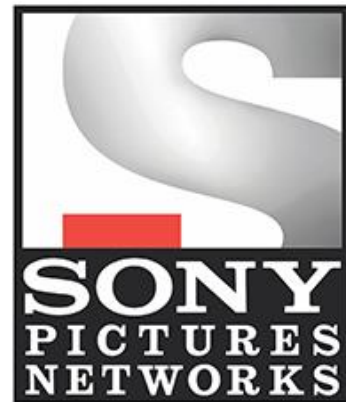


# Annual Progress Report 2018-19



**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**



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# About Organisation

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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 recognized body to promote and organize activities related 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 organize coaching camps (for men) and tournaments (for men, women and children) and provides infrastructure facilities for players across Maharashtra to hone their craft.





## About CSR Partner

**Ek India Happywala** is the CSR theme under the aegis of which Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) runs its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. The campaign focusses on creating a positive impact in our ecosystem and is built around 3 pillars; empowerment, education and environment. The CSR initiative at the Company draws on its philosophy that as a responsible organisation it will contribute to the greater common good of the society and help build a sustainable way of life for marginalized sections of society. SPN is in itself a name and has successfully running 32 entertainment channels covering all the three languages English, Hindi, Marathi and honored as no.1 entertainment channel and till date SPN has been successful in reaching out to over 700 million viewers in India and is available in 167 countries. Sony Pictures Network India has been instrumental in supporting and strengthening CABM initiatives, increasing the number of events and programs, thereby supporting the Blind Cricket all over Maharashtra.



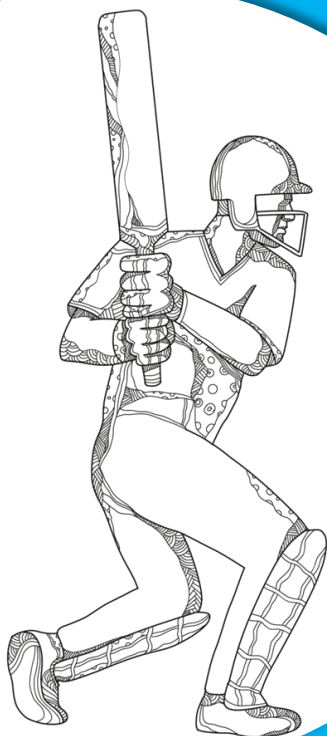


# About Project

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The predominant goal of the Cricket Association for the Blind of Maharashtra is to assist blind and visually impaired individuals in social, physical and personality development through Cricket. CABM strives to create awareness among the public about the abilities and talent of the visually impaired cricketers.

The main objectives of CABM for the year 2018-19 are listed:



1

Provide cricket training to 1000 (male, female and school children) blind and visually impaired individuals in Maharashtra State in the year 2018-19

2

Provide a platform for blind and visually impaired individuals to compete at the state level

3

Provide additional support for capacity building

4

Continuously improve the program quality and scope through active monitoring and evaluation

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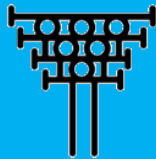
To prepare Maharashtra blind state team

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To trained Maharashtra state players to win national championship and play for India

## Project Outcomes

The CABM program is focusing on male, female residents of Maharashtra between 16-40 years of age and school children.



1

Provide a platform for the players to interact with people across diverse cultural backgrounds thereby boosting their inter-personal skills and confidence level

2

The game works as a rehabilitation drive to the visually impaired players across the state

3

To provide opportunities for the players in Maharashtra team to qualify for National tournament

4

The program will employ 10 blind cricketers in public and private sectors through this initiative



# Geographic Location





## Number of Beneficiaries

**1384** Players

**213** Matches

**6** Districts

**42** Teams





# Training and Selection / Coaching and Conditioning Camp

CABM has Organized Training and Selection Camp in different region of Maharashtra wherein the players were selected for the upcoming tournaments, The training and selection camp imparted training to the players analysing their potential and strength to play the game. The program also helped the players to get coaching on cricket, conditioning camp was also organised. All these training sessions, training and selection camp, conditioning camp and coaching camp was for both Men and women team. The program covered almost all the divisions and main cities of Maharashtra throughout the year through this the aspiring team member learned best practices and got trained player for the on ground challenges.



# Support Blind Cricket Sports all over Maharashtra



April

May

June

September

October

November

December

## Training and Selection Camps

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

Training and Selection Camp

West Maharashtra Division at Solapur

30<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May,  
2018

Training and Selection Camp

Khandesh Division at Dhule

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Training and Selection Camp

Mumbai Division

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Training and Selection Camp

Vidarbha Division at Akola

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Training and Selection Camp

Marathwada Division at Nanded

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019

Training and Selection Camp

Konkan Division at Sawantwadi

31<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November 2018

Selection Camp

Pune

## West Maharashtra Division at Solapur

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April'18 CABM along with its CSR initiative organised West Maharashtra Cup. In all a total of 4 teams from West Maharashtra had participated. In this two-day event, players from Solapur, Kolhapur, Pune and Satara took part with great enthusiasm. All the renowned dignitaries marked their presence for the event.

It was a day and night match. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day 3 matches were held amongst the team Solapur, Pune, Satara and Kolhapur. 1<sup>st</sup> Match was played between Solapur V/S Pune where Pune won by 8 wickets. 2<sup>nd</sup> Match was played between Satara V/S Kolhapur where Satara defeated Kolhapur by 10 wickets. It was an amazing win by Satara. The last match of the day was played between Solapur V/S Satara where Satara won by 6 wickets. Excellent cricketing skills were on display by the enthusiastic players from all the participating teams witnessed by the onlookers who were eager to see the cricket played by the blind players.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day total 4 matches were held. 1<sup>st</sup> match on was played between Pune V/S Kolhapur where Pune won by heavy margin of 126 runs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Match of the day was between Pune V/S Satara where Satara could not keep up the expectation like their previous victories and lost to Pune by 8 wickets. The last match before the final was between Solapur V/S Kolhapur where Solapur won by 7 wickets. Two tough team Pune and Satara entered the final league, where Pune defeated Satara by 52 runs.





## Khandesh Division

Khandesh division matches were conducted at Dhule on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. In this two-day event three teams Nashik, Jalgaon and Dhule from Khandesh Division took part with great gusto.

Mr. Ramchandra Patil, Supervising Manager of the MCA Ground and the office bearers, Mr. Ramakant Satam, Secretary CABM and Mr. Ravi Wagh, President CABM inaugurated the tournament. Mr. Patil in his inaugural speech welcomed all the teams and the players and expressed his best wishes for the smooth conduct of the tournament.

On the first day the matches were played between Jalgaon and Dhule, in this Dhule won the match. On the same day the another match happened between Jalgaon and Nashik. Thus, the day ended with two wins by Team Jalgaon.

On the second day, third match was between Team Dhule and team Nashik, wherein Dhule won the match, In the afternoon, the final was played between Dhule and Jalgaon where, Jalgaon ended their victory run by remaining unbeaten in the two-day event.





## Mumbai Division

Mumbai division matches were conducted at Islam Gymkhana Mumbai on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Three teams participated from Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Raigad. Teams were named as Star 11, Mumbai 11 and Sunrise 11. Shri. Nagesh Thakur, Former Ranji Player was the main attraction at the inauguration and he profusely thanked the efforts by the CABM officials and also the sporting spirit displayed by the enthusiastic players. In his inaugural address He promised CABM for his support in providing grounds or any assistance from his side in the future endeavour.

First match started between Star 11 and Mumbai 11, where Mumbai 11 won the match, 2<sup>nd</sup> Match happened between Sunrise11 and Star 11, where Sunrise 11 won the Match, the finals was played between Sunrise 11 and Mumbai 11, to which Mumbai 11 won the Match. As a result of the two consecutive wins Mumbai 11 were declared the winners of the Mumbai division tournament.



## Vidarbha Division

Vidarbha division matches were conducted at Akola Cricket club ground, Akola on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018. 4 teams had participated from Vidarbha district namely Amravati, Nagpur, Akola and Chandrapur.

Inauguration took place in the presence of Shri. Ravi Thakur Ranjhi Trophy Player of Vidarbha, Shri. Bharat Dikkar Joint Secretary Vidarbha District Cricket Club and Captain of Akola Cricket Club Ground and Shri. Vishal Gore Doordarshan Editor and CABM officials Shri. Ramakant Satam Secretary of CABM, Shri. Ravi Wagh President of CABM were also part of the ceremony.

Total 7 matches took place. 1<sup>st</sup> day included 4 matches, 1<sup>st</sup> match was between Nagpur and Chandrapur where Chandrapur won the toss and remarkably won. On the other side in the 2<sup>nd</sup> match which was between Amravati and Akola. The winner was Amravati. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> match which was between Amravati and Nagpur. Where Amravati won the Match. The last match for the day was between Chandrapur and Akola where Akola won the match.

As all the 4 teams had 1 win each. Semi-finals took place between Akola / Nagpur and Amravati/ Chandrapur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. In Akola/ Nagpur match win came in Nagpur favour who easily made 110 without any loss. Where as in the 6<sup>th</sup> match between Chandrapur and Amravati. In the tough fight Amravati made into finals by scoring defeating Chandrapur who could only score 103 runs from the target of 106 runs. Tough fight between Amravati and Nagpur happened in the finals. Where Amravati won the match by taking 8 wickets of Nagpur. Amravati won by 2 runs.





## Marathwada Division

Marathwada division matches were conducted at Guru Govind Singh Ground Nanded. 4 teams had participated from Marathwada district namely Hingoli, Nanded, Aurangabad and Latur. Inauguration took place in the presence of State Bank of India retired officer Dr.Govind Gaud, Voice Secretary of State Bank of India Mrs.Vijaya Laxmi Iyer, Mrs. Sheela Bhaure Mayor of Nanded City, Mr. Aniket Bhaure Son of Mayor, Mr.Suresh Hatkar Corporator of Nanded, Mr. Sangaratna Sonsale Vice Deputy Engineer of Nanded Municipal Corporation, Mr.Bharat Shinde secretary of Marathwada Association of the Blind, Mr.Ravi Wagh President of CABM, Mr.Dadabhau Kute Treasurer of CABM, Mr.Dilip Munde Vice President of CABM were also part of the ceremony.

Total 7 matches took place. 1<sup>st</sup> match was between Latur and Aurangabad in which Aurangabad won the match. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> match which was between Nanded and Hingoli. Nanded played remarkable match and won by 9 wickets. On the other side, 3<sup>rd</sup> match which was between Hingoli and Latur, Hingoli won the match. The last match for the day was between Nanded and Aurangabad Nanded not only won the match but also entered in finals by winning with 9 wickets.

Semi-finals took place between Hingoli/Aurangabad and Latur/ Nanded to which Nanded and Hingoli made to the finals. Where Nanded won the toss and decided to field first. Hingoli scored 102 runs in 10 overs with losing all wickets. Nanded won the tournament.





## Konkan Division

This tournament was held on 2nd February to develop Konkan region. 3 teams had participated from the Konkan region namely Sawantwadi, Khed and Rest of Konkan. The inauguration took place in the presence of Shri. Gajanan Naik President of District News Report Association. Total 3 matches took place. In the 1<sup>st</sup> match Sawantwadi won the toss and decided to bat first and scored 111 runs. Konkan lost the match as they could not reach the designated score. 2<sup>nd</sup> match was between Khed and Rest of Konkan in which Rest of Konkan won the match by chasing 52 runs in just 12 overs. The last and the 3<sup>rd</sup> match was between Khed and Sawantwadi. The match was in favor of Khed who beat Sawantwadi who had just scored 67 runs.

Each team won 1 match. Hence the decision was made on the run rate. Rest of Konkan won the series with 1.7 average. The Guests present for the formal closing ceremony were Honorable Shri. Baban Salgaonkar Mayor of Sawantwadi, Mr. Narayan Parab form Lupin Foundation and CABM officials





# SPN Challenge Trophy 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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CABM. West Maharashtra and Marathwada made it to the finals with West Maharashtra emerging as victorious. SPN Challenge Trophy 2018 was inaugurated by our Chief Guest Mr. Ajit Tendulkar and closing ceremony witnessed Chief Guest Mr. Rajkumar Bidawatka- Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Ganesh Iyer- Committee Member of MCA, Mr. Pravin Dhopat-Marathi Film Writer & Film Director and CABM Officials. The Star Performer which we call Man of the Series in all 3 categories were Prashant Pakhare- B1 from Vidarbha, Swapnil Wagh- B2 from West Maharashtra and Abhijeet Shirtode- B3 from West Maharashtra.

## Selection Camp

Selection camp was conducted at Poona Club, Pune. Total 44 players were selected from State Level Tournament which was held in Mumbai. These players had 3 days selection camp from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November. All the players showcased their best performance. On basis of their play 17 top players were selected who will represent Maharashtra for the year 2018-2019 for all National Level Tournaments. The selection camp included fitness test, batting, bowling, fielding and catching style and also marked more technicalities for better team.





## Coaching and Conditioning Camps

May, 2018	Coaching Camp	Mumbai
16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Conditioning Camp	Mumbai
24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Training Session	Mumbai
8 <sup>h</sup> September, 2018	Conditioning Coaching Camp	Mumbai
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2018	Coaching Camp	Pune
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018	Coaching Camp	Mumbai
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018	Coaching Camp for Maharashtra Women Team	Pune

**Coaching and Conditioning Camps: 5 coaching, conditioning and training sessions were taken in Mumbai the details of these sessions are given below.**

## **Coaching Camp, May 2018**

Coaching and training program was taken by Ajay Muni coach for Blind Cricketers. The primary objective was to encourage players to explore their skills outside their comfort zone, in addition to gaining first-hand experience of challenges faced while touring for tournaments. All of this is backed by an assurance of comfortable travel and accommodations as well as engaging learning environments.

No matter how many runs were scored or wickets were taken technical sessions were taken in order to improve the game and take it to the next level. He offered high quality one to one personalized coaching for many players looking to improve their game or any particular skill. Maybe some required batting practice some had to improve their bowling and few on their run up. He also developed catching & ground field skills and work on wicket keeping techniques.





## Conditioning Camp, 16<sup>th</sup> June

Conditioning Camp was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Cross Maidan for Mumbai Players. Training was undertaken by Coach Ajay Muni. Total 10 players had been part of this activity. The activity included warm up exercises, strengthening of hands and legs and etc. Players had wonderful time enjoying various innovative leg exercises with football in rains. This activity brought lot of enthusiasm in the players and they enjoyed complete 3 hours learning new techniques.





## Training Session, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Training session inclusive of outdoor and indoor activity. In total 15 players participated. Practice session was taken in reference to polishing batting and bowling of players. In this activity emphasis was given on fitness of B1 players. Together with their fitness exercise for improving their concentration and stamina was major the part. Other category which was B2 and B3 where concentrating on learning new techniques in bowling and batting by Coach Mr. Ajay Muni.





## Coaching Conditioning Camp, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018

CABM organized Coaching Conditioning Camp for Mumbai Players on 8th September 2018 at Sassaian Cricket Club, Azad Maidan. The session was undertaken by Ajay Muni official coach for CABM. Players had good warm up session and also learned few techniques to improve their play.

CABM specially thanks our chief guest Mr. Laxman Chauhan, who is the Ranji Player from Rajasthan who made the ground available for the players and showed his gratitude in supporting CABM whenever required. Also, he wished all the players luck for better future and also promised to forward his support and assistance.





## Coaching Camp Men, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Coaching Camp was held for the 17 selected players, who will be representing Maharashtra for the year 2018-2019. Their 1<sup>st</sup> representation was in Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh for Nagesh Trophy (Ranji Format) on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The 2 days camp concentrated more on complex playing technique. The players underwent rigorous fitness drills and warm-up sessions, to step up their energy levels. They were trained in dynamics, catching drills, fielding, wicket keeping, swing and fast bowling. They were also trained on skills to build batting prowess and running drills, bearing in mind the pace at which the game is played nowadays.





## Coaching Camp, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Coaching Camp was held for the 17 selected players who will be representing Maharashtra for the year 2018-2019. Their 1st representation was in Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh for Nagesh Trophy (Ranjhi Format) on 23rd and 24th November 2018. This camp was organised for providing coaching to the Maharashtra Men Team so that they give their best in Delhi for Nagesh Trophy (Ranjhi Format) on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Recent 2 days camp concentrated more on complex playing technique. The players underwent vigorous net practice. Also they were taught many new techniques which enhances their game. Players also developed intrapersonal skills apart from the cricket coaching which help them present themselves publicly. This coaching camp motivated them and took step forward towards positive approach.





## Coaching Camp for Maharashtra Women Team, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Coaching Camp was held for the 17 selected players who were going to represent Maharashtra for the year 2018-2019. 2 days camp concentrated more on complex playing technique. The players underwent rigorous fitness drills as warm-up sessions, to step up their energy levels. They were trained in dynamics, as catching drills, fielding, wicket keeping, swing and fast bowling. Also taught were skills to build batting prowess and running drills, bearing in mind the pace at which the game is played nowadays.











# Matches of the Year 2018-19

- Men's Matches
- Women's Matches
- Children's Matches



## Men's Matches

In our country dream game of the youths is Cricket, CABM helps such youths to follow their dream on national and international level. So this year we extended our hands not only in Maharashtra state but also was successful in reaching out to the capital of our country. Throughout the year total 7 matches were held in which locations like Pune, Mumbai, Anantpur (Andhra Pradesh), Delhi, Sawantwadi Gymkhana ground, and Shahapur were covered. 2 of the tournament/ Matches played were between India and other international team, India Vs Sri Lanka T20 bilateral series for the blind and 2 Tournament were played for the Ranjhi format, and in the remaining two one was a divisional match played in Konkan region and the other was Interstate Match. This year the organisation not only participated but won the maximum number of matches.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> T-20 India v/s Sri lanka Bilateral Series Match of the Blind</b>	Pune	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>2nd T-20 India v/s Sri lanka Bilateral Series Match of the Blind</b>	Mumbai	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>Participation of Maharashtra Men Team in Nagesh Trophy Tournament (Ranji Format)</b>	Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>Participation of Maharashtra Men Team in Nagesh Trophy Tournament (Ranji Format)</b>	Delhi	15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Inter - State</b>	Shahapur, Maharashtra	16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2019



**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> T-20 India v/s Sri Lanka Bilateral Series Match of the Blind**



CABM was honored to be assigned the task of hosting T-20 Bilateral series match between India v/s Sri Lanka in Nehru Stadium, Pune and Islam Gymkhana, Mumbai respectively. India won both the matches and Durga Rao was awarded Man of the Match by Chief Guest Mr. Vipul Lele State Head-Branch Banking Indusland Bank in the first match at Pune and Deepak Malik was awarded Man of the Match by Chief Guest Ms. Nilanjana Sen - State Head Branch Banking Indusland Bank in the second match at Mumbai.





## Nagesh Trophy Tournament (Ranji Format)



Participation of Maharashtra Men Team in Nagesh Trophy Tournament (Ranji Format), wherein Maharashtra Team played two matches at Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November against Jammu Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh. And later faced Delhi and Bihar blind cricket team





Inter State



CABM along with the CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks conducted Inter-State Tournament on 16th and 17th March, it was Best of 3 T20 series. Rajasthan and Maharashtra were the two states which participated in the series.

Inauguration took place in the presence of dignitaries of CABM and President of Atma Malik Academy Shri. Umesh Jadhav. On the day 1 two matches took place. In 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> match toss was won by Rajasthan and they elected to bat first. But both the matches were won by Maharashtra. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the last match, Maharashtra knocked out Rajasthan with winning all the three matches in the row.





## Women's Matches

CABM support Women's to follow their passion for cricket by providing platform for women cricketer.

This empower the women and helps to builds their self-confidence. This year the organisation have organized following matches with one State level tournaments.

<b>Women Match</b>	Mumbai	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>State Level Women Tournament for the Blind</b>	Mumbai	22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018
<b>Women Match</b>	Mumbai	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
<b>Women Match</b>	Pune and Nagpur, Maharashtra	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019





## Women's Match



Women's match was conducted in MCF Ground, Borivali between 2 teams of Mumbai Helen Keller 11 and Louie Braille 11. The match concluded by both team winning the match based on their effort. Notable Chief guest included Dr. P.V. Shetty who was the Former Jt. Hon. Secretary M.C.A and member of the IPL Governing Council and Member of Working Committee of BCCI and Miss Poonam Raut, international player of Indian Women's team.

## State Level Women Tournament



State level Women tournament was organised by CABM, having multiple matches from 6 teams belonging to 6 districts namely West Maharashtra, Mumbai, Khandesh, Vidarbha, Konkan and Marathwada. Around 100 players participated in the matches, and Vidarbha emerged victorious amongst all teams. The event was inaugurated by Mrs. Rekha Wadekar and closed by Guest Mr. Rajkumar Bidawatka, Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd., Miss. Rashmi Menon and Miss. Jolenta D'souza from Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd. and CABM officials.





## Women's Match



Women's match was conducted between 2 teams of Mumbai, named yellow and pink team. The match ended with a tie between the two teams. Inauguration took place in the presence of dignitaries of CABM.





On occasion of Womens Day Womens We organized matches in diffrent state.

## Women's Match



CABM along with the CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks conducted Women match on the occasion of International Women's Day i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Pune. Guest was Kamal Sawant - International Women Cricketer. Two women teams participated in the game one from Pune and another from Mumbai.

Pune team won the toss and elected to field first. Mumbai team made a score of 47 runs with loss of 3 wickets in 8 overs. But Pune team easily chased the score and won the match. **Ankita Chandekar** was awarded **Women of the Match** who scored 20 runs without losing her wicket.

## Women's Match



CABM along with the CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks conducted Women match on the occasion of International Women's Day i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Nagpur.

Inauguration took place in the presence of dignitaries like Ajay Muni- Coach of CABM, Pramod Padole Sir- Director VNIT, and Peshwe Sir- Professor of VNIT, Anupama Madam- Women Cell Incharge and Jignyasa Chawaldal- President of Atmadipam Society, Nagpur.

The event was a grand success where Prof. Pramod Padole - Director of VNIT presented cash prizes, trophies and certificate to both the teams. The star performers were Sheetal Mishram in B1 category, Pooja Raut in B2 category and Prajakta Udhe in B3 category.

2 teams took part in the contest, namely Atmadeepam from Vidharbha and Ashadeep from Nagpur. Ashadeep won the toss and elected to bat first. Women enjoyed and were glorified with the arrangements by CABM on the occasion of Women's Day. The match was won by Atmadeep from Vidharbha.

# Children's Matches

CABM has always organised blind Men's and women's tournament and matches, but looking at the responses receiving from Blind schools across Maharashtra, the organisation decided to conduct matches for childrens from Blind schools. As we know that Childrens are very passionate about cricket, CABM provided them the platform to express their love for cricket and we organized Cricket tournaments for childrens from different divisions of Maharashtra in the month of October'18, December'18 and January'19.

<b>Inter School Children Tournament</b>	Vidarbha Division, West Maharashtra Division and Khandesh Division	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>School Children Tournament</b>	Marathwada Division, Maharashtra	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>State Level Cricket Tournament for the Blind School Children</b>	Kopergaon, Shirdi Maharashtra.	11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019





In the month of **October** CABM conducted 3 Inter school tournaments, 1 state level tournament and a T-20 India v/s Sri Lanka Bilateral series match for the blind.

### Inter School Tournament, Vidarbha



A two day Inter school tournament was conducted at Vidarbha division with 4 schools i.e. Dr. Narendra Bhivapurkar Anndh Vidyalaya- Amravati, Dhyani Jyoti Niwasi Anndh Vidyalaya- Nagpur, Niwasi Anndh Vidyalaya- Chikaldara, SarvaSiksha Abhiyan Zilla Parishad- Chandrapur. A total of 6 matches were played and Niwasi Anndh Vidyalaya, Chikaldara declared victorious. Inauguration took place in the presence of Mr. Navate- Cricket Department In charge at H.V.P.M. and CABM officials.

### Inter School Tournament, West Maharashtra Division



A 2-day Inter school tournament took place in Railway Ground and Dongaon Ground, Solapur involving 6 schools i.e. Blind School Koregaon Park- Pune, Shahid Major Kunal Gosavi Blind School- Pandharpur, Rajiv Gandhi Memorial School for the Blind- Solapur, Patashibai Ratna Chand Manav Kalyan Trust Blind School- Bhosari, Pune, Gyan Probadhan Bhavan Sanchit Blind School- Kolhapur and Bharuratar Damani Blind School- Solapur. A total of 6 matches were played and Koregaon Park Blind School, Pune emerged victorious. Ribbon Cut and Inaugural took place in the presence of Hon. Shri. Mahadev Tambde- Commissioner of Police Solapur and CABM officials. The Chief Guest of the event was Shri. Ram Prasad Gupta, Sports Officer, Divisional Rly, Solapur.



## Inter School Tournament, Khandesh Division



An Inter School tournament was organised in Khandesh Division between the teams from Chalisgaon and Ahmednagar, in which Chalisgaon team won the tournament. The ceremony was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Sandeep Gaikwad- Sports Incharge, Mr. Sairaj from Sai Trust and CABM officials.





In the month of **December** CABM conducted 7 Matches for Children's,

## Inter School Tournament, Marathwada Division



School children tournament was conducted with 6 teams from the Aurangabad division, Latur, Udgir, Bodhadi, Jalna and Loha. A total of 7 matches was played within the team from Jalna and marked victory. The closing ceremony was honored with the presence of Mrs. Shikha Bovre- Mayor of Nanded, Mr. Nilesh Sangle- Superintendent State Excise, Mr. Suresh Hatkar- Corporator, Mr. Satish Nihlani and Mr. Sunil Chandani and with CABM officials.



## State Level Cricket Tournament for the Blind School Children



Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd. partnered with the CABM - Cricket Association for the Blind of Maharashtra conducted State Level Cricket Tournament for the Blind School Children from 11th to 13th January. State Level Tournament for Blind School Children inauguration took place at Atma Malik Cricket Academy at Kopergaon, Shirdi on 11th January 2019. The event was for 3 days from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Along with CABM officials Mr. Dange who is the Principal of Atma Malik High School were the Chief Guest. He shared his ideas towards how the boys can have bright and better future in Blind Cricket. He even mentioned that he wishes to see future Sachin Tendulkar from these children in Blind Cricket. Total 100 school blind players were selected from 6 divisions of Maharashtra. 6 Divisions which were covered by CABM is Khandesh, West Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Marathwada, Mumbai and Konkan of Maharashtra. The tournament was organized to select, develop and train the school children players so that they represent Maharashtra Team and play varied National tournaments. In all 7 teams had participated from various areas of Maharashtra namely Pune, Pandharpur, Chikaldhara, Chalisgaon, Bodhadi, Jalna and Ahmednagar. Closing ceremony guest was Mr. Bhad Saheb.







# Invitation Cup



This Year following Invitation matches were played in  
different city of Maharashtra.



**April**

**June**

**December**

**January**

**February**

**March**

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Invitation Cup**

**Mumbai**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Invitation Cup**

**Pune**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

**Invitation Match**

**Lonavala**

**30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Invitation Match**

**Mumbai**

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Invitation Match**

**Mumbai**

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Invitation Match**

**Bodhadi, Nanded**

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Invitation Match**

**Mumbai**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Invitation Match**

**Bhor**





**17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Mumbai**

CABM along with the CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks conducted Anam Prem Invitation Cup on the occasion of Akshay Tritya on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at MIG Ground Bandra, Mumbai, Maharashtra 2 teams had participated from Mumbai. One was named as Government Colony Kapase 11 and other was named as Gandhinagar Sawant-Shinde Sarkar 11.

Inauguration took place in the presence of dignitaries of CABM and Anam Prem. In total 2 matches took place. In both the matches Gandhinagar Sawant- Shinde Sarkar 11 got success. Mr.Sunil Rathod showed his excellent performance by scoring century in 1<sup>st</sup> match and half century in the 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Pune**

In the month of **June** CABM conducted one event Pune Invitation cup with two teams of Pune i.e. Pune warriors and Pune Royal in which Pune warrior emerged victorious. CABM conducted a training session of 3 hrs. With 10 players under Coach Ajay Muni involving warm up exercises and learning techniques. Additionally, a training session was conducted with 15 players for bowling and batting technique with a special focus on fitness of B1 players



## 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 Lonavala

CABM along with the CSR initiative from Sony Pictures Networks India. Pvt. Ltd. conducted Invitation Cup at Railway Ground, Lonavala. In this tournament the players age group was 40 and above. This was 1<sup>st</sup> time in CABM's history to organize an event like this. Approximately 50 players had participated in this cricket tournament.

Inauguration took place in the presence of dignitaries like Mr. Ramakant Satam- Secretary of CABM and Mr. Sanjay More- Founder of Master Cricket Association & Sanjay More Sports Foundation.

The players were divided in 3 teams namely Pune Warriors, Rest of Maharashtra and Mumbai. 1<sup>st</sup> match was between Mumbai and Rest of Maharashtra where Mumbai won the match by taking all the wickets of Rest of Maharashtra who could only score 88 runs. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> match which was between Pune Warriors and Rest of Maharashtra where Pune won by 1 run. The final was between Mumbai and Pune Warrior. But the ultimate Champion was Pune Warriors who scored 111 runs and Mumbai could not the chase the target.

The event was super hit as it was 1<sup>st</sup> time in CABM's history to hold a match for Veterans. The man of the match for the 1<sup>st</sup> match was Harish Kharat who scored 44 runs and in both the other matches Ravi Wagh was man of the match scoring 44 and 31 respectively. The award function was graced by Mrs. Surekha Jadhav- District Head of Lonavala, Mr. Sridhar Pujari- Deputy Head of Lonavala, Mr. Rajendra Chauhan and Mr. Nikhil Kapishwar.







## 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Mumbai

On December 30th Invitation cup was organised involved 2 teams from Mumbai, namely Blue and Orange team ending with a tie between the two team. Inauguration took place in the presence of dignitaries of CABM and Ajay Muni who is Ex Ranji Player. The Star performer was Sunil Rathod who scored total 129 in count of both the matches in just 68 balls.



## 9<sup>h</sup> January 2019 Mumbai

On 9th Jan 2019, CABM (Cricket Association for the blind of Maharashtra) organized an Invitation Match for Mumbai players at Santacruz . The event was successful because of Mr. Rajesh Sawant from Sawant Enterprise and Rahul Wadhwa who came forward and gave a helping hand in organizing the event. Tushar Valand and Aman Verma were the captains of two teams. The opening ceremony which was pleased by the presence of Mr. Dinesh Nair, the CEO of Sporting Lions Club. Mr. Dinesh Nair after playing a ball of blind cricket was greatly inspired by the players and what they were pulling out of themselves. He said, "We take our eyes for granted but this has shown, how incapable we are without eyes."

At the end was the closing ceremony which involved the price distribution. The Head Coach and Project Manager namely Mr. Ajay Muni and Pankti Lalaji respectively from CABM were also present. The 2 coaches from the same club were also called as the Chief Guest for the event. Sunil Rathod for his brilliant 195 was awarded man of the match in B2/B3 category and Rahul Navghane for his 62 was felicitated in B1 category.



**17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**Bodhadi, Nanded**

On 17<sup>th</sup> February CABM organized 1-day Invitation match at Bodhadi, Nanded. Opening Ceremony Guest was Mr. Nagrao Patil Munde- Ex Principal, two teams had participated from Marathwada Region. Teams were named Marathwada A and Marathwada B. Marathwada B won by 7 wickets by chasing the score of 76 runs made by Marathwada A. The tournament was beautifully held at Bodhadi. The Closing Ceremony was also witnessed by Mr. Nagrao Patil Munde- Ex Principal, Mr. Pradip Kendre- Social Worker and CABM Officials.





## 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Mumbai

This match organized by CABM is a CSR initiative by Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd. This was a day night match held at Lal Baug, Lal Maidan ground Mumbai and the match was between girls and boys team respectively. Girls' team were from Kala Kendra and National Association for the Blind had participated. The girl's team match started by 4:30 p.m. in that match Kala Kendra won the toss and elected to bat first it was a 5 over match during this 5 overs Kala Kendra had set a target for N.S.C.B of 35 runs and any they completed the target by keeping two balls to spare winning the match. And after this match there was another day-night match between boys' team.

Three teams had participated. The captains for 3 teams were as follow Charles Rao Vaibhav Girkar and Sunil Rathod. The first match was between Sunil Rathod and Vaibhav Girkar in first match Vaibhav Girkar opted to bat. It was a 10 over match. Akshay had score 68 runs not out and the team score after the end of 10 over was 130 runs. It was very easy for Sunil Rathod and his team to chase the score. The opening pair Sunil Rathod and his partner created history by completing this score i n 9.5 overs. In the second match between Vaibhav and Charles where Charles team had won the toss and elected themselves to bat and they scored 60 runs and that was an easy target for Vaibhav and team they won the match with. And very soon was the third match was between Charles and Sunil Rathod team where Charles team loss against Sunil Rathod's team and had made a third place in the tournament and Sunil Rathod had lift up the trophy for second time on the same ground by taking the first place and Vaibhav Girkar 2nd place after the match there was soon a presentation ceremony by chief guest Sanjay Aditi.



**14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Bhor**

CABM along with the CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks conducted Invitation match at Bhor. The Chief Guest for the opening ceremony were 2 actors from Marathi movie industry Miss. Amruta Dongre and Mr. Rohit.

Two teams had participated one from Pune and other from Mumbai. It was tough competition. Pune team won the toss and elected to field first. Mumbai team made a score on 165 in 10 overs. It was very easy for Pune team to chase the score. They easily made the score in only 8.3 overs.

The man of the match was given to Rahul Mahale for scoring 45 runs. The players were delighted to meet the Principal of Anantroao Thopate College Mr. Deshmukh and Mr. Anantrao Thopate owner of the college.







# Personality Development / Personal Skills Development Session



To develop their personal skills, we organized different brain storming sessions for players which plays an important role in developing not only their outer but also inner self.



**July**

**August**

**September**

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Communication Skills Session**

**MNB Industrial Home for  
the Blind, Jogeshwari (West)**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Personal Health and Hygiene Session**

**MNB Industrial Home for  
the Blind, Jogeshwari (West)**

**17<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Government Schemes for Disabled  
and Love & Passion for Cricket  
Session**

**PYC Gymkhana, Pune,  
Maharashtra**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Personality Development Session**

**Victoria Memorial School  
for the Blind, Worli,  
Mumbai**



## Communications Skills Session



14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 was the inauguration day for CABM Personality Development Training Session. This session is CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks. The 1<sup>st</sup> topic was conducted by Mr. Suresh Rajan Iyer on Communication Skills at MNB Industrial Home for the Blind, Jogeshwari (West). We had 25 players participation across Mumbai to attend the session.

The session started with a small prayer. Later players were introduced to the all the guest of honor. Our function was graced by Mr. Shobhit, Mr. Dinesh Patil- Ex- Treasurer of All India Handicap Association, Mr. Swar, and Mr. Ramakant Satam- Secretary of CABM and Mr. Dadabhau Kute Treasurer of CABM.

The session marked a vision towards the players on how to improve their communication skills amongst each other and within the team. The speaker urged the players to make use of right language and make maximum use of the session.

In the valedictory program held at the end, a few players gave their feedback explaining how the program helped them improve their communication skills and made them more confident of using English in a better way. In progress Mr. Shobhit from Sony Picture Networks thanked the players and the organizers for holding the program and for successfully completing it. He requested the participants to constantly improve upon their skills and competencies for their personal and professional growth. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Miss. Pankti Lalaji.

## Personal Health and Hygiene Session



28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 was the second day for CABM Personality Development Training Session held at MNB Industrial Home for the Blind, Jogeshwari (West). This session is CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks. Dr. Bhavika Parekh gave an enthusiastic speech. We had 35 players participation across Maharashtra to attend the session.

The session was graced by S.K. Singh- Joint Secretary of NAB, Mr. Vimal Kumar Dingla- Joint Secretary, Mr. Ramakant Satam- Secretary of CABM, Mr. Ravi Wagh- President of CABM, Mr. Dadabhau Kute- Treasurer of CABM and Mr. Gangaram Kaire- Trustee of MNB. CABM also welcomed and felicitated Mr. Amol Karache from Maharashtra who was the part of India Sri Lanka tournament which took place from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

This session aimed to demonstrate the importance of maintaining good personal hygiene and illustrate the importance of comprehensive cleaning to maintain a good health and a better personality. Personal hygiene is important for many reasons, for instance, to have a better personality, good health, for social reasons and psychological issues.

Dr. Bhavika Parekh marked all the players to pay maximum attention on good personal hygiene. She shared many concepts and ideas which can reduce the plethora of illnesses, infections, and disorders. She mentioned that in a social situation a clean and tidy appearance can boost one's confidence and reflects a positive image of that individual to others. She also shared the entire day diet, which players can follow for better fitness.

Players were very impressed and enjoyed the session with funny interactions with Dr. Bhavika Parekh.



## Government Schemes for Disabled and Concept of Cricket Session



17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 marked the third event day for CABM Personality Development Training Session combined with Felicitation ceremony at PYC Gymkhana, Pune, Maharashtra. This session is a CSR initiative from Sony Picture Networks.

Our first speaker Mr. Nandkishore Phule was the General Manager at Finance Development Corporation. His educational background left a great impact for all participants who attended the session. He has worked sincerely and closely in the field of disability. The session gave detailed knowledge about Government schemes which many participants were not aware of.

The second session by Ajay Muni who is the Ex- Indian Player for Under 19 category and official Coach for CABM. He shared his views and his concepts towards cricket. He further spoke about commitment, focus, determination etc. towards cricket, and provided guidelines on how to show devotion towards their desired goal.

Together with the session the event was followed by felicitation program of Amol Karache-and International player of Blind Cricket. Amol was felicitated by Mr. Dravid and Mr. Yashwant Bhujbal. The occasion was witnessed and blessed by various prides of Pune like Mr. Dravid- PYC Secretary, Mr. Yashwant Bhujbal- PDCA Chairman, Mr. Kishore Gundecha- National Badminton Player and Sr. Revenue Officer, Mr. Ramakant Satam- Secretary of CABM and Mr. Ravi Wagh- President CABM.

The event was a grand success. The major contribution and efforts were put by Mr. Dilip Shelwante an active committee member of CABM.



## Love & Passion for Cricket Session



8th September 2018, In Victoria Memorial School for the Blind, Worli, Mr. Ajay Muni gave a small speech on educating students on fitness and motivated them to play cricket and flourish in the field. Mrs. Salini Chavan the Principal of the school appreciated and loved CABM gesture. A total of 56 students participated in the session. The session marked the students to develop more interest towards cricket and motivated them towards achieving new heights.







# Special Events





Following are the activities done by CABM

August

September

March

18<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Cricket Kit Distribution

NFBM, Jagruti School for  
the Blind Girls, Alandi,  
Pune

18<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Cricket Kit Distribution

Poona School & Home for  
the Blind Girls, Kothrud,  
Pune

8<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Cricket Kit Distribution

Victoria Memorial School  
for the Blind, Worli,

9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Friendly Blind Cricket Match

Box Play Sports Arena,  
Ghatkopar, Mumbai

24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Friendly Blind Cricket Match

Hinjewadi, Pune

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

Annual Felicitation Ceremony

Jogeshwari, Mumbai





# Cricket Kit Distribution



CABM donated kit to various School for the Blind. The school is dedicated to create bright and sustainable future for visually impaired boys by holistic development through education, skill development and self-empowerment. The students were so joyful that immediately after the session they started implementing the words of the speaker and started playing.

Students were keen in receiving the kit and also learning about cricket. The Head Mistress was very happy to receive this donation as they have not yet implemented cricket in their sports syllabus. They have promised to implement it soon and will also participate in the events of girl's cricket whenever it is organized. The kit was distributed by CABM officials Mr. Ramakant Satam, Mr. Ravi Wagh, Mr. Ajay Muni, Mr. Dilip Shelwante, Mr. Ganesh Kale, Miss. Pankti Lalaji and few others.



**NFBM, Jagruti School  
for the Blind Girls,  
Alandi, Pune**



**Poona School & Home  
for the Blind Girls,  
Kothrud, Pune**



**Victoria Memorial  
School for the Blind,  
Worli, Mumbai**





# Friendly Blind Cricket Match, Mumbai

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In association with CABM LEO CLUB organized Friendly Blind Cricket match at Box Play Sports Arena, Ghatkopar on 9th September 2018.

There were 24 players who had participated and 3 teams were formed. Team a led by Sachin Andurlekar, Team B by Vaibhav Girkar and Team C by Charles Rao. It was an interesting match because players had got a new experience playing on turf. Team C which was led by Charles raised the winning trophy.

Team C won the series and Arbaz Patel won the Best Player Award. All the players were given cash prizes and gifts followed by Dinner. The players felt fortunate to meet Mr. Pradeep Kasliwal, fast bowler of Mumbai team and who had represented India under 25 against West Indies in 1987. All the players were very happy to get awards and prizes from other officials of Lions club and Leo club. All together the event was a grand success and all had gala time playing the friendly match.



# Friendly Blind Cricket Match, Pune

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On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Invitation match was held at Hinjewadi, Pune.

Inauguration took place in the presence of Mr. Ajay Wadhawa- Director from Akzonobel and Mr. Akshay Bhagwat from Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

It was a friendly match between the CABM Pune players and Akzonobel Team. The match was won by our Pune Blind Cricket Team. The made a score of 151 in 10 overs. The opposite team could not reach the target and lost the game.

The closing ceremony was held by in the presence of the volunteers from the Akzonobel and the Director Mr. Ajay Wadhawa and Akshay Bhagwat from Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

The star performer of the match was Swapnil Wagh who was the Captain for the Blind Cricket Team.





# Annual Felicitation Ceremony

23rd March 2019 is marked as a history in journey of CABM since 2011 to organize Annual Felicitation Ceremony for the 1st time. This event was a CSR initiative with Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt. Ltd. The main agenda behind organizing this event was Felicitation of International players, Felicitation of 3 best Maharashtra players for this year and Documentary Release.

Felicitation of **International players who represented India from Maharashtra namely Dyaneshwar Hande, Dilip Munde, Swapnil Wagh, Amol Karache, Pravin Karluke and Anil Belsare.** They were given Memento for their achievement by taking them with verbal journey of their efforts in Blind Cricket.

2nd Agenda was to felicitate the Best Maharashtra Players for this year. The award was given in 3 categories in Men, Women and School Children. In Men Rahul Mahale was given award with cash prize of ₹15000/-. In Women Chandrakala Shirtode was given award with cash prize of ₹15000/- and lastly Shriram Palvi from school children was awarded same cash prize for their tremendous performance.

## Chief Guests:

- Boman Irani - Actor,
- Rajkumar Bidawakta - Company Secretary, Compliance Officer & CSR Head,
- Gul Kriplani- Consulate General of Iceland
- Parul Choudhary - Actor,
- Mayur Kadrekar - Former Test Player
- Bhupendra Khadi - Well Wisher CABM dignitaries





CABM has also released their first ever documentary. The documentary reflects the overall working structure of CABM also how CABM efforts have impacted the players life. Also how much grateful they are towards CABM for giving them many opportunities to play, showcase their talent etc.

The event witnessed approximately 150 to 180 crowd which included well-wishers across Maharashtra, players from nooks and corners of Maharashtra and many others. The event was a great success.

All the Guest were very extremely happy and they promised to be associated with CABM and will keep supporting Blind Cricket and especially Blind Cricket in Maharashtra so that the Vision and Mission of CABM reaches to success and heights and more and more players get opportunities and recognition.





# Pride Moments / Moments of the Year

CABM officials, Ajay Muni, Coach of Maharashtra Blind Cricket team along with John David, Secretary of CABI and Amol Karache a Maharashtra player were honored to meet Shri Sachin Tendulkar Sir at MCA, BKC on 29th September 2018.



# Achievement of the Year

First ever 3 ODI and 5 T20 bilateral series took place at Sri Lanka from 15th July 2018 to 24th July 2018. In this tournament Mr. Amol Karache from Maharashtra was selected. 3 ODI series was won by Sri Lanka in the ratio of 2/1. Whereas the 5 T20 series were India nailed by 4/1. In the 4<sup>th</sup> T 20 match Amol showcased an extraordinary performance by taking 2 crucial wickets and giving only 28 runs in 4 overs. As per the Indian team Amol has been proved the best from B1 category. He is also selected for India-England-Sri Lanka Triangular series and for India-Sri Lanka Bilateral series which is going to take place in the month of October 2018.

This year total 4 Maharashtra Players represented India in various tournaments like India-England Bilateral Series and India- Sri Lanka Bilateral Series which will be held in October 2018. Players who participated are Swapnil Wagh, Pravin Karluke and Anil Belsare





# The Way Forward



## Tournaments for the Year 2019-20

- Training and Selection Camp Division Wise - Men
- Personality Development Session
- Selection Camp -Maharashtra Team- Men
- Training Camps - Men
- State Level Tournament- Men
- Coaching -Maharashtra Team- Men
- National Tournament - Men and Women - Participation
- National Format One Group Matches (Ranji)
- Training and Selection Camp Division Wise - Children
- State Level Tournament - Children
- Women Matches
- State Level Tournament - Women
- Coaching - Maharashtra Team- Women
- Interstate Match - Men
- Invitation Cup





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