

## Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association

### Annual Report for the year 2018-19

Superb display by the U-16 boys to qualify for the semi final of Vijay Merchant Trophy, our U-14 lads who won the Raj Singh Dungarpur Trophy, and the U-19 team that played quarter final of both the multi-day and the one day tournaments, marked the 2018-19 season for us.

This season also witnessed the rise of Avesh Khan as a destructive fast bowler at the first class level. As also, MPCA was once again chosen for hosting elite tournament of BCCI in form of the league and followed by super league & final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament.

Ms. Pooja Vastrakar is selected in Indian Women's Cricket Team for First 3 T20Is matches against South Africa Women, which is a befitting reward for her consistent performance during the Women's T20 Challenger series earlier this year.

Mr. Nitin Menon is appointed as 'on-field umpire' by the ICC for the Test between Afghanistan and West Indies to be played in Dehradun from 27th November 2019. He becomes the first umpire from the soil of Madhya Pradesh to act as 'on-field' umpire in a Test match. After his nomination on the International Panel of ICC Umpires, Nitin has officiated several One Day Internationals / T20 Internationals as 'on-field' and 'TV umpire', besides being a regular name for IPL and other BCCI domestic matches.

We begin by paying homage to those who left us for heavenly abode in the intervening period, including players, members, administrators, and relatives of our members.

Smt. Sudha Mulye (Life Member of MPCA)

Smt. Kalpana Parulekar (President, Ujjain Divisional cricket Association),

I now begin my report with a brief overview of our performance in various tournaments:

**Vijay Merchant Trophy:** Our U-16 boys had another good year at National stage, thus proving that there is no dearth of young talent in the state. With addition of Uttarkhand side, now the Central Zone league has become a six team affair. Our team started with first innings lead against Uttrakhand and Vidarbha, followed by conceding lead against Uttar Pradesh. The boys then got into a very good rhythm by beating Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan to qualify for the knock out, and further continued the good run by defeating strong Delhi in the pre quarter-final and Bengal in the quarter final. The match against Bengal proved to be memorable as we recovered from 190 for 8 to post 422 runs. Jatin Singh Rajput (127), Yuvraj Nema (97\*) and Sushant Nagar (30) doing the star turn.

The series of four consecutive victories came to an end in the semi final against Jharkhand when we could muster up only 236 in the first innings and Jharkhand built up a good lead.

Akshat Raghuvanshi (715 runs) and Shubham Raghuvanshi (613 runs) performed admirably to carry the batting on their shoulders. Aryan Deshmukh (445 runs), leg spinner Yuvraj Nema (32 wickets), and fast bowlers - Sushant Nagar (24 wickets) and Aryan Pandey (23 wickets) emerged as the top wicket takers.

**Raj Singh Dungarpur Trophy:** The U-14 boys won the tournament which was initiated at our behest with a view to give an youngsters an early exposure to competitive cricket. After conceding the first innings lead to Vidarbha, we grabbed the first innings points against Uttarakhand, and won the semi final against Chhattisgarh on run quotient to qualify for the final. It was a superb display against Vidarbha to reverse the outcome of league game against same team. First innings lead of 99 runs ultimately earned the title for our team.

Openers Rohan Thorat (226 runs) and Ansh Bagadia (196 runs) were the top scorers, while Abhi Agnihotri (181 runs) and Shikhar Bargoti (161 runs) were not too far behind. Sanskar Singh (12 wickets) and Rishi Mriglani (10 wickets) emerged as the top wicket takers.

**Cooch Behar Trophy:** The U-19 team started their campaign in grand style by defeating Jharkhand by 142 runs, to be followed with first innings points against Punjab and another superb victory over Gujarat. The next match against Hyderabad was an interesting battle for first innings lead in which Hyderabad ultimately prevailed by just 7 runs despite Irfan Ali's brilliant 125 not out. Regardless of this hiccup, the team played well to defeat Haryana and get first innings points against Rajasthan and Karnataka. Such consistent performance helped to qualify for the quarter final which was to be a repeat of the league encounter against Rajasthan. Chasing 281 for first innings lead, we were well placed at 222 for 4 with Rahul Chandrol and Rishabh Chouhan going strong. But in a dramatic collapse the last six wickets fell for just 30 runs.

The batsmen performed consistently. Dev Barnale (727 runs), Rahul Chandrol (650 runs), Irfan Ali (624 runs) and Suraj Vashisth (581 runs) all scored above 500 runs. A total of 10 centuries were scored by our batsmen, including three by Rahul Chandrol. The bowlers too did well. Left arm spinner Prankesh Rai (40 wkts), fast bowlers Ishan Afridi (32 wickets) and Onkarnath Singh (31 wickets), and off spinner Adheer Pratap Singh (29 wickets) were the top wicket takers.

**Vinoo Mankad Trophy:** The tournament was changed to Elite-Plate format from this season. We were placed in Elite Group 'B' and played well to qualify for the quarter final. In the league phase, we defeated Assam, Jharkhand, Mumbai, Gujarat, Bengal, and Karnataka convincingly but lost to UP and Maharashtra. The quarter final against Vidarbha proved to be one sided affair as Vidarbha won easily chasing a stiff target of 284 runs.

Rahul Chandrol continued his consistent display by scoring 471 runs. Suraj Vashisth (379 runs) and Rishabh Chouhan (350 runs) supported him well. Rishabh Chouhan proved his all round skills by emerging as a top wicket taker for the side.

**Ranji Trophy:** Season for our team started with a dull draw against Tamil Nadu at Dindigul. Even the first innings result could not be achieved and each could gain a point only. In this rain affected match, Rajat Patidar's 196 developed the edifice for our team score of 393 runs when we batted first. In response, Tamil Nadu scored 236 for 4 before the match concluded. Our next match was against Bengal at Kolkata in which we conceded the lead. Bengal scored 510 for 9. We replied with 335 in the first innings, and following on reached 240 for 3 in the second innings. The surprise pack for us was Shubham Sharma who took 5 for 59 with his off breaks. Shubham also scored 100 not out in the second innings to save us from defeat, along with Aryaman Birla who got his first century in first class cricket.

Next, we hosted Punjab at Indore and got the points for first innings lead. Having five points from three matches, we needed an outright result against Kerala. This we achieved despite a second innings resistance from Kerala. Kerala were bowled out for 63 and posted mammoth 328. Kerala were 6 down for 100 in second innings but managed to score 455. We chased the target of 191 for loss of 5 wickets. We also won the next game against Hyderabad. Avesh Khan came with his career best innings and match figures (7-24 and 12 for 54). This match also saw a world record being created by our debutant Ajay Rohera (267\*), handsomely supported by Yash Dubey (139 \*). MP won by an innings and 259 runs. The next match was a setback. Our batsmen could manage only 132 & 157 against Delhi and we lost by nine wickets.

We required outright victories in the last two matches to qualify for the knock out stage. We defeated Himachal by 140 runs with the help of left arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya Singh's bowling performance (9 for 86). The next match against Andhra was a shocker as we could manage only 91 and 35 on home ground.

Rajat Patidar (713 runs) was the top scorer, while Yash Dubey in his first full season scored 455 runs. Avesh Khan (35 wickets) had a good season with the ball. Kuldeep Sen played a perfect supporting role with 24 wickets.

**Vijay Hazare Trophy :** It was a disappointing run in the Ltd. Overs tournament with just one victory in the seven matches and one match being abandoned. The solitary win against Odisha was by just one run. Venkatesh Iyer (254 runs) and Yash Dubey (183 runs ) were the only notable performers.

**Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy :** The Group 'C' league as well as the Super League was hosted by MPCA at Indore. We had a mixed tournament winning three and losing three of the six matches. Hard hitting left handed batsman Parth Sahani scored 311 runs to emerge as the highest scorer. He was followed by Abhishek Bhandari with 163 runs. Ishwar Pandey (8 wickets) and Mihir Hirwani (7 wickets) were the top two bowlers.

**C. K. Nayudu Trophy** : The U-23 side displayed a mixed performance. They won against Tamil Nadu, Assam and Delhi, but lost to Hyderabad, Baroda, Jharkhand and Gujarat. The only drawn match was against Karnataka in which we got the first innings lead. Parth Goswami (603) was the most consistent amongst the batsmen, to be followed by Salman Khan with 443 runs. Ajay Rohera scored 386 runs in four matches which paved his way for selection in the Ranji squad. Leg spinner Rajarshi Shrivastava took 24 wickets while left arm fast bowler Pankaj Patel took 19 wickets.

**U-23 Ltd. Overs Tournament**: Our team won five matches in this tournament - against UP, J & K, Vidarbha, Tamil Nadu, and Chhattisgarh, while we lost to Rajasthan, Punjab, and Mumbai. Yet, we could not reach the next level. Huge defeat in the last match against Mumbai was particularly disappointing. Nikhil Mishra (285 runs) and Aryaman Birla (271 runs) were the top two scorers while Rahul Batham (15 wickets) was the top wicket taker. Aryaman Birla and Pankaj Patel with 14 wickets each finished second in the wicket takers list.

**Women's Senior Ltd. Overs** : We were placed in Elite Group 'C' and won the first three games against Assam, J & K and Rajasthan but lost three of the next four matches to exit from the tournament. The last match was washed out. Veteran Babita Mandlik was the top scorer with 191 runs while Tamanna Nigam scored 167 runs in just five matches. Varsha Choudhary and Nidhi Buley with ten wickets each were the joint top wicket takers.

**Women's Senior T20** : The seniors won all seven matches in the league stage to qualify for the Super League. Performance in super league was not impressive as we lost all four matches. The match against Mizoram entered the record books. Mizoram was dismissed for 9 in 13.5 overs. Ten batters could not open the account. One batter got 6 runs while 3 extras were conceded. We scored required runs in just one over. Once again Babita Mandlik was the top scorer with 156 runs followed by Varsha Choudhary (142 runs) and Pooja Choudhary (135 runs) . Nidhi Buley (15 wickets), Salonee Dangore (11 wickets) and Varsha Choudhary (10 wickets) were the top three wicket takers.

**Women's U-23 One Day** : The U-23 women's side won three and lost five matches in the Elite Group 'E' and were not able to qualify for next stage. Soniya Sharma (218 runs) and Nikita Singh (154 runs) with the bat and Salonee Dangore (16 wickets) and Charu Joshi (11 wickets) finished in the top two amongst the batters and bowlers respectively.

**Women's U-23 T20** : The team got off to a bad start losing the first two matches but rallied to win four of the next five. Despite this they could not qualify. Soniya Sharma (175 runs) and Kalpana Yadav (151 runs) performed well with the bat. Soumya Tiwari and Charu Joshi were the top wicket takers with seven wickets apiece.

**Girls U-19 One Day** : The girls won five and lost three matches in the league stage. Soumya Tiwari with 213 runs and Ananya Dubey (147 runs) were successful with the bat while Nitya Tiwari (19 wickets) and Srashti Nagpure (17 wickets) finished on the top of wickets takers list.

**Girls U-19 T20** : The U-19 girls won four and lost two matches in the league. All the matches were low scoring affairs. Reena Yadav (96 runs) and Srashti Nagpure (11 wickets) were the top performers for us . Nitya Tiwari finished number two, both in terms and runs scored and wickets taken.

**Inter Divisional tournaments 2018-19**: The domestic tournaments of the state were successfully conducted. Indore Division won seven tournaments while finishing runners up in two tournaments. Performance of Narmadapuram Division is equally praiseworthy as they entered four finals and won the senior tournament. Chambal, Gwalior and Bhopal also won titles to show the spread of the game in the state.

With the intention of having more competitive cricket - five multi day tournaments were introduced for different age groups – Seniors, U-22, U-18, U-15 & U-14. The tournaments were named after great cricketers of yesteryear - C.T Sarwate, C.S Nayudu, Bhausahab Nimbalkar, Bhau Nivsarkar and Rameshwar Pratap Singh. Each tournament had three teams – the winner of Inter Division competition of that age group, Rest of MP – 'A' and Rest of MP – 'B'. The tournaments gave players another opportunity to stake claim for the state teams.

The finalists of the various tournaments were as follows-

Age Group	Tournament	Winner	Runners-up
Senior Multi Day	M.Y.Memorial Trophy	Narmadapuram	Indore
Senior One Day	Madhavrao Scindia Trophy	Indore	Narmadapuram
Senior T20	J.N.Bhaya Trophy	Indore	Team Bhopal
Boys' U-23	Parmanand Bhai Patel Trophy	Indore	Shahdol
Boys' U-23 One Day		Indore	Ujjain
Boys' U-18	Hiralal Gaekwad Trophy	Gwalior	Indore
Boys' U-18 One day	S.M. Khan Trophy	Indore	Narmadapuram
Boys' U-15	M.M. Jagdale Trophy	Chambal	Bhopal
Boys' U-14	A.W.Kanmadikar Trophy	Indore	Chambal
Senior Women	J.S.Anand Trophy	Indore	Jabalpur
Girls U-19		Team Bhopal	Narmadapuram
Girls U-16		Team Bhopal	Sagar

**New Tournaments :**

Men's Senior	C.T. Sarwate Trophy	Rest of MP –'A'
Boys' U-22	C.S.Nayudu Trophy	Indore
Boys' U-18	Bhausahab Nimbalkar Trophy	Rest of MP –'A'
Boys' U-15	Bhau Nivsarkar Trophy	Rest of MP –'A'
Boys' U-14	Rameshwar Pratap Singh Trophy	Rest of MP –'B'

**Awards Ceremony 2017-18** : MPCA organised the annual awards presentation function on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018. We applauded performances of our state teams, players, divisions, along with the highest award for lifetime achievement.

Ranji Trophy (reaching quarter final)	MPCA award Rs. 4 lacs
Col C K Nayudu Trophy (progress from plate gr. to elite gr quarter final)	MPCA award Rs. 4 lacs
Col C K Nayudu Trophy - Ltd. overs (reaching semi final)	MPCA award Rs. 6 lacs
Cooch Behar Trophy (all india runner up)	MPCA award Rs. 17.55 lacs to players + 2.50 lacs to support staff + 2.50 lacs to selectors
Vijay Merchant Trophy (playing semi final)	MPCA award Rs. 6 lacs
Girls U/23 T20 (qualifying for super league)	MPCA award Rs. 4 lacs
Pooja Vastrakar (for selection in India Women's Team) :	MPCA award Rs. 5 Lacs
Mihir Hirwani	Rs. 1 Lac (Madhavrao Scindia award - Sr. Cricketer category)
Yash Dubey	Rs. 1 Lac (Madhavrao Scindia award - Jr. Cricketer category)

Shri. Ashok Jagdale MPCA Lifetime achievement – Capt. C T Sarwate award  
Rs. 5.00 lakh and silver plaque

Shri. R G Bidasariya MPCA Lifetime achievement –Madhavrao Scindia award  
Rs. 5.00 lakh and silver plaque

Incentive award to Divisional Cricket Association :

1st rank : Indore	Rs. 7.5 Lakh
2nd rank : Gwalior and Sagar	Rs. 5.0 Lakh (shared jointly)

Apart from the above awardees, performances of teams and players in MPCA domestic circuit were also rewarded as per norms.

**Seminar for Women Coaches :** A 3-days education course exclusive for aspiring women coaches was conducted by MPCA at Holkar Stadium from 18-20 March 2019. Enhancing the quality and numbers of women coaches for handling requirements of Divisional players across age groups was the objective of this endeavour.

**Seminar for Curators :** A workshop for curators of the various divisions was organised by us to educate them about the new methods and trends.

**Course for physical trainers :** A workshop for trainers of various divisions was conducted by MPCA academy faculty. Aiming to strengthen the numbers of physical trainers who can get associated with Divisional teams / sub-centre activities, this 2-days course for aspiring physical trainers was held on 22 and 23 March 2019 at Holkar Stadium.

**BCCI Events :** MPCA hosted the Group 'C' of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament in Feb-Mar'19 and also the Super League stage held later. The tournament was won by Karnataka who defeated Maharashtra in the finals. We also hosted the Group 'D' of the Women's U-19 tournament at Jabalpur.

**Specific skill enhancement camps :** MPCA continued to arrange exclusive camps for enriching specific skill sets of our player. This year's activity started with camp for fast bowlers and followed by batsmen. Coaches associated with MPCA Academy and State Teams are also involved in the activity to observe and interact with the visiting coach, as well as implement specific input from the visiting coaches while handling the players during annual activities

**Educational Session for Players on Doping and Anti Corruption :** A special session on doping and anti corruption was conducted to educate the players on these two important facets and make them aware of the hazards involved.

**Infrastructure development :** Our cricket grounds at Hoshangabad and Morena have been adequately developed so as to start domestic matches. The ground at MPCA Gwalior stadium has taken desired shape to host BCCI matches in coming season. With these additions, now we have several grounds under ownership of MPCA besides other grounds provided by supportive Institutions for conducting routine cricket activities.

**Felicitations:** We congratulate the following players, officials, and other associates of MPCA for individual achievements during the season -

**Avesh Khan :** He continued to make rapid strides as a young fast bowler. He was selected to play Duleep Trophy 2019-20 and for India 'A' series against South Africa 'A'. He was also called as net bowler for India team.

**Rajat Patidar :** He was selected to play Duleep Trophy 2019-20.

**Ishan Afridi :** He was called to play practice matches for India U-19 team preparation for Asia Cup in Sri Lanka. He was called for NCA U-19 All India camp. He was also called for Elite Group Three of U-19 camp at Ranchi.

**Rahul Chandrol :** He was called for Elite Group Three of U-19 camp at Ranchi.

**Ajay Rohera :** He made a spectacular debut in the Ranji Trophy by scoring 267 not out and broke the record for highest score on debut in a first-class innings. He broke the record of Amol Muzumdar who scored 260 against Haryana in the 1993-1994 season.

**Pooja Vastrakar :** She was selected to play for Board President's XI in the two day practice match against South Africa. Pooja missed a major portion of the last season due to injury.

**Tripuresh Singh :** He was called for the special camp for fast bowlers and for a special fitness camp at NCA.

**Akshat Raghuvanshi :** He was also called for India U-16 camp. He was also called for the special camp for batsman at NCA and Central Zone U-16 camp.

**Shubham Kushwaha, Jatin Rajput, Sushant Nagar, Yuvraj Nema and Aryan Pandey** : They were called for Central Zone camp for U-16 boys at NCA.

**Sumit Kushwaha** : He was called for special camp for spinners at NCA.

**Shivang Kumar** : He was called for the second batch of NCA U-16 camp

**Omkarnath Singh** : He was called for Elite Group One of U-19 camp held at Dharamshala.

**Suraj Vashishtha** : He was called for Elite Group Two of U-19 camp held at Jaipur.

**Shashikala Yadav** : She was called for Elite Group One of U-19 camp held at Dharamshala. She was also selected in the 'A' team of NCA U-19 tournament.

**Reena Yadav & Soumya Tiwari** : They were called for Elite Group Two of U-19 camp held at Jaipur. They were selected in the 'B' team of NCA U-19 tournament.

**Harvinder Singh Sodhi** : He was appointed as coach for NCA boys U-19 tournament at Surat, North East Zone U-16 camp at Dimapur and U-16 Inter Zonal tournament at Bengaluru.

**Syed Abbas Ali** : He was appointed as a coach for U-19 camp of NCA at Bengaluru.

**Prem Shankar Bhargava** : He passed the BCCI level II examination for umpires and has been inducted in the BCCI panel.

**Shailesh Srivats** : He became the 4<sup>th</sup> curator from MPCA to qualify the BCCI curators certification course.

**Samandar Singh Chouhan and Manohar Jamle** : They were nominated by the BCCI to act as neutral curators for the BCCI matches played during 2018-19.

**Balasaheb Tate** : He was called for Elite Group One of U-19 camp held at Dharamshala as a Physio. He also worked as physio during the NCA U-19 tournament at Rajkot. He also attended an Orientation programme for Physios.

**Latika Datey** : She attended an Orientation programme for physios.

**Mayank Agrawal** : He attended a strength conditioning camp organised by NCA.

**Rajesh Patidar** : He was selected as video analyst of the Indian women's team for the South Africa tour in Sep'18 and for India U-16 camp in Sep'19.

**Tarique Khan** : He was called for ZCA boys U-19 camp at Rajkot as a Video Analyst.

#### **Gratitude:**

It is my sincere duty to thank each and every individual who has helped me in conducting the activities and affairs of the association smoothly.

I would also like to thank my fellow office bearers, members of the managing committee, office bearers of various divisions, members of sub committees for the continuous co-operation and support. I am also grateful to Shri Sanjay Jagdale and Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia for continuous support and guidance to me.

The team of volunteers who assist us in conducting so many events successfully was on the job continuously throughout the year. I am thankful to each one of them.

The Local administration, State Government, Police and other departments have continued their support to us not only in Indore but at all places where our events are organised. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart.

I earnestly express my gratitude to the Institutions who are providing their cricket grounds to conduct activities of MPCA Divisions viz. Emerald Heights School (Indore), Daly College (Indore), Shishukunj School (Indore), Gymkhana Ground (Indore), MIT College (Ujjain), Ranitaal Ground (Jabalpur), APS University (Rewa), Maharaja Public School (Rewa), Scindia School (Gwalior), Gupta Ground (Hoshangabad), Mahatma Gandhi Stadium (Shahdol), and many more.

I thank the media – print, digital, and visual for giving due coverage to our activities throughout the year.

Our Chartered accountants - M/s Anil Kamal Garg & Company, and printers M/s Reliable Advertising have continued to do an excellent job. My utmost thanks to them. Compilation of this report has been done by Rajiv Risodkar and Mahaveer Singh Arya. My thanks to both of them.

Our ground-staff, maintenance staff, academy staff, and office staff continue to perform in the interests of MPCA. My thanks to them as well.

Lastly, my thanks to all the members of the Association for their enthusiastic participation in the activities of the association.

Milind A Kanmadikar  
Hon. Secretary  
MPCA