



“It’s been wonderful to see the growth of cricket around the world”: Mrs. Nita M Ambani, as MI New York becomes MLC Champion

New York/ Mumbai 31st July 2023: MI New York put on a series of captivating performances to win the inaugural edition of Major League Cricket (MLC) at the Grand Prairie Stadium in Texas. On the day of the final, when the men in blue and gold put on a supreme show to clinch the title, team owner Mrs. Nita M Ambani was pitch side, passionately behind the team, as always. Major League Cricket is United States' T20 cricket league. Its inaugural season was held from 13 July with MI New York beating Seattle Orcas in a pulsating final today. (<https://www.instagram.com/p/CvWby3pvDi3/>)

Speaking on the momentous occasion, Mrs. Ambani described the atmosphere for the final as ‘unbelievable and really exciting.’ (watch the video here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CvWNgAuL4w9/>)

She also hailed the impact of the tournament that has seen some of the best players in the world in action. “Just look at the atmosphere here. It looks like a festival of cricket. I think MLC is a momentous step in the development of cricket in this region. Sport can be a bedrock of society and especially in the U.S. it’s a big part of the culture. So, for us to join hands with MLC and play our role in the growth and development of cricket in this region is fantastic. I’m enjoying every moment of it.”

Mumbai Indians is now a truly global franchise with presence across two genders, three continents, four countries and five leagues. Speaking about the vision behind the same, Mrs Ambani said, “It’s been wonderful to see the growth of cricket around the world and especially MI going to the UAE, South Africa and now here in the US. We also have a women’s team which I am very, very proud of. It was so wonderful to see these young girls coming from such diverse backgrounds coming and playing together as a team. It was very heart-warming.”

Mrs. Ambani also hoped that the inaugural edition of the Women’s Premier League (WPL) will be a game changer. “I’m a big supporter of girls in sports and I hope we can take it forward in every sport possible,” she said.

Mrs. Ambani also spoke about MI's unique #OneFamily concept and what it signifies. "We believe that we are a family at MI and that is our ethos. It comprises not just the players and support staff but also all our fans who have contributed so much to making MI a global brand. I think one of the most important initiatives for us is Education and Sports For All. The initiative has supported 22 million children from India who come from an underprivileged background. So we are very proud to call all of them One Family, MI family."

Mrs. Ambani also spoke about how Mumbai Indians have been a nursery of talent over the years. "At Mumbai Indians we pride ourselves on discovering and nurturing young talent – Hardik (Pandya), (Jasprit) Bumrah. We hope to do this not just in India but around the world."

MI New York chased down a total of 184 in just 16 overs in the final to win by six wickets with captain Nicholas Pooran leading from the front with an unbeaten hundred.

Download the video: (Video Courtesy: Major League Cricket/MLC)

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About MLC:

The inaugural edition of Major League Cricket, which is the T20 league of the United States, sanctioned by USA Cricket, was hosted at two venues: Grand Prairie Stadium in Texas and Church Street Park in Morrisville from 13-30 July. The first edition featured six teams. For more information, visit www.majorleaguecricket.com

About MI New York:

MI New York, a franchise based out of the capital city of New York, were the champions in the inaugural edition. They are owned by Indiawin Sports (a Reliance company) and are one of the five teams that are a part of the Mumbai Indians franchise across the globe.

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