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'NATIONAL CHAMPIONS'

The Women's (Sr.) team of MPCA emerged as the National Champions in the Plate segment of the Ltd. Overs Tournament conducted by BCCI for 2015-16.

Placed in group 'A', our team won against Saurashtra, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand, while faced solitary defeat against Karnataka.

We entered the knock out phase with excellent performance, team work, high morale and supreme confidence.

The knock out was held under auspices of Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association at Una. We defeated Haryana (quarter final) and Kerala (semi final) before outplaying Baroda in the Final by 5 wickets and 13.3 overs to spare.

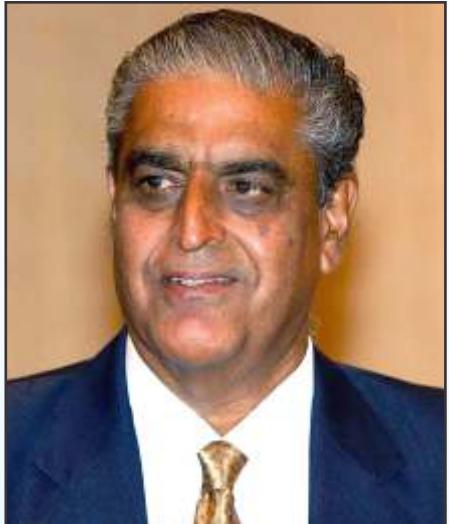
Congratulations to all players, team support staff and the selection committee for such a stupendous performance.



President's Message...

My best wishes and heartiest regards to all of you for a happy and prosperous New Year – 2016.

The ODI at Holkar Stadium between India and South Africa (14.10.2015) was a very successful event amid a humongous demand for the match tickets. It was a splendid performance by Indian team to win the match under intelligent captaincy and performance from M S Dhoni. All the four ODI played here have earned victory for Indian team and it is a record in itself. The facilities at Holkar Stadium, conveniences associated with the city of Indore, MPCA's organising team and the support from the cricket connoisseur fans' of Madhya Pradesh have helped us in accreditation of Holkar Stadium as a 'Test Centre'. I congratulate to all those who have contributed in shaping up this edifice of infrastructure and warm interpersonal bonding. I am confident of staging a Test match at this historic venue in near future with similar competence.



I congratulate Naman Ojha for having made his debut in a Test match for India against Sri Lanka in August 2015. Naman Ojha has been the backbone of MP Ranji team for last many years. His perseverance and tenacity to excel has earned him the Test cap.

I feel extremely proud to mention about two of our young pacers – Avesh Khan and Rahul Batham, who represented India U/19 team in the ICC World Cup 2016. Both of them have taken tremendous efforts to reach this stage and their abilities have been highly admired by the Indian team coach Rahul Dravid.

It is a pleasure to cite the consistent performance of our Ranji, U/23 and U/16 teams who reached the knock out stage of their respective tournaments. I am convinced about the abilities of our players to excel in the tournament towards winning the championship.

I also applaud the title winning performance of our Women's Team in the National Championship (ltd overs), as also our Girls U/19 team for reaching the semi finals in second successive year. Earlier, I had referred to the significant rise in terms of quality and competitiveness of our women players in last few years. This years' performance of our teams affirms my view about this development that we have achieved.

It is not possible to attain any result unless all those who are at the helm of affairs, either at the Divisional level or at the State level, work in unison and tandem. I take this opportunity to compliment all of them for their contribution.

It is our continuous endeavour to tap upcoming talent at the right time and help it grow to its full potential. Keeping the above objective in mind we will make all efforts to continue providing better infrastructure and other facilities to enable our youngsters to play the game in an atmosphere conducive for good cricket.

Shortly from now, the young players will have to focus on their academics. It is important for them to continue with their education. My experience suggests that players who have command on their academic have better chances to develop a multi faceted perspective needed to become a good player and a good human being.

As usual, I look forward to your valuable suggestion for further betterment of MPCA.

Sanjay Jagdale
President



Two of our upcoming medium pace bowlers, Rahul Batham (L) and Avesh Khan (R) attracted National attention for their splendid performance for India U/19 team in the recently concluded ICC World Cup 2016.

Congratulations



Naman Ojha proudly received the India 'Test' cap at the hands of Indian skipper Virat Kohli when he was selected for the 3rd Test of the series against Sri Lanka.

In this game, Naman score 21 and 35 and took 4 catches behind the stumps besides one stumping.



Jalaj Saxena was adjudged winner of coveted Lala Amarnath award for best all round performance in Ranji Trophy for the season 2014-15. His stellar performance in this tournament, 583 runs in 13 innings with two centuries and two fifties along with 17 wickets, helped him to bag this prestigious award of BCCI.



Mr. Nitin Menon, a BCCI panel umpire from MPCA, is selected by BCCI for 'umpires exchange program' to Australia. He would officiate 2 first class games played under aegis of Cricket Australia in February 2016.



BCCI has appointed Mr. Vasu Gangwani and Ms. Rekha Punekar as the Liaison Manager for the Oman Men's Team and England Women's Team respectively during the ICC World T20 Tournament (Men and Women) to be held in India in March / April 2016.

India-South Africa ODI at Holkar Stadium on 14th October 2015



First ticket of the ODI was presented to Smt. Sumitra Mahajan (Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha and Patron of ODI Organising Committee)



Indian players during practice session a day before the ODI



M S Dhoni in action



Man of the Match awards presentation



Indore crowd celebrated the majestic performance of Indian team by cheering the players with innovative 'flash light wave' using cellphones. Ab de Villiers acknowledged Indore crowd as "It was one of the best crowds I have ever played in front of. They helped their team get over the line."

India-South Africa ODI at Holkar Stadium on 14th October 2015

MPCA organised the One Day International Cricket match between India and South Africa on 14th October 2015 at Holkar Stadium, Indore. This was the second match of the 5 game series.

There was a huge euphoria about the match as any International cricket event was taking place in Madhya Pradesh after a gap of almost four years.

Holkar Stadium is reckoned as a happy hunting ground for Indian team as India had won all the three previous matches held at this ground. We stood up to our reputation and our team won this ODI with a margin of 22 runs, thanks to a magical and delightful knock of 92* by Indian skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

Holkar Stadium was refurbished for this match with complete internal and external surface painting, two new lifts were installed at the south pavilion, a new TV broadcast control room, live studio enclosure and an additional commentators room was developed.

The match was organised efficiently with the support from MPCA Members, Volunteers, Staff and a big team of close associates of MPCA.

Just after this ODI, the BCCI granted 'Test Centre' status to Holkar Stadium, thus endorsing our infrastructure, facilities, team work and such other facets that are essential for organising a Test match.



NEWS & EVENTS...



Madhavrao Scindia Trophy 2015-16

(Men's Sr. Inter Divisional Tournament - Ltd. Overs)
Winner : Ujjain Division



J N Bhaya Trophy 2015-16

(Men's Sr. Inter Divisional Tournament - T/20)
Winner : Gwalior Division



Heeralal Gaekwad Trophy 2015-16

(Boys U/18 Inter Divisional Tournament - Multi Days)
Winner : Indore Division



MP women's team being received at Indore airport on their arrival from Una after winning the National Championship.



Railway team emerged winner of the super league segment of the BCCI T/20 Tournament for Women's, hosted by MPCA at Holkar Stadium from 11 to 14 January 2016.

Apart from Railways, Maharashtra, Goa and Orissa participated in Super League phase.

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Renowned sports commentator and senior member of MPCA - Mr. Sushil Doshi was felicitated by MPCA on being conferred the coveted 'Padma Shri' award for his distinguished service in sports commentary by the Government of India. The event took place at Holkar Stadium on 11.2.2016.



Indian Republic day was celebrated by unfurling Indian Flag at Holkar Stadium on 26 January 2016 at the hands of Justice (retd.) P D Mulye, a senior member of MPCA, in presence of MPCA Officials, Members, Players and other associates of MPCA.



MPCA Calendar for 2016, illustrating the evolution of Holkar Stadium from a 'Club ground to a Test Centre', was unveiled on 26 January 2016.



Col. C K Mayudu's birth anniversary was celebrated on 31 October 2015.



Ganesh Utsav was celebrated at Holkar Stadium.

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The newly refurbished meeting hall near the P4 pavilion at Holkar Stadium was christened as 'Dr. M K Bhargava Conference Hall' as a befitting tribute to the relentless good work done by Dr. M.K. Bhargava during his long association with MPCA in various administrative capacities. The christening took place on 8 August 2015.



MPCA's ground at Jabalpur

Pavilion block for MPCA's ground at Sagar.



BCCI Tournament 2015-16 (completed)

TOURNAMENT	OUTRIGHT RESULT	RESULT ON 1 INNG.	TIE / NO RESULT	BEST BATTING PERFORMANCE	BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE
RANJI TROPHY	Won against Bengal (QF), Andhra, Railways & Baroda Lost to Mumbai & Gujarat	Won against Punjab & Lost To Mumbai (SF) & Tamil Nadu	Against Uttar Pradesh	Harpreet Singh 750 Runs in 15 Inng with 139 as his highest score	Jalaj Saxena 49 Wkts in 16 Inng with 8/58 as his best performance
VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY	Won against Bengal, Uttar Pradesh & Goa Lost to Himachal Pradesh & Saurashtra	N/A	Nil	Naman Ojha 249 Runs in 5 Inng with 114* as his highest score	Jalaj Saxena 8 Wkts in 5 Inng with 2/21 as his best performance
SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY	Won against Assam, Railways, Goa & Andhra, Lost to Baroda & Delhi	N/A	Nil	Harpreet Singh 208 Runs in 6 Inng with 63* as his highest score	Ishwar Pandey 12 Wkts in 6 Inng with 4/20 as his best performance
U/23 COL CK MAYUDU TROPHY	Won against Tamil Nadu, Vidarbha, Kerala & Maharashtra	Won against Hyderabad & Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Shubham Sharma 628 in 9 Inng with 182 as his highest score	Saransh Jain 27 Wkts in 11 Inng with 6/124 as his best performance
U/19 COOCH BEHAR TROPHY	Won against Orissa, Tripura & Karnataka, Lost to Baroda & Vidabha	Lost to Mumbai	Nil	Siddharth Patidar 385 in 8 Inng with 105 as his highest score	Ritesh Shakya 25 Wkts with 6/152 as his best performance
U/19 VINOO MANKAD TROPHY	Won against Vidarbha & Railways, Lost to Chhattisgrah & Rajasthan	N/A	Uttar Pradesh	Yash Dubey 208 in 4 Inng with 73 as his highest score	Apurv Purohit 11 Wkts in 4 Inng With 3/28 as his best performance
U/16 VIJAY MERCHANT TROPHY	Won against Vidarbha	Won against Rajasthan, Chhattisgrah & Uttar Pradesh, Lost to Mumbai (QF)	Nil	Rishabh Chouhan 449 in 7 Inng with 120 as his highest score	Adheer Pratap Singh 23 Wkts with 4/34 as his best performance
WOMEN'S SENIOR (ONE DAY)	Won against Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam & Saurashtra, Baroda (KO), Kerala (KO) Haryana (KO) Lost to Karnataka	N/A	Nil	Varsha Choudhary 228 in 8 Inng with 60 as her highest score	Nidhi Buley 14 Wkts in 8 Inng with 3/14 as her best performance
WOMEN'S 5R (T/20)	Won against Kerala & Punjab, Lost to Goa & Odisha	Nil	Nil	Varsha Choudhary 76 Runs in 4 Inng with 32 as her highest score	Pooja Vastrakar 4 Wkts In 4 Inng With 2/15 as her best performance
U/23 WOMEN'S (ONE DAY)	Won against Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgrah, Vidarbha & Railways	Nil	Nil	Charu Joshi 122 Runs 5 Inng with 55 as her highest score	Tarang Jha 11 Wkts In 5 Inng With 5/23 as her best performance
U/19 GIRLS (ONE DAY)	Won against Rajasthan, Vidarbha, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgrah, Odisha (SL), Kerala (SL), Mumbai (SL) & Haryana (SL) Lost to Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nuzhat Parween 242 in 8 Inng with 66 as her highest score	Poonam Soni 12 Wkts with 3/13 as her best performance

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सन् १९२४ में लोचन यशवत् कलव की नीति रखी गई। इस का निर्माण कलव के स्थानान्तरित करने के उद्देश्य से किया जा रहा था। इस भवन की बनावट से वह बात बिलकुल स्पष्ट है कि वह इस दृश्य से बनाया गया है कि किंकोट प्रेवेलियन का भी काम दे सके।

अब तक किंकोट में लोचन कलव को और इसे सेलने वाले लोग प्रायः अभिजात्य वर्ग के थे; इदौर में जब किंकोट की गतिविधियाँ उच्च स्तर पर चल रही थीं, तब सांधारण्य जनता में से एक नवयुवक उभरकर आया। किंकोट में भ्रयकर, लोचन कलव वाले-इस युवक का नाम या जी, आर. पटिज (बाद में लोग उन्हें इसी नाम से पुकारते थे)। उस समय होस्टल राज्य के जासकोप छापकानों में काम करने थे, और माझुरी सा बेतन पाते थे। यह किंकोट में उनकी लोचन कोई अत नहीं था। उन्होंने लॉयल कलव की स्थापना की। इस कलव के सदस्य उत्तरी तुकोमेज में टीके उस बगह सेला करते थे जहाँ आजकल बैकी थी चित्तने का बयान है। उन दिनों उस कलव के सदस्य थे- आर. डी. जोशी (बैकील), डी. डी. जोशी, सरदार जमीतसिंग, हरबरसिंग (बन विभाग के द्वी पक्ष ओ.), होलकर राज्य के शिक्षा मंत्री स्वर्गीय लाला जीमानसिंहजी के पुत्र द्वय राजीतसिंग और शक्तिसिंग, सी. आर. नायडू (नायडूओं में सी. के. से छोटे और सी. एम. से बड़े भाई), सी. एम. नायडू, मुत्ताक़ अली, मै (यानी एम. एम. जगदालो), लखमीचंद नानेरिया, श्रीदू मोहरकर (प्रियंक भारकर), सी. के. काटक, मोनीलालनजी, और आर. एम. केतकर। लॉयल कलव के ये सदस्य इदौर-महू की प्राप्ति सभी दोनों में सेव सेला करते थे और बड़बाज़ा, उज्जैन, रत्नाम, धार और भुसावल तक के दौरे किया करते थे।

कीरीब २५ सदस्य हुआ करते थे, और उनमें कोस केवल आठ आगे महीने ली जाती थी। जरा सोचिए कि कलव का मारा इतिहास पटितजी कैसे करते होंगे?

यह वह जमाना था-जब पेन्ट आम जनता में प्रचलित नहीं हुए थे। लॉयल कलव के सदस्य पजामा और कमीज पहनकर सेला करते थे। बल्लेदारी करते समय हर गेंद पर कमीज की

दोनों जाँघों के बीच में खासगना पड़ता था। सन् २८ में पेन्ट आगे और लॉयल कलव के सदस्य भी किंवद्वय पहनकर सेलने लगे। इस पेन्ट के पहनने का एक जोरदार किस्सा मुझे पाया आ रहा है। (मेरे होस्टल सरदार जमीतसिंग में अनन्योंगी अनुमति लेकर यह किस्सा मैं आपको सुना रहा है।)

हुआ यह कि सन् २८ में जब पेन्ट आगे तो लॉयल कलव के सब सदस्य पेन्ट पहनकर डेली कलेज के मैदान पर डेली कॉलेज में सेव सेलने पहुँचे। सरदार जमीतसिंग ने पेन्ट पहना, कमीज पहना, पगड़ी बांधी और कधी पर बाकायदा बम्बू के पट्टे में लगी अपनी कूपाण टांगी और मैदान पर लोक रक्षण के लिए पहुँचे।

मि. हाइड उस समय डेली कॉलेज के प्रिसीपल थे। जब उन्होंने देखा कि एक सिर्फ (सरदार जमीतसिंग) गले में छुरा लटकाएँ किंवित कर रहा है तो दौड़-दौड़ मैदान में आए।



लॉयल कलव जैवन पर कर्मल नायडू होतकर दौश को लोचन कलव के लिए ले जाते हुए।

लॉयल कलव और पंडितजी

छुरा लटकाए मैदान में

"किंवद्वी यह तत्त्वावार आपने घले में क्यों लटका रखी है?" उन्होंने सरदार जमीतसिंग से पूछा, आप सेलने आए है या लड़ने? नहीं यह तत्त्वावार नहीं खलेंगी। इसे देखकर मेरे बच्चे दृढ़ जाएं, और वे समझेंगे कि आप उन्हें मारने आए हैं।"

इस कृपान के किस्मे को लेकर आखिर जमीतसिंग मैदान से बाहर ही गए। फिर उन्होंने एक बच्चे के पट्टे में एक छोटा सा बाक़ लटकाया और उसे कमीज के अंदर छुपाया।

उन दिनों लॉयल कलव के कलान ये देवाम बृन्दियर के भारहाजा स्वर्गीय साम्राज्य के जवाई न्यवर्गीय की अण्णा साहेब जाधव उर्फ चिन्हलीकर। कर्नल सी. के. नायडू, बौधी फिरोज़हीन, एम. डी. डोतीवाला, जैसे प्रध्यापन मिलाडी भी लॉयल कलव की तरफ से तब तक सेला करते थे।

लॉयल कलव ने सर्वसंगला किंकोट टूर्नामेंट उज्जैन में मन् २७ से भाग लिया था। और सन् २८ और २९ में कप जीता। मगर मन् ३० में समस्या बड़ी बिकान हो आई। टूर्नामेंट में भाग लिये जाना था, और टीम के पाम इतना पैसा नहीं था कि उज्जैन तक पहुँच सके। आखिर पटितजी के किंकोट प्रेमने उन्होंने एक त्यापि करने की प्रेरणा दी जो अन्धन (कम से कम इस सेव की सूचि के इतिहास में) मध्यिक से देखने को मिलेगा। उन्होंने अपनी माइक्रोल बैच दी, और उससे जो पैसा मिला, उससे टीम को लेकर उज्जैन पहुँचे। वहाँ पहुँचने पर लॉयल किंवित की टीम में बौद्धी बाली भावना के पतन की हड्ड हो गई। टांगीज के कलान ने पटितजी को यह कहकर अपने बैरेक्स से बापस भेज दिया (या यो कहिए भगा दिया) कि अब लेल-बेल नहीं होगा।

पटितजी के त्याग और सेल की भ्रयकर लॉयल कलव के सदस्यों ने प्रभावित होकर लॉयल कलव के सदस्यों ने उज्जैन से इदौर लौटने पर चढ़ा एकत्रित किया और पटितजी को एक माइक्रोल बैट स्वकृप प्रदान की। आप जरा सोचिए, वे मुबह माइक्रोल लेकर मह पहुँचते और वहाँ की टीम में मैच का आगोंजन करते होते तक तत्त्वावार माइक्रोल से ही इदौर लौटते और मैच के समय के पूर्व अपनी टीम लेकर बापस पहुँच जाते। उनके द्वारा आगोंजित किए गए ऐसे एक मैच का एक बड़ा कटू अनुभव लिखते-लिखते मेरी स्मृति में ताजा ही आया है।

एक बार मेना के टांगीज से पटितजी ने मैच ठहराया। और लॉयल कलव की पुरी टीम को लेकर मह पहुँचे। टांगीज के कलान ने टांगीजीतकर बल्लेबाजी गूह की और लगाम एक-डेंड बैल तक सेलते रहे। फिर लॉयल ही आए। टांगीज बही अपने देवेक्सस में लॉयल करते गए, और लॉयल कलव के सदस्य बाजार में सां-पी आए। भगर दो बजे, तीन बजे पर टांगीज अपने देवेक्सस में बाहर ही नहीं निकले। लॉयल कलव की टीम बैसबॉल में मैदान पर बैठी उनके आने का इतिहार करती रही। जब काफी समय हो जाने के बाद भी टांगीज बाहर नहीं आए तो पटितजी उन्हें बुलाने गए। और सब मानिए, उस दिन तो मिलाडी भावना के पतन की हड्ड हो गई। टांगीज के कलान ने पटितजी को यह कहकर अपने बैरेक्स से बापस भेज दिया (या यो कहिए भगा दिया) कि अब लेल-बेल नहीं होगा।

Courtesy : Mr. Akshay Dhakad



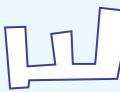
Devendra Bundela standing - second from left



Devendra Bundela has achieved a rare distinction of having played over 100 Ranji Trophy matches for MP and is still going strong. It all started on 22nd February 1977 when he was born at Ujjain where his father was working for SBI. He spent his childhood in Ujjain which was known most for historical reasons than for the game of cricket. However, his interest for the game developed after having watched cricket matches on TV. In 1983, when he was just 6 years old, India had won the World Cup that fueled the imagination of many young Indian children who aspired to be a cricketer. This historical win had taken the popularity of the game to an unbelievable height in India. Young Devendra was one of the many children who got attracted to the game and decided to earnestly pursue the interest.



He started playing the game at the age of 12 years under the guidance of Mr. Salim Khan who had represented the Division team. There is an interesting incident involving Salim and his protégée young Devendra. A U-14 team of MPCA was to travel to Pune to play some tournament matches. Late Balasaheb Jagdale, who was the Chairman of U-14 selection committee, informed fellow selector Salim to induct Devendra Bundela in place of one injured player. Salim asked his friend to drop young Bundela to the station but by the time he reached the station the train had departed. Since there was no mobile phones at that time, Salim came to know about this incident much later. Salim wasted no time and himself took young Bundela to Baroda by next available train and then to Mumbai and handed over the "boy" to the Manager of the team at VT as the team was waiting for Pune bound train. Thus began the journey of young Devendra Bundela in MPCA.



He got the chance to play local Club cricket and later decided to attend a trial for the selection of U -15 tournament at Indore. In order to get better practice he decided to join CCI Club during 1991-92 at the Gymkhana ground which had nurtured many promising players in the past. He soon got the opportunity to play 'A' grade local



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Devendra Bundela has not looked back since then and has represented MPCA for the last 20 years with distinction. This speaks for his consistency besides commitment and passion for the game, a quality rarely found in the present generation of cricketers. His self motivated efforts by closely observing many epic knocks of Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar on TV helped him develop patience and concentration, a quality required to play a long inning. No wonder soon Bundela became savior of the team and often succeeded in taking the team out of crises by having match winning partnership with tail enders.



His approach to the game and application of mind to the batting earned him an impressive tally of 25 centuries and 45 innings of over 50 in 147 First class matches with an enviable average of 44.17 while scoring 8967 runs besides taking 85 catches. If the above was not enough, he has also scored 2299 runs in 82 'A' listed matches with 1 century and 13 innings of over 50s with an impressive average of 41.05 besides taking 31 catches. In addition to the above he has also taken 58 wickets with two 5 wickets haul and One 10 wickets in a match. No wonder the Wisden described his performance as "unsung but not uncelebrated". It was unfortunate that his consistent performance did not help him get India colour.



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Chairman, Finance Committee
Member, IPL Governing Council
Member, Disciplinary Committee



MILIND KAMMODKAR
Member
New Area Development Committee



NARENDRA DUA
Member
Technical Committee



KAMAL SHRIVASTAVA
Member
TV Production Committee



REKHA PUNEKAR-SOHAL
Member
Women's Committee



Between July to September 2015, MPCA conducted a state wide education course for aspiring umpires, followed by an examination for State Panel. After a two-tier pattern, 11 umpires have qualified the State Panel exam who would now be monitored for their on-field performance before accrediting on the State Panel.

A two-day refresher course was organised for the existing State Panel Umpires under the guidance of the BCCI umpires of MPCA. The refresher course provided appropriate opportunity for the candidates to understand the latest playing conditions in force and whet their umpiring skill with the help of experienced BCCI Panel umpires.

- On an experimental basis, it is proposed to appoint neutral umpires for the inter-district matches.
- The scheme of organising annual inter-club tournament by Divisions will now cover all age groups as may be possible depending upon the competitive scenario at each Division.
- In view of a legal issue in relation to the Bhopal Divisional Cricket Association, MPCA conducted cricket activities for Bhopal region for some period until an adhoc body was constituted for Bhopal Division in January 2016. The adhoc body is functioning with precision and in its first month of operation it has organised inter club tournament (Men's Sr.) and inter district tournament (Boy's U/23) for Bhopal Division.
- Aiming to upgrade the existing infrastructure to handle the requirements of organising a Test match at Holkar Stadium, the refurbishment of players' kitchen area and streamlining the power distribution system is under pipeline.
- The construction work of South and North Pavilion block of the MPCA International Stadium at Gwalior has commenced recently. Soon the work of outfield and pitch block development would start so that the laying of turf could be taken up in the coming monsoon.

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