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## MPCA AWARDS 2013

Recognising and rewarding the talent always boosts the self-esteem of any player. MPCA has been proactive in honouring our players for their hard work and performance at different stages of the game.

During the Annual Awards 2013, held on 23rd of June 2013, MPCA applauded the State teams for their good show in the BCCI tournaments in the season 2012/13, winners of our Inter Divisional tournaments, individual players and office staff for their diligent efforts throughout the year.

The ground staff attached to the Holkar Stadium (Indore) and Capt. Roop Singh Stadium (Gwalior) were rewarded for their excellent work which earned laurels for MPCA when BCCI adjudged us as the Best Association in the Central Zone for most sporting pitches and playfields for BCCI matches during 2012-13.



U/16 Team of MPCA

## President's Message...

It is indeed a pleasure to communicate with you through BIGRUN'S.

We live in an era where things are happening at supersonic speed, forcing us to adopt to the changing world leaving behind the past. Those who equip themselves to this changing environment are able to meet the challenges of the future. I firmly believe that MPCA, with your able support and cooperation, is moving in that direction and I am hopeful of achieving desired result in the near future.

During my interaction with you in the General Body meeting of MPCA, I had emphasised the importance of the 6 pillars which play a pivotal role in providing conducive environment for development of cricket in the State. The activities, achievements and growth of our Association during the last few years clearly reflect our continued focus on strengthening all the 6 pillars – Infrastructure development, players development, professionalism in the working, performance oriented approach, event organizing abilities and community building. Keeping the above objective in mind we have utilized almost 72% of our income towards core cricket oriented activities, such as organising tournaments, coaching schemes, players promotion, grants to Divisions, earmarking for proposed development etc, during the last financial year. The results of our efforts can be seen from the improved performance by various Divisions.



The cricket season of 2013-14 is just about to begin. The lengthening of monsoon season might have affected preparations of our players to a certain extent. However I am happy to know that this has not come in our way of hosting the 'NKP Salve Challenger Trophy' at the Holkar Stadium, Indore. All credit goes to our committed ground-staff who met the challenge with great success. The event featured stalwarts like Virender Sehwag, Yuvraj Singh and many upcoming players from across India who displayed their prowess on the very sporting track to the delight of huge crowd who enjoyed every moment during the four days of cricket. My compliments to Officials, Staff, Volunteers and the local Police for their efforts towards staging of the event successfully.

Our initiative to train the local Coaches who put in a lot of hard work at the District level in imparting coaching to young lads has began to yield good result. We have successfully conducted two workshops for them to bring uniformity in coaching at grassroot level.

The Cricket Development Committee is continuously making efforts to ensure potential of players are transformed into performance at national level. The process of identifying young talent and nurturing them at various sub - centers and Academy has yielded good result. I am happy to note that many former players are coming forward to share their experience in our endeavour.

We continue to focus on providing multi-pronged exposure to the players. During the last 3 months, Three of our teams had an opportunity to travel abroad to play against competitive and professional teams in Sri Lanka (U/19 and U/25) and South Africa (Men's Sr.). Playing against better opponents and out of comfort zone has helped them improve their game. I am sure this will help them perform better in the coming season.

Our efforts in providing the best of the infrastructure and playing facilities has been recognised by the BCCI and I am happy to share with you that MPCA has been adjudged as the Best Association in the Central Zone for providing most sporting and true pitches & playfield for the Ranji Trophy matches.

We are now focusing on the plan to develop our land at Jabalpur by having two grounds, adequate practice facilities and a pavilion block. The General Body has also approved a proposal to develop a cricket stadium of International standard at newly acquired ground at Gwalior.

I am sure my colleague in MPCA do share my belief that improvement is a continuous process and we can not afford to be satisfied with our past laurels. While we do realise the importance of this approach, a positive feedback from members will help us achieve our common objective. Looking forward to hear from you.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Joyous and Prosperous festival season.

**Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**  
President



# Congratulations

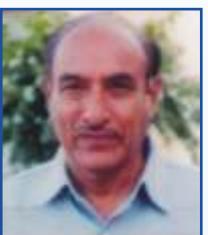
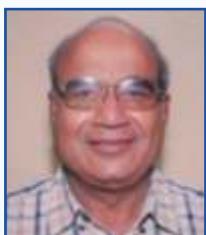


Naman Ojha - for his selection in India 'A' side against West Indies 'A' (at home)

Jalaj Saxena - for his selection in India 'A' side against New Zealand 'A' (at home)

Ishwar Pandey - for his selection in India 'A' side against West Indies 'A' (at home) & South Africa 'A' (away)

Also, the above players and Udit Birla were selected in the Central Zone Team for the Duleep Trophy Tournament held recently.

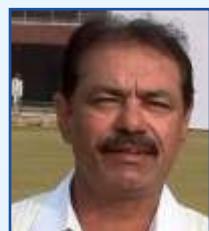


Vijay Nayudu (Technical Committee), Mr. Bhagwandas Suthar (Umpires Committee), Dr. Ashok Kumat (Marketing Committee), Mr. Narendra Dua (Museum Committee) and Ms. Sandhya Agrawal (Women's Academy Committee) are nominated on the sub-committees of the BCCI for the term 2013/14.



Mr. Ajay Sahastrabuddhe (L) and Mr. Manohar Jamley (R) successfully cleared the certification course for curators conducted by the BCCI. The performance of our candidates in this tough course has been cent percent.

Brijesh Tomar and Ms. Chitra Bajpaye have been inducted on the panel of the BCCI Match Referees. Now we have 4 Match Referees from MPCA, the other two - Mr. Anand Patel and Mr. H.S. Sodhi



Balasaheb Tate (Physio), Rajesh Patidar & Navin Paraswani (Video Analysts) acted as the support staff for the India Blue and India Red Teams during the NKP Salve Challenger Trophy held at Indore.

Mr. Amardeep Pathania (L) and Mr. Nitin Menon (R) were appointed as Umpires for the U/19 quadrangular series held recently in India. Mr. Pathania also acted as the 3rd Umpire for the India 'A' V/s New Zealand 'A' match.

## OBITUARY



**Vishwanath Bhardwaj**

One of the Senior MPCA Member - Mr. Vishwanath Bhardwaj left for heavenly abode on 30th August 2013.

MPCA offers heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty that his departed soul may rest in peace.

# NEWS & EVENTS...

## An Evening of Awards & Accolades



Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia addressing the invites for the awards function.



Mr. S.S. Chouhan (Holkar Stadium) and Mr. Ravi Patankar (Capt. Roop Singh Stadium) receiving the BCCI Award for Best Pitches and Outfield.



Bhopal Division receives MPCA Award for winning the M.Y. Memorial Tournament 2012-13

AWARD	BY MPCA	BY BCCI
Team Awards for reaching knock-out phase of BCCI Tournaments	Rs. 18 Lacs	Rs. 2 Lacs
Madhavrao Scindia Award for Best Sr. and Jr. Cricketer - BCCI Tournaments	Rs. 25 Thousand each	--
Best Spin and Fast Bowler in U/16 & U/19 BCCI Tournaments	Rs. 15 Thousand each	--
Special Award to Grounds (Holkar Stadium and Capt. Roop Singh Stadium)	--	Rs. 5 Lacs
Award by MPCA for Grounds at Rewa / Sagar / Emerald Heights School	Rs. 2.40 Lacs	--
Award to Winners of Inter Divisional Tournaments (2012-13)	Rs. 10 Lacs	--
Award to Runner-up Teams of Inter Divisional Tournaments (2012-13)	Rs. 5 Lacs	--
Incentive Award to MPCA Staff	Rs. 1.05 Lacs	--

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Men's Senior Team of MPCA



Boy's U/19 Team of MPCA



Women's Senior and Girl's U/19 Team of MPCA.

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Capt. Manohar Sharma during the inauguration of the education course for coaches from Districts



MPCA celebrates Indian Independence Day at Holkar Stadium on 15th August 2013



Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurates the 'A W Kanmadikar Conference Hall' at MPCA Administrative Block on 23rd June 2013.



MPCA conducted a Level 'O' education course for cricket umpires and scorers at Shahdol Division.



Players participate in the 'Ganesh Festival' at Holkar Stadium.

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## N K P SALVE CHALLENGER TROPHY 2013 AT HOLKAR STADIUM



Trophy and Awards being given at the hands of Mr. Sanjay Dubey (Commissioner, Indore) and Office Bearers of MPCA.

It was a treat for the spectators to enjoy live cricket action and cherish the presence of stalwarts like Virender Sehwag, Yuvraj Singh, Virat Kohli, Gautam Gambhir and others.

Yuvraj, with his consistent performance, paved way for his place in the Indian side.

## A LEAF FROM THE PAST

### THE RESURGENCE OF CRICKET IN INDORE

The exit of Holkar era left a void which could not be filled by the teams that followed them in spite of their best efforts. Indore, which was once known for cricket, started losing its identity with the game till the staging of Rohinton Baria Cricket Tournament in Indore in 1965-66. Indore University reached the West Zone final to play against Bombay University, at the Gymkhana ground. The brilliant knock of Ashok Jagdale (104) against the star studded Bombay University team, led by Ashok Mankad, was the turning point in Indore cricket as he had played similar knock (104), a week before, against Gujarat University. Though Indore lost the final match due to a dubious umpiring decision at a crucial stage, the match / tournament played an important role in the resurgence of cricket in Indore.

It was a period when Inter University tournaments used to play significant role in providing players for the State Ranji Trophy teams. The Indore University team did not do well in 1966 as they lost to Pune University in the Quarter Final but the year 1967 brought unprecedented glory to Indore University and to Indore. Ashok Jagdale led Indore University team to become the West Zone champion for the first time after beating all other formidable teams & reached the All India final. The team played their first match against the Jabalpur University at the Gymkhana ground which got over within two days.

Indore University 307 for 5. (Vijay Nayudu 125 n.o., Ashok Jagdale 92, N. Menon 41)

Jabalpur University 57 (Vinod Marang 4 for 15, Vijay Nayudu 3 for 14) & 64 (Gulrej Ali 7 for 21). The rest of the matches were played at Ahmedabad.

The team, under the Managership of Prof. Sushil Kumar of Indore Christian College, left for Ahmedabad by an early morning bus. The bus was full to its capacity and soon every one dozed off till the bus was stopped at an octroi post. There was a bit of commotion as no one came forward to claim the ownership of two boxes. This prompted Vinod Marang to climb the roof top of the bus to see what is there in the box & he brought the boxes down. Those players who were awake started emptying its contents of sweets and namkeens & in no time the boxes were empty. The owner of the boxes, who was sleeping, got up and some players offered him the sweets. He came to know about what had happen to his boxes when the bus stopped for lunch and soon started the ruckus. Sushil Kumar had to use all his wits to pacify him as he was also one of the recipients of goodies. When the person addressed Sushil Kumarji as "Masterji", Sushil Kumarji objected being called "Masterji" as he was a Prof. The argument that followed deflected the issue of boys eating all his goodies. This is how our journey began.

On reaching Ahmedabad at about 8 pm we were accommodated in a hall adjacent to Canteen at St. Xavier College. The junior players were on one side of the hall while the senior players on the other side of the hall. Since no beds were provided, every player made his own arrangement to sleep on the floor facing each other.

The first match was against a formidable Poona University, captained by Chetan Chavan. The match is still remembered for the brilliant batting by Rafique Khan who almost scored a century before lunch & brilliant catches by Koushal who was 12th man.

Indore University 300 (Rafique Khan 90, Vijay Nayudu 81, MP Singh 38 n.o.) & 229 (Ashok Jagdale 124, Vijay Nayudu 34)

Poona University 261 (Chetan Chavan 90, SM Kabadi 54, Ashok Jagdale 5 for 93, Nirbhay Shrivastav 3 for 36) and 60 (Nirbhay Shrivastav 5 for 27)

It was an upset victory over Poona & it took some time for us to realize what we had done. On way back to St. Xavier College Hall, Vinod Marang started victory dance and soon the Manager & some players joined him for the amusement of onlookers on the road. The victory brought a sense of self belief & confidence in the team.

The next match was against Gujarat University who had scored over 500 runs in the previous match with one of their batsman scoring 173 runs.

Indore University 160 (Vijay Nayudu 56, Gulrej Ali 36) & 247 (Ashok Jagdale 67, Vijay Nayudu 59)

Gujarat University 130 (Ashok Jagdale 4 for 36, Sanjay Jagdale 3 for 19) & 152 (Ashok Jagdale 4 for 66, Nirbhay Shrivastav 3 for 28).

This victory brought us to the final of the West Zone to play against Baroda University who had beaten Bombay and Shivaji University on their way to the final.

Indore University 284 (N. Menon 47, Ashok Jagdale 63, Vinod Marang 39, S. Thakur 72) & 197 for 6 (Vijay Nayudu 62, Vinod Marang 45 n.o.)

Baroda University 226 (Sanjay Jagdale 3 for 55, Vijay Nayudu 5 for 18).

We won the final by virtue of first inning lead which was possible due to defiant & dour batting by S. Thakur, who played every ball on the front foot to avoid being given LBW. Thus it was the first ever West Zone title for Indore university. All the leading news papers in the country carried the news of Indore's maiden success.

We now entered the All India round of Rohinton Baria Trophy for the first time and slated to play semi final round against Madras University, who were the South Zone champion.

The match had many exciting moments. The last pair of

Jitu Patel & Nirbhay Shrivastav was required to get 4 runs for the first inning lead. Jitu Patel popped up a catch & sat in the middle of the wicket, hiding his face between his legs, hoping the catch would be dropped but did not realize that he could get run out. It happened exactly that way, thereby conceding 3 runs lead to Madras. It was important for us to get Madras all out as early as possible in their second inning to enable us go for an outright win. We got them out for 153 runs, thanks to Ashok & Sanjay - Jagdale duo & the required runs were scored in no time by Narendra Menon and Vijay Nayudu as they hammered the Madras attack to score 97 runs in 55 minutes & the match got over well before its closing time. The victory brought us to play Calcutta in the All India final of Rohinton Baria Trophy for the first time.

Madras University 226 (R. Shankar 72, Kanan 63, Ashok Jagdale 5 for 63) & 153 (Ashok Jagdale 4 for 51, Sanjay Jagdale 3 for 29)

Indore University 223 (N. Menon 56, Sanjay Jagdale 36, Gulrej Ali 30) & 162 for 2 in 37 overs (N. Menon 73 n.o., Vijay Nayudu 63 n.o.)

The final was played at Sardar Patel Stadium. An umpire decision of not allowing a catch in the "slip" helped Ambar Roy scored a century. The Umpire later said "Sorry, did not hear the snick due to the train that just passed by". This was the turning point of the match as first inning lead made all the difference. The match will be remembered for dour batting by S. Thakur and brilliant stroke play of Gulrej Ali which brought us very close to taking the first inning lead & possible victory. Unfortunately it did not happen as Gulrej was distracted by the presence of cheering girls at tea break & soon got out to a rash stroke, leaving all of us furious as we missed the opportunity of creating a history.

Calcutta University 360 (Ambar Roy 103, Souman Ghosh 92, Vijay Nayudu 4 for 76, Vinod Narang 3 for 21) & 205 (Nirbhay Shrivastav 3 for 17, Vinod Narang 4 for 90)

Indore University 323 (N. Menon 40, Vijay Nayudu 33, Ashok Jagdale 72, Gulrej Ali 85, S. Thakur 35 n.o. Dilip Doshi 5 for 85) & 111 (Ashok Jagdale 33, Dilip Doshi 4 for 22, Som 4/37)

The outstanding performance of the team was due to the



**The Indore team which won the West Zone Inter University Cricket final against Baroda for the first time. Standing from left to right are Narang, S. Jagdale, S. Gulrej Ali, A. Jagdale (Captain), V. K. Naidu, N. Menon, V. Gagwani, A. Khan, M. P. Sing, N. S. Thakur. Sitting from left are Kekre, Kaushal, Shrivastav, Bajjatia and Jitu Patel.**

presence of all-rounders in the team besides ability of our bowlers, especially Nirbhay Shrivastav, to get initial break through & solid rear guard contribution by Sanjay Jagdale, Vinod Narang & S. Thakur, and of course brilliance of Ashok Jagdale who led the team from the front. The team always relied on their strength & never expected below par performance from any one or else he would face few explicit choice of words from Narendra Menon, who did not spare any one.

The popularity of Indore University team in Ahmedabad was tremendous and beyond any one's belief. The players wearing the Indore University Blazer invited special attention from all & sundry where ever they went. The Havemor Hotel, where some of us used to have dinner, got special concession. The local sports shops gave hefty discount.

The month long period went like hours and left all of us with many memorable moments to live with. One such moment was mid night snacks, the discovery of Vinod Narang & later joined by Kaushal. The senior players used to analyse the days match and formulate strategy for the next day play post dinner till about mid night while the youngsters used to go to bed early. Since the hall, where we were put up, was adjacent to the Canteen, the automatic start of the Fridge used to disturb us often. Once we felt hungry and did not know where to go as the college campus main gate was closed. This prompted Vinod Narang to suddenly get up and climbed the grill partition separating the canteen & hall. None of us realized what he was up to. As he reached the top, the Fridge started and Vinod got panicked & stuck up on the top of the grill. We thought he would fall. We all had a hearty laugh as every one thought some one has come. Vinod entered the canteen and opened the Fridge and found lot of varieties of eatables including cutlets & cold drinks. He passed on the stuff to the players and this became the routine affair for almost 10 -15 days till the tournament was over. The matter came to light on the last day as some players had left empty bottles behind the curtain instead of placing in the empty bottle rack. Our poor Manager had tough time to settle the issue and how he managed is still a mystery.

The tournament carries sweet memories for all the players even after lapse of 45 years.

The following year (1968) we lost some key players & the team was not as formidable as it was previous year but people expected similar performance from Indore University. The tournament was held at Baroda.

Indore University 216 (N. Menon 62, N. Kenkre 59) & 423 for 5 dec. (N. Menon 124, Vijay Nayudu 140, Ashok Jagdale 100 n.o.)

South Gujarat University 183 (Sanjay Jagdale 7 for 70) & 289 for 7 (Ashok Jagdale 3 for 27)

The semi final match was against Bombay led by Sunil Gavaskar. We were bowled out for 133 but hit back to get the star studded Bombay team out for 204 there by conceding 71 runs lead. The only way we could win the match was to go for an

outright win. We adopted an attacking posture in the second inning to score 273 for 7 before declaring and invited Bombay to score 203 runs in 270 minutes. We decided to use only 3 bowlers and rotated them from both ends. Ashok and Sanjay opened the bowling and soon Bombay were 106 for 8. However, few fielding lapses helped the 9th wicket pair to add 81 valuable runs.

When the last batsman walked in Bombay needed 13 runs or play out the remaining 20 minutes left to win on first inning lead. There was tremendous tension with over 10,000 people cheering us. Bombay needed 5 runs for win in the last over. I invited Ashok Jagdale to bowl the last over. He was quite furious at some fielding lapses and rightly so. Some how, he was pacified & persuaded to bowl the last over.

The 1st ball went out side the off stump. The 2nd. ball went past the leg stump. I asked him to bowl round the wickets and the batsman played forward & the ball went between the legs of Behram for 2 runs. All the players yelled at him. Ashok went back to over the wicket & the 4th ball was right at the legs & the batsman missed it. All of us shouted in chorus. Mr. Jayant Lele, who was umpiring the match, raised his finger & we won the match by 2 runs. All the 10,000 people rushed to the middle of the ground and filled our pockets with coins & cheered us to the pavilion. Sunil Gavaskar had mentioned about the thrilling finish in his book "Sunny days" and has still not forgotten about the match.

Indore University 133 (N. Menon 57) & 273 for 7 dec. (Abdul Wahid 48, Vijay Nayudu 49, Ashok Jagdale 56, Sanjay Jagdale 53 n.o.)

Bombay University 204 (SM Gavaskar 47, AD Naik 53, Sanjay Jagdale 4 for 65) & 200 (N. Ambulkar 46, S. Gavankar 52, Ashok Jagdale 4 for 56, Vijay Nayudu 4 for 52, Sanjay Jagdale 2 for 56)

The final was against Baroda & the match was marred by a dubious umpiring decision of not giving Uday Thate out "hit wicket" when he dislodged the bails while playing a shot. Thate was batting at 6 & went on to score 38 runs. The umpire, a former Ranji player & uncle of Baroda Captain, thought Menon (WK) had some thing to do with the falling of bails. The 23 runs difference in the first inning helped Baroda win the match as Indore tried its best to score 248 runs in the available 173 minutes for an outright win but failed.

Baroda University 223 (S.L.Dudha 66, Ashok Jagdale 7 for 109) & 214 (S.L.Dudha 67, R.V.Hazare 56, Vijay Nayudu 3 for 49)

Indore University 200 (Vijay Nayudu 41, S. Thakur 29, M.P.Singh 47) & 158 for 7 (Vijay Nayudu 101)

Thus, the Indore University cricket team played an important role in the resurgence of the game in Indore and placed the city back on the cricketing map of the country.

**(By Vijay Nayudu)**

# FROM THE BOARDROOM

- The Annual General Body meeting of MPCA was held on 4th August 2013 at Holkar Stadium, Indore, and took note of the various achievements of the Association during the preceding year, activities conducted, the financial statements, budget for the year 2013/14 and adopted the proposals for various endeavours to be taken up this year.
- During last few year, MPCA has taken initiative to extend required support for the development of the game at the District level. Under this project, MPCA has decided to provide ground maintenance and coaching equipment to all the District Associations who are affiliated to our Divisional units. Equipment like manual rollers, mowers, pumpsets, nets, training kit etc. will be given to all Districts.
- Ahead of the cricket season 2013/14, an interaction session was organized for the selection committee members of all age groups. It was an excellent initiative to exchange views on various pre-requisites to help strengthen the selection process. Senior Cricketers and former national selectors like Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, Mr. Narendra Hirwani, Mr. Bhagwandas Suthar, Mr. Vijay Nayudu, Capt. Manohar Sharma, Mr. Narendra Menon shared their experiences on this subject and expressed confidence on the positive outcome of such open interactions. A similar session was organized in April and August 2013 for Captains / Coaches / Support Staff of all state teams to discuss the preparations for the season 2013-14.
- The process for securing ISO certification (Quality Management Systems) for MPCA has commenced during the first week of October. This endeavour will guide us to adopt and implement processes and procedures of operations which are at par with recognized standards. It would act as a catalyst in the process of elevating our functioning at all levels. An awareness session was organized for the operating staff of MPCA under the guidance of the ISO consultant. This will be followed by series of awareness & education programs, internal audit sessions, review meetings etc.



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