

Trophy Showcase Ceremony of the 135th Edition of the Durand Cup-2026 at City Convention Centre, Imphal on 15.07.2026



Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur graced the Trophy Showcase Ceremony of the 135th Edition of the Durand Cup-2026 at City Convention Centre, Imphal on 15th July, 2026. The three iconic trophies—the President's Cup (1956), the Durand Cup (1888) and the Simla Trophy (1903)—were showcased. Earlier in the day, the tournament's promotional campaign in Manipur commenced with the flagging off of the 135th Durand Cup Trophy Tour from Sendra, Bishnupur District. Established in 1888, the Durand Cup is Asia's oldest football tournament and remains a revered sporting event where tradition, excellence and passion converge. Organised by the Indian Armed Forces in collaboration with the Government of Manipur, Imphal will host the Group D matches of the tournament at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium, from 28th July to 12th August, 2026. Speaking at the event, the Hon'ble Governor said that the Durand Cup is more than a football tournament, representing a celebration of history, resilience and the unifying power of sports and expressed confidence that the tournament would provide young footballers with an opportunity to compete at the highest level, while reinforcing the values of discipline, teamwork and perseverance. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh; Chief Secretary, DGP, Security Advisor, Chief of Staff Eastern Command, GOC Red Shield Division, IGAR (S), senior civil, police and military officials, and the public, attended the ceremony.