

alumna Cricketer Anjum Chopra inducted as **Member MCC** London



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Anjum Chopra

BA Hons St Stephen's
Member Marylebone Cricket Club MCC since 2016
Former India Captain Women's Cricket Team
Padma Shri 2014

Marylebone Cricket Club owns the Lord's Grounds MCC

One of the most well-known faces of Indian women's cricket, former team captain **Anjum Chopra**, threw a party for friends and family to celebrate receiving honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club MCC, Lord's cricket ground, London. **She became the first Indian woman to be inducted** into the club. Although the gathering was from sports and politics, their discussions were based on sports movies .

Proud moment for all Indians

Anjum, naturally, was all smiles. "It's a great honour. The fact that the MCC thought I was worthy of such an honour humbles me. I think it means a lot for Indian cricket as well. Despite the facilities we get, a great future lies before us. The Indian women's cricket team has not been consistent, but there are better players than me who can achieve more. I hope that with my MCC honour, I will be able to inspire more girls in India to take up sports as a career. The aim is very simple - make sure that the Indian national anthem is played in the final match of every tournament," she said. **Neeraj Kumar** (BSc Hons 1973 MSc 1975 St Stephen's) former Delhi Police Commissioner and currently adviser to the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit, called Anjum's *achievement "path-breaking and a matter of pride for every Indian."*

Anjum's parents - Krishan Bal and Poonam Chopra - said they never anticipated the honour. "She is very hardworking. After retirement, she became a commentator, has written books and even made documentaries. She eats, sleeps and drinks cricket," said her father. Her mother added, "As a kid, she would play with boys - and played better than them! When she was just 9, her school coach said *ki yeh hamare desh ki future kaptaan hai.*"

Senior Counsel **Priya Hingorani** (BA Eng Hons IP LLB CLC) the **first woman Secretary of the Supreme Court Bar**, said, "I had seen Anjum play on TV, but I hadn't met her, and when I did, she turned out to be a very sweet person." She added, "It would be great for women's matches when private channels start screening them."

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