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Marina not for cricket: CoP [Express News Service](#)

CHENNAI: City Police Commissioner T Rajendran on Tuesday appealed to youth thronging the Marina beach to play cricket to shift their game to various corporation playgrounds across the city.

In a press release, he said that under the multi-crore Marina beautification plan, amenities such as new roads, walkers' path, green lawns, granite steps and tall lamps were set up to attract tourists. There are complaints that the cricket-playing youth are causing damage to the newly-created structures.

Hundreds throng the beach, especially in mornings and evenings. Their vehicles are parked near the service lane and there are complaints about broken mirrors and windshields. The service lane has been laid primarily to ease congestion on Kamarajar Salai. But with the cricket players hogging the service lane, the flow of traffic is affected. Hence, it has been decided to ban playing cricket on the Marina beach. The Commissioner said the decision was taken at a meeting on

Tuesday, which was presided over by the Chief Secretary and attended by the Corporation Municipal Commissioner among others.