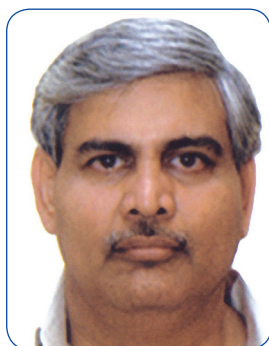


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From the President's Desk



Mr. Shashank Manohar,
President, BCCI

My first year in office as President of BCCI has been challenging in more ways than one but thanks to the overwhelming support of all the members, BCCI could tide over the difficulties.

On 26th November 2008, Mumbai was attacked by a group of terrorists from across the border and the immediate fallout was the cancellation of the Inaugural Champions League T20. The England Team called off the last two ODIs and went home. Our efforts to ensure that the England team came back to play the Tests was to prove to the world that India was a safe destination.

The Board presented cheques to the next of kin of the martyrs who laid down their lives fighting the terrorists as also to the security personnel who were injured in the attack.

The Executive Board of ICC unanimously rejected the application from the rebel ICL for recognition. The Board later took a decision to grant amnesty to all those who had joined ICL, and gave them an opportunity to return to the mainstream of Indian cricket.

The reluctance on the part of the government to provide security for IPL-2009 forced BCCI to shift the event to South Africa. I must congratulate Lalit Modi and his IPL team for the resounding success of the event which was organised at such short notice.

Our senior players expressed concern about signing the ICC Anti-Doping Code particularly the 'whereabouts' clause. The players' concerns were genuine and the Board stood behind the players and challenged the said clause in the WADA Code.

BCCI has a 'zero tolerance' approach for use of drugs in cricket and would always be vigilant to protect the spirit of the game but the Board expects ICC to address the concerns of Indian players.

Our senior team, under Dhoni did very well throughout the year barring the poor performance in the ICC World T20. Mahendra Singh Dhoni and his boys deserve praise, and I am sure that they will come back with a vengeance in the season ahead.

Our Women's Team did well to finish at 3rd place in the ICC Women's World Cup at Australia. They lost in the semi finals in the ICC World T20 - 2009.

Another landmark has been the introduction of the Corporate Tournament, which was born out of a necessity to generate employment for cricketers as the same was not forthcoming for the last few years.

A decision has been taken to start Specialised Academies for fast bowlers at Mohali, for spinners and wicket-keepers at Chennai and for batsmen at Mumbai. These academies will impart specialised training to promising youngsters below 19.



Report of the Secretary



**Mr. N Srinivasan,
Hon. Secretary, BCCI**

It gives us great pleasure to present the 80th Annual Report of the BCCI as approved at the Working Committee Meeting held on 13th August 2009.

It has been a privilege working alongside Mr. Shashank Manohar, President BCCI. His quiet leadership, sage counsel and invaluable suggestions have positively impacted many of the vital and contentious issues that the Board had to grapple with during the year under review.

We are also fortunate to have extremely capable and dedicated office bearers and an efficient Secretariat. They have contributed significantly to facilitate the Boards' endeavour to develop and enhance the quality of cricket in the country besides enriching the Board's revenues.

The year under review has been exciting, challenging and eventful.

Highlights 2008-09

The major highlight of the year undoubtedly was the Board's quick and effective response to the flight of the England team back to UK in the aftermath of the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai. The Board's concerted efforts and persuasive skills ensured the return of the English team to India to complete the tour. Cricket emerged the clear winner thanks to the commitment and initiative of the BCCI as also the gracious acceptance by the tourists on the assurance of the fool proof security.

The BCCI also announced a financial package of Rs. 2 Crores to the families of security personnel who died in the 26/11 encounter and Rs. 1 Crore to those injured.

IPL Season II

Another feather in the cap of the Board was the successful staging of IPL Season II in South Africa in trying circumstances and at extremely short notice. The Board hard pressed for time after hectic rounds of inconclusive discussions with State Governments and the Union Home Ministry, rose admirably to the occasion by zeroing in on South Africa as the most suitable alternate location. It was indeed a splendid achievement and was mainly due to the relentless efforts of Mr. Lalit Modi and his team.

Performance of the Indian Cricket Team:

The Indian Cricket Team had a fantastic run of success during 2008-09.

Tests

After a comprehensive 2-0 series win against Australia, the team followed it by defeating England 1-0 at home. The team continued its winning spree by beating the Kiwis 1-0 in their home soil. The series win in New Zealand came 41 years after the Nawab of Pataudi Jr. led the Indian team to a 3-1 victory in 1967/68.

One Day Internationals

In the One Day format also, the Indian Cricket team's performance was excellent. The team played consistently well defeating England 5-0, Sri Lanka 4-1, New Zealand 3-1 and the West Indies 2-1.

Twenty 20

The big disappointment in 2008-09 was the Indian team's shocking early exit in the Twenty 20 World Cup in June 2009 in England. The dismal show can be ascribed to the 'Glorious uncertainties of Cricket'

Overall, except for the World Cup Twenty 20 debacle, the Indian team won all the Test/ ODI series – an extremely commendable performance.

The other notable cricketing event that deserves mention was the Indian team's victory in the emerging Players Tournament held in Australia in July 2009.

Domestic Cricket

The Board has decided to conduct a Corporate Cricket Tournament to create permanent jobs for cricketers. 12 Cricket teams are expected to take part in this year's edition of Corporate Trophy which is slated to commence in September.

Women's Cricket – World Cup

The Indian team performed creditably defeating Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia and the West Indies. They lost to England & New Zealand finishing third in the overall ranking. Mithali Raj was the star performer with 248 runs at an average of 62, while Priyanka Roy & Rumeli Dhar shared the bowling honours with 12 & 10 wickets respectively. The BCCI is committed to support and encourage Women's Cricket in every way possible.

Development Projects

The BCCI in its endeavour to ensure the evolution into a World Class Sport Organisation has taken up several development projects like improving the ground and pitches, continuously upgrading the knowledge of umpire and monitoring their performances, conducting courses for online scoring and video analysis. All these aimed to take the game of cricket in to new vistas of growth and development.



In Remembrance

Dnyaneshwar Agashe	A former First-Class Cricketer, he served Maharashtra Cricket Association in the capacities of Hony. Treasurer, Hony. Secretary and Chairman. He was also Vice-President of the BCCI. He died on 02/01/2009.
Daljit Singh Saxena	A former First-Class Cricketer, who represented Delhi & Southern Punjab, and played 77 matches from 1959-60 to 1976-77. He passed away on 27/05/2009.
Umesh Kumar	A former First-Class cricketer and an umpire on the BCCI Panel, he represented Punjab Cricket Association and played 67 matches from 1969 to 1986. He took 200 wickets. He died on 21/09/2008.
Chinchinkatte Melkote Varadarajan	A First-Class Cricketer who represented Karnataka State Cricket Association, he was a Right-Hand Batsman and Left-Arm Spinner. He expired on 24/04/2009.
S Rajesh	A former First-Class Cricketer who represented Kerala Cricket Association, he played 27 matches from 1981-82 to 1988-89. He died on 06/05/2009.
R Mrithyunajayan	A former Test/ODI Panel Umpire of the BCCI from TNCA. He officiated in two One-Day International matches viz. India vs. West Indies at Guwahati on 17th Dec 1983 and India vs. England at Nagpur on 23rd Jan 1985. He passed away on 03/07/2008.
H Sundaram	A former First-Class Cricketer, who represented TNCA in 7 matches in the Ranji Trophy. He expired on 08/11/2008.
T R Kannan	A former Hony. Treasurer of The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association, he expired on 18/12/2008.
R S Pardhasaradhi	A former Andhra Ranji Trophy Player and former Joint Secretary and Executive Committee member of the Andhra Cricket Association. He passed away on 03/09/2008.
P C Ranga Raju	A former Vice-President and Patron of the Andhra Cricket Association. He died on 12/02/2009.
B Naga Raju	An Under-19 Player of the Andhra Cricket Association. He died in a road accident on 27/08/2008.
Arijeet Roy	A Vice-President and Chairman of the Jr. Cricket Sub-Committee of the Cricket Association of Bengal. He was associated with the CAB for a long time, and had several stints on the Working Committee and various Sub-Committees. He passed away on 26/12/2008.
Rabindranath Mukherjee	A former First-Class cricketer and former member of the Ground & Pitches Committee of the BCCI, he played 60 First-Class matches and scored 2984 runs, inclusive of 5 centuries. He also served as a Selector for Bengal. He expired on 26/12/2008.

Tarak Mistri	Represented Bengal in different BCCI Junior Tournaments from 2003-04 to 2007-08. He passed away on 07/04/2009 at the age of 20.
Buddhadeb Banerjee	A former State Panel Umpire of The Cricket Association of Bengal, he passed away at the age of 62 on 29/03/2009.
Debakinandan Rakshit	A former State Panel Umpire of The Cricket Association of Bengal, he passed away at the age of 65 on 09/06/2009.
Sunil Kumar Samanta	Served as Working Committee and Sub-Committee Member of The Cricket Association of Bengal. He died on 09/05/2009.
Shivlal Worah	A former President of Saurashtra Cricket Association. He was an able Administrator. He expired on 10/03/ 2009.
Chhatrapal Sinhji Jadeja	A former First-Class Cricketer who represented Saurashtra Cricket Association, he died on 29/04/2009.
Sharad Bhake	A former First-Class Cricketer and Executive Committee member of the Vidarbha Cricket Association. He passed away on 03/12/2008.
Jayant Khandalkar	A former First-Class Cricketer and Executive Committee member of Vidarbha Cricket Association, he died on 07/12/2008.
N S Parulekar	Ex Vice-President of Mumbai Cricket Association. He passed away on 31/07/2009.
K S Sundaram	Ex-BCCI Panel Umpire, He died on 15/02/2009.



BCCI'S TRIBUTE TO THE 26/11 MARTYRS

The BCCI distributed around Rs. 2 crore to the next of kin of the Security Personnel who were killed in the terrorist attack in Mumbai in November 2008.

THE SECURITY OFFICIALS WHO LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE TERRORIST STRIKE ON MUMBAI IN NOVEMBER 2008

Name of the Deceased	
Hemant Kamlakar Karkare	Ashok Marutrao Kamte
Vijay Sahadeo Salaskar	Shashank Chandrasen Shinde
Sandeep Unnikrishnan	Prakash Pandurang More
Bapurao Sahebrao Durgude	Balwant Chandrakant Bhosale
Tukaram Gopal Ombale	Arun Raghunath Chitte
Vijay Madhukar Khandekar	Jaywant Hanumant Patil
Ambadas Ramachandra Pawar	Yogesh Shivaji Patil
Murlidhar Laxman Choudhary	Rahul Subhash Shinde
Mukesh Jadhav	Gajendra Singh

NSG Cammandos injured in the attack were given Rs. 2 Lakhs each

Name of the Injured	
A.K. Singh, Sc, Captain	Fire Chand, Sm, Sub.
Rajveer, Hav.	A.S. Antony Samy, Hav.
Kore Rajendra Appayga, Hav.	PV. Manesh, Sc, Nk
Surender Singh, Lnk	Dinesh Sahu, Gdsm
Rajesh Kumar, Sep.	Sunil Kumar, Sep.
Sunil Kumar, Pte	

Platinum Jubilee of Test cricket in India

The inaugural Test on Indian soil got underway on 15 December 1933, when C.K. Nayudu's Indians took on Douglas Jardine's MCC team at the Bombay Gymkhana Ground. The game was made memorable by Lala Amarnath, who became the first Indian to score a century in Tests. The more experienced visitors prevailed by nine wickets.

Exactly seventy-five years later Kevin Pietersen's touring England side was slated to play Mahendra Singh Dhoni's India in a Test at Mumbai's Brabourne Stadium. The game was to begin on 19 December 2008.

The BCCI had made plans to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Test cricket in India at the Bombay Gymkhana on 17 December 2008. However, the ceremony was cancelled in the wake of the tragedy of 26 / 11, and the Mumbai Test was shifted to Mohali.

Mr. N. Srinivasan, Hon'y. Secretary, BCCI, released 'From Learners to Leaders,' a commemorative volume highlighting 75 years of Test cricket in India, just before the start of the Mohali Test. Subsequently, Mr. Shashank Manohar, President, BCCI, and Mr. Giles Clarke, Chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, presented mementos to each other on behalf of their respective Boards to mark the occasion.





Platinum Jubilee of the Ranji Trophy

4th November 1934 marked the start of one of Indian cricket's most glorious chapters. It was the day Madras took on Mysore in the inaugural game of the Ranji Trophy, India's premier domestic competition. Remarkably, the match was completed in a single day, with Madras winning by an innings and 23 runs.

A total of sixteen teams participated in the first edition, and Bombay achieved the distinction of being the first winners.

A lot has happened since. The Ranji Trophy flourished in the years of World War II, when cricket had taken a back seat in virtually every other part of the world. As the years passed, new teams entered the fray; others changed their respective names, even as the geographical areas they represented were altered. These developments were the offshoots of the birth of an independent nation, the integration of kingdoms and principalities into a sovereign, democratic republic, and the creation of states on linguistic lines. Some teams of the earlier years dropped out because they found themselves in another country after Partition.

India's cricket-loving public has left no one in any doubt as to how it perceives the Ranji Trophy. The competition, named after the prince who wowed cricketing audiences in England with his batting wizardry at the turn of the century, was and is acknowledged as a cricketer's finishing school before he graduates to the international level.

The number of teams participating in the competition has increased from sixteen in 1934-35 to twenty-seven in 2009-10. The tournament has undergone several changes over the decades. It was in 1957-58 that it became a 'league-cum-knockout' competition from being a purely 'knockout' affair. The top two teams from each of the five zones were allowed to progress to the knockout stage, instead of only the top team going through, from 1970-71.

A series of attempts to ensure a 'level-playing field' for the participants culminated with the introduction of the 'Elite-Plate' system in 2002-03. The top fifteen teams were put in the 'Elite' group, and were divided into two sub-groups, each comprising eight and seven sides respectively. The bottom twelve teams were put in the 'Plate' group, and equally divided into two sub-groups. Till 2007-08, a system was followed, wherein the top two sides in the Plate Group at the end of a season would be promoted to the Elite Group in the next season, and the bottom two sides in the Elite Group would be relegated to the Plate Group in the next season. An amendment was made at the start of the 2008-09 season, wherein the two Plate Group 'finalists' would qualify for the knockout



stage of the Elite Group in the same season, along with the top six Elite teams. This means that every Plate side has a chance of going the distance in the same season.

The Ranji Trophy completed 75 momentous years in 2008-09. The BCCI will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the competition at the start of the 2009-10 season.

Australia's tour of India

India outplayed Australia in the 2008-09 clash for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in the four Test Series.

Australia had the better of the drawn first Test at Bangalore, but the hosts bounced back in the second encounter at Mohali. Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who was leading in place of the injured Anil Kumble, won the toss and opted to bat. VVS Laxman (12) apart, every batsman in the top seven scored at least 30. Sourav Ganguly, who had decided to retire at the end of the series, scored 102. India totalled 469.

The Australians were undone by some outstanding bowling. Debutant leg-spinner Amit Mishra became the first Indian bowler after former leg-spinner and current selector Narendra Hirwani to take five wickets in an innings on debut.

Gambhir, Sehwag and Dhoni himself batted splendidly in the second innings. The bowlers then went for the kill and secured a comprehensive win by 320 runs.

Gambhir and Laxman became the first Indian pair to score double hundreds in the same Test innings, in the third Test at Delhi. Australia provided a spirited reply. The match was drawn, with Anil Kumble calling 'time' on an outstanding career.

Dhoni, who was officially named Kumble's 'Test' successor, won the toss in the fourth Test at Nagpur's brand-new stadium. Sachin Tendulkar scored his 40th Test hundred, and Ganguly, playing his last Test, scored 85. India finished with 441.

Australia conceded a first-innings lead of 86. India began well in the second innings, but suffered a middle-order collapse. With

their team only 252 ahead and four wickets in hand, Dhoni and Harbhajan Singh decided that attack was the best form of defence. Their efforts took India to an overall lead of 381.

Harbhajan then completed with the ball what he had commenced with the bat. His 4-64 paved the way for Australia's demise for 209. The victory gave India the series 2-0, and the Border-Gavaskar Trophy for the first time since 2003-04.

The highlight of the presentation ceremony was Dhoni requesting his predecessor to receive the Trophy along with him. Ishant Sharma was declared the Player of the Series for his fifteen wickets in the four Tests. The victory celebrations culminated with the nation bidding adieu to Sourav Ganguly, one of the all-time greats.



The Indian team with the Border-Gavaskar trophy at Nagpur, November 2008.



England's tour of India

ONE-DAY SERIES

India dominated the One-Day series against Kevin Pietersen's side, with five straight wins. Yuvraj Singh scored two superlative hundreds. His century in the first game at Rajkot took him only 64 balls to complete. He finished with 138 off only 78 deliveries, inclusive of sixteen boundaries and six sixes. India's 387-5 in the first game at Rajkot was their highest ODI total against a Full Member of the ICC. Yuvraj's 118 in the second encounter at Indore was another match-winning effort. Gautam Gambhir, Yusuf Pathan, Suresh Raina and Mahendra Singh Dhoni had their moments with the bat in the subsequent matches. The final two encounters were cancelled in the wake of the 26/11 tragedy in Mumbai.

TEST SERIES

The visitors, who had flown back home after 26 / 11, endeared themselves to the game in general and India in particular by returning

for the Test series. The two Tests were shifted from Ahmedabad and Mumbai to Chennai and Mohali respectively.

The first Test was an encounter for the ages. Pietersen declared his team's second innings on the fourth afternoon, and set India 387 to win. Although India had nearly four sessions in which to do so, history was not on their side, as 276 was the highest total successfully chased by a team in Tests on Indian soil.

Virender Sehwag turned the game upside down with an innings that yielded him 83 off 68 balls, and India ended day four at 131-1. England got back into the game early on day five, with the wicket of Dravid, and Gambhir fell at 183 for a well-made 66. India accumulated 82 runs in the first session.

Laxman fell soon after the resumption, and in came Yuvraj Singh. Not one wicket fell in the second session, and the Indians were only 83 short at tea.

Yuvraj scored 85, and he had the best view of a glorious innings. Sachin Tendulkar completed a dream script by paddle-sweeping Graeme Swann for four, to bring up an incredible win for his team, as well as his 41st Test hundred.

Gambhir's 179 at Mohali was his third Test hundred in four Tests. Rahul Dravid ended a lean patch with a doughty 136. England's reply to India's 453 was spearheaded by their captain Kevin Pietersen, who scored 144. However, the visitors conceded a lead of 151.

India started shakily in the second innings, before Gambhir and Yuvraj got together to add 153. Gambhir failed by only three runs to score twin hundreds in the Test. England, needing 403 to win in just over a session, played out time before the captains called the match off.



Winners of the Test Series

India's tour of Sri Lanka



Mahendra Singh Dhoni with the winners' trophy

Consecutive victories in the first four of five One-Day internationals in Sri Lanka saw Mahendra Singh Dhoni's team achieve an Indian record for the highest number of successive triumphs in limited-overs cricket. They bettered the mark of eight wins that was set

by the teams captained by Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev in 1985.

A clinical bowling and batting performance accounted for the hosts in the first One-dayer at Dambulla. Sanath Jayasuriya's 107 went in vain, as Gautam Gambhir, Suresh Raina and the skipper himself scored fifties, to overhaul a target of 246 with six wickets and eleven deliveries in hand. India won the next game, played at Colombo's Premadasa Stadium, by fifteen runs.

India found themselves 24-2 in the third game, shortly after Dhoni had completed a hat-trick of toss-wins and chosen to bat. Virender Sehwag and Yuvraj Singh then initiated an explosive turnaround. Both scored hundreds at more than a run-a-ball apiece, and Yusuf Pathan carried on with the carnage in the end overs. The outcome was a monumental 363-5. A demoralized Sri Lanka lost the game by 147 runs, and with it, the series.

Gambhir blasted 150 and Dhoni 94 in the fourth game. The hosts

kept losing wickets at regular intervals and succumbed by 67 runs. They seized a consolation 88-run win in the final One-Dayer, but not before Ravindra Jadeja made it an ODI debut to remember with a valiant 60.

Buoyed by the win, Sri Lanka batted brilliantly in the one-off T20 game to set India a target of 172 from twenty overs. At 110-6 in 14.2 overs, the game had all but slipped out of India's hands. India's problems only intensified when Jadeja fell five runs later.

That brought the Pathan brothers – Yusuf and Irfan – together. The siblings pulled off a sensational win in the final over. They ran superbly between the wickets and interspersed ones and twos with booming strokes that reached or cleared the boundary. The Sri Lankan bowlers were unable to come to terms with the twist in the tale, with Dilhara Fernando conceding thirteen runs in the penultimate over. Five were needed from the last over, and Irfan finished it off with a six.



The Indian team after winning the One-Day series in Sri Lanka



India's tour of New Zealand



Winners of the One-Day Series

T20 AND ONE-DAY SERIES

The Men in Blue outclassed the Black Caps in the five-match One-day series, after going down in the two T20 encounters.

The Indian batsmen were unstoppable, and their bowling counterparts relentless, for the better part of the One-Day series. The Kiwis were never in the scheme of things in the first ODI at Napier, after India batted first and amassed 273-4 in the allotted 38 overs. Rain, which had truncated the game, disrupted the proceedings again. The game eventually ended when New Zealand were 162-9 from 28 overs, 53 runs short of the revised target as per the D/L calculations. The second game at Wellington was ruined by rain. The skies chose not to pour during the third fixture at Christchurch, but the runs did. Stand-in skipper Brendon McCullum's decision to bowl after winning the toss boomeranged on his team. Sachin Tendulkar gave Indian fans plenty to cheer about, with a stupendous 163. Yuvraj (87) and Dhoni (68) maintained the attack, and India's 392-4 was the side's highest ODI total against a full-member nation.

The Kiwis had nothing to lose. Openers Jesse Ryder and Brendon McCullum put on 166 at nearly eight per over, before the latter was run out. The Indians then regained control, with strikes at regular intervals. Kyle Mills and Tim Southee, who came together at the fall of the eighth wicket with 142 needed from 78 balls, gave their team an outside chance with an assault, before falling in quick succession at 334.

The fourth game at Hamilton was a do-or-die affair for the hosts. They batted first, and had reason to feel satisfied with their 270-5 from 47 overs. Sehwag then got going as only he could. His sixty-ball hundred was the fastest by an Indian in One-day internationals. India were 201-0 off a mere 23.3 overs when the rain marred the proceedings. The visitors were 84 runs ahead of the corresponding cut-off mark on the D/L sheet, and they therefore took the match and series.

New Zealand salvaged some pride with a comprehensive eight-wicket win in the final ODI at Auckland. Sehwag was India's best batsman of the series, with 299 runs from five games.

THE TEST SERIES

Mahendra Singh Dhoni's outfit became the first Indian team to win a Test series in New Zealand since 1967-68.

Dhoni opted to bowl after calling correctly in the first Test at Hamilton. The pace triumvirate of Zaheer Khan, Ishant Sharma and Munaf Patel then had the hosts reeling at 60-6 at the stroke of lunch. Jesse Ryder and Kiwi skipper Daniel Vettori staged a recovery, adding 186 for the seventh wicket. However, the innings folded up the moment the stand was broken.

India were 142-2 when Sachin Tendulkar arrived at the wicket. He batted magnificently to notch up his 42nd Test ton. Dhoni scored 47 and Zaheer 51. The outcome was a total of 520, and a first-innings lead of 241.

The Kiwis were outsmarted in the second innings by Harbhajan Singh, who returned figures of 6-63, his best overseas. India needed only 39 to register their first Test win in New Zealand since January 1976.

The hosts started badly in the second Test at Napier, but recovered to amass 619-9. India stuttered in response, and Kiwi skipper Daniel Vettori enforced the follow-on, his team 314 runs ahead. Gautam Gambhir then eschewed his natural game to compile a monumental 137. Dravid followed his 83 in the first innings with 62 in the second. Tendulkar got 64, and VVS Laxman carved out a splendid century. India were 476-4 late on the fifth day, when the captains called it off.

India's lower-order counterattacked at 204-6 on the first day of the last Test at Wellington, taking the score to 375. Dhoni scored 52 and Harbhajan Singh 60. Zaheer Khan, who contributed 33 with the bat, then led India's charge with the ball. He finished with 5-65, and New Zealand were bowled out for 197.

The highlight of India's second innings was a 167 by Gambhir. Fifties by Dravid, Laxman and Dhoni ensured an overall lead of 616. The Indian bowlers then took over. The visitors were only two wickets away from victory when the rains came.

The BCCI announced a cash prize of Rs. 15 lakhs to every player who participated in the ODI and Test series, and Rs. 10 lakhs each to the Support-Staff.



Winners of the Test Series

DLF Indian Premier League



His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa, speaks at the closing ceremony

Many a skeptical voice was raised when the second edition of the DLF Indian Premier League was shifted to South Africa less than three weeks before the first ball was scheduled to be bowled.

The relocation was an onerous task, but it was executed with outstanding results.

The outcome was one of the most extraordinary sporting spectacles of all time. Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth, East London, Bloemfontein and Kimberley staged a total of fifty-nine matches, featuring the world's best cricketers, in front of appreciative spectators.

Like the inaugural edition in 2008, the competition witnessed some superlative performances.

The exploits of Matthew Hayden, Jacques Kallis, Anil Kumble, Shane Warne and Rahul Dravid, only emphasized cricket's long-standing propensity to turn theories and presumptions on their head. They proved that the so-called 'old guard' could be as, if not more, effective at the T20 format, as the 'young brigade.'

Hayden in fact scored more runs than any

other batsman in the tournament, and was awarded the Orange Cap. Kumble took over as captain of the Royal Challengers after the incumbent Kevin Pietersen left for national duty during the course of the event. In much the same way as another member of the leg-spinning fraternity,



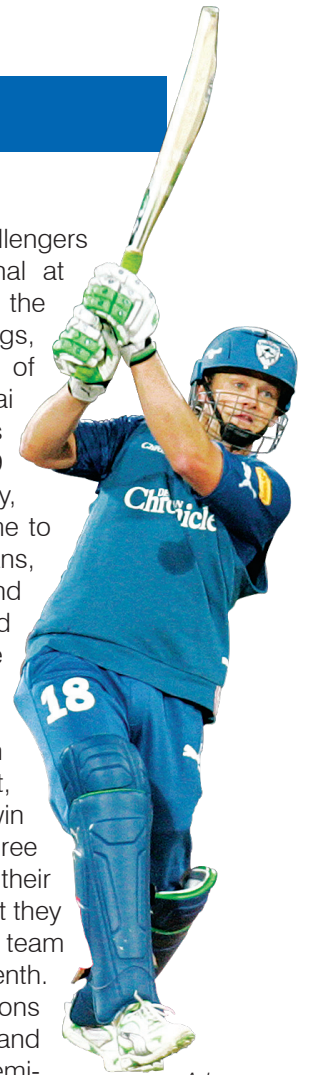
Matthew Hayden (Chennai Super Kings), winner of the Orange Cap

Kumble led from the front. He guided his team to the final and helped erase the memories of the previous year's edition, where they had finished seventh. He bowled like the champion that he was throughout his international career, and finished with a tally of 21 wickets, the second-highest in the tournament.

The Royal Challengers made it to the final at the expense of the Chennai Super Kings, the runners-up of 2008. The Chennai Super Kings started their 2009 campaign shakily, losing the first game to the Mumbai Indians, but their all-round strength enabled them to bounce back. The Mumbai Indians failed to consolidate on an impressive start, which saw them win two of their first three games. Several of their players did well, but they could not click as a team and finished seventh. Defending champions Rajasthan Royals and previous year's semi-finalists Kings XI Punjab

had some good outings, but they struggled to be consistent. That cost them a place in the final four. The Kolkata Knight Riders just could not get going, and their woes were compounded by their inability to apply the knockout punch in tight situations. The Delhi Daredevils made it to the semi-finals for the second year in succession, thanks to some quality cricket. Their new-ball bowlers did well enough to keep a certain Glenn McGrath out of the playing XI for the entire duration of the tournament. Skipper Virender Sehwag missed some games due to injury, but that did not make his teammates diffident.

The Delhi Daredevils were outplayed in the semis by a side that had fought all the way from square one. The Deccan Chargers were ranked amongst the strongest sides in the inaugural edition of the IPL, but they had come a cropper and ended up at



Adam Gilchrist during the course of his match-winning innings in the semi-final against the Delhi Daredevils



Rohit Sharma, winner of the Best U-23 Player of the Tournament Award



Manish Pandey, the only Indian centurion

the last spot. That prompted them to return to the drawing board, introspect and strategize. They were a determined lot on the eve of the 2009 edition, eager to make up for their poor showing the year before.

The final was a cracker of a contest. The Royal Challengers got off to a great start when Kumble pierced the defence of his opposite number in the very first over. The Deccan Chargers dug-out wore a worried look when Andrew Symonds was third out at 58, but Herschelle Gibbs batted brilliantly to score 53. The Deccan Chargers finished with 143-6. Given that they had chased 146 to beat the Chennai Super Kings in the semi-final, the Royal Challengers fancied their chances.

Ralph Van De Merwe apart, the Deccan Chargers ensured that no member of the Royal Challengers' top-order had a long stay at the crease. The dismissal of Rahul Dravid, bowled by Harmeet Singh, was a big moment. That made it 79-4, and the onus was now on Ross Taylor and Virat Kohli. They had added 20 when Symonds dealt a double blow, having Taylor caught in the deep and Kohli stumped off successive deliveries. The Deccan Chargers then choked the lower-order and prevailed by six runs.

The spectators stayed back to watch an awesome closing ceremony, the highlight of which was a speech by His Excellency Mr. Jacob Zuma, the President of the Republic of South Africa. He complimented the cricketers and organizers for putting up a memorable show, and thanked the IPL for 'reviving South Africa's economy.'

The closing festivities were followed by the presentation ceremony. Rudra Pratap Singh and Rohit Sharma, two architects of the Deccan Chargers' triumph, received the Purple Cap (for being the highest wicket-taker, with 23 scalps) and the Under-23 Player of the IPL 2009 Season award respectively. Then came the big moment, when Adam Gilchrist led his band of conquerors onto the dais to take possession of

the IPL trophy. Gilchrist led his side splendidly, and performed magnificently on both sides of the wickets. The legend in fact scored more runs in the competition than any other batsman save his former Australia colleague Matthew Hayden.

From being No. 8 in 2008 to No. 1 in 2009, the Deccan Chargers had done themselves and their fans proud.



Rudra Pratap Singh (Deccan Chargers) - winner of the Purple Cap



Royal Challengers, the Runners-Up





CRICKET'S MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY

The INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE emerged as cricket's most valuable property, and the sixth-most powerful sports property in the world, in a study conducted by the internationally renowned SPORTSPRO magazine.

This is a tremendous achievement for an institution that is only two years old.

The list of the world's most valuable sporting properties was compiled after a close examination of international sporting finances. In what is an unprecedented development, the list provides the sports industry with a detailed comparison of its major events, clubs, franchises, domestic and international tournaments and teams, as well as individuals.

Value: US\$1.6 billion

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE
Owner: Board of Control for Cricket in India

No.6

The Indian Premier League, the vision of BCCI vice president Lalit Modi, has only been in existence for two tournaments but has already revolutionised cricket, thanks in no small part to Modi's extraordinary ability as a rainmaker. The broadcast rights were sold for US\$1.026 billion – equivalent to US\$1.71 million per game. Title sponsorship rights were sold for US\$50 million over five years. The eight franchises, three of whom turned a profit in year one, were sold for US\$724 million. Some 80 per cent of the television money is currently paid to franchises: with 20 per cent on the basis of finishing positions in league. The BCCI will start to make money from the television deal in 2010 when the franchises' share goes down to 70 per cent and then 60 per cent in 2012. The second tournament was held in South Africa because of security concerns in India and provided an earlier than expected test of the international merits of what is original if proposed as a domestic Indian tournament. Modi claimed to have made US\$60 million from the first year for the BCCI which has been invested back into India's cricket infrastructure.



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THE WORLD'S HOTTEST SPORTS LEAGUE

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The season opener was mere moments away when the Washington Redskins cheerleaders marched to mid-field to perform a routine that brought the crowd—draped in red and yellow team colors—to its feet.

No, it wasn't a late-summer night at Maryland's FedEx Field, but rather a sweltering April evening in Bangalore's Chinnaswamy Stadium and the inaugural match of the Indian Premier League (IPL), cricket's first foray, from a business prospective, into the major leagues.

The 2008 match between the Royal Challengers Bangalore (the team's owner, Vijay Mallya's United Breweries, hired the cheerleaders for four games) and the Kolkata Knight Riders (co-owned by Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan) was seen by 40,000 spectators, 14.4 million TV viewers in India and millions more watching on the eight networks that syndicated coverage across the globe. Signs above the playing field were branded with City, Sony and Vodafone logos, just to name a few. Not exactly humble origins.

Welcome to the hottest sports league in the world.

Extracted from FORBES Magazine, August 2009 issue.

ICC World T20

The first winners of the ICC World T20 were expected to successfully defend the title, when the second edition of the tournament got underway in England in June 2009. However, that did not happen.

The defending champions were placed in Group A, alongside Bangladesh and Ireland. An opening stand of 59 between Gautam Gambhir and Rohit Sharma, and Yuvraj's blistering 41 off 18 balls, took India to a score of 180-5 against Bangladesh at Nottingham. The Indian bowlers and fielders then picked up the gauntlet. Bangladesh lost wickets at regular intervals, and none of the batsmen was able to enjoy a long stay at the crease. The Indian fielding was impressive, and left-arm spinner Pragyan Ojha the best bowler. India won fairly easily by 25 runs.

The Indians carried on in the same vein against Ireland, who made it to the next stage after beating Bangladesh. Ireland were restricted to 112-8. Rohit Sharma's unbeaten 52 took India to an eight-wicket win.

India's dreams of qualifying for the semi-finals were jolted by the West Indies in the Super Eights game at Lord's, London. Chasing 154, they were 42-2 with Chris Gayle, their captain and most feared batsman, back in the pavilion. In came Dwayne Bravo to bat splendidly. He took the game away from the Indians with an unbeaten 66 off 36 balls.

The next game against England was a do-or-die affair for India. The holders needed 154 to win, but finished three runs short. The batsmen were undone by disciplined bowling and tight

fielding, and the team was thus knocked out of the competition.

India had only pride to play for their third Super Eights game against South Africa. A consolation win looked imminent when the South Africans were restricted to 130-5. India began well, but the middle order found it difficult to score off the spinners. The asking rate kept rising, even as the wickets started falling. Yuvraj Singh and Harbhajan Singh attempted an assault in the final overs, but the South Africans prevailed by twelve runs.

The absence of Virender Sehwag, who had to undergo surgery on his shoulder during the tournament, was a big blow. While the bowling was by and large impressive, the batting and fielding was disappointing.



The Indian team that played in the ICC World T20 2009



India's tour of the West Indies

India beat the West Indies 2-1 in a One-Day series in the Caribbean in June-July 2009.

The first game at Kingston, Jamaica, was a high-scoring affair. India batted first and amassed 339-6, with Yuvraj Singh top-scoring with 131. Dinesh Kartik scored a fine 67, and Dhoni and Yusuf Pathan stepped on the gas in the final overs. The West Indians went for the target, but the Indian bowlers kept striking at frequent intervals. India eventually came through by twenty runs.

The hosts made up in the second game, also played at Kingston. The Indian batsmen were blown away, and at 82-8, it was left to R.P. Singh to partner Mahendra Singh Dhoni in a face-saving stand.

The duo added a record 101 for the ninth wicket. Dhoni was last out for 95, and 189 was what the West Indies needed to get. They cruised past the target with sixteen overs to spare and eight wickets in hand.

Dhoni elected to bowl after calling correctly in the third encounter, played at St. Lucia's Beausejour Stadium. The West Indies batsmen attacked, and did well to finish with 186-7 off 27 overs, intermittent spells of rain notwithstanding. The Duckworth-Lewis calculations were invoked, and India's target revised to 195 from 27 overs. India were 95-1 in the fourteenth over, when the skies opened again. The target was then re-revised to 159 from 22 overs. The Windies then got back into the game, with the wickets of Gambhir and Yuvraj in

quick succession. However, the Indian captain stayed unruffled, and kept the scoreboard ticking. Rohit Sharma fell in the penultimate over, and India needed eleven off the last over. Ten were needed from five when Dhoni picked Jerome Taylor's slower ball and hoisted it over the mid-wicket boundary. Yusuf Pathan, the non-striker, then responded to his skipper's calls with alacrity, and India won with one ball to spare.

The hosts were 27-1 off 7.3 overs in the fourth and final game, also played at St. Lucia, when rain intervened and washed it out. India took the trophy by virtue of their 2-1 lead, and Dhoni was the unanimous choice for the Player of the Series award, for his leadership in the field, and with the bat.



The victorious Indian team celebrates its series win

The Felicitation of the 'Fabulous Four'

Date : 6th November 2008 • **Venue** : VCA Stadium, Jamtha, Nagpur.

The end of Day One of the fourth Test between India and Australia at Nagpur was followed by a celebration of excellence.

Four stalwarts, who have guided Indian cricket to unprecedented heights during the course of their extraordinary careers, were felicitated by the BCCI.

The Nagpur Test was VVS Laxman's hundredth. He was presented a memento by Mr. Sharad Pawar, the Vice-President of the ICC, for completing a century of Test appearances.

Sachin Tendulkar was gifted a trophy by Mr. N. Srinivasan, Hony. Secretary of the BCCI, for becoming the first batsman to score 12,000 Test runs. Tendulkar had achieved the distinction at Mohali, in the second Test of the series against Australia.

The spotlight then shifted to two individuals who have marched into the sunset, leaving behind their legacies and a host of memories.

Anil Kumble, the first Indian to take 600 wickets in Tests, bid adieu to the sport, after the third Test against Australia, played at Delhi. The audience rose to cheer him all the way to the stage, where he was felicitated by Mr. Shashank Manohar, the President of the BCCI.

A standing ovation was also accorded to India's most successful skipper ever. Sourav Ganguly, who batted like a genius and captained like a general, had announced his decision to retire from international cricket after the series against Australia. He was presented a memento by Mr. Manohar.

The felicitation was attended by members of the Indian and Australian cricket teams, current and former administrators of the BCCI, officials of the Vidarbha Cricket Association, and the media.



The newest entrant to the '100 Tests' fraternity is felicitated by Mr. Sharad Pawar, Vice-President, ICC



Mr. N. Srinivasan fetes the founder member of the '12,000' Club



Mr. Shashank Manohar felicitates Anil Kumble for being the first Indian to take 600 Test wickets



Mr. Shashank Manohar felicitates India's most successful Test captain Sourav Ganguly

Legend Forever...

ANIL KUMBLE

Date of birth: 17 October 1970 • Right-arm leg-spinner • Right-handed batsman

TEST CRICKET : Matches: 132 (1990-2008)

BATTING		BOWLING		FIELDING	
Innings:	173	Overs:	6808.2	Catches:	60
Not Outs:	32	Balls:	40850	Most Catch (Inns):	2
Aggregate:	2506	Maidens:	1575	Most Catch (Match):	3
Average:	17.77	Runs:	18355		
Highest Score:	110*	Wickets:	619	CAPTAINCY	
50s:	5	Average:	29.65	Matches/Won/Lost:	14/3/5
100s:	1	5 Wicket Innings:	35	Tosses Won:	8 (57.14%)
200s:	0	10 Wicket Match:	8		
300s:	0	Best (Inns):	10/74		
Ducks:	17	Best (Match):	14/149		
Pairs:	0	Economy Rate:	2.70		
Opened Batting:	0	Strike Rate:	65.99		
Scoring Rate	38.82				

One-day Cricket : Matches: 271 (1990-2007)

BATTING		BOWLING		FIELDING	
Innings:	136	Overs:	2416.0	Catches:	85
Not Outs:	47	Balls:	14496	Most Catches:	2
Aggregate:	938	Maidens:	109		
Average:	10.54	Runs:	10412	CAPTAINCY	
Highest Score:	26	Wickets:	337	Matches/Won/Lost:	1/1/0
50s:	0	Average:	30.90	Tosses Won:	0 (0.00%)
100s:	0	4 Wicket Innings:	10		
Ducks:	18	Best:	6/12		
Opened Batting:	0	Economy Rate:	4.31		
Scoring Rate	61.07	Strike Rate:	43.01		

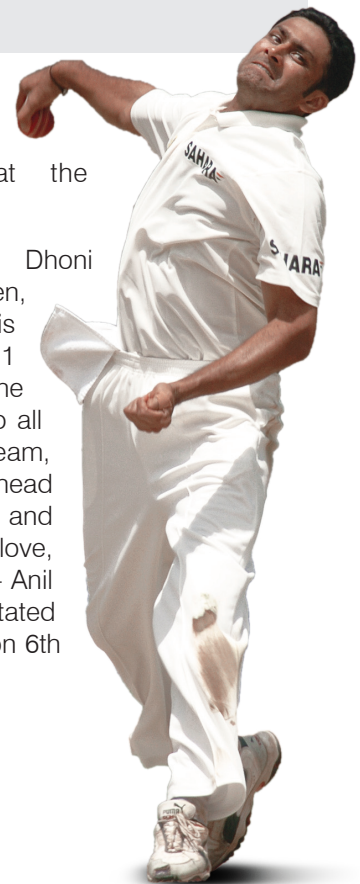
India's highest-ever wicket-taker bid adieu to international cricket after the conclusion of the third Test of the 2008-09 series against Australia. Anil Kumble retired with a tally of 619 wickets from 132 Tests, and many a memorable Test and series win under his belt. Coincidentally, his last Test was played at Delhi's Ferozeshah Kotla, where he had famously taken all ten wickets in a Test innings against Pakistan in 1999. He is only the second bowler in Test history to have done so.

An outstanding leg-spinner, a handy lower-order batsman and a team-man to the core, Kumble was largely responsible for making India invincible on home turf in the 1990s. He was only the third bowler in Test history to take 600 Test wickets, and the first Indian to take more than 500. He was also the fourth Indian to complete the Test 'double' of 100+ wickets and 1,000+ runs.

In the new millennium, Kumble was one of the chief architects of India's 'Golden Age' in Test cricket, which saw the team win Test matches and series in virtually every part of the cricketing world. He was

India's Test captain at the time of his retirement.

"To Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Gary Kirsten, I know for a fact that this team will become no. 1 very soon. We have all the talent and experience. To all the members of the team, you have great careers ahead of you. So go out there and enjoy it! Thanks for all the love, affection and support!" – Anil Kumble after being felicitated by the BCCI at Nagpur on 6th November 2008.



Grit...



Anil Kumble



So long!



India's Spin Trinity of the 1990s -
(From right) - Anil Kumble, Venkatapathy
Raju and Rajesh Chauhan



1999, on the way to achieving a 'Perfect Ten'
against Pakistan at Delhi



An unforgettable momentHis maiden Test
century, against England at the Oval in 2007



Legend Forever...

India's most successful Test captain was also the country's most successful left-handed batsman. The man who at the start of his Test career was christened 'God of the off-side' went on to lead India to twenty-one victories in forty-nine Tests. Sourav Ganguly essayed a succession of classy and decisive innings in Tests and ODIs during the course of a remarkable career. As captain, he initiated the most glorious phase in India's 'Test' cricketing history in the new millennium, wherein the team started excelling on foreign soil. He led India to its first Test series win in Pakistan in 2004, and the final of the World Cup the year before that.

His cricketing and leadership skills apart, Ganguly endeared himself to the nation with his resilience. He made a habit of bouncing back with a bang whenever his detractors were reckless enough to write him off.

Ganguly retired from international cricket at the end of the 2008-09 Test series against Australia. The man who scored a hundred on his Test debut went out on a high. When he reached 39 during the

course of his 102 against Australia at Mohali, he became only the fourth Indian batsman, after Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid, to score 7,000 runs in Tests. That match-winning 102 was followed by an innings of 85 in his last Test at Nagpur.

"The last thirteen years with the Indian team have been full of ups and downs. It has been an absolute pleasure, and a wonderful journey. My good wishes to M.S. Dhoni, Gary Kirsten, and the team. They are the torchbearers of Indian cricket, and will surely do us proud in the years to come. I made several friends and enemies in the last thirteen years, but it was all for the betterment of Indian cricket. Hope you all enjoyed the ride" – Sourav Ganguly after being felicitated by the BCCI at Nagpur on 6 November 2008.



SOURAV GANGULY

Date of birth: 8 July 1972. • Left-handed batsman • Right-arm medium-pace bowler.

TEST CRICKET : Matches: 113 (1996-2008)					
BATTING		BOWLING		FIELDING	
Innings:	188	Overs:	519.3	Catches:	71
Not Outs:	17	Balls:	3117	Most Catch (Inns):	3
Aggregate:	7212	Maidens:	110	Most Catch (Match):	5
Average:	42.18	Runs:	1681		
Highest Score:	239	Wickets:	32	CAPTAINCY	
50s:	35	Average:	52.53	Matches/Won/Lost:	49/21/13
100s:	16	5 Wicket Innings:	0	Tosses Won:	21 (42.86%)
200s:	1	10 Wicket Match:	0		
300s:	0	Best (Inns):	3/28		
Ducks:	13	Best (Match):	3/37		
Pairs:	0	Economy Rate:	3.24		
Opened Batting:	1	Strike Rate:	97.41		
Scoring Rate	51.26				

ONE-DAY CRICKET : Matches: 311 (1992-2007)					
BATTING		BOWLING		FIELDING	
Innings:	300	Overs:	762.1	Catches:	100
Not Outs:	23	Balls:	4573	Most Catches:	3
Aggregate:	11363	Maidens:	30		
Average:	41.02	Runs:	3849	CAPTAINCY	
Highest Score:	183	Wickets:	100	Matches/Won/Lost:	147/76/66
50s:	72	Average:	38.49	Tosses Won:	74 (50.34%)
100s:	22	4 Wicket Innings:	3		
Ducks:	16	Best:	5/16		
Opened Batting:	236	Economy Rate:	5.05		
Scoring Rate	73.71	Strike Rate:	45.73		



1996 What a start! A hundred on his Test debut



1997 His all-round heroics against Pakistan at Toronto prompted Geoff Boycott to christen him the 'Prince of Kolkata.'



The Indian team after beating Pakistan, 2004



13th July 2002.....The triumph in the Natwest tri-series final

...Grace



Sourav Ganguly



His last wave.....Nagpur, 10 November, 2008



National Awards

PADMA SHRI

Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Harbhajan Singh were conferred the Padma Shri by the Government of India



Mahendra Singh Dhoni



Harbhajan Singh

ARJUNA AWARD

Gautam Gambhir was nominated for the Arjuna Award, given by the Government of India for excellence in sports, for the year 2008.



Gautam Gambhir receives the Arjuna Award from Her Excellency Smt. Pratibha Patil, Honourable President of India, on 29 August 2009, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi

Individual Landmarks Achieved in 2008-09

SACHIN TENDULKAR – NUMERO UNO

Surpassed Brian Lara's aggregate of 11,955 and became the highest scorer in Test cricket. Became the first batsman to score 12,000 runs in Tests.



RAHUL DRAVID – CATCHER 'EXTRAORDINAIRE'

Surpassed Mark Waugh's record tally of 181 catches in Tests.

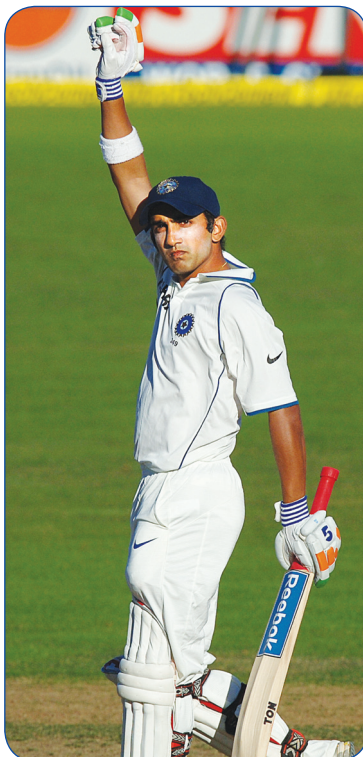


The 182nd Catch - Rahul Dravid snaps up Tim McIntosh off Zaheer Khan



GAUTAM GAMBHIR – SUPER SOUTHPAW

1,134 runs in 8 Tests and 1,119 runs from 27 ODI in the calendar year of 2008



VVS LAXMAN

Became the eighth Indian to play a hundred Tests



HARBHAJAN SINGH – THE SARDAR OF OFF-SPIN

300 Test Wickets, 200 ODI Wickets



ZAHEER KHAN – NEW-BALL KNIGHT

200 Test Wickets





MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI – MR. VERSATILE

100 Test Victims and 4,000 ODI Runs



YUVRAJ SINGH – OUTSTANDING

7,000 ODI Runs



VIRENDER SEHWAG – THE DESTROYER

6,000 ODI Runs





BCCI Awards

The stars of yesterday, today and tomorrow descended in the Ballroom of the Taj Land's End, Mumbai, on Wednesday, 18 February 2009, for the second annual BCCI Awards.

The Awards ceremony celebrated and commemorated the achievers in the twelve-month period from October 2007 to September 2008.

The proceedings began with an address by Mr. Shashank Manohar, the BCCI President. He welcomed the winners and guests, and declared that the awards function would be held in the month of October from this year onwards.

The spotlight then shifted onto the winners in international and domestic cricket in the 2007-08 season, as well as those whose contribution to the sport is immeasurable.

The audience rose to applaud Gundappa Viswanath, the 'Little Genius' from Bangalore, when he received the C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award.

Virender Sehwag, who made a sensational comeback to the national side in 2007-08, was the winner of the Polly Umrigar Award for being India's Cricketer of the Year.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the captain of the Indian team, got a Special Award for being conferred the Padma Shri and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in the same year. His teammate Harbhajan Singh was felicitated for taking 300 Test wickets and receiving the Padma Shri.

The evening drew to a close with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. N. Srinivasan, Hony. Secretary, BCCI.

AWARD	WINNER	AWARD	PERFORMANCE
C.K. NAYUDU LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	GUNDAPPA VISWANATH	Trophy, citation and cheque for Rs. 15 lakhs	
POLLY UMRIGAR AWARD	VIRENDER SEHWAG	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 5 lakhs	1002 runs in Tests and 657 runs in ODIs.
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA AWARD – HIGHEST SCORER IN THE RANJI TROPHY IN 2007-08	CHETESHWAR PUJARA (SCA)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 1 lakh	807 runs @73.36 from 8 Matches, inclusive of 3 Hundreds and 3 Fifties.
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA AWARD – HIGHEST WICKET-TAKER IN THE RANJI TROPHY IN 2007-08	SUDEEP TYAGI (UPCA)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 1 lakh	41 Wickets @21.63 from 8 matches with 2 five-wkt hauls in an innings, and one ten-wkt haul in a match.
M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST UNDER-15 CRICKETER OF 2007-08	ANKIT BAWANE (MAHARASHTRA C.A)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 50,000	1079 runs in 7 matches with 4 hundreds @179.83.
M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST UNDER-17 CRICKETER OF 2007-08	MANDEEP SINGH (PCA)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 50,000	745 runs from 6 matches @124.16 with 5 Hundreds.
M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST UNDER-19 CRICKETER OF 2007-08	BHUVNESHWAR KUMAR (UPCA)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 50,000	37 Wickets in 4 matches, inclusive of 4 five-wkt hauls and 2 ten-wkt hauls in a match.
M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST UNDER-22 CRICKETER OF 2007-08	RAHUL DEWAN (DDCA)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 50,000	623 runs in 4 matches with 3 hundreds and highest score of 306 runs.
M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST WOMAN CRICKETER (SR) OF 2007-08	MITHALI RAJ (RSPB)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 50,000	950 runs in 7 matches with 6 hundreds in Two day game.
M.A. CHIDAMBARAM TROPHY – BEST WOMAN CRICKETER (JR) OF 2007-08	M.D. THIRUSHKAMINI (TNCA)	Trophy and cheque for Rs. 50,000	334 runs in 4 matches @ 83.50.

Best overall performance in 2007-08 : Maharashtra Cricket Association

Felicitations : Harbhajan Singh, Mahendra Singh Dhoni

THE WINNERS



Mr. Shashank Manohar, President, BCCI, welcomes the guests.



Mr. Ajay Shirke, President of the Maharashtra Cricket Association, receives the Overall Performance Award



Mr. Pandove hands over the M.A. Chidambaram Award to Mandeep Singh



Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, Hony. Jt. Secretary, BCCI, presents the M.A. Chidambaram Award to Bhuvneshwar Kumar



Mithali Raj receives the M.A. Chidambaram Award from Mr. Manohar for her performances in women's cricket



M.D. Thirushkamini is presented the M.A. Chidambaram Award for being the best lady junior cricketer



Mr. N. Srinivasan presents the Madhavrao Scindia Award to Sudeep Tyagi



Mr. Manohar felicitates Harbhajan Singh for taking 300 Test wickets and receiving the Padma Shri



Mr. N. Srinivasan honours Mahendra Singh Dhoni for being conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Padma Shri in a single year



Virender Sehwag receives the Polly Umrigar Award for being India's best cricketer of the period from October 2007 to September 2008



Winners and invitees



Mr. N. Srinivasan delivers the Vote of Thanks.

- Mr. Ankit Bawane's award was collected by his father Mr. Ramdas Bawane.
- Mr. Rahul Dewan's award was collected by his father Mr. Vidyasagar Dewan.
- Mr. Niranjana Shah collected Cheteshwar Pujara's award.



C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award



Gundappa Viswanath, former India captain, was the recipient of the C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award for 2007–08.

The award comprises a trophy, citation, and cheque for Rs. 15 lakhs.

The man regarded by no less a personality than Sunil Gavaskar as India's best batsman of the 1970s, shot into prominence with a double century on his first-class debut for Mysore (as the Karnataka team was referred to then) in 1967-68. Picked in the Indian side in the Kanpur Test of the 1969-70 series against Australia, Viswanath got a duck in the first innings, but made up with a magnificent 137 in the second.

Three years later, the 'little genius' broke an Indian jinx, by becoming the first Indian debut centurion to score another Test hundred. He was at his best in the 1974-75 series against the West Indies, wherein his 139 in the third Test at Kolkata and unbeaten 97 in the fourth at Chennai enabled India to level the series after being 0-2 down at one point.

Subsequent years saw Viswanath marshal India's successful pursuit of a target of 403 against the West Indies at Port of Spain (1975-76), and then score a match-winning 124 against the same team on a brutish pitch at Chennai (1978-79). His 114 against Australia at Melbourne in 1980-81 set up a series-lelling win for his team.

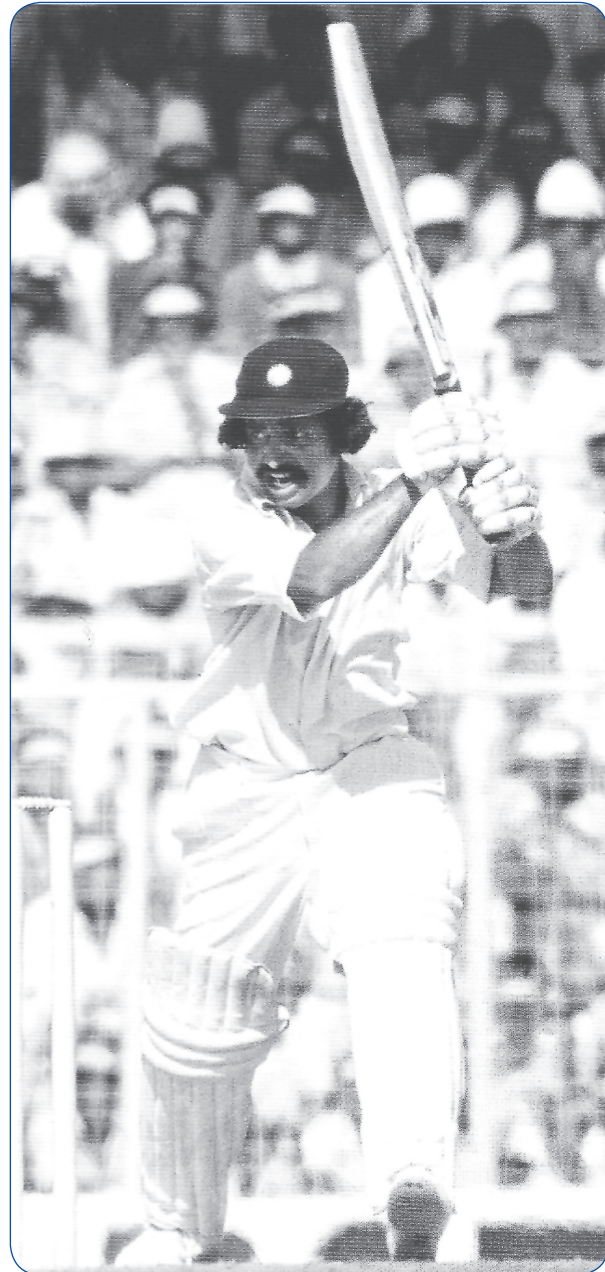
Each of Viswanath's fourteen Test hundreds either took India to a victory or honourable draw.

He won admirers the world over with his penchant for producing epic efforts in crisis situations. He was as much an epitome of sportsman-spirit as he was one of graceful batsmanship. His gesture as India's captain to recall England's Bob Taylor in the Jubilee Test in 1979-80, despite the latter having been declared out, is remembered to this day.

Viswanath represented India in 91 Tests from 1969-70 to 1982-83. He scored 6,080 runs at an average of 42. His highest individual score was 222 against England at Chennai in 1981-82.

He served as Vice-President of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) and had a stint as Chairman of the National Selection Committee from 1992-93 to 1995-96. His tenure witnessed the Test debuts of two future India captains – Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid. He went on to become an ICC Match Referee.

Viswanath is presently attached to the National Cricket Academy as Batting Consultant.



India 'A'



The India 'A' team that played New Zealand 'A' in a two-match (four-day) series in Sept-Oct 2008

Emerging Players Tournament



The Indian Team that won the Emerging Players Tournament, played in Australia.

Sitting L to R : Mr. Vaibhav Daga (Physio), Pankaj Singh, Amit Mishra, Virat Kohli, Mr. Pravin Amre (Coach), S. Badrinath, Manoj Tiwary, Abhishek Nayar, M. Vijay

Standing L to R : Wriddhiman Saha, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ajinkya Rahane, Ishank Jaggi, Dhawal Kulkarni, Sudeep Tyagi, Pradeep Sangwan, Naman Ojha, R. Ashwin, Mr. Laxminarayanan (Video Analyst), Mr. Ramji Srinivasan (Trainer)



India Under-19 in Australia



The India Under-19 Squad that toured Australia in April 2009. The boys won the One-Day Series against their Australian counterparts 2-1 and shared honours in the two Three-Day matches.

Sitting (L to R) : Manan Sharma, Harshal Patel, Harpreet Singh (Vice-Captain), Amitabh Choudhary (Manager), Alok Menaria (Captain), Chandrakant Pandit (Coach), Krishna Das, Sufiyan Shaikh

Standing (L to R) : Vaibhv Daga (Physio), G. Venkatesh (Video Analyst), Mayank Agarwal, Kundan Singh, Saurabh Netrawalkar, Jaydev Unadkat, Gagandeep Singh, Gaurav Jathar, Mukul Dagar, Mandeep Singh, Avi Barot, Karun Nair, Afzal Khan (Trainer)

Border-Gavaskar Scholarships

Bhuvneshwar Kumar a right-arm medium-pacer from Uttar Pradesh, Abhinav Mukund, a left-handed opening batsman from Tamil Nadu, and Jitendra Patil, a left-handed medium-pacer from Maharashtra, were awarded the Border-Gavaskar Scholarship for 2009.

Their consistency in junior-level cricket earned them the scholarship. Incidentally, Bhuvneshwar Kumar won the M. A. Chidambaram Trophy for being the best Under-17 cricketer of the 2008-09 season.

The trio underwent training at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane, Australia, from 1st June to 28th June.

Two lady cricketers - Poonam Raut from Mumbai and Harman Preet Kaur from Punjab, have been selected for the scholarship and will train in Australia in October 2009. They will be accompanied by Ms. Kalpana V. as the coach.



Bhuvneshwar Kumar (UPCA)



Abhinav Mukund (TNCA)



Jitendra Patil (Maharashtra C.A)



Poonam Raut



Harman Preet Kaur



The Mohammed Nissar Trophy



Sui Northern Gas Pipeline winners of the Quaid-E-Azam trophy in 2007-08, beat Delhi, the Ranji Trophy champions in 2007-08, on first innings lead. Mohammed Hafeez, the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline skipper, is presented the Nissar Trophy by Waqar Nissar, the son of the legend.

Senior Domestic Tournaments

Z.R. IRANI CUP



The Rest of India beat Delhi by 187 runs. The Rest of India side with the Irani Cup.

RANJI TROPHY - WINNERS



Mumbai won the Ranji Trophy for the 38th time.



DULEEP TROPHY - WINNERS



Winners - West Zone

ONE DAY LIMITED-OVERS FOR VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY



Winners - Tamil Nadu Cricket Association

PROF. D.B. DEODHAR TROPHY



Wasim Jaffer, captain of the victorious West Zone team, receives the Deodhar Trophy from Mr. Asirbad Behera, Hony. Secretary of the Orissa Cricket Association

CHALLENGER SERIES FOR THE NKP SALVE TROPHY PLAYED AT CUTTACK



India Blue, winners of the NKP Salve Challenger Trophy. They beat India Red in the final by eight wickets.



The Inaugural BCCI Corporate Trophy



CORPORATE TROPHY - THE LAUNCH

The SAHARA BCCI Corporate Trophy was formally launched on Thursday, 27th August 2009, in Bangalore. The inaugural edition of the competition will feature twelve teams, and will be played from 1st September 2009 to 8th September 2009.

The event was attended by senior office-bearers of the BCCI and KSCA, the Indian cricket team, former cricketers, senior representatives of the Corporate teams that are participating in the tournament, and the media.

Mr. N. Srinivasan, Hony. Secretary of the BCCI, underscored the BCCI's commitment to a player-oriented policy. He referred to the increase in the remuneration of current international and domestic cricketers, as also the increase in the pensions being granted to former cricketers and officials. The Corporate Trophy, he stressed, was a continuation of this stance. The objective of the tournament was to create job opportunities for cricketers, and in the process, ensure that they were financially secure in their post-playing days. That apart, the tournament also promised to dish out some exhilarating cricket, given that the best cricketers from across the country were representing their respective Corporate sides.

Rahul Dravid spoke on behalf of the cricketers, and complimented the Board for coming up with a tournament along these lines.

Mr. Abhijit Sarkar, Head, Corporate Communications, SAHARA, highlighted his organization's long relationship with the BCCI, and spoke on why SAHARA had chosen to partner the Board in this latest venture.

The function concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, Hony. Jt. Secretary, BCCI, and the Chairman of the Board's Corporate Trophy Committee.

THE INAUGURAL CORPORATE TROPHY

DRAW

Group A at Mohali	Group B at Vizag	Group C at Dharamsala	Group D at Bangalore
Indian Revenue	BPCL	AIPSSPB	Air India - Red
ITC Limited	MRF	Tata Sports Club	India Cements
Air India - Blue	ONGC	Indian Oil	BSNL

All matches will be day-night affairs.

The three round-robin games will be played on 1st, 2nd and 3rd September 2009.

The semi-finals will be played in Bangalore and Mohali on 5th and 6th September 2009 respectively.

Bangalore will host the final on 8th September 2009.

NEO CRICKET will provide a 'live' telecast of the matches to be played in Bangalore on 1st and 2nd September, the game in Mohali on 3rd September, as well as the semi-finals and final.



(From left): Mr. Abhijit Sarkar, Head, Corporate Communications, SAHARA, Mr. N. Srinivasan, Hon. Secretary, BCCI, and Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, Hony. Jt. Secretary, BCCI, unveil the SAHARA BCCI CORPORATE TROPHY at the Launch.



Rahul Dravid speaks at the Launch.

Junior Domestic Tournaments

C.K. NAYUDU TROPHY (UNDER-22) CHAMPIONS



The Punjab team with the C.K. Nayudu Trophy.

VINOO MANKAD TROPHY (UNDER-19) CHAMPIONS



The Gujarat team with the Vinoo Mankad Trophy.



COOCH BEHAR TROPHY - ELITE GROUP - CHAMPIONS



The Mumbai Team with the Cooch Behar Trophy (Elite).

COOCH BEHAR TROPHY (PLATE GROUP) - WINNERS



Gujarat beat Jharkhand in the 'Plate' final at Cooch Behar by an innings and 59 runs.

VIJAY MERCHANT TROPHY (UNDER-16)



The Punjab Team with Mr. Amay Khurasia, Chief Guest, and Mr. Sanjay Jagdale, Jt. Secretary, BCCI.

POLLY UMRIGAR TROPHY - ALL INDIA INTER-SCHOOL



The Vidya Jain Public School Delhi won the championship



VIZZY TROPHY



Winners - South Zone

Women's Cricket

INDIA'S TOUR OF ENGLAND

The Indian cricket team's performance in the five-match one-day series in England was unsatisfactory. India lost 0-4, with the fifth match being abandoned due to rain after four overs had been bowled.

England won the first match by eight wickets after bowling India out for 124. The home team won the second by ten wickets after dismissing India for 102. India batted first in the third game as well, and were sent packing for 126. England won by eight wickets. The visitors scored 90-7 in the fourth game, which was reduced to 23 overs-a-side, due to rain. England overhauled the target with seven wickets in hand.

The only consolation was provided by skipper Mithali Raj, who scored 162 runs from four games, inclusive of two fifties, at an average of 81.

INDIA'S TOUR OF AUSTRALIA

India toured Australia to play five ODI's and one T20 International in Oct-Nov 2008.

The Indian team lost all the Matches.



The Indian team in England

ICC WOMEN'S WORLD CUP, 2009



The Indian team after beating Australia in the third place playoff.



ICC WORLD T20 – WOMEN



India reached the Semi-finals of the ICC World T20.

Standing (L to R) - Tushar Arothe (Fielding Coach), Sulakshana Naik, Babita Mandlik, Anagha Deshpande, Priyanka Roy, Latika Kumari, Harmanpreet Kaur, Reena Malhotra, Gouhar Sultana, Poonam Raout, M. J. Sheela (Physio).

Sitting (L to R) - Diana Edulji (Manager), Rumelo Dhar, Anita Sharma (Vice-Captain), Jhulan Goswami (Captain), Anjum Chopra, Mithali Raj, Sudha Shah (Coach).

ICC ODI RANKINGS: JHULAN REGAINS TOP SPOT

Jhulan Goswami, the captain of India regained the Number One bowling spot in the ICC Reliance Mobile ODI Women's Rankings.



Jhulan Goswami

SUPPORTING CHINESE CRICKET



Mamtha Maben, former Indian captain, was deputed to china to coach the national women's cricket team, in response to a request made by the Asian Cricket Council.

Senior Women's Tournaments (Domestic)

CHALLENGER TROPHY



The India 'B' side with the Challenger Trophy.

WOMEN'S INTER-STATE ONE-DAY LIMITED-OVERS TOURNAMENT



Champions - Railways



WOMEN'S INTER-ZONAL ONE-DAY LIMITED-OVERS TOURNAMENT



Winners - Central Zone

WOMEN'S INTER-STATE TWO-DAY MATCHES



Winners - Railways

Women's Under-19

WOMEN'S UNDER -19 INTER-STATE ONE-DAY LIMITED-OVERS



Winners - Madhya Pradesh



Umpires' Programmes

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Suresh Shastri visited South Africa as part of the Umpires' Exchange Programme between India and South Africa. Shastri officiated in two matches of the Supersport Series, the premier domestic Championships.

Marias Erasmus of South Africa officiated in two Duleep Trophy matches in January-February 2009.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Board has launched a Programme to enable each of its affiliated units to have qualified umpires.

With the help of Cricket Australia's Umpire Training Programmes, a group of Umpire Educators were shortlisted to conduct Umpire Development Programmes all over India for Level I Accreditation.

Level I Accredite Course is of four day duration. State Panel Umpires to new teaching methods, and aims at making them understand the laws of cricket. The candidates are subsequently evaluated in theory and practical.

The umpires who score 80% and above in the General Category and 70% and above - Category will be accredited as BCCI Level-I Umpires. They will be eligible to appear for the Level-II Umpires course after umpiring at the state level for three years.

This exercise will ensure a pool of qualified umpires in the state panels, which will ultimately help the game of cricket at the grassroots. It will also enable the BCCI to identify umpires who have it in them to progress to a higher level.

The Umpires' Education Programmes is being conducted for the benefit of affiliated units.

Level I Courses



Goa Cricket Association



Punjab Cricket Association



Cricket Association of Bengal



Mumbai Cricket Association

Online Scoring

The BCCI introduced 'Online Scoring' in Domestic Senior Tournaments in the 2008-2009 season and the initiative was a big success. The software procured for online scoring also includes generation of reports by Umpires, Match Referees and Umpire Coaches, immediately after the end of a match. The scores of all BCCI matches are available live in bcci.cricket.org

In 2009-10, the Board intends to extend this programme to the Junior Tournaments as well. The task of training scorers in each of the Affiliated Units was undertaken. Zonal workshops were conducted, where the scorers were trained to use the software. The attendees were provided hands-on training in the new software on their laptops. We now have a new set of scorers, who are well-versed in the 'Online' system, and can make use of the software during International and Domestic matches. The trained scorers will train their colleagues in their respective Associations.

Some of the better trained scorers are being inducted as computer analysts to assist the State units in the use of the 'Silicon Coach' and 'Match Analyses' software for their teams and also in the Academy.

The workshops were held at-

1. **South Zone** -
National Cricket Academy, Bangalore
2. **Central & East Zones** -
The Cricket Association of Bengal, Kolkata.
3. **West Zone** -
Cricket Centre, Mumbai.
4. **North Zone** -
Punjab Cricket Association, Mohali

Online Scoring Courses



South Zone



Central and East Zones



West Zone



North Zone



Annual Curators' Seminar

The Annual Curators' seminar was held at Chennai on 1st and 2nd June 2009.

The purpose of the same was to discuss the art of preparing quality wickets and related issues. A total of fifty-five curators from all over the country participated.

The Seminar commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Daljit Singh, Chairman of the Board's Ground and Pitches Committee. He then delivered a succinct presentation on pitch-preparation, which was appreciated by the attendees.

Mr. P. R. Vishwanathan, Member, Ground and Pitches Committee, proceeded to enlighten the attendees on the drainage system at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium and recommended that they create a similar system at the grounds under their charge, so as to avoid delays in resumption of matches after a downpour.

Mr. Kishore Pradhan and Mr. Ratul Das delved into their experience of wicket preparation, and the precautions that needed to be taken to maintain the outfield.

Daljit Singh went on to provide a practical demonstration of wicket-preparation at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium.

Mr. Pradeep Joshi spoke at length about the 'grass' factor, particularly the seeds to be used to grow grass in the outfield.

Vendors of ground equipment were asked to display their products and provide demonstrations on the ground. The vendors briefed the participants about the properties and usage of the equipment.

Tools were distributed to all the curators and they were taught how to use the same.

The recommendations drawn up during the Seminar were referred by the Ground and Pitches Committee to Mr. N. Srinivasan, Hony. Secretary, BCCI.

The Seminar concluded with an address by Mr. N. Srinivasan, who highlighted the role played by curators in providing quality playing conditions in Domestic Cricket.



Mr. N. Srinivasan, Hony. Secretary, BCCI, speaks during the Seminar



Seminars for Video Analysts

The BCCI's endeavour to make Video Analysis introduced for all Senior Domestic tournaments in the 2008-09 season yielded rich dividends. The experiment was a huge success, and it was decided to extend the system to all junior-level tournaments from the 2009-10 season onwards.

Seminars were organized with a view to have qualified Video Analysts across the country for the same.

The seminars were held as follows:

1. DELHI & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION (DDCA)

28th - 29th July, 2009
13 analysts attended.

2. KARNATAKA STATE CRICKET ASSOCIATION (KSCA)

11th - 12th August, 2009
20 analysts attended

3. MUMBAI CRICKET ASSOCIATION (MCA)

20th - 21st August, 2009
30 analysts and coaches attended.



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Seminar for Physiotherapists

The Board of Control for Cricket in India launched its educational programme on the Anti Doping Code with a day long workshop for the Physiotherapists of its State Units at Cricket Centre, on Wednesday 26th August 2009.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Vece Paes, Dr. Kinjal Suratwala and Nitin Patel.

The participants were briefed on the various points about the Anti Doping code and were given copies of hand books provided by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA).

The Board will organize such seminars for every Association for the benefit of the support staff as well as players in the course of the next season.



Report of the National Cricket Academy

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY FOR THE PERIOD SEP 2008 TO JUL 2009

INTRODUCTION

2008-09 was a fruitful year for the National Cricket Academy. Training and Conditioning Camps and Seminars were organized for players of different age-groups as well as Support-Staff, and the feedback was encouraging. The existing infrastructure was upgraded, and new facilities created.

The following camps / seminars were organized:

1. **Review Camps for Pace Bowlers at the NCA Pace Bowling Unit:** A The first camp was held from 8 September 2008 to 13 September 2008, and the second from 22 September 2008 to 27 September 2008.
2. **Umpires' Seminar:** The NCA organized an Umpires' Seminar from 21 September 2008 to 26 September 2008 in three batches. The seminar was conducted by the BCCI in collaboration with Cricket Australia.
3. **Coaches' Conclave:** A Coaches Conclave was conducted at the NCA for all the U-16 and U-19 Coaches of State teams on 18-19 September 2008.
4. **Seminar for Administrative & Coaching Directors of State Academies:** The Seminar was conducted by the NCA faculty, comprising Mr. Dav Whatmore, Dr. K. Suratwala, Mr. B. Arun, Mr. Paul Close and Mr. Paul Chapman, on 28-29 August 2008. A total of twenty-six Administrators and Coaching Directors attended.
5. **Training of the U-19 Batch .** Thirty 'Under-19' players who excelled in the Zonal Camps and thereafter in the Inter-Zonal Academy tournament, were selected by the Junior National Selectors, for training at the NCA in August-September 2008.
6. **Conditioning Camps for the Women's Team:** The NCA hosted Conditioning camps for the Indian Women's teams that participated in the ICC World Cup 2009 (24 January 2009 - 30 January 2009) and the ICC World T20 2009 (24 May 2009 – 3 June 2009).
7. **Review Camp for 2008 U-19 Batch.** A four-day Review Camp for the U-19 Batch of 2008 was conducted from 27 January 2009 to 30 January 2009. Thirty-two U-19 players attended.
8. **Orientation Programme for Lead Coaches/ Physios/Trainers:** The NCA conducted an Orientation Programme for Lead Coaches / Physios / Trainers of the Z-16 and U-19 Batches on 8 April 2009.
9. **Seminar for Online Scorers from the South Zone.** The NCA conducted a Seminar for Online Scorers from the South Zone on 18 April 2009.
10. **Rectification of Suspect Actions.** The programme was conducted from 25 May to 13 June 2009 in three batches i.e. first batch from 25 May to 30 May 2009, second batch from 31 May to 06 Jun 2009 and the third batch from 07 Jun to 13 Jun 2009.
11. **NCA – MRF Pace Programme.** A NCA – MRF Pace Programme was conducted by Mr. Dennis Lillee and Mr. B Arun, Head Pace Bowling Unit, NCA, at Chennai from 25 June to 4 July 2009. Eleven Pace bowlers from different state associations attended.
12. **Camp for the India Emerging Players Tour to Australia.** The camp of the Indian team that participated in the Emerging Players tournament in Australia was conducted from 11 July to 15 July 2009.
13. **NCA U-16 Camp.** The formal training programme was held from 15 July 2009 to 14 August 2009.
14. **Rehabilitation and Training Programme of Contracted Players.** Yuvraj Singh, R.P. Singh, Joginder Sharma, Munaf Patel, Virat Kohli, Manpreet Singh Gony, Shikhar Dhawan, Mohammad Kaif, Sudeep Tyagi, Cheteshwar Pujara, V.R.V. Singh, Chetnya Nanda, Virender Sehwag, Parthiv Patil and S. Sreesanth reported for rehabilitation and training.



Batting legend G.R. Viswanath guides the boys at the Under-16 camp.



The Preparatory Camp of the Indian Women's team prior to the ICC World T20.

ZONAL CAMPS – 2009

U-16 Zonal Camps:

The NCA conducted zonal Camps for 'Under-16' cricketers for the first time. The objective was to identify and select the best players for training at the NCA. These camps were conducted from 17 April 2009 to 22 May 2009 at Delhi (North), Kanpur (Central), Bhubaneswar (East), Baroda (West) and Anantpur (South).

U-19 Zonal Camps:

Zonal Camps for players in the U-19 age category, meant for identifying and selecting the best talents for training at the NCA, were conducted from 24 April 2009 to 5 June 2009 at Dharamsala (North), Jaipur (Central), Kolkata (East), Ahmedabad (West) and Uppal (South).

All-India University Camp at Mysore (Infosys Campus). The camp for AIU comprising twenty players was held in Mysore from 14 May 2009 to 12 June 2009.

INTER-ZONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENTS

U-16 Inter-Zonal Tournament for the Hanumant Singh Trophy – 2009

For the first time, the U-16 Inter-Zonal Tournament for the Hanumant Singh Trophy was conducted at Bangalore, from 25 May to 12 June 2009.



ZCA (North), the first winners of the Hanumant Singh Trophy.

Six teams participated – the five zonal sides, plus a sixth team called the President's XI, which was an assortment of players from the five zones who did not make it to their respective ZCA squad of fifteen.

The tournament was based in a three-day league format, with three teams in each group playing against each other. ZCA (North) accumulated the highest tally of points (15) and was declared the winner.

U-19 Inter-Zonal Tournament for the Col. Hemu Adhikari Trophy – 2009.

The annual Inter-Zonal Col. Hemu Adhikari Trophy for 2009 was played from 15 June 2009 to 3 July 2009. Each zone fielded a fifteen-man squad. Also in the fray were the All-India Universities (AIU) team, A



ZCA (North), winners of the Raj Singh Dungarpur Trophy.

'Combined U-16' Team and the President's XI (U-19). The tournament was played in the four-day league format, with three teams in each group playing against each other, and the top two teams in each group playing the semi-finals. The third-ranked team in each group contested the fifth and sixth positions, and the losing semi-finalists the third and fourth places. The tournament was won by ZCA (North), who beat ZCA (West) in the final by six wickets.

U-19 Inter Zonal Tournament (One Day) for the Raj Singh Dungarpur Trophy – 2009.

The inaugural edition of the Inter-Zonal (One-Day) tournament for the Raj Singh Dungarpur Trophy was conducted in Bangalore from 6 July 2009 to 13 July 2009.

Each Zone fielded a team comprising fifteen players, with the President's XI (U-19) as the sixth team. The tournament was played on a league-cum-knock out basis, with three teams each in two pools. ZCA (North) beat ZCA (West) in the final by one wicket.

COACHES' EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Level-O Courses for Trainers
- Level-A Courses for Coaches
- Level-B Courses for Coaches
- Specialist Courses for Batting, Bowling, Fielding & Wicket Keeping.
- Level-B Refresher Course for Coaches.
- Internship Programme for Level-B Coaches.
- Refresher Course for Level-A Coaches.

CREATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

- (i) Preparation of 'B' ground for the Training Programmes, by refurbishing it completely, and adding two centre wickets.
- (ii) Preparation of eleven practice pitches in the 'B' Ground.

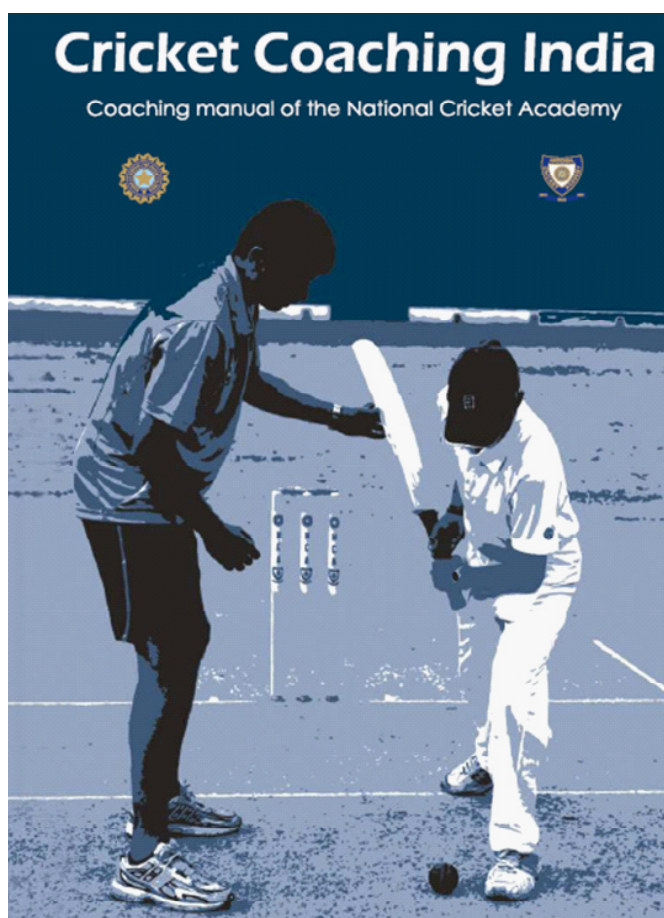
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ZCA (North), winners of the Col. Hemu Adhikari Trophy.



THE NCA COACHING MANUAL



NCA WEBSITE

Website address: www.nationalcricketacademy.in



Prof. R. S. Shetty, CAO, BCCI, inaugurated the NCA's website on 14th April 2009.

News from our Affiliated Units

ASSAM CRICKET ASSOCIATION – Diamond Jubilee

The Assam Cricket Association was founded in 1947.

It has produced several cricketers of note, and staged quite a few One-Day Internationals.

The Association celebrated its Diamond Jubilee by commencing work on a new International Cricket Stadium at Guwahati, and instituting a Cricket Academy for male and female cricketers of different age-groups.

Maninder Singh, former Test cricketer, was felicitated by the Association on 30th April 2009.



Mr. Bikash Baruah, Hon. Secretary of the Assam Cricket Association, does the honour.

CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL

Sourav Ganguly, who brought the curtains down on an illustrious International career at the end of the Test series against Australia, was felicitated by the Cricket Association of Bengal on 18th January 2009.



(From left) Mr. Sourav Ganguly, Mr. Biswarup Dey (Hon. Jt. Secretary, CAB), Mr. Arun Kumar Maitra (Hon. Jt. Secretary, CAB), Mr. Jagmohan Dalmiya (President, CAB) and Mr. Subhas Chakraborty, Hon. Sports Minister, West Bengal.



ANDHRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Late Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, laying the Foundation Stone of the proposed ACA Stadium at Mangalagiri, on 14th February 2009.



Senior office-bearers of the ACA look on.

GOA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Mr. Shashank Manohar, President, BCCI, inaugurates the Goa Cricket Academy at Porvorim, on 22nd August 2009.



GUJARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Mr. Dav Whatmore, Director, National Cricket Academy, inaugurates the GCA's Indoor Cricket Academy on 16th June 2009, in the presence of Shri Dinsha Patel, President, Kheda District Cricket Association (Affiliated to GCA) and Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Micro, Small & Medium Scale Enterprises, and senior office-bearers of the GCA

The Academy has got 2 pace and 3 spin Synthetic Turf wickets respectively, which were imported from Australia.



HIMACHAL PRADESH CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The picturesque HPCA Cricket Stadium at Dharamsala has been embellished with floodlights.



The floodlit HPCA Cricket Stadium at Dharamsala.



JAMMU AND KASHMIR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The JKCA has negotiated the transfer of the land on which the old cricket stadium in Srinagar stood, from the state government. The association subsequently initiated the construction of a new stadium and academy at the site.

Proposed new Cricket Stadium and Academy in Srinagar.



KARNATAKA STATE CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Mr. B.S. Yadiyurappa, Chief Minister of Karnataka, performs Bhoomi Puja at the site of the proposed Cricket Stadium in Shimoga, on 16th February 2009. Mr. Brijesh Patel, Hony, Secretary, KSCA, and other dignitaries, look on.



MAHARASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The Maharashtra Cricket Association is constructing an International Cricket Stadium and Cricket Academy at Gahunge Village, near Pune.



Mr. Ajay Shirke, President of the Maharashtra Cricket Association, inaugurates the Work-commencing ceremony at the site of the proposed International Cricket Stadium, on 11th July 2009. Senior office-bearers of the MCA look on.

MUMBAI CRICKET ASSOCIATION



The Recreation Centre of the Mumbai Cricket Association at the Bandra-Kurla Complex was inaugurated by Mr. Ashok Chavan, Hon. Chief Minister, Maharashtra, 9th January 2009.



Mr. Shashank Manohar, President, BCCI, and Mr. Sharad Pawar, President, Mumbai Cricket Association, felicitated Sachin Tendulkar for completing 12,000 Test runs, at the function.



ORISSA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The Orissa Cricket Academy was inaugurated by Mr. Dav Whatmore, Director, NCA, on 8th February 2009. It is equipped with six turf pitches, two cement pitches, a bowling machine, and floodlights. Space has been earmarked for a hostel, library and gymnasium.

The Players' Dressing-Rooms, Conference Hall, Press-Box and OCA office at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack were renovated prior to the One-Day international against England in November 2008.



VIDARBHA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The new VCA Stadium at Jamtha, Nagpur, hosted its first Test match against the touring Australians in November 2008. Floodlights were subsequently installed at the venue.

The VCA Residential Cricket Academy started functioning on 5th July 2009. It is intended for boys in the age group of 13 to 19 years. It is equipped with indoor nets, artificial turf, bowling machines, video analysis equipments etc. It also has a Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Yoga Room and Dining Hall. The VCA will look after the education of the players, for which the association has tied up with various institutions in Nagpur.



VCA's Residential Cricket Academy.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

OF THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Date: 26th April 2009

Venue: Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Uppal, Hyderabad

2008-09 marked the Platinum Jubilee of one of the most venerated cricket centres in the country.

The city of pearls has produced many a stalwart who excelled for the country, on and off the cricket field.

The products of the Hyderabad Cricket Association were flamboyant characters, whose style, mannerisms and most importantly, proficiency at the sport, induced many to fall in love with cricket.

They did whatever was required of them, modestly and gracefully. They gave the game their all, but at the same time, they never let watchers forget that it was only a sport they were playing. In doing so, they epitomized all the values that the game of cricket seeks to highlight.

Ghulam Ahmed was India's first notable off-spinner after independence. He represented and then captained India, and went on to distinguish himself as administrator. The 1960s saw the charismatic trio of Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, M.L. Jaisimha and Abbas Ali Baig. They were followed by the versatile Syed Abid Ali, and outstanding spin bowlers Shivlal Yadav and Venkatapathy Raju. In between, there was Mohammed Azharuddin, who made magic with his wrists on several occasions.

The torch these gentlemen held in their playing days is being carried by VVS Laxman. It is he who in 2001 essayed what is easily the best innings ever played by an Indian in Test cricket, given the match-situation and quality of the opposition – 281 against Australia at Kolkata. P.R. Mansingh's contribution to India's 1983 World Cup win as Manager cannot be forgotten.

The city that gave Indian cricket a shot in the arm in its fledgling years by instituting the Moin-Ud-Dowla tournament, can now boast of a state-of-the-art cricket stadium.

The individuals who have done Hyderabad and Indian cricket proud over the decades were felicitated at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the HCA on 26th April 2009. Mr. Shashank Manohar, BCCI President, was the Chief Guest.

HYDERABAD PLAYERS WHO REPRESENTED INDIA IN OFFICIAL TESTS / ODIS / T20S:

Gul Mohammed, Ghulam Ahmed, M.L.Jaisimha, Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, Abbas Ali Baig, Syed Abid Ali, Pochiah Krishnamurthy, Kenia Jayantilal, Shivlal Yadav, Mohammed Azharuddin, Narsimha Rao, Arshad Ayub, Venkatapathy Raju, VVS Laxman, Noel David (ODIs), Pragyan Ojha (ODIs, T20s)



BCCI President with the Hyderabad Cricket Association Officials and the former International Cricketers who were felicitated.



UNICEF and Indian Cricket

A LASTING RELATIONSHIP



GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY – 15 October 2008

Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and his teammates joined millions of school children around India to lather up for better health and hygiene, on 15th October 2008, which was declared the Global Handwashing Day.

“Sachin, you and your teammates, are an inspiration to young Indians and cricket fans around the world,” said Karin Hulshof, UNICEF India Representative, who traveled to Mohali Cricket grounds in Chandigarh for the event. “And even more important is your commitment to giving your time and energy to keep India’s children safe and healthy. You and the team are great examples of what we – the Government of India, UNICEF, Indian cricket and the young people throughout this great nation – can achieve together when we wash our hands with soap to stay healthy.”



Tendulkar appeared for free in a public service announcement developed by UNICEF and the Government of India being broadcast in 14 languages on television channels across the country to drum up support for the campaign. (To view the PSA: http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/india_45854.html)

“I wanted to be a part of this campaign, because washing hands with soap can keep children safe and healthy and protect them against deadly disease,” the cricket star said. “Having two young children, I constantly have to remind them to wash their hands before and after meals.”

Organized in Mohali during the Test series between India and Australia, the cricket event was one of thousands of activities that were taking place across the country as part of the global movement, uniting millions of children in more than 70 countries across five continents. In India, 100 million children washed their hands with soap at rural schools in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Gujarat, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Assam.

PULSE POLIO AWARENESS – TWO DROPS OF LIFE

Virender Sehwag, Murali Kartik, Mohammed Kaif, R.P. Singh and Suresh Raina joined megastar Amitabh Bachchan in popularizing the nationwide Polio Immunization Programme on 21st December 2008, for children below the age of five.

RAKSHA BANDHAN

Virender Sehwag and Adam Gilchrist, captains of Delhi Daredevils and Deccan Chargers respectively, were tied 'rakhis' before their semi-final clash in the 2009 IPL, in the presence of Ravi Shastri – UNICEF's National Ambassador.

The event was organized by the IPL and UNICEF.





International Cricket Council (ICC)

2011 CWC LAUNCH

CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Central Organizing Committee for the ICC CWC 2011 was reconstituted after the terrorist attack on the Sri Lankan team in Lahore in March 2009.

It was decided that the tournament would now be hosted by three countries – India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Mr. Sharad Pawar, Vice-President, ICC, would continue as the Chairman of the COC. Mahbubul Anam of the Bangladesh Cricket Board took over as Convener, and Sujeewa Rajapakse of Sri Lanka Cricket was named Treasurer.

The Central Secretariat for the tournament was shifted to the Cricket Centre, Mumbai.

Prof. R.S. Shetty was appointed Tournament Director.

ALLOTMENT OF MATCHES

The forty-nine matches that will be played during the tournament, were allotted as follows:

INDIA : Eight Venues - 29 Matches – Including One Quarter-Final, One Semi-Final, And The Final.

SRI LANKA: Three Venues – 12 Matches – Including One Quarter-Final And One Semi-Final.

BANGLADESH: Two Venues – 8 Matches – Including The Inaugural Match And Two Quarter-Finals.



ICC Cricket World Cup 2011

THE LAUNCH OF THE ICC CWC 2011 LOGO

The logo for the ICC Cricket World Cup (ICC CWC) 2011 was unveiled at a spectacular ceremony in Mumbai on Tuesday, 14th July 2009.

The unveiling was attended by the ICC Vice-President and Chairman of the tournament's Central Organising Committee Sharad Pawar, ICC Chief Executive Haroon Lorgat and Tournament Director Prof. Ratnakar Shetty.

Also in attendance were former Test cricketers, senior office-bearers of the BCCI, and ICC Cricket World Cup heroes from the past – Clive Lloyd, who led the West Indies to victory in the first two editions in 1975 and 1979, Sri Lanka's Aravinda de Silva, who was the Player of the 1996 World Cup final, with 3-42 and an unbeaten 107, Michael Bevan of Australia, who was a key member of the Australian teams that won in 1999 and 2003, and Dilip Vengsarkar and Balwinder Singh Sandhu, who were part of the Indian team that triumphed in 1983.

"The announcement of the event logo is an exciting and significant landmark for all of us involved in preparations for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 and the whole cricket world," Mr. Pawar stated at the event. "The event now has a formal identity which we can look to build upon and use to stimulate interest and awareness as 2011 draws closer. We now need to build on this and press on in our preparations to ensure the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 is the success that we all want it to be."

The ICC's Centenary



The ICC Centenary

The ICC's centenary year of 2009 is a global celebration with events taking place around the world to reflect all that is great about the game.

On the field these events include the ICC Women's World Cup (won by England), the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier (won by Ireland), the ICC World Twenty20 event for men and women (won by Pakistan and England respectively) and the ICC Champions Trophy.

And off the field there will be the opening of the ICC Global Cricket Academy and the inauguration of the ICC's new headquarters, both of which are in Dubai, and an ICC cricket history conference at St. Antony's College, Oxford in the United Kingdom in July.



Catch the Spirit

Catch the Spirit is one of the major themes of the centenary. It reinforces the unique respect and fairness in which the game is played and the spirit and diversity of the sport worldwide. The Catch the Spirit flag is on its way around the world and will be hosted by India later in 2009.

ICC Centenary Medal – recognising 1000 special volunteers around the world

The ICC Centenary Medal recognises a group of people who

are instrumental to the running of the game – volunteers. These people give their time up for the benefit of others and are crucial in preserving cricket's special values as well as sustaining and developing the game at the grassroots and nurturing the stars of the future.

The BCCI will be recognising 50 volunteers with the ICC Centenary Medal who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the game and have gone beyond the call of duty in the name of cricket.





ICC Cricket Hall of Fame

The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame was launched on 2nd January 2009 in association with the Federation of International Cricketers Associations (FICA). The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame recognises the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history.

The initial intake of inductees are the 55 players named in the FICA Hall of Fame, which ran between 1999 and 2003. This will be supplemented by a select group of inductions each year, starting in 2009 when the newcomers will be announced during the LG ICC Awards ceremony.

The Indian inductees into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame are Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar and Bishan Bedi. The legends will be honoured with the presentation of the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame cap during 2009.

BISHAN BEDI

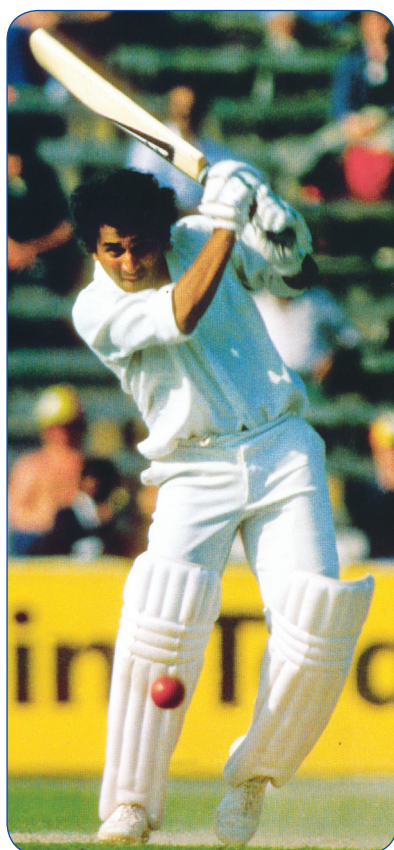
One of the best left-arm spinners of all time, Bishan Bedi was the first Indian to take 200 Test wickets. He was an integral part of the spin quartet that tormented many an opposition and won India many a match and series in the 1960s and 1970s. Bedi also had stints as Selector and Cricket Manager of the Indian team after his retirement. He captained India in 22 Tests, and also led Delhi with distinction in domestic cricket, captaining them to their first two Ranji titles, in 1978-79 and 1979-80 respectively. He and his three spinners-in-arms received the Col. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award from the BCCI in 2006.

CAREER STATISTICS (as on 10th July 2009):

Bowling

	Mat	Inns	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	5w	10w
Tests	67	118	21364	7637	266	7/98	10/194	28.71	14	1
ODIs	10	10	590	340	7	2/44	2/44	48.57	0	0





SUNIL GAVASKAR

His runs and records in an era dominated by the fiercest fast bowlers the game has ever seen, make Sunil Gavaskar one of the frontrunners for the title of the best opening batsman ever. He was the first batsman to score 10,000 runs in Test cricket, the first to score thirty Test hundreds, and the first to play a hundred consecutive Tests. He held the world records for the highest number of Tests, runs, centuries and half-centuries at the time of his retirement in 1987. His post-retirement contribution to the sport as commentator and columnist apart, he had an eight-year stint as Chairman of the ICC's Cricket Committee (2000-2008). He is presently the Chairman of the BCCI's Technical Committee.

CAREER STATISTICS (as on 10th July 2009):

Batting and fielding

	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
Tests	125	214	16	10122	236*	51.12	34	45	108	0
ODIs	108	102	14	3092	103*	35.13	1	27	22	0

KAPIL DEV NIKHANJ

He will go down in history as the captain of India's only World Cup-winning team till date. Kapil Dev was an outstanding bowler, a belligerent batsman, and a superb fielder and catcher. All in all, he was a complete cricketer. He initiated a 'fast-bowling' revolution in India in the years after his international debut in 1978-79, influencing several youngsters to follow his footsteps. He went on to be the first cricketer to achieve the 'double' of 5000+ runs and 400+ wickets in Tests. He held the record for the maximum number of Test wickets (434), from 1994 to 2000.

CAREER STATISTICS (as on 10th July 2009):

Batting and fielding

	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
Tests	131	184	15	5248	163	31.05	8	27	64	0
ODIs	225	198	39	3783	175*	23.79	1	14	71	0

Bowling

	Mat	Inns	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	5w	10w
Tests	131	227	27740	12867	434	9/83	11/146	29.64	23	2
ODIs	225	221	11202	6945	253	5/43	5/43	27.45	1	0





RAVI SHASTRI in the ICC's Cricket Committee



Ravi Shastri, former India captain, has been inducted as Media Representative into the ICC's fourteen-person Cricket Committee.

The Committee's brief is to discuss cricket-playing matters and formulate recommendations to the ICC's Chief Executives Committee (CEC).

Shastri first came into prominence as an 18 year-old, when he was summoned as a replacement on India's tour of New Zealand in 1980-81. He was India's most successful bowler in the three-Test series, with fifteen wickets. Two years later, he proved his batting credentials with Test hundreds in Pakistan and the West Indies.

As bowler and batsman, Shastri possessed the propensity to switch from attack to defence and back, depending on the situation at hand. He was the third Indian after Vinoo Mankad and Kapil Dev to complete the 'double' of 1000 runs and 100 wickets. He led India to a famous victory over the West Indies at Chennai in 1987-88, in his only Test as captain of India.

The World Championship of Cricket, played in Australia in 1985, was the apogee of Shastri's career.

He outperformed the best cricketers on the planet to be declared the Player of the Series – the 'Champion of Champions.'

His 107 against the West Indies at Bridgetown in 1988-89 was followed by two hundreds as opening batsman in England in 1990. His best effort was a magnificent 206 against Australia at Sydney in 1991-92. He went on to nearly bowl India to a victory in that Test, with four scalps on the final day.

Shastri's career was cut short by knee trouble. His 'last hurrah' was an inexperienced Mumbai team's victory in the Ranji Trophy under his leadership in 1993-94. He had earlier captained 'junior' Indian teams on tours of England and Zimbabwe in 1981 and 1984 respectively, and led 'under-22' and 'under-25' Indian sides against visiting international teams. He is the only Indian to win all the domestic competitions of his time as captain – the Ranji, Duleep and Irani Trophies, plus limited-overs tournaments like the Deodhar and Wills Trophies.

Shastri commenced a new innings as Media Personality in 1994. He has since been a part of TV (and Radio) commentary teams all over the world, and on different TV networks. His forthright views and ability to put things in perspective have made him one of the most popular cricket commentators in the world.

He had a stint as 'Cricket Manager' of the Indian team, after its ignominious exit from the 2007 World Cup. His encouragement elicited an impressive performance by a diffident side on the tour of Bangladesh in mid-2007. The players built on the same on subsequent tours of England and then South Africa, in the inaugural ICC World T20.

Shastri has been the UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for India since 1996. He is presently the Chairman of Indian cricket's finishing school – The National Cricket Academy.

Amnesty to ICL Players and Officials

AMNESTY TO ICL PLAYERS AND SUPPORT-STAFF

The BCCI offered Amnesty to the current and former cricketers who had joined the ICL. The Working Committee took this decision during its meeting on 29th April 2009.

The ICL signatories were given time till 31st May 2009 to formally communicate to the BCCI that they were keen to return to the official fold, after snapping all ties with the rebel body. The players and support staff whose applications the Board has cleared, will be permitted to play domestic cricket or assist domestic sides from the 2009-10 season. However, they will not be allowed to get involved in international cricket for a period of one year, starting 1st June 2009.

List of Current Players who have come back to BCCI

Name	State	Name	State
Rajiv Kumar	JSCA	Abhishek Tamrakar	MPCA
Mihir Diwakar	JSCA	Bhima Rao	MPCA
Kiran Powar	BCA	Syed Zakaria Zuffri	Assam CA
Rakesh Patel	BCA	Parviz Aziz	Assam CA
Shiv Sagar Singh	CAB	Abu Nechim Ahmed	Assam CA
Abhishek Jhunjunwala	CAB	Sujay Tarafder	Assam CA
Subhomoy Das	CAB	Pritam Das	Assam CA
Sayed Akhlakh Ahamad	CAB	Reetinder Sodhi	PCA
Rohan Gavaskar	CAB	Karanveer Singh	PCA
Subhjit Paul	CAB	Harpreet Singh	PCA
Deep Dasgupta	CAB	Sumit Kalia	PCA
Robin Morris	MCA	Love Ablish	PCA
Shreyas Khanolkar	RSPB	Rajesh Sharma	PCA
Tejinder Pal Singh	RSPB	Sarabjeet Singh	PCA
P Vivek	RSPB	Ishan Malhotra	PCA
J P Yadav	RSPB	Bipul Sharma	PCA
Baburao Yadav	RSPB	Amit Uniyal	PCA
Avinash Yadav	RSPB	Manish Sharma	PCA
Suyesh Burkul	Mah CA	Gaurav Gupta	PCA
Dheeraj Jadhav	Mah CA	Stuart Binny	KSCA
Raviraj Patil	Mah CA	Abdul Azeem Khan	Hyd CA
Pushkaraj Joshi	Mah CA	Alfred Absolom	Hyd CA
Anupam Sanklecha	Mah CA	Ibrahim Khaleel	Hyd CA
Ranjeet Khirid	Mah CA	Indra Shekar Reddy	Hyd CA
Abhinav Bali	DDCA	PS Niranjan	Hyd CA
Kunal Lal	DDCA	Anirudh Singh	Hyd CA
Abhishek Sharma	DDCA	Shashank Nag	Hyd CA
Abid Nabi	JKCA	Ambati Rayudu	Hyd CA
Dhruv Mahajan	JKCA	Syed Shahbuddin	Andhra CA
T Sudhindra	MPCA	Hemang Badani	TNCA
Mohnish Mishra	MPCA	V Devendran	TNCA
Abbas Ali	MPCA	G Vignesh	TNCA
Sachin Dholpure	MPCA	Syed Mohammed	TNCA
Shridhar Iyer	MPCA	R Jesuraj	TNCA



Name	State	Name	State
S Sriram	TNCA	D Tamilkumaran	TNCA
R Sathish	TNCA	C Hemant Kumar	TNCA
K Martin Sanjeev	TNCA	Avinash Yadav	UPCA
T Kumaran	TNCA	Shalabh Srivastava	UPCA
S Vasanth Saravanan	TNCA	Ali Murtaza	UPCA
J Hariesh	TNCA	Ali Hamid Zaidi	UPCA

Former Cricketers

Name
Sandeep Patil
EAS Prasanna
Mandan Lal
Rajesh Kamath
Karsan Ghavri
Pranab Roy
Ashok Malhotra
Rajesh Chauhan
Balvinder Sandhu
Bharath Reddy
Ajit Wadekar
Atul Wassan

Support Staff

Name
Kiran Padhiyar
A.T Rajamani Prabhu
Dr. Dinesh Vaghela
A. Burrows
Suhas Pawar
Rajesh Mundhva
Chezian
V Satish
Shyam Sundar S

Treasurer's Report 2008-2009



Mr. M. P. Pandove, Hon. Treasurer, BCCI

I am pleased to present my inaugural report as Honorary Treasurer, Board of Control for Cricket in India for the year 2008-2009. I took charge in October 2008, and the transition was smooth, thanks to the efforts and assistance provided by the former Honorary Treasurer's office.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. N. Srinivasan and his office for all the cooperation and assistance provided to this office.

The year under report has seen the dwindling in income and profit of the Board of Control for Cricket in India due to number of factors. The cowardly act of terror attacks in Mumbai had resulted into the curtailment of England Tour to India and subsequently cancellation of India Tour to Pakistan resulting in a deficit of Rs. 110 crores in the BCCI revenue.

The income of BCCI from Media Rights during the year was Rs. 466 crores against budgeted income of Rs. 534 crores and overall income of BCCI was Rs.711 crores against budgeted income of Rs.877 crores. However, the IPL has contributed Rs. 662 crores to the income thus appreciating the total income to Rs. 1373 crores, surpassing the last year income of Rs. 1000 crores.

NET SURPLUS

The net surplus during the year was Rs. 54 crores after taking into account the net surplus of Rs.15 crores from the IPL.

There is a shortfall of Rs. 180 crore when compared to the budgeted surplus of Rs. 233 crore. The shortfall was mainly due to the following reasons:

Sr. No.	Reasons	Amount of shortfall (Rs. In Crores)
1.	Media Rights / Sponsorship Money – Cancellation of 2 ODIs during England's tour of India	73
2.	Surplus from tours – Mainly cancellation of the ICC Champions Trophy 2008 and India's tour of Pakistan	41
3.	National Sports Development Fund – Other Sports	25

The BCCI Fixed Deposits with different banks as on 31.03.2009 is Rs. 1065 crores. The BCCI interest income was Rs.90 crores compared to Rs. 76.15 crores during the year 2007-08 and Rs. 50.31 crores during the year 2006-2007.

I am listing below the expenses under major expense heads.



TV SUBVENTION

There is remarkable increase in the payment of TV Subsidy / IPL subvention / Infrastructure Subsidy to the member associations from Rs. 456 crores to Rs. 624 crores of which BCCI-IPL had also contributed in distribution of Rs. 202 crores as IPL Subvention during the year 2008-09 which is about 37% increase over the last year.

GROSS REVENUE SHARE

An amount of Rs.81 crores has been provided to the players as Gross Revenue Share for the year 2008-09.

RETAINERSHIP

During the year under review, a total of 37 players were awarded the Contract in the following categories:-

A Grade	Rs.60 Lacs
B Grade	Rs.40 lacs
C Grade	Rs.25 Lacs
D Grade	Rs.15 Lacs

In addition to above, any non-contracted player would automatically become eligible under D Grade if he got selected to play for India.

BCCI MONTHLY GRATIS SCHEME

The BCCI released an amount of Rs. 15.29 crores to the players/umpires (Both international and domestic) under the BCCI Monthly Gratis Scheme during the year 2008-2009 which also includes Widows of Test Cricketers and Test Umpires.

CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER SPORTS

BCCI is committed to support medal prospects in other sports like badminton, swimming, squash etc. and provided assistance to them to the tune of about Rs.3.00 crores. An amount of Rs. 35 crores was contributed to the National Sports Development Fund, created by the Government of India. The total Corpus of NSDF is Rs. 80.0 Crores, with BCCI contributing 50.0 Crores and Sports Ministry 30.0 Crores. (BCCI had contributed 15.0 Crores last year)

IPL-2009 – SOUTH AFRICA

The BCCI/IPL had discussed with South African Revenue Service (SARS) before the commencement of IPL-2009 and resolved that income earned by BCCI-IPL will not be taxed. However, the income of players would be taxed @ 15%.

BUDGET FOR 2009-10

I give hereunder salient features of budget for the year 2009-10 viz-a-viz budget and actual figures of 2008-09.

Income of BCCI has been budgeted as Rs.891 Crores including deficit of Rs.34 Crores from IPL. Accordingly, the budgeted Income of BCCI is Rs.925 . The budgeted income of IPL is Rs.774 Crores. The brief details are as under:-

(Rupees in Crores)

Particulars	Budget 2008-09			Actual 2008-09			Budget 2009-10		
	BCCI	IPL	Total	BCCI	IPL	Total	BCCI	IPL	Total
Income	827	645	1472	711	662	1373	925	774	1699
Expenditure	645	592	1237	672	647	1319	814	808	1622
Surplus	182	51	233	39	15	54	111	-34	77

I have tried to make a sincere and honest effort to make this report factual and conclusive and would like to quote the American President Mr. John F Kennedy in conclusion:

“ To state the facts frankly is not to despair the future

Nor to indict the past;

The prudent heir takes careful inventory of his legacies

And gives a faithful accounting to those whom he owes an obligation of trust”



THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2009

	Schedule	As at 31st March, 2009 Rupees	As at 31st March, 2008 Rupees
LIABILITIES			
General Fund	1	6,289,351,721	4,455,080,782
Earmarked Funds	2	2,374,360,541	3,499,604,891
Current Liabilities & Provisions	3	9,460,637,033	9,192,469,720
TOTAL		18,124,349,295	17,147,155,393
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	4		
Gross Block		277,817,789	146,799,387
Less: Accumulated Depreciation / Amortisation		66,881,655	36,311,989
Net Block		210,936,134	110,487,398
Investments	5	10,656,069,557	11,955,609,449
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	6	7,257,343,604	5,081,058,546
TOTAL		18,124,349,295	17,147,155,393

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The Schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Balance Sheet

In terms of our report of even date attached.

For S.B.BILLIMORIA & CO.
Chartered Accountants

For and on behalf of The Board of Control for Cricket in India

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Partner
M.No. 022360

Shashank Manohar
President

N. Srinivasan
Honorary Secretary

M.P. Pandove
Honorary Treasurer

Mumbai, 13th August, 2009

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THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2009

Schedule	2008-09 Rupees	2007-08 Rupees
INCOME		
Annual Subscription	22,750	15,750
Amount Transferred from Summary Tour Account 7	1,349,757,488	2,267,332,191
Surplus from Indian Premier League 8	148,607,619	-
Surplus from Champions League - T 20 9	13,036,586	-
Income from Grant of Media Rights	4,655,736,360	5,593,135,185
Minimum Guarantee Royalty from a Sponsor	110,250,000	98,750,000
Additional Sponsorship Income	6,750,000	4,500,000
Distributions from International Cricket Council		
- World Cup - 2007	-	468,812,958
- ICC Champions Trophy - 2006	-	18,599,707
- Annual Ranking Award	2,998,500	-
- Womens World Cup - 2009	2,545,661	-
Interest Income 10	877,894,774	761,544,104
Provision No Longer Required Written Back (See Notes 14 & 15 of Schedule 16)	38,609,172	300,516,751
Income from Earlier Tours	3,375,000	-
PILCOM / INDCOM/ / World Cup 1996 - Former Convenor Secretary - Mr.Jagmohan Dalmiya (See Note 6(b) of Schedule 16)	-	466,416,703
Other Income 11	48,743,593	24,461,007
TOTAL	7,258,327,503	10,004,084,356
EXPENDITURE		
Expenditure on Cricketing Activities 12	5,189,491,233	5,509,156,055
Players' Balance Share in Gross	353,848,888	693,660,637
Revenue of the Board (See Note 14 of Schedule 16)		
Coaching Expenses 13	50,346,643	44,612,376
T.V. Production Costs	265,905,837	280,353,960
Establishment and Other Expenses 14	209,481,733	115,981,892
Interest on Funds	180,217,552	85,956,985
General Body Meetings Expenses	1,796,325	2,267,504
ICC Annual Subscription	51,263,009	39,870,100
Contributions & Donations 15	400,642,948	152,000,000
Expenses on Earlier Year Tours	315,529	35,989,669
Depreciation / Amortisation 4	17,291,431	12,722,604
TOTAL	6,720,601,128	6,972,571,782

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Schedule	2008-09 Rupees	2007-08 Rupees
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	537,726,375	3,031,512,574
Add: Transferred from :		
Infrastructure Development Fund	1,143,144,564	845,630,023
Platinum Jubilee Benevolent Fund (Monthly Gratis)	152,900,000	150,910,013
Col. C.K.Nayudu Centenary Award Fund	500,000	500,000
(Less): Transferred to :		
Infrastructure Development Fund	-	(2,400,000,000)
Platinum Jubilee Benevolent Fund (Monthly Gratis)	-	(300,000,000)
Balance Carried to General Fund	1,834,270,939	1,328,552,610

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The Schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Income and Expenditure Account

In terms of our report of even date attached.

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