer during the LPL player auction.

A total of 420 players, both capped and uncapped, went under the hammer to secure a place to play in the fifth edition of the Lanka Premier League 2024, Sri Lanka's premier T20 competition with an international flavour.

Out of the 420 players, 154 were Sri Lankans, while the remaining were foreign players.

In the previous year, the Lanka Premier League (LPL) made history as the third franchise cricket league, following the Indian Premier League and SA20, to host a player auction. The event was broadcast live on the Star Sports Network and streamed on the Sri Lanka Cricket YouTube channel, bringing the excitement to a global audience.

Sri Lankan fast bowler Matheesha Pathirana became the most expensive player at the auction when Colombo Strikers outbid the other teams to secure him for USD 120,000. Afghanistan all-rounder Karim Janat was the highest foreign acquisition, joining the Dambulla franchise for USD 80,000. Charu Sharma, who officiated as the auctioneer at the inaugural LPL player auction in 2023, returned for this edition as well.



Ashley de Silva, CEO, SLC; Samantha Dodanwela, Tournament Director, LPL; Chryshantha Kapuwatte, Honorary Assistant Secretary, SLC; and Anil Mohan, Founder and CEO, IPG.



Charu Sharma, auctioneer with Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket.



Charu Sharma with Upul Nawaratne Bandara, Head of Marketing, Sri Lanka Cricket.



Galle Marvels making a quick decision.



Colombo Strikers bidding for players.

Lanka Premier League 2024 – Season 5

The 2024 Lanka Premier League, Sri Lanka's premier T20 franchise cricket tournament, was organized by Sri Lanka Cricket in partnership with the Event Rights Partner, Innovative Production Group (IPG).

The tournament kicked off on July 1 and concluded with the final on July 21, 2024. The Jaffna Kings triumphed over the Galle Marvels by nine wickets in the final, securing their third LPL title and cementing their place as the most successful franchise in the history of the tournament.

Five teams competed in the 2024 edition: the Kandy Falcons, Colombo Strikers, Dambulla Sixers, Galle Marvels, and Jaffna Kings. The tournament began at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium before moving to the Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium. The final leg of the competition was held at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium, where the final match was a sell-out. Former World Cup-winning Australian captain, Michael Clarke, served as the Brand Ambassador for the 2024 LPL.



The Jaffna Kings winning team.



Bhanuka Rajapaksa on a stunning stroke.



Jaffna Kings in celebration mood.

Lanka Premier League 2024 Closing Ceremony – Drone Show

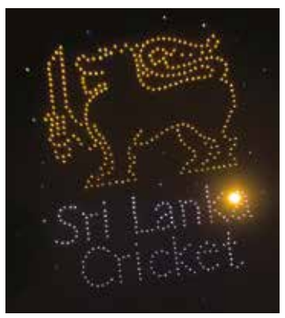


The first-ever 500 drone-show.

The Marketing Department, in collaboration with the Event Rights Partner and InnovateX, powered by BotLab Dynamics, introduced Sri Lanka's first-ever 500-drone show at the LPL 2024 finals.

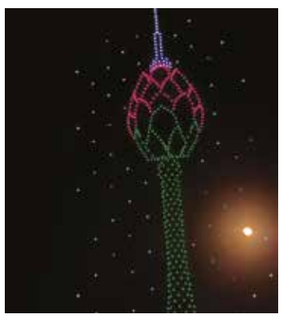
This breathtaking spectacle took place during the innings break of the final and captivated millions of Sri Lankans, featuring stunning displays that highlighted the rich heritage of Sri Lanka. The closing ceremony of the Lanka Premier League 2024 soared to new heights with a breathtaking 500-drone show that illuminated the night sky. It captured Sri Lanka's timeless beauty and highlighted its journey through history.











The drone show was a first-of-its-kind featuring 500 drones.

Lanka Premier League 2024 – Promotional Campaign

The Marketing Department collaborated with top marketing agencies to execute a comprehensive, integrated campaign for the fifth edition of the LPL. This multi-channel approach included television, radio, print, and outdoor advertising, alongside a strong presence across social media platforms to promote the tournament, engage with fans through crowd activations, and much more.

Newspaper, TV and Radio Advertising Campaign

Newspaper
Daily Lankadeepa
Daily Mirror
Daily Mawbima
Daily Morning
Thamilan
Daily News
Daily Island
Virakesari
Mawrata

TV
TV Derana
Sirasa TV
Siyatha TV
Swarnawahini
Rupavahini
Shakthi TV
ITN

Radio
Kiss FM
Lite FM
Siyatha FM
Sirasa FM
Shakthi FM
Y FM
Yes FM
FM Derana



LPL newspaper advertisement.







Spectators at the LPL fan zone.

Lanka Premier League 2024 Partners

Co-Powered by Partner

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Co-Powered by Partner

Bottled Drinking Water Partner

Airline Partner

Hydration Partner

Paint Partner

League Partner

League Partner

League Partner

League Partner

Broadcasting Domestic Cricket: A Platform to Showcase Talent to the National Audience

The Marketing Department facilitated the broadcast of key fixtures in the domestic cricket calendar to provide players with an opportunity to showcase their talents to a broader national audience, while also aiming to generate greater public interest in important domestic cricket fixtures.

Tournament	Broadcaster
Major Club 50 Over Tournament 2023/24 - Final	ThePapare and SLC YouTube Channel
National Super League 50 Over 2023/24 - Final	Channel Eye and SLC YouTube Channel
National Super League Four Day 2024 - Final	ThePapare and SLC YouTube Channel

Empowering Junior Cricket - Under 15 Sri Lanka Youth League 2024

The Marketing Department successfully secured Prima as the Official Sponsor of the 2024 Under-15 Sri Lanka Youth League Tournament, a partnership that has been in place since 2007.

The tournament's primary goal is to identify and nurture promising young talent, offering them opportunities to compete at the highest level and laying the groundwork for a strong future in Sri Lankan cricket. This long-standing partnership has significantly enhanced the tournament, boosting player exposure and increasing its promotional visibility.

The final match was broadcast live on Channel Eye and streamed on the Sri Lanka Cricket YouTube channel, bringing the excitement to a wider audience.



A moment of celebration.



Team Colombo South were crowned as the Champions of the Prima Under 15 Sri Lanka Youth League Tournament 2024.

Inaugural Lanka T10 Super League 2024 Player Draft



Samantha Dodanwela, Tournament Director, Lanka T10 Super League speaking at the inaugural Lanka T10 Player Draft.

The Lanka T10 Super League is Sri Lanka's first-ever 10-over format franchise-based competition.

The inaugural Player Draft for the 2024 edition took place on November 10, 2024. The event saw several renowned international players, along with top local talent, selected for the competition. Hundreds of players, both capped and uncapped, from around the world had registered for the draft.

Before the draft, each of the six franchises pre-signed six players. On draft day, each franchise had the opportunity to build a squad of up to 18 players. The event was live-streamed on the Sri Lanka Cricket YouTube channel and the T10 League YouTube channel, bringing the excitement to fans globally.



The player draft was all about building champions.



Shaji Ul Mulk, Founder and Chairman, T10 Global Sports speaking at the inaugural Lanka 10 Player Draft.



The player draft brought a whole new level of excitement to the tournament.



The teams are shaping up!

Lanka T10 Super League 2024

The Lanka T10 Super League made its debut in Sri Lanka's cricket calendar in 2024, adding a thrilling new dimension to the sport.

The Lanka T10 Super League is an exciting 10-over format competition organized by Sri Lanka Cricket in partnership with a consortium of industry leaders: T Ten Sports Management FZC (TSM), T Ten Global Sports FZE (TGS), and Innovative Production Group (IPG).

The inaugural edition of the tournament kicked off on December 11 and concluded with the final on December 19, 2024. In a thrilling finale, the Hambantota Bangla Tigers defeated the Jaffna Titans by 26 runs, claiming the title and becoming the first franchise to win the competition, securing their place in the history books.

The tournament featured six teams: Galle Marvels, Hambantota Bangla Tigers, Jaffna Titans, Kandy Bolts, Colombo Jaguars, and Nuwara Eliya Kings. All matches, including the final, were held at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium.



The champions – Hambantota Bangla Tigers celebrating their victory.



Dasun Shanaka, Hambantota Bangla Tigers captain receiving the trophy from Shammi Silva, President, SLC and Shaji Ul Mulk, Founder and Chairman, T10 Global Sports. Also present were Ashley de Silva, CEO, SLC and Samantha Dodanwela, Lanka T10 Super League Tournament Director.





Lanka T10 Super League 2024 Partners

Global Partner

ZIMBABWE
OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Powered by Partner

TIGEREXCH NEWS

Energy Drink Partner

TURBO

Bottled Drinking Water Partner

American
Just drink it!

League Partner

FitsAir

League Partner

aayeu

League Partner

AJMAN T10
PROPERTIES

League Partner

DREAM11

League Partner

Macktiles
LANKA

League Partner

Multilac

Lanka T10 Super League 2024 Closing Ceremony

The Marketing Department, in collaboration with the Event Rights Partners, organized a vibrant and entertaining closing ceremony during and after the final match. The event kicked off with a stunning light show beneath the Kandy night sky, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. This was followed by a captivating cultural performance featuring the mesmerizing peacock dance and fiery fireball displays. Popular Sri Lankan entertainers Hana Shafa, Wasthi, and Bathiya & Santhush added to the excitement with their performances, delighting the audience. The ceremony culminated with a dynamic dance performance by renowned Indian dancer Parvathi Nair, bringing the event to a spectacular close.













An unforgettable night of cricket and entertainment.

Media Operations

The Scope of Work of Sri Lanka Cricket's Media Operations

- Maintaining media relations on behalf of the National Men's and Women's Teams, A-Team, Emerging Teams, and Group Teams
- Promoting international and domestic cricket
- Managing the Digital Sphere of Sri Lanka Cricket
- 360 degree marketing communications

Media Relations

Sri Lanka Cricket's media operations had a dynamic year in 2024, with the T20 World Cup, Women's T20 Asia Cup and several major inbound and outbound tours and international tournaments. A key to the success of these operations was maintaining strong relationships with both local and international sports media. This involved providing continuous support to media outlets covering cricket matches during tours and domestic and international series. Timely information delivery was essential to ensure maximum media coverage for Sri Lanka Cricket.

Media Activities

In 2024, media operations encompassed extensive coverage across a range of cricketing events, including inbound and outbound international tours, matches involving National, Emerging, and A Teams, age-group competitions, and domestic tournaments like the National Super League and Major League Tournaments. These efforts involved organizing media conferences, issuing timely media releases and advisories, providing regular team updates, and capturing action photographs. Additionally, special interviews were organized with players, coaches, and officials to offer deeper insights into the team, players and the game. The media team also focused on engaging content creation, including behind-the-scenes footage and fan interaction, to further elevate the reach and impact of Sri Lanka Cricket's media presence.







Sharing news with the world.

Media Operations focused on promoting following Bilateral Series and Tournaments

Sri Lanka National Men's Team Tours

Inbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of Tests	Number of ODIs	Number of T20Is
1	Zimbabwe in Sri Lanka 2024	-	3	3
2	Afghanistan in Sri Lanka 2024	1	3	3
3	India in Sri Lanka 2024	-	3	3
4	New Zealand in Sri Lanka 2024	2	3	2
5	West Indies in Sri Lanka 2024	-	3	3

Outbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of Tests	Number of ODIs	Number of T20Is
1	Sri Lanka in Bangladesh 2024	2	3	3
2	ICC Men's T20 World Cup (in USA/WI) 2024	-	-	3
3	Sri Lanka in England 2024	3	-	-
4	Sri Lanka in South Africa 2024	2	-	-
5	Sri Lanka in New Zealand 2024/2025*	-	3	3

Sri Lanka National Women's Team Tours

Inbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of Tests	Number of ODIs	Number of T20Is
1	West Indies Women in Sri Lanka 2024	-	3	3
2	Women's T20 Asia Cup (in Sri Lanka) 2024	-	-	5

Outbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of Tests	Number of ODIs	Number of T20Is
1	Sri Lanka Women in South Africa 2024	-	3	3
2	ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier (UAE 2024)	-	-	6
3	Sri Lanka Women in Ireland 2024	-	3	2
4	ICC Women's T20 World Cup (UAE) 2024	-	-	4

ICC Men's Tournament

Outbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of Tests	Number of ODIs	Number of T20Is
1	ICC Men's T20 World Cup (in USA/WI), 2024	-	-	3

ICC Women's Tournaments

Outbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of Tests	Number of ODIs	Number of T20Is
1	ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier (UAE 2024)	-	-	6
2	ICC Women's T20 World Cup (UAE) 2024	-	-	4

Sri Lanka Men's A Team Tours

Inbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of 4-day	Number of ODs	Number of T20s
1	Afghanistan Team Tour of Sri Lanka 2024	1	5	-

Outbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of 4-day	Number of ODs	Number of T20s
1	Sri Lanka A Team Tour of South Africa 2024	2	3	-
2	Sri Lanka A Team Tour of Pakistan 2024	2	3	-

Sri Lanka Women's A Team Tours

Inbound Tour				
No	Tour Name	Number of 4-day	Number of ODs	Number of T20s
1	Bangladesh Women's Team Tour of Sri Lanka 2024	-	2	5

Sri Lanka Men's Emerging Team Tours

Outbound Tour				
No	Tour Name	Number of 4-day	Number of ODs	Number of T20s
1	Emerging Asia Cup 2024 (Oman) (T20)	-	-	5

Sri Lanka U19 Men's Team Tours

Outbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of 4-day	Number of Youth ODIs	Number of T20s
1	ICC Under-19 World Cup (in South Africa) 2024	-	5	-
2	Sri Lanka Under 19 in England 2024	2	3	-
3	Under 19 Asia Cup 2024 in UAE	-	5*	-

Sri Lanka U19 Women's Team Tours

Inbound Tour				
No	Tour Name	Number of 4-day	Number of Youth ODIs	Number of T20s
1	Tri Nation Series in Sri Lanka 2024 (SL, AUS, ENG)	-	2	4

Outbound Tours				
No	Tour Name	Number of 4-day	Number of Youth ODIs	Number of T20s
1	Tri Nation Series in Bangladesh 2024 (SL, BANG, PAK)	-	-	5
2	Tri Nation Series in Australia 2024 (SL, AUS, NZ)	-	2	4
3	Under 19 Women's T20 Asia Cup 2024 in Malaysia	-	-	5*

Domestic Tournaments

Men's Tournaments	
1	National Super League 4-Day Tournament, January to May 2024
2	Major Clubs Limited Over Tournament, December 2023 to Janary 2024
3	National Super League Limited Over Tournament, February to March 2024
4	Major Clubs Limited Over Tournament, June to August 2024
5	National Super League Limited Over Tournament, August to October 2024
6	Sri Lanka T20 World Cup Preparation Matches, May 2024
7	Lanka Premier League, July 2024 (in Sri Lanka)
8	NSL T10 Tournament, August 2024
9	Major Clubs T20 Tournament, May 2024
10	Major Clubs Under 23 3-Day Tournament, October 2024
11	Lanka T10 Tournament, December 2024
12	Sri Lanka Under 17 Youth League, August 2024

Women's Tournaments	
1	NSL Women's Limited Over Tournament, February 2024
2	NSL Women's T20 Tournament, February 2024
3	NSL Women's Under 23 T20 Tournament, May 2024
4	Sri Lanka Under 19 Girls Youth League, August 2024
5	Major Clubs Limited Over Tournament, November 2024

LPL MEDIA OPERATIONS

Media operations during the 2024 Lanka Premier League were marked by active engagement across multiple media platforms to build momentum for Sri Lanka's premier franchise cricket league.

This was achieved by fostering a strong collaboration between Sri Lanka Cricket, Franchise Media, and IPG, working together to enhance operations and ensure the LPL's exposure continues to grow year after year.

LPL Auction: Live Coverage

The 2024 LPL Auction was broadcast live across digital, social, and television platforms. We invited dedicated cricket media to cover the event, ensuring extensive exposure. International cricket websites, such as Cricinfo, provided live blogs of the auction proceedings, while several local media outlets also offered live coverage through blogs. National television channels aired the auction live, and the event received broad social media coverage on platforms like YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. Post-event, newspapers, TV channels, radio, and digital platforms all contributed to widespread coverage, taking the LPL to new heights.

Press Box Operations

The press box saw strong media attendance, with representatives from print, electronic, and digital outlets. As the LPL continues to grow each year, we've observed increasing interest from international media, reflecting the tournament's rising popularity beyond Sri Lanka. A notable highlight in 2024 was the presence of Pakistani and Bangladeshi journalists, along with Sri Lankan journalists underscoring administration's efforts to elevate the tournament to a global stage. In total, over 120 journalists were accredited to cover the Lanka Premier League in 2024.





Local and international media presence.

Dissemination of Information

The media received continuous updates through the dedicated Information Portal before and during the tournament. The portal provided essential information, including official LPL announcements, squad details, official appointments, franchise information, practice visuals, and match-related photographs. This streamlined approach played a key role in generating extensive earned media coverage.

Promoting International and Domestic Cricket

Promoting Sri Lanka's international and domestic tournaments is a key responsibility of media operations, serving as an effective way to maintain momentum and keep the spotlight on our cricket. We continued to nurture strong relationships with the media, ensuring that communication remained timely and efficient.

Sri Lanka Cricket's media operations upheld established platforms and distribution channels to deliver prompt and relevant information. These channels included media releases, press conferences, and exclusive interviews with players, coaches, and officials, all aimed at sharing the Sri Lanka Cricket story with the world.

Key Achievements in 2024

Media Releases: Media engagement plays a crucial role in keeping cricket in the public spotlight. With this goal in mind, the media team issued 114 media releases in 2024, providing timely updates on Sri Lanka's international and domestic cricket activities. These releases covered a wide range of topics, including bilateral and multilateral series, domestic tournaments, fixture and squad announcements, as well as management decisions such as policy updates, new appointments, and other significant news. Often, these releases were distributed as concise public notices to the media, ensuring important information reached the public promptly.

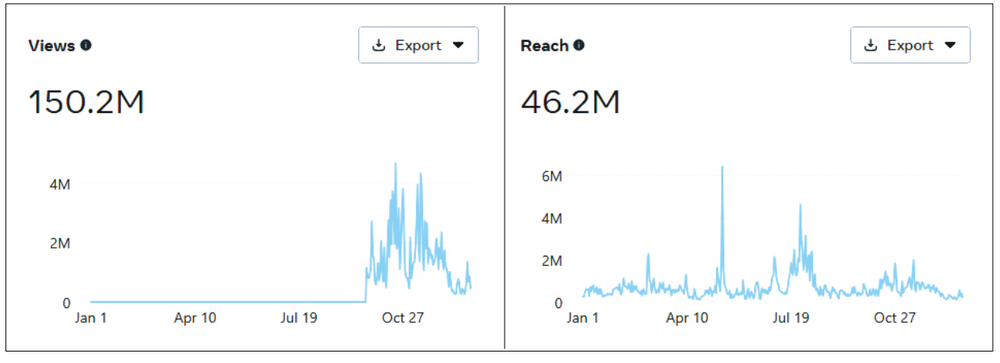
Digital Sphere: In 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket's social media team maintained the strong growth momentum of recent years. The digital team worked tirelessly throughout the year to enhance fan engagement and activity. Additionally, Sri Lanka Cricket continued to implement its robust Digital Content Strategy, which once again drove significant annual growth across our platforms, achieving consistent results year over year.

Social Media: SLC's social media presence saw impressive growth in 2024. Our YouTube channel experienced a significant surge, gaining 1.41 million new subscribers, bringing the total subscriber count to 5.5 million. Our Facebook and Instagram accounts grew by 17 percent year-over-year, while Twitter and TikTok also showed strong growth. As a result, Sri Lanka Cricket's overall social media following has now reached 12 million.

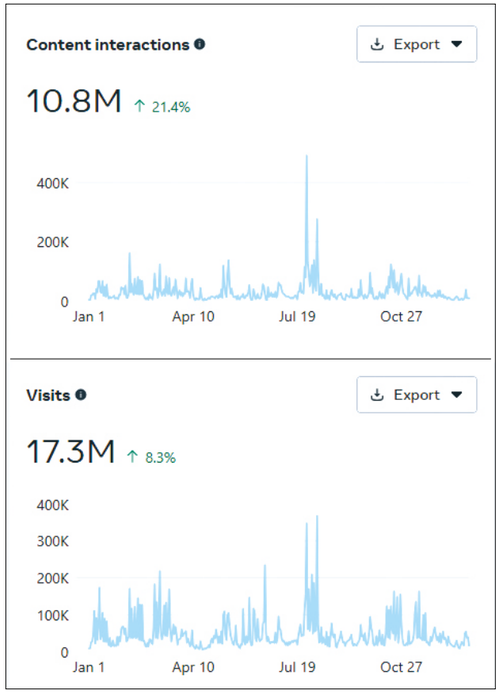
SLC Social Media Followers at the End of 2024

Facebook	4,119,515
Instagram	4,39,642
YouTube	5,322,424
X	1,387,514
TikTok	71,100
LinkedIn	5,577

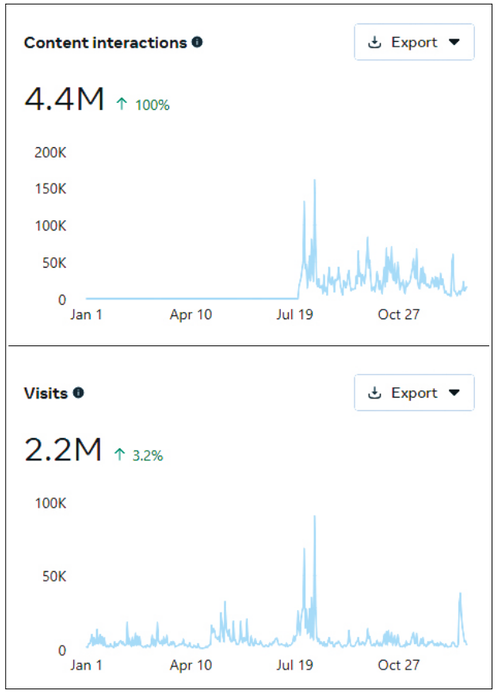
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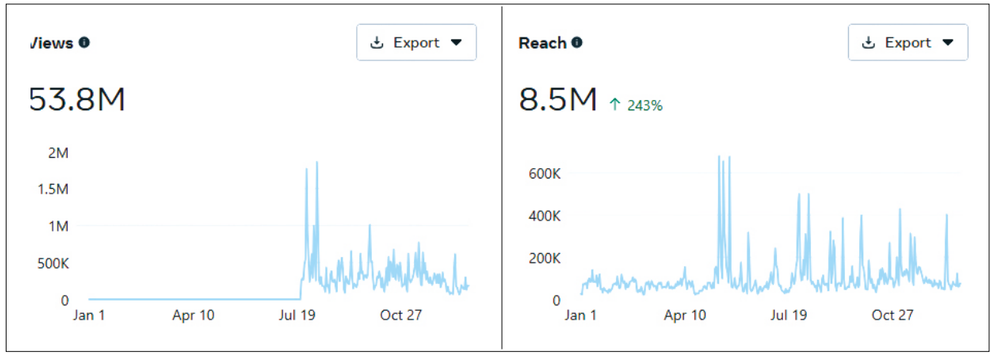
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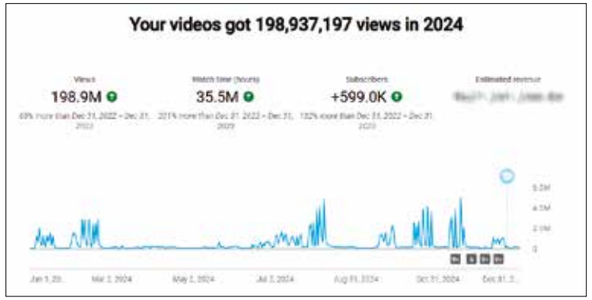
Content Interactions



Meta Instagram Reach and Engagements



YouTube Views and Channel Analytics



PLAYER TRAINING

In 2024, the media team organized a comprehensive series of training programs aimed at educating players on media interactions, social media management, and personal profile management.

- U19 Men's Team had a one-day training program that focused on media handling, communication skills, and effective profile management.
- U19 Women's Team: Specialized training on the type of media engagement to expect during the ICC U19 World Cup.
- A series of training sessions for National Team players, covering essential skills in media relations, communication strategies, and managing their public profiles.



Publishing | Creative Design | Media Buying

The team responsible for publishing, creative design, and media buying in 2024 remained highly dedicated and energized, further strengthening their capabilities with the addition of a skilled graphics and video editor, as well as a digital enhancer. This expansion allowed the team to enhance their creative output and maintain a high standard of work. The team continued to focus on in-house publishing, creative design, and media buying, staying true to the strategy of developing original content to promote Sri Lanka Cricket's brand. By managing all these activities internally, the team ensured greater control over quality, consistency, and messaging, allowing for more impactful and tailored campaigns. This approach not only reinforced the brand's identity but also helped drive stronger engagement with fans and stakeholders across multiple platforms.

Cricket-Based Creative Work

- Tour-based creatives, including themes for media conferences and other related materials
- Social media creatives for enhanced engagement
- Creative content for the LPL, such as the Tournament Book
- Creative work for the Lanka T10 Super League

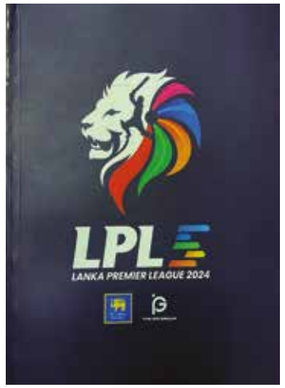


Services for Other Departments

- Recruitment advertisements
- EOIs (artwork)
- Design and development of advertisements

Publications in 2024

- LPL Book 2024
- Women's Asia Cup 2024
- 2025 Desk/Wall Calendars & Notebooks









Media Buying

Support the departments at Sri Lanka Cricket to secure advertising space in newspapers, coordinating the creation of advertisements, and overseeing their publication.

SLC's operational divisions, including HR, Anti-Corruption, Security, the National Development Centre, the High-Performance Centre, and others, rely on the services of the media team to execute these tasks.

Cricket Gamata TV Program

The Cricket Gamata television program, a ground-breaking initiative in partnership with the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, was launched in 2024 to spotlight the District Level Cricket programs spearheaded by Sri Lanka Cricket.

Aired every weekend for 41 weeks with a one-hour runtime, the program provided a unique platform to raise awareness about the vast development efforts taking place across the country—ranging from schools to districts and provinces. It featured interviews with emerging players, coaches from districts, provinces, and schools, and highlighted the remarkable progress driven by Sri Lanka Cricket in nurturing young talent.

This powerful campaign illuminated the extensive and ongoing work undertaken by Sri Lanka Cricket to discover and cultivate future cricketing stars, showcasing their dedication to the sport on a global stage.







Episodes Aired

Cricket Gamata Rupavahini Program		Airing Date
1	Kalutara	February 17, 2024
2	Kurunegala	February 24, 2024
3	Matara	March 2, 2024
4	Emerging Cricket	March 9, 2024
5	Matale Program 1	March 16, 2024
6	Matale Program 2	March 23, 2024
7	Nuwara Eliya	March 30, 2024
8	Women's Cricket	April 20, 2024
9	Polonnaruwa	April 27, 2024
10	Hambantota	May 4, 2024
11	Moneragala	May 11, 2024
12	Anuradhapura	May 18, 2024
13	Kegalle	May 25, 2024
14	General Cricketing Episode	January 1, 2024
15	Repeat Telecast	June 8, 2024
16	Badulla	June 15, 2024
17	Vavuniya	June 22, 2024
18	Jaffna	June 29, 2024
19	Galle 1	July 7, 2024
20	Galle 2	July 13, 2024
21	Kandy	July 28, 2024
22	Trincomalee	August 3, 2024
23	Batticaloa	August 10, 2024
24	Women's Cricket – Gampaha	August 17, 2024
25	Mullaitivu	August 24, 2024
26	Mannar	August 31, 2024
27	Kilinochchi	September 7, 2024
28	Ampara	September 14, 2024
29	Ratnapura	September 28, 2024
30	School Cricket	October 5, 2024
31	Repeat Telecast	October 12, 2024
32	Umpiring	October 19, 2024
33	Repeat Telecast	October 26, 2024
34	Women's Cricket Umpiring	November 2, 2024
35	Coach Education	November 9, 2024
36	Nutrition and Fitness	November 16, 2024
37	Women's Cricket in Kalutara	November 23, 2024
38	Women's Cricket in Matara	November 30, 2024
39	Gampaha	December 7, 2024
40	Colombo	December 21, 2024
41	High Performance Centre	December 28, 2024

Documentation and Archiving Sri Lanka Cricket's Development Work

In tandem with the Cricket Gamata Program, Sri Lanka Cricket's media personnel launched an extensive initiative to collect, digitize, and archive the organization's nationwide development efforts.

These initiatives, which spanned schools, clubs, and district and provincial associations, were designed to promote and advance the game of cricket throughout the country.

From constructing practice wickets, turf, and centre wickets to distributing cricket equipment and ground maintenance tools to schools and clubs across Sri Lanka, the scope of Sri Lanka Cricket's development work reached every corner of the island. This immense effort provided invaluable opportunities for young cricketers, empowering them with the resources needed to excel.

Beyond the execution of these programs, the importance of building a comprehensive archive became evident. Creating an accessible public domain was vital to raising awareness among parents and aspiring young players, highlighting the vast potential within their reach.

To preserve this legacy, Sri Lanka Cricket's media team meticulously captured, recorded, and archived each of these projects. A new website, Cricket Gamata, is currently under development to showcase these initiatives, offering



Mahajana College, Tellippalai students training at the side wicket.



A technique training session in progress.



Rajarata Sports Club at DCA Ground, Anuradhapura.

an online platform where the projects can be viewed by the public. Efforts are also underway to compile a detailed printed archive of these development programs.

In 2024, a total of 24 districts were covered, and the projects have already been uploaded to the site in progress. This initiative ensures that Sri Lanka Cricket's remarkable development work is not only preserved but also accessible for future generations to witness and build upon.



DCA Ground, Anuradhapura.



New machinery for ground development.



Matting at Union College, Tellippalai.



Cricket gear.

Sri Lanka Cricket Museum

The Sri Lanka Cricket Museum is a living testament to the nation's rich cricketing heritage. It serves as a treasure trove of knowledge, offering a fascinating insight into the evolution of cricket in Sri Lanka, from its early days to its triumph as a World Cup-winning team. The museum also provides a broader perspective on the history of world cricket. In 2024, like every year, the museum welcomed both local and international visitors, who eagerly explored its displays of historical photographs and trophies. Open daily from 9am to 5pm, the museum offers free entry for schools and children's homes, aiming to inspire young minds to embrace and pursue the game of cricket. One of the museum's highlights is a timeline that chronicles Sri Lanka's cricketing journey, beginning with the country's debut in the 1975 World Cup.



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Corporate Social Responsibility Projects

Cricket holds a special place in the hearts of millions of Sri Lankans, and its enduring popularity brings the nation joy, pride, and unity. As the sport continues to thrive, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has embraced its role as a leader, not only in the world of sports but also in giving back to the community. In 2024, SLC undertook diverse Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, demonstrating its commitment to uplifting society.

By focusing on fostering sports development, providing medical assistance, and enhancing social welfare, SLC's efforts sought to share its resources for the betterment of all. These initiatives aim to empower underrepresented entities, support athletes from all disciplines, and elevate other sports to the global prominence that cricket has enjoyed. By extending its reach, Sri Lanka Cricket aspires to create a more inclusive sports environment where every individual, regardless of background, can have the opportunity to excel.

In 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket invested 108,549,269.46 rupees in these impactful endeavours, reinforcing its unwavering dedication to creating a positive difference in the lives of those most in need. Through these heartfelt initiatives, SLC continues to champion the spirit of unity, growth, and well-being for all.

Sports Development and Support

- **Sri Lanka Cricket Association for the Physically Challenged**
  - Umpire fees for organizing a cricket tournament for the physically challenged.
  - Amount: 370,000 rupees.
- **National Sports Fund**
  - Installation and construction of a new hockey turf pitch in Matale.
  - Amount: 27,321,984 rupees.
  - Grant awarded to the Sri Lanka Rugby Team for their victory in the Asian Championship.
  - Amount: 8,775,000 rupees.
- **Table Tennis Association of Sri Lanka**
  - Sponsorship for organizing the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship.
  - Amount: 5,000,000 rupees.
- **Sri Lanka Rugby**
  - Financial support for the Sri Lanka Rugby men's and women's teams to compete in the Asia Challenge Cup.
  - Amount: 15,000,000 rupees.
- **A Ratnayake Central College, Walala, Menikhinna**
  - Gym equipment provided for a newly constructed gymnasium to support athletes in the area.
  - Amount: 7,489,485.96 rupees.
- **Sri Lanka Cricket Association for the Visually Handicapped**
  - Airfare and preparation costs for the Blind World Cup Cricket in Pakistan.
  - Amount: 6,165,000 rupees.
- **Carrom Federation of Sri Lanka**
  - Sponsorship to support participation in the Sixth Carrom World Cup in California, USA.
  - Amount: 5,000,000 rupees
- **Sri Lanka Athletics**
  - Airfare for the Sri Lankan Junior Athletics Team to compete in the South Asian Junior Athletics Championships.
  - Amount: 3,390,380 rupees
- **Association for the Intellectually Disabled**
  - Financial support for organizing a softball cricket tournament for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
  - Amount: 600,000 rupees
- **National Sports Fund Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs**
  - Sponsorship for the National Sports Fiesta 2024 event.
  - Amount: 20,000,000 rupees
- A M Yupun P Abeykoon
  - Final sponsorship payment for the medallist athlete.
  - Amount: 2,570,833.33 rupees
- **Medical Research Institute of Sri Lanka**
  Grant to conduct annual cricket fiesta
  - Amount: 60,000 rupees

Medical Assistance

- Russel Hamer
  - Medical assistance for the former Sri Lanka cricketer.
  - Amount: 1,398,000 rupees
- M J S Nawas
  - Medical assistance for cancer treatment.
  - Amount: 758,586.17 rupees
- W V V Ranpul
  - Medical assistance for the Sri Lanka U19 cricketer injured on tour.
  - Amount: 1,000,000 rupees
- M I R Perera
  - Medical assistance for the U15 schoolboy cricketer who became paraplegic.
  - Amount: 100,000 rupees

Welfare and Social Responsibility

- Society of Sri Jayawardenapura Alumni Welfare Fund
  - Donation for welfare activities.
  - Amount: 50,000 rupees
- Marine Environment Protection Society
  - Grant to establish a Marine Pollution Prevention Operations Centre.
  - Amount: 1,000,000 rupees
- Sri Lanka Law College
  - Sponsorship to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the establishment.
  - Amount: 2,500,000 rupees
- Indira Cancer Trust
  - Donation to support an awareness program for breast cancer prevention.
  - Amount: 2,562,000 rupees

Total Amount: 108,549,269.46 rupees

These contributions by Sri Lanka Cricket reflect a broad commitment to supporting the growth of sports, advancing medical aid, and contributing to welfare efforts that impact various sections of society. SLC



Sri Lanka Cricket sponsors National Carrom Team for World Cup in US.



Sponsorship in recognition of Sri Lanka Rugby victory.



Sri Lanka Cricket Sponsors Blind Cricket Team for the World Cup.



Donation to the Indira Cancer Trust.

BRAIN CENTRE

Brain Centre at Sri Lanka Cricket

This report provides an overview of the Brain Centre and its functions in 2024. Historically, the Brain Centre primarily focused on recording and capturing live telecasted matches, either in real-time or at a later stage. However, with significant advancements, the Advanced Software team now captures nearly all live telecasted matches, including the Women's and U19 Teams, upon request. The team also covers most domestic tournaments, offering in-depth analysis of all formats of cricket in Sri Lanka. That includes player performance assessments, ground analyses, and more.



Shammi Silva, President, Sri Lanka Cricket declared opening the facility.

In order to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Brain Centre, Sri Lanka Cricket shifted it to the High Performance Centre at R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in Colombo.

The newly established Brain Centre serves as a centralized hub for advanced cricket analytics, talent development, and coaching. The new facility will accommodate large groups of players and coaches for workshops, strategy sessions, and video analytical reviews.

Scope of the Brain Centre

The rapid development of digital media has revolutionised performance and video analysis in sports. Over the past decade, the cricketing world has seen substantial investment in this area, with many teams enhancing their analytics capabilities.

The Brain Centre allows SLC to remain at the forefront of performance analysis, providing crucial insights that support the team's competitive edge. Through the Centre, SLC can continue to match global standards, fostering player and team development across all formats.



Shammi Silva, President, SLC unveils plaque while Ashley de Silva, CEO, SLC looks on.

Main Objective of the Brain Centre

The Brain Centre's core mission is to elevate Sri Lanka's performance on the global stage and make the National Team the number-one ranked team in all formats. It achieves this by offering expert performance and video analysis, enabling data-driven insights that assist on-field decision-making and improvement.



The newly opened Brain Centre at R Premadasa International Cricket Stadium.

Database and Video Archives

The Brain Centre maintains an extensive 180TB database that includes international and domestic cricket matches and practice session videos.

The organization of the data stored across external and iCloud storage systems is as follows:

- **International Matches (96TB)**: Sports Mechanics records most international matches, and the Brain Centre does not store these videos.
- **Women's Matches (10TB)**
- **U19 Matches (8TB)**
- **Sri Lanka A Team, Emerging Team, Board XI, and Other (3.5TB)**
- **Domestic Matches (50TB)**: Provincial, Premier League, and other domestic formats.
- **U23 and U19 Provincial (5TB)**
- **T20 Leagues (4TB)**: Includes T20 leagues worldwide.
- **New Software Integration**: From mid-2024 onwards, the Centre captured many domestic tournaments using proprietary software developed by Sri Lanka Cricket, with videos stored in Amazon Cloud. As of now, the Centre has uploaded approximately 275GB of data.

The database also includes:

- All captured matches from 2017-2024.
- A comprehensive archive of Sri Lanka's international matches from 2000-2024, including men's and women's matches, Emerging, A-Team, and U19 Teams (excluding 2022-2024 men's international matches).

Functionalities of the Brain Centre

The Brain Centre supports Sri Lanka Cricket's data-driven performance analysis.

Its key functionalities include:

- **Live Match Capturing**: Using Advanced Software, the Centre captures all major domestic and international matches,





Co-sharing working spaces and comfortable conference set up for training.

including men's and women's international games, Sri Lanka A Team, Emerging Team, U19 matches, and various T20 leagues.

- **Post-Match Review**: Using the same software, the Centre conducts in-depth post-match analyses, generating detailed reports on match outcomes, team performances, and individual player metrics.
- **Venue Analysis**: Detailed assessments of cricket venues, focusing on pitch conditions, weather patterns, and ground-specific statistics.
- **Team Insights**: Analyse Sri Lanka's and opposition teams, helping strategists and coaches plan for future matches.
- **Quality Control**: All captured match footage undergoes rigorous quality checking to ensure accuracy and clarity before it is archived.
- **Reports and Data**: The Brain Centre generates comprehensive reports and provides relevant data, statistics, and video footage to coaches, selectors, players, and management as needed.

Support for National Teams and Other Stakeholders

The Brain Centre offers extensive support to all levels of Sri Lankan cricket:

- Providing detailed analytics to the National Men's and Women's Teams and Sri Lanka A, Emerging Teams, and U19 squads.
- Supplying provincial teams, U23 teams, and club-level teams with essential performance insights, player analysis, and video footage to aid their development.
- Assisting selectors, coaches, and management with statistical data, video highlights, and reports to guide team selections and strategy decisions.
- Facilitating player and team analysis sessions for provincial teams, club teams, and coaching staff.
- Providing performance analysis for umpires, focusing on appeals, reviews, and decision-making processes.
- The Brain Centre also ensures that all required information, video footage, and documents are readily available for meetings and decision-making processes within teams, selectors, and coaching staff.

The Brain Centre at Sri Lanka Cricket is indispensable in elevating the country's cricketing standards through cutting-edge performance and video analysis. With an extensive database, state-of-the-art tools, and a comprehensive support structure for all levels of cricket, the Centre continues to drive the strategic development of Sri Lanka's cricket teams, positioning the nation for continued success on the international stage.





Equipped with modern facilities.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Behind the Boundaries: The Heartbeat of Sri Lanka Cricket's Administration

The Administration Department at Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) plays a pivotal role in the smooth functioning of the organization, ensuring efficient operations and supporting the overall management of the sport within the country. Responsible for overseeing day-to-day activities, the Department coordinates various functions, including logistics, procurement and purchasing, tour organizing, security and transport, online and point-of-sale ticketing, e-car passes for international matches and compliance with national and international cricketing regulations. The Department played a key role in the seamless integration and rollout of a QR code system for online ticket purchases. Through its dedicated team, in 2024, the Department ensured that SLC continued to thrive on and off the field, contributing to the growth and development of the sport in Sri Lanka.



Efficient management through QR coding.

Strategic Roles and Core Responsibilities

The Administration Department is the backbone of Sri Lanka Cricket, providing essential support across all functional areas to ensure the smooth and effective execution of organizational operations. Its key responsibilities include:

- **Operational Support:** Streamlined operations by securing necessary approvals through management submissions, assessed supply needs, maintained comprehensive records, and handled contractual and administrative matters.
- **Financial Coordination:** The Department managed billing, accounting, and prompt payment processes for third-party suppliers, including oversight of procurement expenses and accurate financial record-keeping.
- **Asset and Inventory Management:** The Department oversaw warehousing, conducting regular inventories, and managing asset depreciation to ensure efficient use of resources.
- **Vendor and Contract Management:** The Department cultivated strong vendor relationships, developed and enforced standard operating procedures, and ensured the timely availability of critical materials and services.

Key Achievements in 2024

- **Supplier Management:** Effectively registered 183 new suppliers from 196 applications and successfully renewed contracts with 272 suppliers out of 381.
- **Staff Welfare Enhancements:** Expanded employee insurance benefits, introducing improved coverage for psychiatric treatment, higher limits for spectacle and dental claims, and extended medical and personal accident insurance to sub-committee members and 510 Club players.
- **Procurement Planning:** Developed a comprehensive procurement and action plan, showcasing a strategic, forward-thinking approach to resource management and operational efficiency.







Convenience of purchasing tickets by using the QR code.

Driving Innovation and Efficiency

In 2024, the Administration Department of SLC embraced new working methods and strategies, significantly enhancing problem-solving capabilities and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. By implementing clearly defined job descriptions (JDs) and key performance indicators (KPIs) for every team member, the Department has streamlined operations, improved efficiency, and increased accountability. These changes have optimised internal processes and supported SLC's overall mission to develop and promote cricket at all levels.

Commitment to Excellence

The Administration Department's commitment to professional innovation and stakeholder satisfaction remains central to its mission. The Department has generated substantial savings through strategic cost management and resource optimisation, ensuring financial sustainability while upholding high service delivery standards. Its focus on maintaining strong relationships with players, coaches, officials, and fans has directly contributed to the success of SLC's national and international programs, including team logistics, tournament coordination, and player welfare.

In 2024, the Department also played a critical role in supporting Sri Lanka's participation in key international events, promptly meeting all logistical, financial, and operational needs. This focus on efficiency and innovation helped elevate Sri Lanka Cricket's competitive edge on the global stage.

The Administration Department's contributions in 2024 reflect an unwavering commitment to operational excellence, innovation, and the well-being of all stakeholders within the SLC ecosystem.

By supporting SLC's long-term objectives, from grassroots development to international success, the Department continues to play an integral role in the growth of cricket in Sri Lanka.

IT DEPARTMENT

Advancements and Innovations in IT at Sri Lanka Cricket

The IT Department of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has made remarkable progress in 2024, spearheading technological advancements and significantly strengthening the digital presence of Sri Lankan cricket. Below are the key highlights of the department's achievements.

Mobile App Development

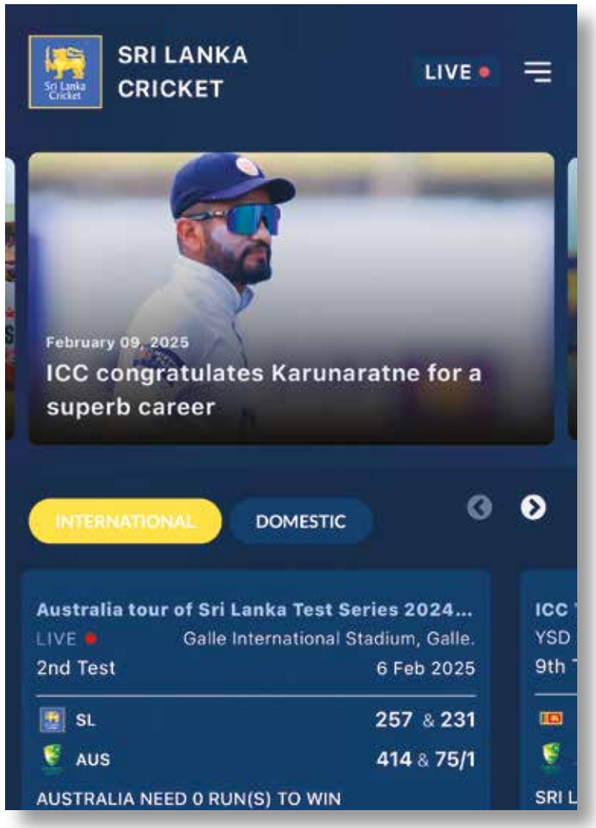
A significant milestone was when Sri Lanka Cricket successfully launched its official mobile application. The Mobile app provides users with real-time news, live score updates, match highlights, and live streaming. Available on Android and iOS platforms, the app ensures seamless accessibility for cricket fans around the globe. Looking ahead, SLC plans to integrate its e-commerce platform into the app, further enhancing the user experience and unlocking new revenue opportunities.

Domestic Match Analysis and Capturing Software

SLC has developed its proprietary software to capture and analyse domestic matches, marking a ground-breaking achievement. This innovative tool delivers valuable insights to performance analysts, players, coaches, and domestic clubs, significantly enhancing player performance. It empowers umpires to review and elevate their officiating standards. This development is a significant milestone in SLC's pursuit of digital self-reliance and excellence in cricket performance analysis.

Disaster Recovery (DR) Site Implementation

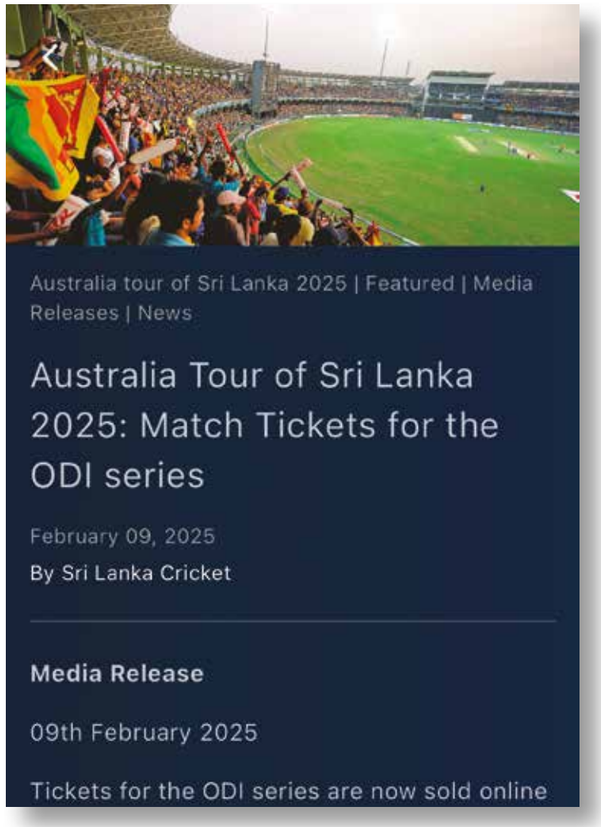
The IT Department has significantly strengthened SLC's resilience by establishing a Disaster Recovery (DR) site. Utilising available space at the Sri Lanka Telecom Data Centre facility, the team created a secondary site to ensure business continuity during a disaster at the primary data centre. A key achievement was successfully transferring SLC's match archive to the DR site. These archives represent a valuable portion of SLC's intellectual Property (IP) with substantial commercial worth. The IT Department has dedicated considerable effort to safeguard and preserve these assets, protecting them from potential threats or data loss. The DR site now serves as a secure backup, offering enhanced protection and ensuring uninterrupted business operations in times of crisis.



Digital Services, Social Media, and Web Content Management

The Department continued to enhance SLC's digital footprint across multiple platforms in 2024:
YouTube: Achieved a significant milestone of five million subscribers, with 187 million views—a 64 percent increase from 2023.

Strategic content management and digital engagement resulted in a 198 percent rise in YouTube watch time, reflecting a notable surge in fan interaction.



Meta Platforms: Sri Lanka Cricket's presence on Facebook reached four million followers, while Instagram grew to 433K followers. Combined views across Meta platforms totalled 177 million.

Official Website:
Sri Lanka Cricket attracted over 100,000 unique users, showcasing the growing global interest in Sri Lanka Cricket. These achievements underscore the Department's ongoing commitment to elevating SLC's digital presence and engaging cricket enthusiasts worldwide.

Tour-Related IT Support

The Department was crucial in ensuring seamless technological support during international and domestic tournaments in 2024.

The Department's efforts were integral to the success of the following significant events: overseeing player registration for the Lanka Premier League (LPL) and Lanka T10 Super League, upgrading technological infrastructure, and ensuring seamless service delivery throughout these tournaments.

1 Zimbabwe Men's Tour of Sri Lanka 2024
2 Afghanistan Men's Tour of Sri Lanka 2024
3 Lanka Premier League 2024
4 India Men's Tour of Sri Lanka 2024
5 ACC Women's Asia Cup 2024
6 New Zealand Test Series 2024
7 West Indies Men's Tour of Sri Lanka 2024
8 New Zealand Limited Over Series 2024
9 Lanka T10 Super League

The IT team provided comprehensive support, ensuring reliable infrastructure for live broadcasts, data management, and operational efficiency throughout these high-profile tournaments. The IT Department's achievements in 2024 underscore its dedication to innovation, excellence, and the continued growth of SLC. Through the strategic use of technology, the department has significantly enhanced operational efficiency, strengthened fan engagement, and expanded SLC's digital presence, further solidifying its position as a global leader in the cricketing world.

Sri Lanka Cricket Mobile App

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COACH EDUCATION UNIT

Advancing Coaching Excellence

The High-Performance Coach Education Unit of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to developing world-class cricket coaches, marking 2024 as a milestone year for advancing coaching excellence. After years of disruptions, the unit successfully revitalised its calendar of activities, delivering a comprehensive range of programs designed to enhance coaching standards at every level of the game.

In 2024, the unit educated 1,080 coaches across all eight provinces, delivering targeted initiatives that included introductory and first-aid programs, Level 1 coaching courses, and comprehensive coach and player education sessions. These programs focused on equipping coaches with the technical and tactical expertise necessary to develop players and elevate the overall standard of cricket in Sri Lanka.

Over 1,344 hours of structured coach education were conducted in 2024, incorporating online modules via the ICC Foundation Program.

The unit assessed 1,080 coaches, with 40 advancing to Level 2 certification, 288 inducted into Level 1, and 20 progressing to higher levels through tailored upskilling programs.

The unit also played a crucial role in player development, delivering specialised programs across Super Provinces and districts for youth in the Under-15, Under-17, and Under-19 age categories. This integrated approach ensured alignment between coaching methodologies and player development, fostering a cohesive and holistic system for growth at every level.

A key achievement in 2024 was the digitisation of coach education. Launching a mobile app, an online resource library, and streaming platforms for coach education programs represented a significant step toward modernising the learning experience. Provincial-level online platforms further expanded accessibility and interactivity, ensuring coaches could engage with advanced resources regardless of location.

A dedicated YouTube channel was also introduced to house a repository of coaching material, supporting ongoing professional development.

Another significant development in 2024 was the introduction of the Level 3 Coach Accreditation Course, featuring a curriculum designed by local experts. This initiative reinforced the unit's commitment to promoting home-grown expertise while aligning with global best practices.

Regular updates to the introductory, Level 1, and Level 2 syllabi ensured the curriculum remained relevant and comprehensive, addressing the evolving demands of modern cricket.

The High-Performance Coach Education Unit has demonstrated a steadfast dedication to building a strong, sustainable coaching ecosystem through its extensive programs and innovations.

By addressing the diverse needs of coaches and players nationwide, the unit plays a pivotal role in Sri Lanka Cricket's long-term vision of nurturing future cricketing talent.

The achievements of 2024 stand as a testament to the unit's focus on excellence, adaptability, and innovation, ensuring the continued growth of cricket in Sri Lanka. SLC



SLC delivered a comprehensive range of coaching courses during 2024.



The update on coaching methods showed the importance of improving professional development.



Ruwan Kalpage, fielding coach, sharing his extensive cricketing expertise.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Empowering Sri Lanka Cricket's Talent and Success

Mission
Human Resources is dedicated to delivering exemplary man-management by engaging in collaborative partnerships.

Vision
To proactively provide strategic support and guidance to our employees, organization, and the community we serve.

Overview

The Human Resources Department (HRD) of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) is integral to the organization's mission of nurturing and developing the nation's cricketing talent while ensuring a positive and supportive work environment. By focusing on attracting, retaining, and creating the best professionals—both on and off the field—the HRD plays a key role in building a strong foundation for SLC's growth and success.

The Department's commitment to creating a high-performance culture ensures that players, coaches, and staff members have the resources, training, and support they need to excel. Whether it's through recruitment, employee development, performance management, or employee welfare programs, the HR team works tirelessly to align its strategies with SLC's broader objectives, fostering a dynamic and motivated workforce dedicated to the continued success of Sri Lankan cricket.

At the heart of HRD's efforts is its focus on people—Sri Lanka Cricket's most valuable asset. By championing a culture of excellence, teamwork, and continuous learning, the Department helps cultivate the next generation of cricketing talent while ensuring the organization's staff thrive in a collaborative, inclusive, and forward-thinking environment.

Strategic Focus Areas in 2024

The Department's operations revolved around four primary areas of transformation:

- **Strategic Alignment:** Supporting leadership in executing SLC's priorities and strategies.
- **System Optimisation:** Enhancing HR systems and processes to improve operational efficiency and employee satisfaction.
- **Employee Engagement:** Building a transparent, responsive, and recognition-driven culture to align employee values with organizational goals.
- **Capacity Building:** Provide learning opportunities to support diversity, inclusion, and professional development.

Challenges and Resilience: Navigating Difficult Times with Strength and Support

In the face of a volatile economic climate and rising costs, the Human Resources Department (HRD) at Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) demonstrated remarkable resilience and dedication to ensuring the well-being of its employees.

Recognizing the challenges posed by the economic circumstances, the HRD worked closely with SLC leadership to develop strategies to safeguard the workforce's psychological and financial strength.

In response to increasing financial pressures, the HRD took proactive measures to mitigate the impact on employees. That included adjusting compensation packages to reflect the changing economic landscape and addressing concerns around job security and overall employee welfare. By maintaining open lines of communication and providing ongoing support, the HRD ensured that employees felt valued and secure, fostering a sense of solidarity within the organization during uncertain times.

Beyond compensation adjustments, the Department focused on strengthening the workforce's resilience through targeted well-being programs. These initiatives offered employees resources to manage stress, improve mental health, and adapt to new work environments, ensuring that morale remained high despite external challenges.

Through these efforts, the HRD helped employees weather the storm and ensured that Sri Lanka Cricket's operations continued smoothly without disruption.

The Department's proactive and empathetic approach reinforced the organization's commitment to its people, fostering an environment of trust and determination that contributed to SLC's continued success during a challenging period.

Key Achievements in 2024

- **Employee Welfare:** Initiated programs to address economic



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challenges, employee morale and productivity.

- **Talent Retention:** HRD sustained talent through targeted interventions and transparent communication despite external pressures.
- **Training and Development:** Increased budgetary allocation enabled robust capacity-building initiatives to enhance employee skills and prepare them for expanded roles within SLC.
- **Recruitment Excellence:** Successfully filled critical coaching, administration, and technical vacancies to support cricket's growth and sustainability.
- **Best Employer Brand Award for Sri Lanka Cricket:** In October 2024, the World HRD Congress awarded Sri Lanka Cricket the prestigious Best Employer Brand Award in recognition of the sports governing body's exceptional ability to align its vision with actionable HR strategies. Sri Lanka Cricket has successfully integrated its HR approach to drive business transformation, focusing on building competencies to prepare the organization for the future. Its investments in talent management, development, and recruitment strategies have been instrumental in fostering growth and innovation.

  Known for being an employee-friendly workplace, Sri Lanka Cricket manages both its in-office staff and contracted players with professionalism and care. The organization is committed to diversity and inclusion, women's empowerment, employee well-being, career advancement, and giving back to the community through impactful CSR initiatives. These efforts made Sri Lanka Cricket an ideal candidate for this prestigious recognition.

  The award was presented to Aruna De Silva, Head of Administration, and Chandima Mapatuna, Head of International Cricket, at a ceremony held in Colombo.

- **Recruitment Highlights: Strengthening SLC's Workforce for Future Success**

In 2024, the Human Resources Department (HRD) at Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) adhered to a robust and strategic recruitment process, attracting top-tier talent to support the organization's growth and vision.

HRD expanded its outreach through a comprehensive recruitment campaign to build a diverse and skilled applicant pool, utilising both traditional print media and modern digital platforms.

New hires made significant contributions across various key areas, including cricket coaching at multiple levels, coach education programs, and administrative support. By carefully selecting professionals who align with SLC's mission, the HRD has strengthened the organization's capacity to develop world-class cricket teams and enhance overall operational efficiency.

This strategic approach to recruitment has enhanced the quality of SLC's workforce and contributed to the organization's long-term objective of fostering excellence both on and off the field. The Department's efforts in attracting and retaining the best talent are crucial to supporting the development of Sri Lankan cricket and ensuring continued success at the international level.

Annual Employee Appraisal: Assessing Growth and Alignment

The 2023/2024 annual employee appraisal process was critical for assessing individual performance and employee alignment with Sri Lanka Cricket's broader organizational objectives. Despite the challenges posed by external factors, the appraisal process highlighted the effectiveness of the department's initiatives in fostering a motivated and engaged workforce.

Through thoughtful feedback and structured evaluations, the appraisal process demonstrated a notable increase in employee commitment, reflecting the positive impact of the Human Resources Department's ongoing support and development programs. The results indicated that employees were more aligned with SLC's goals and showed improved performance, reinforcing the organization's resilience and drive for excellence.

This process served as a valuable opportunity for personal and professional growth, ensuring that Sri Lanka Cricket continues to nurture a high-performing, goal-oriented team dedicated to advancing the sport of cricket in Sri Lanka.

Moving Forward: A Commitment to Excellence and Growth

The Human Resources Department (HRD) remains steadfast in building a dynamic and high-performing workforce supporting SLC's long-term vision. The HRD will continue to play a pivotal role in driving the organization's success by focusing on employee development, engagement, and strategic alignment.

Looking ahead, the Department will prioritise initiatives that enhance skill-building, foster a positive workplace culture, and ensure the alignment of all employees with SLC's overarching goals. This focus will be key to supporting SLC's mission of achieving global excellence in cricket management and performance, ensuring that the organization remains a leader in the sport both on and off the field. SLC

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Ensuring Safety at Every Step

In 2024, the Security Department at Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) had a demanding year, managing the safety and security for a record number of events hosted across the country. This significant achievement placed Sri Lanka firmly on the global cricketing map, showcasing the nation's ability to host high-profile events while maintaining a secure and welcoming environment.

Safety and security are integral to providing a top-tier experience for participants, spectators, and staff. They also play a crucial role in reinforcing Sri Lanka's reputation as a safe and reliable destination for international cricket. In today's world, however, ensuring the safety of teams, audiences, and event staff has become increasingly complex due to rising threats such as terrorism, violence, and various other security risks. As such, SLC had to implement robust security measures to mitigate these risks and guarantee the well-being of all involved.



Security consultants play a crucial role in delivering expert advice, working hand in hand with the armed forces, including the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, and Air Force, to ensure effective support and unparalleled assistance.

Addressing Security Challenges in 2024

Hosting international teams in 2024 brought unique security challenges, particularly when balancing stringent security requirements with the players' need for freedom and privacy.

The Security Department proactively identified potential risks, threats, and disruptions early in planning. This foresight enabled the development of comprehensive, realistic security plans tailored to the available resources, ensuring a safe environment for all participants. One of the most significant advancements in security in 2024 was the integration of new technologies that enhanced overall safety measures. Affordable technological solutions allowed the Department to adopt tools such as e-ticketing, digital vehicle passes, and advanced digital scanners. These technological innovations augmented traditional physical security measures and streamlined processes, making the entire security system more efficient and effective.

Collaborative Efforts for a Secure Environment

The security of international cricket matches is a multifaceted challenge that requires a coordinated and integrated approach. Sri Lanka Cricket collaborated closely with the Ministry of Defence and Public Security to ensure comprehensive management of security concerns.

The tireless support and cooperation of the Sri Lanka Police, as the primary security service provider; particularly their various specialized units, have been invaluable.

The role played by Sri Lanka Police's specialized units, such as the Ministerial Security Division (MSD) and the Special Task Force (STF) were instrumental in providing specialized support to ensure the



SLC was committed to implementing comprehensive security measures at all venues hosting matches.



The Security Department played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants and spectators.



The unwavering support from the Sri Lanka Police along with its sniffer dogs to ensure the maintenance of safety throughout the matches.

highest level of safety at all cricket events. Their dedication to maintaining safety has ensured that SLC continues to shine on the international stage, fostering a sense of security among players and fans alike.

Support from Other Key Entities

In addition to the Sri Lanka Police, Sri Lanka Cricket was supported by several other key stakeholders.

Security consultants provided expert advice, while the armed forces, including the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, and Air Force, provided their assistance whenever requested.

Furthermore, government agencies such as the Fire Department, the Disaster Management Centre, and the Wildlife Department were crucial in managing potential emergencies. Private security companies hired for specific events also played an essential role in maintaining a safe environment, further bolstering the overall security framework.



Special Task Force (STF) involved in tightening the security.

A Successful Year in Review

At the close of 2024, the Department is proud to reflect on the successful execution of its security measures. The combined efforts of the Sri Lanka Police, armed forces, government entities and private security personnel created a collaborative synergy that ensured safety and peace of mind.

Their collective contributions helped make every event successful, allowing Sri Lanka to host high-profile matches while maintaining an environment of safety and security.

This success underscores SLC's commitment to providing a secure and world-class experience for international teams, local fans, and all other stakeholders.

The 2024 season demonstrated the strength of Sri Lanka's security infrastructure and set a high standard for future events, reinforcing the country's reputation as a haven for international cricket.

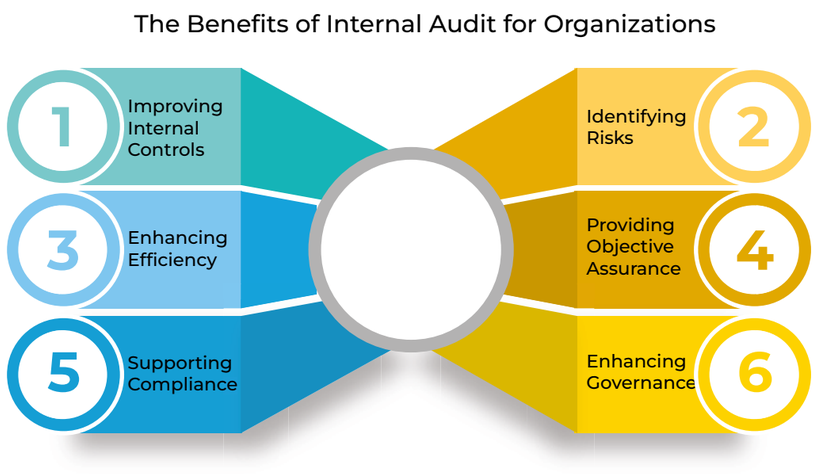


Fans enjoying the game in a safe environment.

INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

Rulers of the Game

Cricket, a sport governed by 42 significant laws established by the Marylebone Cricket Club, is guided by these formal regulations and organization-specific policies and procedures that ensure smooth and effective functioning. At Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), the Internal Audit Department is critical to developing, implementing, and reviewing policies and procedures to maintain operational integrity and compliance.



The primary responsibility of the Internal Audit Department at Sri Lanka Cricket is to support the Executive Committee in fulfilling its overarching responsibility towards the organization's members, particularly concerning the integrity of SLC's financial reporting process.

This includes ensuring compliance with Sports Law and other regulatory reporting requirements and confirming that financial statements are in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards.

In addition, the Internal Audit Department confidently asserts that its internal controls adhere to legal and regulatory requirements.

Key Objectives of the Internal Audit Department

The Department focuses on the following objectives in executing its duties, keeping in mind the directives of the Executive Committee, the National Audit Office, the Ministry of Sports, and the Sports Development Department:

- **Risk Management:** Identifying and mitigating risks across the organization.
- **Efficiency of Internal Controls:** Ensuring that internal control systems are robust and effective.
- **External Audit Correspondence:** Managing communications with statutory auditors.
- **Appropriateness of Accounting Policies:** Evaluating and recommending accounting policies and procedures.
- **Financial Statement Integrity:** Ensuring the accuracy and transparency of the financial reports.
- **Effective Asset Utilisation:** Ensuring efficient and effective use of organizational assets.

Activities in 2024

Throughout 2024, the Department undertook several key actions to ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, particularly in preparing Sri Lanka Cricket's financial statements and Annual Report.

The Internal Audit Department ensured the finalisation of these reports, their timely publication, and their full compliance with the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards, the Sports Law, and other relevant regulations.

In addition to assisting the Executive Committee in ensuring compliance, the Internal Audit Department undertook the following actions:

- **Risk Assessment and Mitigation:** The Department identified key areas and implemented strategies to mitigate these risks. This proactive approach helped to protect the organization from potential financial and operational disruptions.
- **Audit Queries and Compliance:** Internal Audit addressed and responded to audit queries raised by the National Audit Office during its 2023 audit. The Department worked closely with the external auditors to resolve issues or discrepancies promptly.
- **Financial Statement Review:** The Internal Audit Department reviewed the Annual Audited Financial Statements before publication, ensuring that all information was accurate and compliant with local and international financial standards.
- **Internal Controls and Procedures:** The Internal Audit Department compiled detailed procedure guidelines encompassing qualitative and quantitative measurements to strengthen internal controls across the organization.
- **Special Audit Reporting:** Internal Audit reviewed the special audit report on the 2022 T20 World Cup, compiled responses to audit issues raised by the Government Auditor, and took corrective actions based on recommendations from regulatory authorities.
- **Warehouse and Capital Project Audits:** Comprehensive audits and reviews of warehouse operations were conducted, along with a detailed assessment of ongoing capital projects to expedite their capitalisation.
- **Procurement and Tender Audits:** The Internal Audit Department reviewed all tender procurement processes comprehensively, ensuring compliance with SLC's Procurement Manual and confirming that processes adhered to best practices.
- **Resource Utilisation and Efficiency:** Conducted regular assessments on the effectiveness and efficiency of resource utilisation across all departments, providing recommendations for improvement where necessary.
- **Delegation of Authority and Segregation of Duties:** Internal Audit introduced clear delegation of authority, segregation of duties, and defined access levels, ensuring robust controls to minimise the risk of fraud and operational inefficiencies.
- **High-Value Payment Reviews:** All payments exceeding one million rupees were subject to detailed reviews, ensuring they were legitimate and aligned with organizational policies.
- **Monthly Management Account Reviews:** The department reviewed monthly management accounts and provided recommendations for improvement, ensuring accurate reporting of financial performance and prompt resolution of deviations.

Long-Term Strategic Oversight

The Internal Audit Department's role goes beyond ensuring regulatory compliance. It serves as an advisory function to the Executive Committee, offering strategic insights on improving financial transparency, operational efficiency, and risk management. By continuously assessing the adequacy of internal controls and providing actionable recommendations, the Department helps guide the organization towards achieving its long-term objectives and maintaining good governance practices.

The Internal Audit Department supports SLC's commitment to transparency, accountability, and operational excellence through these activities. Its work ensures that SLC remains compliant with international standards, local laws, and the overarching requirements of the Ministry of Sports, International Cricket Council, and the Sports Development Department, ensuring the continued integrity and success of Sri Lanka Cricket.

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT

Combatting Corruption in Cricket: A Collective Effort for Integrity

Cricket, a sport steeped in tradition, honour, and fair play, has unfortunately become a target for corruption, posing a significant threat to its integrity. Cricket is evolving, and so are the methods by which those with malicious intent attempt to manipulate it for personal gain. In 2024, this threat intensified, forcing the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) to remain vigilant and proactive in preserving the sanctity of the sport. With cricket's increasing pace and global reach, modern corruptors have adapted, leveraging advanced technologies and new platforms to infiltrate the game, pushing the boundaries of traditional match-fixing and bribery.

Historically, the familiar issues of match-fixing and bribery were dominant in cricket corruption. However, today's landscape is more insidious. The rise of online betting platforms, spot-fixing, and advanced communication tactics have created new avenues for manipulation. While match-fixing involves pre-determined outcomes, spot-fixing targets specific moments or actions within a game, often leaving the public unaware of the manipulation until it's too late.

The global nature of cricket and the massive financial stakes involved in T20 leagues have created a perfect platform for corruption. The increasing influence of money—especially with high-profile leagues—thrusts players and officials into precarious positions, leaving them vulnerable to unscrupulous individuals looking to exploit their weaknesses. The financial temptations and external pressures are often overwhelming. Without the proper support mechanisms, players can find themselves unwitting pawns in a dangerous game that undermines the sport's core values.

Several factors contribute to cricket's vulnerability to corruption. The sport's widespread reach, with matches played across multiple continents, offers ample opportunities for corrupt elements to infiltrate. The exponential growth of T20 leagues, often fueled by enormous financial rewards, has turned some tournaments into hotspots for corrupt practices. Illegal bookmakers and their influence over players, alongside the allure of quick financial gain, continue to prey on vulnerable individuals within the cricketing ecosystem.

Addressing these vulnerabilities head-on is essential to counteracting these threats and preserving the spirit of cricket. A multifaceted approach is required—involving regulatory bodies, governing institutions, and players. Education is a critical tool in this battle, equipping players with the knowledge to recognize, resist, and report any attempts to involve them in corrupt practices.

In 2024, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) ramped up efforts to combat cricket corruption. Through comprehensive awareness programs aimed at international and domestic players across various age groups, SLC helped instil a culture of integrity within the sport. These programs educate players on the signs of corruption, the potential consequences of involvement, and the importance of maintaining the sport's values.

Additionally, SLC's Anti-Corruption Unit conducts unannounced visits to domestic matches to ensure adherence to anti-corruption guidelines, underscoring their commitment to upholding cricket's standards at every level.

One key component of these awareness initiatives is encouraging players to report any suspicious activities they may encounter.

In collaboration with the International Cricket Council (ICC) ACU, SLC's ACU provides a secure and supportive environment for players who come forward with concerns. Numerous players have been aided individually by both units after reporting suspicious approaches. This collaboration between local and international bodies plays a pivotal role in tackling corruption from the ground up and ensuring that players are not left to face these pressures alone.

The battle against corruption in cricket is not one that any single entity can fight. It is a collective responsibility that requires proactive measures, ongoing education, and a robust player support system. The evolving nature of corruption demands an equally adaptable response that combines preventive strategies, rapid intervention, and global cooperation to protect the integrity of the game.

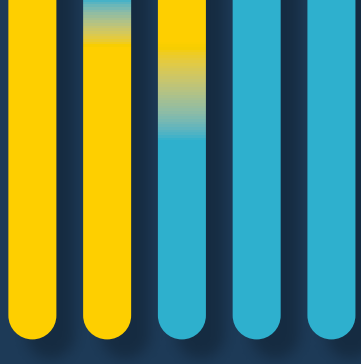
To this end, awareness programs must become integral to the cricketing curriculum. By incorporating anti-corruption education into training from a young age, players at all levels will develop a strong foundation of ethical behaviour and a clear understanding of the dangers corruption poses to their careers and the sport.

As we progress, the fight against corruption must continue to be collaborative. By empowering players to resist corrupt influences and providing them with the tools and support to report suspicious behaviour, cricket can stay true to its legacy of fairness and sportsmanship.

Ultimately, the battle for integrity in cricket is ongoing, and only through collective vigilance and commitment can the sport preserve its soul for generations to come. SLC

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