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## U/16 CHAMPIONS



MP U/16 Team Captain – Siddharth Patidar receiving the 'Vijay Merchant Trophy' at the hands of Dr. P V Shetty (Jt. Secretary, Mumbai Cricket Association)

Madhya Pradesh U/16 team created a history by winning the 'Vijay Merchant Trophy' 2013/14 by defeating Punjab by 6 wickets in a thrilling match played at Mumbai from 23 - 26 Jan. 2014.

This is the first time that the junior boy's team of Madhya Pradesh has won a National Championship. MPCA is proud of the young heroes who have brought laurels to the Madhya Pradesh Cricket. Read more on page 4.

## ISHWAR - A BIG LEAP...

The last day of the year 2013 came with a joyous moment for MPCA and all cricket lovers from the State. Ishwar Pandey, fondly known as the 'Rewanchal Express', was selected in the Indian team for the Test and One Day series against New Zealand.

**Heartiest Congratulations to Ishwar and best wishes for his journey ahead !!!**



## President's Message...

It is my pleasure to wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous New Year 2014.

***Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away !***

May you have many such moments in your life that will give you lots of happiness & prosperity in the coming year.

The year 2014 has come with the news of Ishwar Pandey, a young medium pace bowler hailing from the town of Rewa (MP), getting selected in the India squad for the Test and ODI series against New Zealand. He becomes the 11th player from MP to get an opportunity to don the 'India Cap'.



Ishwar has shown a consistent improvement in his playing abilities since his first class debut for Madhya Pradesh in the season 2010-11. Keenness towards physical fitness, perseverance, hard work, commitment and tenacity, helped him become the highest wicket taker in the Ranji Trophy in 2012-13, with 48 wickets under his belt. With such good features and hunger for self-development, it will not be difficult for him to achieve success at the International Level also and become a role model for aspiring cricketers from our country. I wish him all the best for his success at the International circuit.

Another upcoming medium pacer from MPCA – Avesh Khan, the 17 year lad from Indore, is selected in the U/19 India team for the Asia Cup (Dec. 2013) and also for the ICC U/19 World Cup to be held in February 2014. Heartiest congratulations to Avesh.

Our U/16 team has made us immensely proud with their heroic performance to win the Vijay Merchant Trophy. Heartiest Congratulations and best wishes to the team and all those who have contributed in the success of the team.

The cricket season 2013/14 began on a good note for us. One of our promising player - Satyam Choudhary scored a brilliant double century against Railways, paving the way for us to win the match on first inning lead. Thereafter also we had some good performances but we could not maintain the winning momentum in the tournament.

Our U/25 team played magnificently to qualify for the knock out stage of the Plate Group. The Semi Final against Kerala had a nail biting finish, which we lost by a just one run. We ended up as the third placed team and have qualified for the Elite Segment for the next season. Similarly, our Boy's U/19 team has maintained its berth in the Elite Segment for the next season.

A significant achievement of the season was the consistent performance of our Women's team (Senior as well as Girls U/19). Both the teams have performed well to reach the knock out / super league phase of their respective tournaments.

This year is going to be very significant to us in more than one way. This year we will commemorate the "Hundredth Birth Anniversary" of Mr. C S Nayudu, Mr. M M Jagdale and Mr. Syed Mushtaq Ali, our icons who have brought laurels to the erstwhile Holkar team and to the State.

The 'Birth Centenary Celebrations' would be spread throughout the year with a series of activities and events. We have started the celebrations with the launch of the 'Calendar 2014' dedicated in the fond memory of these cricketers.

On the infrastructure development, the distribution of ground maintenance equipment for the grounds at the District places is in progress. Availability of equipment will help in creating better play fields for the benefit of the upcoming cricketers.

As mentioned in my earlier communication, we have initiated a plan to streamline our functioning for better efficiency at all levels. The team which is handling the requirements for ISO certification (Quality Management) is progressing well and I am sure it will bring many positive changes for MPCA.

Looking forward to hear from you.

**Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**

President



## Congratulations



Avesh Khan made us proud when he was selected in the U-19 India squad. Avesh played for India in the U/19 Asia cup during last week of December 2013 and performed reasonably well. His excellent abilities also earned him a place in the India squad for the ICC Under 19 World Cup 2014 from 14th February at Abu Dhabi. We believe Avesh would continue with his good performance and earn laurels for the country.



Naman Ojha, Jalaj Saxena and Udit Birla were selected in Central Zone team for the Duleep Trophy 2013/14.



Mukul Raghav was appointed as the Captain of the U/19 Central Zone Team for the BCCI Inter Zonal tournament (Limited overs) played at Indore.



BCCI honours Ishwar Pandey with the 'Madhavrao Scindia Award' for being the highest wicket taker in the Ranji Trophy 2012-13.



Pushpendra Singh from Sagar Division successfully cleared the written part of the BCCI Level-II Umpires exam and will now be eligible for the practical and oral exam.

Ruchita Buley (L) and Ritika Bhopalkar (R) were selected in the Central Zone Team for the BCCI Women's Inter Zonal One Day Tournament



Neha Badwaik, Tarang Jha, Nuzat Parween, Preeti Yadav and Tamanna Nigam were selected in the Central Zone Team for the BCCI Girl's U/19 Inter Zonal One Day Tournament. (Photo in sequence from left to right)

# NEWS & EVENTS...

This is the second consecutive year in which our U/16 team reached the knock out stage of the Vijay merchant Trophy. In the last season (2012-13), our team played well to defeat the strong Tamil Nadu team in the Quarter Finals but could not win against Mumbai in the Semi Finals. This season, the team was groomed well throughout the year with ample practice sessions and competitive practice matches, including a grueling tour of Bangladesh where our team played against the National side of Bangladesh Cricket Board. Our performance was admirable and the players were confident of good success.

Statistical information on the journey of U/16 team to become the Champions

## Opponent / Venue

### Central Zone league

Chhatisgrah / Raipur

Rajasthan / Jodhpur

Vidarbha / Sagar

Uttar Pradesh / Sagar

### Knock Out

Quarter Final against Gujarat / Mumbai

Semi Final against Bengal / Mumbai

Final against Punjab / Mumbai

## Result

Madhya Pradesh won by an innings and 201 runs

Rajasthan Under-16s won by an innings and 42 run

Match draw, Madhya Pradesh won on l innng lead

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Madhya Pradesh won by 98 runs

Madhya Pradesh won by 6 wickets



U/16 team was received in a euphoric mood at the Indore airport



# NEWS & EVENTS...

## Top performer for Madhya Pradesh team (Batting)

	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Best score</b>	<b>100 / 50's</b>
Ashutosh Sharma	595	131	2 / 3

(Ashutosh Sharma stands second in India, highest in India is SL Gill of Punjab, 734 runs with 205 as the best score)

## Top performers for Madhya Pradesh team (bowling)

	<b>Wkts / Runs</b>	<b>Best bowling</b>
Ritesh Sakya	31 / 552	5 for 26 runs

(Ritesh Sakya stands III in India, highest in India is KK Seth of bengal claiming 34 wkts in 472 runs)

Before this victory, Madhya Pradesh has won following BCCI titles (apart from the Holkar Team's Ranji Trophy victories)

- \* Wills Trophy (by defeating Bengal by 32 runs) 17.1.1999
- \* U/25 Association 'A' Trophy (by defeating Tamil Nadu on 1 innng lead) 20 – 22 April 2003
- \* Girls U/19 All India Champion (by defeating Delhi by 2 wickets) 18.11.2008

It was a grand celebration at Indore when the team arrived after the victory. MPCA Officials, Members, Cricketers, Media representatives, parents & relatives of the players, and various associates of Madhya Pradesh Cricket were eager to receive the team and applaud them for the heroic performance. Senior cricketers and Members were seen praising the players and showered blessings for their continuous performance which will help them excel in their cricketing career.



Team reaches Holkar Stadium in a beautifully decorated bus



Players participate in the celebrations at Holkar Stadium



Sanjay Jagdale showered blessings & shared experience with the youngsters



Team celebrated the victory by cutting the cake on reaching Holkar Stadium



## BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION

**C S Nayudu**

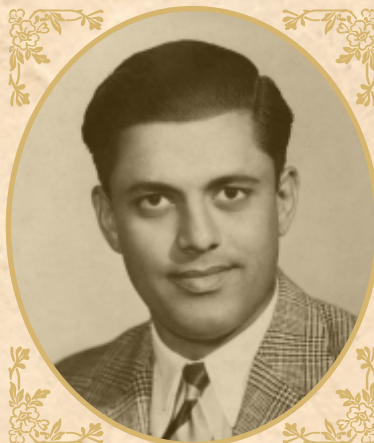
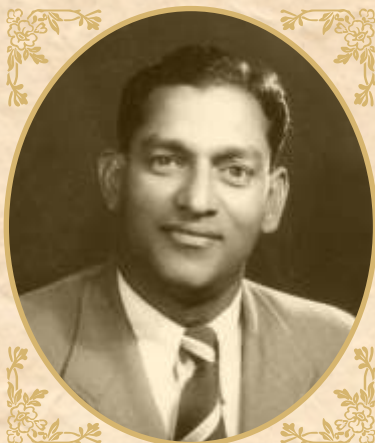
18.4.1914 - 22.11.2002

**M M Jagdale**

25.4.1914 - 13.1.1990

**S Mushtaq Ali**

17.12.1914 - 18.6.2005



Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association is blessed with a rich legacy of cricketers who have contributed for the betterment of cricket and have played a pivotal role in shaping up the edifice of MPCA.

The Holkars' developed a cricket team comprising of iconic players, ably led by Col. C K Nayudu. During the period of fifteen years (1940-41 to 1954-55), the Holkar team won the coveted Ranji Trophy on four occasions (1945/46, 1947/48, 1950/51 and 1952/53) while ended up as the runner up on six occasions. This breathtaking record effectively reflects the strength of the Holkar team.

The year 2014 happens to be the centenary year of birth of three of our former legends of the Holkar era – C S Nayudu, M M Jagdale and Capt. S Mushtaq Ali, born on 18th April 1914, 25th April 1914 and 17th December 1914 respectively.

C. S. Nayudu, M. M. Jagdale and Sayed Mushtaq Ali played in an era when the game was played more as recreational activity rather than as competitive sport, thanks to the patronage it received from erstwhile Maharajas and Nawabs alongwith the Britishers.

Unfortunately, these cricketers lost their best playing years during the World War II. In view of this crisis, leading to a hiatus from cricket for them, their statistics may not reflect their true prowess. However no one can doubt their ability to entertain the crowd whenever and wherever they played the game.

It is a proud moment for MPCA to dedicate the year 2014 in honour of these three icons as a part of the Centenary celebration of their birth anniversary.

MPCA has planned a series of activities during the year, and we started with the launch of 'Calendar 2014' which is compiled in the fond memory of the trio.

The Calendar briefly depicts the journey and the milestone achieved by them as a player and as an administrator for the development of the game. It is our endeavour to pay tribute to the three cricketers and acknowledge their contribution to the game and MPCA.

MPCA is proud of inheriting the Holkar legacy and takes this opportunity to share the nostalgic memories of our icons for the present and aspiring generation of cricketers and cricket enthusiasts.





**Unveiling the Calendar 2014** (from L – R) Ms. Mahalaxmi Nayudu (daughter of Mr. C S Nayudu), Mr. Pravin Kasliwal (Hon. Treasurer, MPCA), Mr. Sanjay Jagdale and Mr. Ashok Jagdale (sons of Mr. M M Jagdale), Dr. M K Bhargava (Chairman, MPCA), Mr. Narendra Menon (Hon. Secretary, MPCA), Capt. Manohar Sharma (Vice President, MPCA), Mr. Syed Gulrez Ali (Son of Syed Mushtaq Ali) and Mr. Milind Kanmadikar (Hon. Jt. Secretary, MPCA)

The 'Calendar 2014', dedicated in the memory of C.S. Nayudu, M.M. Jagdale and S. Mushtaq Ali, was unveiled in presence of the family members of the three cricketers and the Office Bearers of MPCA on 28 December 2013 at Holkar Stadium, Indore.

Prof. S.P. Chaturvedi (right) addressed the gathering on behalf of MPCA.





# NEWS & EVENTS..



Salman Baig, Shubham Sharma and Nikhil Sawke made their Ranji debut this year and were honoured with the 'Ranji Cap' at the hands of Mr. Sanjay Jagdale



On behalf of MPCA, Sanjay Jagdale distributed 'Puma' & 'Oakley' merchandise to the State Teams before the season 2013-14.



Dr. M K Bhargava (Chairman, MPCA) distributed cricket kits to the junior State Teams before the start of the season 2013-14



Naman Ojha (L) and Satyam Choudhary (R) acknowledge after their double century knocks in the Ranji games against Services and Railways respectively



## BCCI Tournament 2013-14 (completed)

TEAM	OUTRIGHT RESULT	RESULT ON 1 INNG.	TIE / NO RESULT	BEST BATTING PERFORMANCE	BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE
Ranji Trophy (Group 'B')	Lost to Baroda and Rajasthan	Won against Railways, Bengal and Saurashtra  Lost to Tamil Nadu, Services and Uttar Pradesh	NIL	Naman Ojha 835 runs in 13 innings with 211 as his highest score	Jalaj Saxena 35 wkts. in 12 innings with 7/82 as his best performance in an inning
U/25 Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy	Won against J&K, Assam and Vidharbha  Lost to Kerala (SF)	Won against Haryana and Hyderabad (III Place)  Lost to Hyderabad (League)	NIL	Anand Bais 504 runs in 11 innings with 108 as his highest score	Asif Ali 19 wkts. in 8 innings with 5/28 as his best performance in an inning  Saransh Jain 19 wkts. in 11 innings with 4/13 as his best performance in an inning
U/19 Cooch Behar Trophy	Won against Mumbai  Lost to Kerala and Baroda	Won against Tamil Nadu	NIL	Mukul Raghav 229 runs in 7 innings with 59 as his highest score	Kuldeep Singh 22 wkts. in 7 innings with 5/29 as his best performance in an inning
U/19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy	Won against Uttar Pradesh and Railways  Lost to Rajasthan and Vidharbha	N / A	Against Chhatisgarh	Abhishek Bhandari 211 runs in 4 innings with 118 as his highest score	Ashwin Das 9 wkts. in 5 innings with 5/73 as his best performance
U/16 Vijay Merchant Trophy	Details mentioned separately				
U/19 Girls	(League) Won against Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Vidharbha  (Super League) Won against Hyderabad  Lost to Assam, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh	N / A	NIL	Neha Badwaik 212 runs in 6 innings with 52 as her highest score	Preeti Yadav 16 wkts. in 6 innings with 4/31 as her best performance
Women's (Ltd. Overs)	(League) Won against Andhara, Baroda, Kerala and Jharkhand  Lost to Orissa  (QF) Lost to Bengal	N / A	NIL	Ruchita Buley 158 runs in 6 innings with 56* as her highest score	Nidhi Buley 10 wkts. in 6 innings with 3/20 as her best performance



# NEWS & EVENTS..



MP U/16 team during the Bangladesh Tour in Oct. 2013



U/16 match between Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha hosted by MPCA at the picturesque ground at Sagar



H.S. Sodhi coaching an aspiring shares bowler during a special camp for fast bowlers under the Regional Academy



Rest of MP team won the U/15 Inter Divisional tournament for the 'M M Jagdale Trophy' 2013-14



31 Oct. 2013 - MPCA commemorated the 118th Birth Anniversary of Col. C.K. Nayudu by garlanding his statue at the Nehru Stadium, Indore



# NEWS & EVENTS..



West Zone U/19 Team won the BCCI Inter Zonal Tournament (Limited Overs) 2013-14  
MPCA hosted the tournament at Holkar Stadium and Emerald Height School.



Group photo of candidates who appeared for the Level A course (Nov. 2013)

- ▶ MPCA organised a 7-day education course, followed by the Level 'A' exam, for the aspiring cricket coaches.  
The candidates were shortlisted amongst the former State/Division Players, Coaches actively involved at District / Division places and Women's coaches.  
The NCA faculty - Mr. Lalchand Rajput, Mr. Dinesh Nanavati, Dr. Kinjal Suratwala shared their experience with the upcoming coaches.
- ◀ 26 January 2014 - MPCA celebrated the 65th Republic Day of India.  
Justice Subhash Samvatsar unfurled the Indian Flag in presence of (in picture) Bhagwandas Suthar, K S Bhatnagar and Milind Kanmadikar. MPCA Members, cricketers and various associates of MPCA attended the occasion.



## FROM THE BOARDROOM

The Infrastructure Committee of MPCA took note of the concerns related to the practice area at the Holkar Stadium. Limited space, increase in the cricket activities, delays in erecting nets as per the traditional method, etc. were given a thought and the existing area is now refurbished. A pitch of kota stone is also developed for the benefit of the spinners as they will have to practice more to produce turn in absence of any support from the smooth surface of the polished stone.



The set-up of Divisional cricket Associations has been effective in conducting various cricket oriented activities of MPCA. Aiming further, the Cricket Development Committee (CDC) has been proactive in establishing continuous communication with the District bodies in an attempt to know more about the manner in which cricket is being held at the district level and understand their requirements. The CDC has nominated one / two experienced members to liaise with each Division and the Districts under its jurisdiction. The endeavour is showing good results with a positive feedback from the concerned. These efforts will help MPCA to look after the requirements at the grass root level.



Forming a part of the requirements towards achieving the ISO certification (Quality Management Services), the following members of attended the training course and successfully qualified as Internal Auditors –

Dr. Bharat Chapparwal  
Mr. Vijay Nayudu  
Mr. Pravin Kasliwal  
Mr. Pankaj Pandey  
Mr. Alpesh Shah and  
Mr. Sandip Mungre.

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