

# THE HINDU

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The final leg of the Champion's Boat League will be held in Kollam on November 23

The Champion's Boat League (CBL) enters its final leg in Kollam. Held in five districts along the coast, the three-month championship modelled on the Indian Premier League (cricket) will have its concluding leg on November 23 in the Ashtamudi Lake. Tropical Titans, with 158 points, which leads the tally are ahead by 80 points, is followed by Raging Rowers (78 points) and Mighty Oars who share the third place with Coast Dominators (69 points). The upcoming match at Kollam will coin-



cide with the President's Trophy Boat Race, held every year.

The CBL races that began at Punnamada in Alappuzha on August 31 where Sachin Tendulkar was chief guest and the race was flagged off by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Besides the nine CBL snake-boats, the event will host races for smaller canoes besides cultural programmes too. Kerala Finance Minister, Dr T M Thomas Isaac will inaug-

urate the event and Kerala Tourism Minister Kadakampally Surendran will preside at Kollam.

The 12-round CBL, organised by Kerala Tourism on Saturdays, has the teams vying for prize monies totalling ₹5.9 crore. Any day's topper secures ₹5 lakh, and for those coming second and third the amount is ₹3 lakh and ₹1 lakh respectively.

All participating teams are entitled to ₹4 lakh per match and the overall winner of the championships is entitled to ₹25 lakh, followed by ₹15 lakh and ₹10 lakh for the second and third prize winners.

Tickets can be booked through Bookmyshow, besides outlets that facilitate spot purchase of tickets. The prices range from ₹200 to ₹2,000.