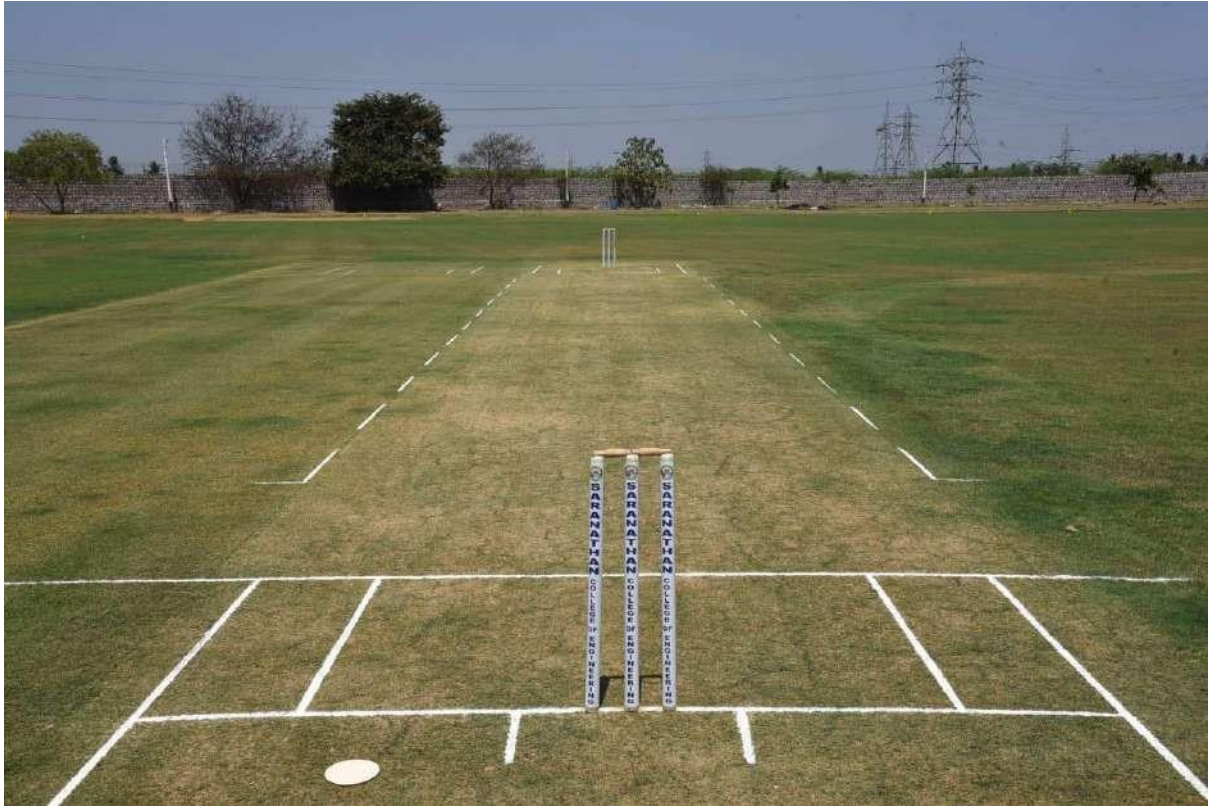


New Turf wicket for cricket put into operation at Saranathan College of Engineering

Trichy Cricket and Saranathan college are very closely linked. Two mat wickets at the college are already in use for Inter schools as well as TDCA league matches. On 28th February a brand new Turf pitch was additionally commissioned. Shri. S Ravindran, Secretary of the College and Dr Mathrubootham (member of the college council) symbolically handed over the pitch to the Trichy District Cricket Association (represented by Mr Sanjay Kalidass). Mr Sanjay Kalidass confirmed that they will include this venue in their scheduling of various league matches.









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Trichy gets a turf wicket to horn skills of local players

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Trichy: Tiruchirappalli District Cricket Association (Trichy DCA) has received a cricket ground with turf wicket at Saranathan College of Engineering here to conduct district and state-level tournaments. The players who were familiar with the matting wicket of the DCA have faced difficulties while playing on turf wickets across the country. Now with the new turf wicket, the local players from tier-II cities and towns will get the required exposure to perform in professional tournaments.

The turf wicket was established at the college at Panjapur in Trichy city by a profes-



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sional cricket groundsman with technical inputs from the DCA. Unlike the matting wicket, turf wicket is unique and requires special skills to play. For a player who was trained only in matting wicket, it would take some time to get used with the turf wicket, the association said. The lack of exposure to turf wicket has affected the chances of the lo-

cal cricketers to represent the state and national team. To overcome the disadvantage, two turf wickets were established on the college ground at a distance of five metres. "The college has given us permission to host district matches. Aspiring cricketers from the central region will get an opportunity to play on the turf wicket. Like cricket sensation T Natarajan from Salem, even Trichy players will get an opportunity to represent the country," Scorer R Kannan, chairman of the publicity committee, Trichy DCA, said.

The turf wicket at Saranathan College can be converted as a bouncing and a spinning wicket.