



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2017-18**

**Cricket Association
for the Blind of Maharashtra**
**Affiliated to Cricket
Association for the Blind in
India (CABI)**

A CSR initiative of Sony Pictures Networks India





SECRETARY'S SPEECH



As I approach my seventh year anniversary with the Cricket Association for the Blind of Maharashtra. I look forward to building on the organization's accomplishments of blind cricket.

In my youth, I was extremely passionate about being a positive agent of change in my community. As a student, I was driven to promote the sport of blind chess from one classroom to all over the country and internationally by organising many state, national and international blind chess events. Building on 40 years of experience in social work for the visually impaired, I have proudly taken up the challenge to promote blind cricket in Maharashtra and nationally and to ensure equal opportunity for the visually impaired on the cricket pitch.

Since its establishment in 2011, CABM has been dedicated to the promotion of cricket for the blind in Maharashtra. We believe that for the blind and visually impaired, cricket can be instrumental in attaining independence of movement and in developing physical capacities, which permit better adaptation to everyday life. The journey has been fraught with many challenges but also many successes. In the early days, we struggled to find the right support for our initiatives due to a lack of awareness about blind cricket. With limited resources and through our own contributions we were able to organise many successful events and since then the tides have turned in our favour. Through coverage in the media, word of mouth and via social media in recent times, the interest and energy surrounding blind cricket has led to volunteers and supporters willingly joining our efforts and adding to the success of CABM and blind cricket players from Maharashtra.

CABM strongly believes that blind sports is no less serious as an activity than the mainstream sports and has the ability to significantly empower persons with visual impairment. In past years, we have organised numerous coaching camps and tournaments and seen many talented cricketers make their journey to the international stage. Most notably, the Indian team emerged victorious at the first and second T-20 World Cup's for the Blind in 2012 and 2017. CABM was also recognized for its exemplary contribution to the field with the India CSR award for 2016-17.

In 2017 - 2018 we conducted the 24th National Cricket Tournament for the Blind, pioneered training and state-level tournaments for women & school children, conducted 6 district-level and 1 inter-state tournaments and hosted training and selection events for the Maharashtra Blind Cricket Team. Earlier, we successfully held 9 T-20 World Cup matches in Mumbai, Pune at the MCA, MIG, Brabourne Stadium and P.Y.C Ground between January and February of 2017. We also successfully introduced professional physiotherapy for our players, the first of its kind in this field; a move that was lauded and emulated by the national body.

Our vision for the coming years is to introduce the highly successful 'league format' for blind cricket. We hope that in the future we will be instrumental in helping our players achieve the financial recognition for their talents as well as secure jobs in the public or private sector. We shall strive to provide quality infrastructure to the players with best-in-class facilities to support blind cricket players in Maharashtra.

Lastly, I would like to thank our many members and supporters for their continued confidence and effort to bolster the blind cricket community across the state of Maharashtra. In particular, Sony Picture Network CSR has been instrumental in helping us strengthen our program, increasing the number of events and beneficiaries' year-on-year. We look forward to the continued support of our partners and building new bridges in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ramakant Satam

Hon. Secretary,

Cricket Association for the Blind of Maharashtra

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH



On behalf of CABM as the President I extend my sincere gratitude to the entire committee of CABM and number of well-wishers, philanthropists who came forward in making our event a grand success. I also hope that their support and co-operation will continue to inspire us to better our organisational capabilities, to ensure us to provide a better meaningful platform to the cricket players across Maharashtra.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ravi Wagh

**Hon. President,
Cricket Association for the Blind of Maharashtra**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ABOUT ORGANISATION	1
VISION	2
MISSION	2
VALUES	2
MANAGEMENT TEAM	3
EVENTS	4
TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM - MARATHWADA DIVISION.....	5
TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM - MUMBAI DIVISION.....	6
TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM VIDARBHA DIVISION.....	6
KAPIL SHARMA SHOW.....	7
OPEN STATE LEVEL TOURNAMENT – SOLAPUR AT INDIRA GANDHI STADIUM.....	7
AWARD & RECOGNITION.....	8
STATE LEVEL TOURNAMENT – MGM STADIUM, AURANGABAD.....	8
TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM - KHANDESH DIVISION.....	9
TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM – WEST MAHARASHTRA DIVISION.....	9
MANAGING GOALS TRAINING.....	10
MAHARASHTRA TEAM SELECTION CAMP, JALGAON.....	10
WEST ZONE CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND.....	11
24 th NATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND.....	11
INDIAN TEAM SELECTION CAMP.....	12
INTER-SCHOOL SELECTION CAMP – WEST MAHARASHTA DIVISION.....	12
1 st WOMENS SELECTION TOURNAMENT.....	13
INTER SCHOOL TOURNAMENT– VIDARBHA DIVISION.....	13
INTER-SCHOOL SELECTION CAMP- MARATHWADA DIVISION.....	14
LOUIE BRAILLE INVITATION MATCH.....	14
STATE LEVEL – CHILDREN’S MATCH.....	15
STATE LEVEL – WOMEN’S MATCH.....	15
DAY – NIGHT MATCH.....	16
DISTRICT MATCH - SAWANTWADI.....	16
INTER - STATE MATCH.....	17
OUTREACH	18
TESTIMONIALS	19
COACHING CAMP AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT	21
CABM HEROES	22
TEAM INDIA HEROES	23
MEDIA COVERAGE	24
THE WAY FOWARD	25

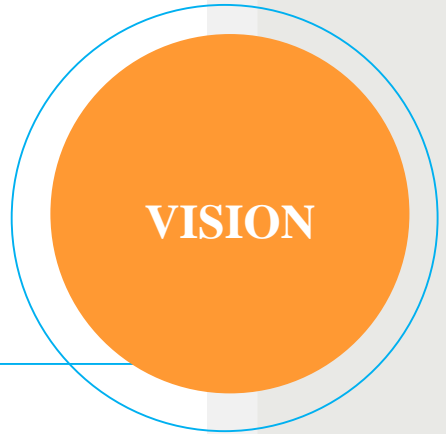
The Cricket Association for the Blind of Maharashtra (CABM) is registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860 and the Bombay Public Charitable Trust Act, 1950. CABM is the only recognised body to promote and organise activities relating to cricket for the blind in the State of Maharashtra under the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), which is affiliated to the World Blind Cricket Council (WBC).

Established in 2011, CABM is dedicated to the promotion of cricket for the blind in Maharashtra. CABM organises coaching camps (for men) and tournaments (for men, women and children) and provides infrastructure facilities for players across Maharashtra to hone their craft. Their work spans across six divisions in Maharashtra State: Vidarbha, Marathwada, Khandesh, West Maharashtra, Konkan and Mumbai. Coaching camps are held once a year in each of the six divisions.



Since the formation of the CABM, blind and visually impaired cricketers from Maharashtra have made tremendous progress in their field, winning several accolades for strong performances at various national and international tournaments. CABM has also organised nine T-20 World Cup matches in Mumbai and Pune under the aegis of CABI in February of 2017. CABM is making every effort to raise the profile of blind cricket, through its various activities and by promoting the events and achievements of its blind sportspersons. It identifies local partners, such as NGO's to help carry out these activities. CABM strongly believes that blind sports is no less serious an activity than the mainstream sports and has the ability to can significantly empower persons with visual impairment.

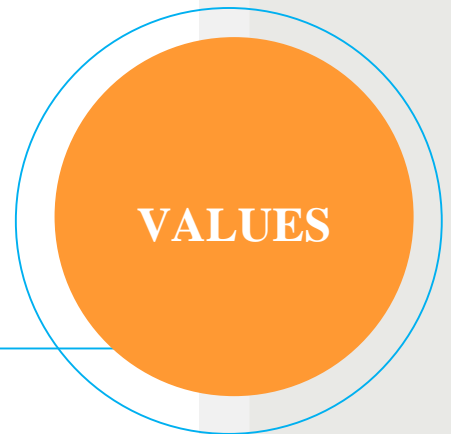
CABM envisions a strong cricketing ecosystem for the visually impaired in Maharashtra through exclusive events with a network of partners and affiliates.

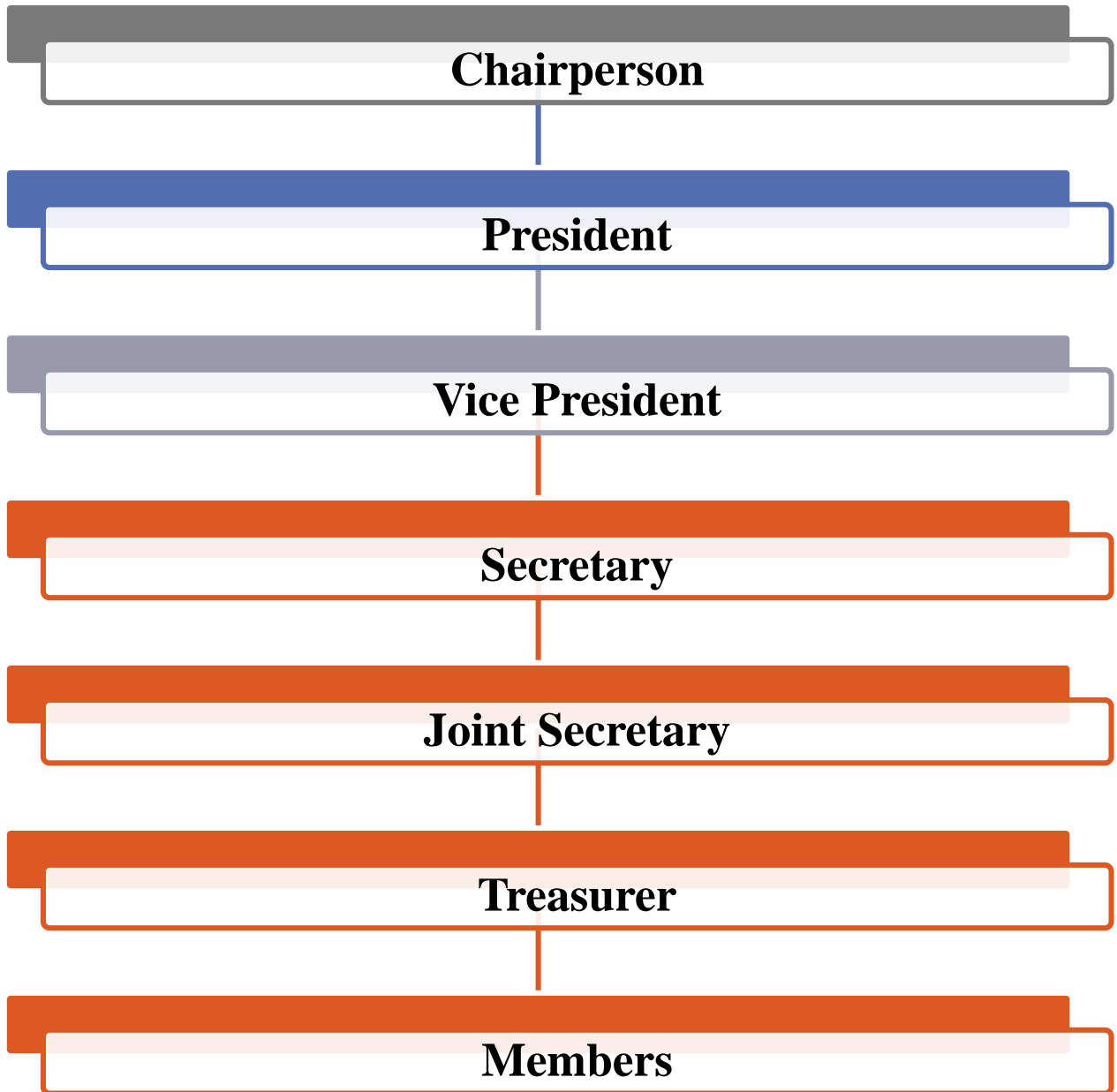


CABM strives to assist blind and visually impaired individuals in social, physical and personality development through Cricket.



- Equality
 - Opportunity
 - Fairness
 - Teamwork
 - Honesty and Commitment
-





- **Training & Selection Program – Marathwada Division**
- **Training & Selection Program – Mumbai Division**
- **Training & Selection Program – Vidarbha Division**
- **Kapil Sharma Show**
- **Open State Level Tournament – Solapur at Indira Gandhi Stadium**
- **State Level Tournament – MGM Stadium, Aurangabad**
- **Award & Recognition**
- **Training & Selection Program – Khandesh Division**
- **Training & Selection Program – West Maharashtra Division**
- **Management Goals Training**
- **Maharashtra Team Selection Camp, Jalgaon**
- **West Zone Cricket Tournament for the Blind**
- **24th National Cricket Tournament for the Blind**
- **Indian Team Selection Camp**
- **Inter-School Selection Camp - West Maharashtra Division**
- **1st Women’s Selection Tournament**
- **Inter –School Tournament – Vidarbha Division**
- **Louie Braille Invitation Match**
- **Inter-School Selection Camp – Marathwada Division**
- **State Level Children’s Match**
- **State Level Women’s Match**
- **Day-Night Match**
- **District Match – Sawantwadi**
- **Inter-State Match**



Events

TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM - MARATHWADA DIVISION



9th April 2017

Held in Nanded for Maharashtra Division comprising of districts like Beed, Nanded, Jalna, Latur, Osmanabad and Parbhani etc. Wherein we had received a huge response from players. Total 31 players had participated.

TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM - MUMBAI DIVISION

14th April 2017

Held at Navi Mumbai Sports Ground, Vashi. This event was inaugurated by Mr. Ravi Wagh- President, CABM and Ms. Pankti Lalaji- Social Worker. A Total 35 blind participants attended this event from Mumbai City, Suburban and Thane.



TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM VIDARBHA DIVISION

18th April 2017

Held in Amravati and attended by a total of 23 participants from Bhandara, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Gondiya, Nagpur, Wardha, Akola, Amravati, Buldhana, Washim and Yavatmal. This event was inaugurated by Mr. N.S.Ingole-Principal of Dr. Narendra Bhivapurkar Anndh Vidyalala.



KAPIL SHARMA SHOW

18th April 2017

After winning the 2ndT-20 World Cup held in January 2017 to Feb 2017. Kapil Sharma had invited our Blind Cricket Heroes to his show and gave recognition to not only players but also to blind cricket. Ajay Kumar Reddy, Prakash Jayaramaiah, Ganesh Mundkar and Anis Beig along with Ramakant Satam, Suresh Iyer-CABM, Vinod Deshpande, Ajay Desai-MCA, John David-CABI were part of the show. He supported with 1 lakh rupees to all the 17 players who had been selected in the Indian Team.



OPEN STATE LEVEL TOURNAMENT – SOLAPUR AT INDIRA GANDHI STADIUM

21st – 22nd April 2017

It was organized at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Solapur. The event was organized by Andh Apang Society, Jain Society & CABM. It was sponsored by Mafatlal Group. It was inaugurated by Shri. Subhash Deshmukh- Minister of Cooperation Marketing Textile Govt. of Maharashtra, Mayor Shobha Bhanshetty, Shri. M.B.Raghunath-President Mafatlal Group. Total 5 teams had participated from Sangli, Satara, Kolhapur, Aurangabad, Latur, Mumbai and Solapur.



STATE LEVEL TOURNAMENT – MGM STADIUM, AURANGABAD

29th April – 1st May 2017

Aurangabad on 29th April to 1st May 2017 at MGM Sports Stadium, Aurangabad organized by Andh Apang Society & CABM inaugurated by Shri. Chandrakant Khaire, MP, Shri. Anil Ramod, Mahada CEO. Total 5 teams participated from West Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Mumbai, Marathwada & Khandesh.



AWARD & RECOGNITION

26th May 2017

The prestigious India CSR Leadership Summit & Awards 2017 ‘Celebrating CSR Innovation & Leadership’ was held at Hotel Sahara Star, Mumbai on 26th May 2017, Friday. The day long forum witness vibrant political leaders, CSR think tanks, thinkers, social reformers and Govt. officials. It was one of the biggest CSR knowledge and idea sharing forum in the year 2017. One of the key focuses in this Summit was to put forth the new CSR agenda for national development. CABM was awarded and was given cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-.



TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM - KHANDESH DIVISION

4th June 2017

Held at St, Xavier's School ground, with a total of 27 blind participants from Nashik, Ahmednagar, Dhule and Nandurbar.



TRAINING & SELECTION PROGRAM – WEST MAHARASHTRA DIVISION

4th June 2017

Held in Pune with a total of 32 participants from across Pune, Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara and Solapur.

MANAGING GOALS TRAINING

24th June 2017

A conference on promotion and development of cricket in blind schools of Maharashtra was organized at the behest of the commissioner of Disabled Welfare, Pune, on 24 June 2017 at Shikshak Bhavan Pune. 24 teachers from all parts of Maharashtra attended the daylong conference. The program was chaired by Shri. Yashwant Bhujbal, Chairman, Pune District Cricket Association, Pune who assured all the required assistance in his address to the gathering.



MAHARASHTRA TEAM SELECTION CAMP, JALGAON

1st - 4th October 2017



This camp was mainly focused on the players' fitness, mobility and other factors in building a strong contingent for the nationals. There were over 35 selected players from all over Maharashtra took part in this four daylong event

WEST ZONE CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND

16th - 17th October 2017

The tournament was organised by CABI and held in Ahmedabad with teams from Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Rajasthan participating in the event. Gujarat won the title while Maharashtra was the runner up.



24th NATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLIND

30th October - 3rd November 2017

CABM Hosted the National cricket tournament for the blind in the city of Mumbai from 30th October 2017 to 3rd November 2017. It was inaugurated by Shri. Mahantesh, President, World Blind Cricket Ltd. Also The President of Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI). It was held at Shivaji Park, Islam Gymkhana and MIG Grounds Mumbai. Finals was between Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh at MIG Ground where Gujarat lost to the defending Champion Andhra Pradesh on 3rd November 2017.



INDIAN TEAM SELECTION CAMP

13th – 15th November 2017

The selection camp was held in Pune at PYC ground from which top 17 were selected out of 35 for 5th ODI which was held in Dubai



INTER-SCHOOL SELECTION CAMP – WEST MAHARASHTRA DIVISION

5th – 6th December 2017

Held in Pune, this camp was attended by 75 players from the districts of Pandharpur, Solapur, Kolhapur and Pune. This event was conducted with a view to strengthening the talent pool for the Maharashtra team and increase representation from the state in the National team.



1st WOMENS SELECTION TOURNAMENT

10th December 2017

The first ever Women's selection tournament organised in association with the National Sports Club of the Blind was held at Shivaji Vidyalaya ground, Dharavi.



INTER SCHOOL TOURNAMENT- VIDARBHA DIVISION

28th – 30th December 2017

Held at Chandrapur, 45 players participated from various teams in the Vidarbha region. The winning and runner-up teams were felicitated with cash prizes, trophies and certificates.



LOUIE BRAILLE INVITATION MATCH

4th January 2018

Conducted in association with The Lions Clubs International and National Association for the Blind at the Oval Ground in Mumbai. 25 players participated in the event.



INTER-SCHOOL SELECTION CAMP- MARATHWADA DIVISION

27th January 2018

Held in Ahmedpur, eight teams from across Maharashtra participated in the event. Teams hailed from Kolhapur, Pune, Chandrapur, Chalisgaon, Amravati, Marathwada-Bodhdi, Chikaldhara and Nagpur.



STATE LEVEL – CHILDREN’S MATCH

15th – 18th February 2018

Held in Nashik, at Mahatma Gandhi Ground, Sambhaji Stadium. The eight participating teams hailed from Kolhapur, Pune, Chandrapur, Chalisgaon, Amravati, Marathwada-Bodhdi, Chikhaldara and Nagpur.



STATE LEVEL – WOMEN’S MATCH

15th – 18th February 2018

In the Women tournament across Maharashtra 5 teams had participated 2 from Mumbai, and 1-1 each from Pune, Nashik and Vidarbha. Women Players showcased their talent in excellent way and performed impressively. The finals were between Pune and Vidarbha. Pune marked their win with their splendid performance.



DAY – NIGHT MATCH

24th February 2018

The first ever Day-Night Match was conducted in Mumbai at the Lalbaug Ground. Two teams from Mumbai competed in the event that was organised in association with Sony, St. George Cricket Club and Nirman Cricket Academy.



DISTRICT MATCH - SAWANTWADI

24th March 2018

The tournament was organized at Sawantwadi Gymkhana in the Konkan region in order to promote blind cricket in that area. 3 teams from Mumbai, Goa and Konkan participated in this event.

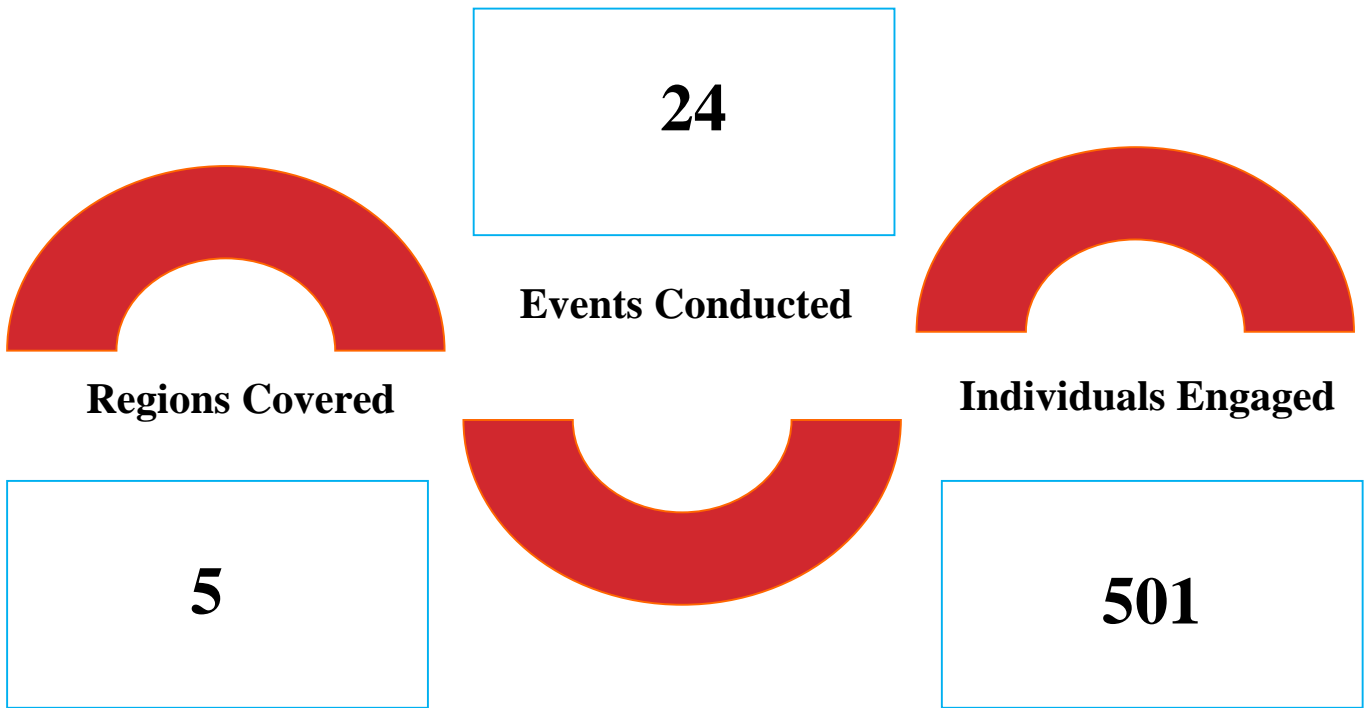


INTER - STATE MATCH

29th – 30th March 2018

Two teams each from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh participated in the two-day event. A total of 3 matches were played in this tournament.







40, Self-Employed -Telephone booth owner

Being the treasurer of CABM, as I look back at my career I feel proud that I have grown with the organisation. And I am eager to contribute to the betterment of the blind cricket not only in Maharashtra but all over the country.

CABM has provided me a platform to meet other blind cricket enthusiasts and build strong friendships with my teammates. I have also represented Maharashtra as a Captain at the National Level.

My passion for the sport and this cause shows that I have spent the past 10 years as an active member of the CABI to promote blind cricket across the globe.

Dadabhau Kute



26, Clerical Assistant at the State Bank of India

I have had 75% visual impairment since birth and was 12 years old when I started playing cricket. Playing numerous tournaments at the school and state level has helped me hone my craft.

CABM spotted my cricketing talent and has given plenty of opportunities to display my skills as a player for which I will be indebted for my life to CABM's efforts.

In the past I have represented Mumbai as the team Captain and participated in various exhibition matches and state tournaments. I am grateful to the CABM for its commitment towards blind cricket and the opportunity to improve my skills and display my talent.

Sachin Vijay Andurlekar



32, Employed at the State Bank of India

Thanks to the efforts of CABM and other organisations working towards the cause of blind cricket, I have had the opportunity to pursue this sport. I have played in the Dr. Shakuntala Misra Memorial Interstate Blind Cricket Tournament and participated in the Dombivali Rotary Parivar National Blind Cricket Tournament 2008.

I have been an active member of CABM. It gives me immense satisfaction that I am a part of the ever growing organisation like CABM.

Ganesh Vithalrao Kale



25, Student

I express my gratitude to CABM for grooming me to become a better sportsman. I am eager to contribute my share in the growth of CABM by improving my level of game.

Despite being 100% visually disabled since birth, I have participated in multiple prestigious events like the Asia Cup in Kochi, Blind Cricket World Cup South Africa and also in India-Australia Series.

My performances in important State, Zonal National and International tournaments have been recognized multiple awards like 'Man of the Series' title for the India-Australia series. These opportunities have helped me build confidence in my abilities and even helped me overcome my fear of public speaking. I am thankful to CABM for making me a STAR.

Amol Karche

COACHING CAMP AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

CABM organised a coaching camp for regular players and also selected to represent Maharashtra in the Zonal and National Tournaments.

We train participants in multiple areas to help them achieve all-round improvement in their game. In addition to technical coaching, fitness, agility and strategy, we also groom players via our personality development coaching. This includes individual mentorship and group activities aimed at improving motivation, confidence, teamwork, as well as social and communication skills.

These sessions aid in the growth and development of the thinking, attitude, nature and behaviour that can bring out the unique abilities of each individual. We work towards enhancing the outer and inner self of a person in order to bring positive change in a person's life.





DILIP MUMDE

National Cricket Tournament- 1999 to 2006

**2 World Cups 2006 at Pakistan and 2007
England**

1st T20 World Cup, Bangalore



ANIS BEIG

State Level Tournament- 2004

National Tournament- 2014- 2016

T20 World Cup- 2017



AMOL KARCHE

Asia Cup in Kochi

World Cup South Africa

India-Australia Series.



SWAPNIL WAGH

**Participated in International level ODI India
Pakistan Blind Cricket Tournament in 2012**

**Participated in International level 20-20 India
Pakistan Blind Cricket**

Tournament in 2014

**Playing for Blind Cricket since 2008 at State Level,
National Level & International Level**

TEAM INDIA HEROES



SHEKHAR NAIK

Captain - 2 World Cup wins



PRAKASHJAYARAMIAH

Vice Captain - India



AJAY KUMAR REDDY

**Captain – 2 World Cup and
also one Asia Cup**



ANISH BEIG

All Rounder - India



DEEPAK MALLIK

All Rounder- India

मराठवाडा, पश्चिम महाराष्ट्राची विजयी सलामी

दृष्टीबाधितांच्या राज्य क्रिकेट स्पर्धा : उद्या समारोप

मराठवाड्याचे मुंबईत ६ फेब्रुवारीला झालेले प्रथम क्रिकेट स्पर्धा सुरुवातीला यशस्वी झाली. यावेळी मराठवाडा संघाने पश्चिम महाराष्ट्राचा पराभव करून विजयी सलामी देण्यात यशस्वी ठरला. यावेळी मराठवाडा संघाचे नेतृत्व करणारे अजिंक्य राहणे यांनी उत्तम खेळी करून मराठवाडा संघाला विजयी करून देण्यात यशस्वी ठरले. यावेळी मराठवाडा संघाचे नेतृत्व करणारे अजिंक्य राहणे यांनी उत्तम खेळी करून मराठवाडा संघाला विजयी करून देण्यात यशस्वी ठरले.

मराठवाडा संघाला विजय

मराठवाडा संघाने पश्चिम महाराष्ट्राचा पराभव करून विजयी सलामी देण्यात यशस्वी ठरला. यावेळी मराठवाडा संघाचे नेतृत्व करणारे अजिंक्य राहणे यांनी उत्तम खेळी करून मराठवाडा संघाला विजयी करून देण्यात यशस्वी ठरले.

राज्यस्तरीय अंधांच्या क्रिकेट स्पर्धेला सुरुवात

अंधांच्या क्रिकेट स्पर्धेच्या उद्घाटनप्रसंगी सोलापूर तिवसना उपनेत्रे खासदार पंजवळ खोरे, राज्यस्तरीय अंधांच्या क्रिकेट स्पर्धेला सुरुवात देण्यात यशस्वी ठरले. यावेळी सोलापूर संघाने मुंबई संघाला पराभव करून विजयी सलामी देण्यात यशस्वी ठरला.

बोधडीत आज अंध क्रिकेट संघाची निवड चाचणी

मराठवाडा संघाची निवड चाचणी आज मुंबईत झाली. यावेळी मराठवाडा संघाचे नेतृत्व करणारे अजिंक्य राहणे यांनी उत्तम खेळी करून मराठवाडा संघाला विजयी करून देण्यात यशस्वी ठरले.

सोलापूर, सांगली, पुणे, मुंबई उपांत्य फेरीत

सोलापूर, सांगली, पुणे, मुंबई उपांत्य फेरीत झाली. यावेळी सोलापूर संघाने मुंबई संघाला पराभव करून विजयी सलामी देण्यात यशस्वी ठरला.

मोलापूरचा संघ विजेतेपदाच्या एक पाऊल जवळ

पुणे, सांगली, मुंबईचे संघ उपांत्य फेरीत आज यशस्वी ठरले. यावेळी सोलापूर संघाने मुंबई संघाला पराभव करून विजयी सलामी देण्यात यशस्वी ठरला.

Rao 'pays' to play!

India's stand-in blind captain Venkateswara Rao is representing the country despite not getting leave. Andhra man yet to receive Jan salary.

Some money to play for... Venkateswara Rao is a 35-year-old man who has been playing cricket since he was 15. He is a stand-in captain for the Indian Blind Cricket team. He is currently representing India in the World Cup. He is a professional cricketer and has been playing for the Indian team for many years. He is a very good batsman and has scored many runs for his country. He is a very hardworking player and is always ready to play for his country. He is a very good player and is always ready to play for his country.

GALLERY

FAN MOMENT: Ajinkya Rahane takes a selfie with members of India's Blind T20 WC team

Sledge Kohli at your own peril, Hussey warns Oz

Virat Kohli will be Australia's "public enemy number one" during the upcoming Test series against India, according to former batsman Michael Hussey but he has advised Steve Smith and Co. not to sledge him as it would bring the best out of the Indian captain. "From an Australian point of view, Kohli is public enemy No. 1 and we have to get him out cheaply. I wouldn't try to sledge him."

Tournament details of CABM during the year 2018-19**MEN**

Division Wise Camp -5
State Level Tournament
Selection Trial to Select Mah.Team
Coaching Camp Mah.Team

CHILDREN

Division Wise Camp -5
State Level Tournament

WOMEN

Matches
State Level Tournament
Selection Trial Mah. Team



**CRICKET ASSOCIATION FOR THE
BLIND OF MAHARASHTRA**

D.K. Communication, Sir P.M. Road, Near
Apna Bazar, Fort, Mumbai- 400001

Email: blindcabm@gmail.com /
ramakantsatam@yahoo.com

Website: <http://www.cabm.org/>