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Social Innovation thro' IPL

Decades back, Kuvempu, the connoisseur of Kannada literature, coined the word 'Vishwa Manava'. He said in his poems, "... cross all boundaries, seek all directions, be a wonderful human being first. The lines in the map become meaningless, then".

How true! Many opportunities have cropped up since then to live the spirit of Kuvempu's teachings. IPL is one another opportunity! Big opportunity!

Unusual Images

Let us recollect some images from IPL. Indians in Mumbai, who may not be originally from Mumbai, celebrating a Paki bowler performing for Kolkatta which is an inch away in the map from the then East Pakistan. Australians are taking pains to make the Cyber city run ahead of a Pink city, while some other Australians are

bent at doing it the other way round! Incidentally, most people in Australia cannot distinguish between the two cities. An owner of a team is applauding the masterstroke of an opposing team player. Isn't this is Innovation! Social Innovation!

The purpose of sportsmanship is a step higher than the passion for geography. Years back, GR Vishwanath called Taylor back to the crease, though given out by the Umpire, even if it meant loss of a test match for a society. Till today, Gilchrist walks unmindful of consequences. That doesn't mean that they love their societies any less. It is a pure demonstration of individual grace and distinction. That is cricket. What is a win without that? Who wants a victory by hook or crook?



ACUK Felicited Mr. A.V. Jayaprakash

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Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.

Sports and Society

It is said that the concept of sports is much older than the notion of society. While a spirit of performance has been the hallmark in the sporting arena, proximity and a common culture is that of a society. Individual Grit, Ability, Perseverance and competitiveness make performance, while belonging to a society is a question of destiny. It is immensely possible that when a society judges a competition, performance as a parameter may not always be the barometer.

If we consider that much of social unrest in the world emanates from social demarcation, initiatives like IPL can cool down the tempers and sentiments, which have 'society' as the basis.

Democratisation through IPL

Opportunity is now in the open, up for grabs for more people who have the abilities. Be it IPL or ICL or the European Soccer; the fundamental nature is the same, though commercially they may be at different scales. Individual capabilities get acknowledged across social boundaries and wins hearts everywhere.

Future challenges

Growth opportunities must be more pluralistic. For example, while the players rightfully get their opportunities, are there similar opportunities that are necessary to make cricket happen? Do the Administrators, Managers, umpires, Coaches, Psychologists, Physios also are a part of the scheme of growth? If yes, that is good. If no, IPL would lose steam much faster than it otherwise would. Social innovation, without equalisation of opportunities, will make it unsustainable.

Last over

IPL is an experiment in cricket. We need more such experiments, not just in cricket but elsewhere also. Otherwise, cricket will say 'That is not cricket!' Opportunities should belong to all.

Commercial sustainability is an important question, because the human mind loses interest with anything, which repeats. Bringing smaller innovations within larger innovations, opening the gates for all, nurturing all kinds of skills, bringing forward social education, setting up role model behaviors, supporting camaraderie, keep up sportsmanship, scuttling 'win at all costs' attitude... are some of the key approaches which can make IPL last for long.

Secretary's Desk

ACUK had a busy schedule during the just concluded quarter (April-June 2008). In addition to our monthly meetings, we had few of our major events during the period. On 17th and 18th May 2008, we played our annual cricket matches (revived after a break of a few years). This year, the matches were played among 3 teams from Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga at the picturesque Gangothri Glades Grounds, Mysore. Approximately 25 umpires from Bangalore, 20 from Shimoga and 30 from Mysore took active part in the event. The matches were thoroughly enjoyed by all the members present. There were trophies for the top honours. The winners trophy was lifted by Mysore Forum and Shimoga Forum were the runners-up.

ACUK Mysore Zonal forum held its 2nd AGM on 18th May 2008 at Gangothri Glades, Mysore. The proceedings went off smoothly. It is heartening to note that members' strength at Mysore is increasing sharply.

Our Annual Workshop was held at the Chinnaswamy stadium premises, Bangalore in association with the Karnataka State Cricket Association on 1st June 2008. This year's Workshop was held under the guidance of BCCI All India panel umpire Sri V.N Kulkarni. The topics covered included KSCA playing conditions 2008, a few basic MCC Laws, calculations pertaining to KSCA league matches and practical sessions. In addition to many of our members, a few

KSCA registered umpires also attended the Workshop. All the umpires who participated were greatly benefitted. A similar Workshop was also held at Shimoga for the benefit of the Shimoga zonal forum umpires on 14th and 15th June 2008.

The 34th AGM of ACUK was held at the Green Valley Resorts, near Doddaballapur. As usual it was a great outing for both members and their families. Many games and events were organized for the family members. Since this was a non-election year, the regular business of the Association was transacted and members participated with enthusiasm and vigour. The AGM concluded without any hiccups.

During this Quarter, one of our Senior BCCI panel umpire, Sri V.B Mouli, superannuated from BCCI umpiring. He was invited as "Guest Speaker" for the monthly meeting during May 2008. He shared his rich umpiring experience with our members. He was presented with a memento on the occasion by President, ACUK, Sri Ravi Subramanyam.

Another Senior Umpire and ICC Panel umpire Sri A.V Jayaprakash stepped down from Umpiring during the IPL 2008 tournament at Bangalore. ACUK felicitated him on the occasion just before the commencement of the last match he officiated (Between Royal Challengers and Mumbai Indians.)

As the monsoon is slowly setting in, I wish all my umpiring colleagues happy umpiring.

Finding good players is easy. Getting them to play as a team is another story.

Achievements

Sri Mohamed Mustafa, member ACUK passed his M.Phil in Physical Education from Bhatia University. His Subject for thesis was Construction of Norms for physical fitness for University students.

ACUK Mysore Forum

ACUK Mysore Forum conducted a Triangular Series Cricket Tournament involving ACUK B'lore, Mysore & Shimoga on 17th & 18th of May 2008 at Gangotri Glades Sports Pavilion Mysore. ACUK Mysore forum ultimately emerged as Winner & Shimoga Forum ended as Runners- up. The details of scores are furnished below.

Match No: 1. ACUK B'LORE Vs ACUK MYSORE:

ACUK B'lore: 118 for 7 wkts in 20 overs. Manohar 35, Chetan Lakshmisha 3 for 20, Madhusudan 2 for 20. ACUK Mysore: 122 for 3 in 19.3 overs. S.Prabhakara 26, Altaf Ahmed 27 Notout, Madhusudan 16 Not out. Manohar 2 for 17.

Match No: 2. ACUK MYSORE Vs ACUK SHOMOGA:

ACUK Shimoga: 111 for 9 Wkts in 20 overs. Sanjay 24, Sadiqulla Baig 27, KrishnaKumar 3 for 13, Shanthraju 3 for 14.

ACUK Mysore: 115 for 1 in 14.2 overs. Shivalingu 34 not out, Thangraj 55, Anand 1 for 13.

Match No: 3. ACUK B'LORE Vs ACUK SHIMOGA:

ACUK Shimoga: 130 for 8 in 20 overs. Raghotham achar 2 for 28, J.Nagaraj 2 for 17.

ACUK B'lore: 123 all out in 20 overs. Shashidhara 32, J.Nagaraj 29, Shankar 11 Not out. D.R.Nagaraj 2 for 24, Y.K.Nayak 2 for 8, Sanjay 3 for 23.

The Working committee with pleasure thanks all the office bearers & member of ACUK B'lore & ACUK Shimoga for participating in the two day event and making it a grand success.

ACUK Mysore Forum thanks Mr. Sathyaji Rao, Former Test Umpire & Mr. Keshavprakash, Partner Encon Industries Mysore, Mr. Harikrishna Kumar, Secretary National Cricket Club Mysore, Mr. Mahadeva Swamy, Administrator, TTL College Mysore for their Financial support & Dr.C. Krishna, Director of Physical Education, University of Mysore for providing the Ground free of charge.

ACUK Shimoga Forum

Workshop was conducted on 14th and 15th of June 2008 at DVS college campus. Sri Ravi Subramanyam and Sri V.B Mouli From Bangalore conducted this workshop. Sri Vishwas Kale also from Bangalore covered the topic of Dismissals. Nearly 15 Umpires were benefited from this.

Accolades

It is recalled that our senior test umpire Sri Vikram Raju officiated in the famous Tied Test between Australia and India at Chepauk (Chennai, India) in the year 1983. It was indeed a previlage that Sri Vikram Raju was interviewed by Channel 9 in Australia on the occasion of 25th anniversary of the said test.

Monthly Meetings

Meeting held on 09-04-08.

A two minute silence was observed as a condolence to the departed souls of Sri K.Amarnath's mother and Sri S.K Nagaraja's father.

The President in his opening statement stated about the progress regarding the enhancement of the Umpires remuneration. All efforts are being done for a positive reply from KSCA. He appreciated the services of Sri V. B. Mouli who recently retired from BCCI. He will be requested to share his experiences with members in the next monthly meeting.

The Secretary announced the Inter ACUK Cricket tournament to be held in Mysore on 17th May 2008. He asked all the members to take part in this tournament in large numbers. He announced the forth coming programmes of ACUK. Workshop on 1st June which will be headed by Sri V.N Kulkarni and the AGM of ACUK, Bangalore fixed for 8th June 2008.

The day's guest speaker was Sri A. Anand who spoke on Laws of Cricket.-Players and Substitutes.

Meeting held on 14-05-06. President in his welcome clearly asked all the members to continue umpiring and not to cancel matches in view of the remuneration issue. This he said after having met the Secretary of KSCA who has promised to resolve this issue at the earliest.

The Secretary briefed about the programmes in Mysore and the AGM of Mysore Zonal Forum. Annual Workshop and AGM to be held on 8th June at Green Valley resort.

Sri Vikas Lund spoke on Laws 10 and 11.

Sri V. B.Mouli was called to speak a few words which he promptly did. He narrated his experience and the way matches were conducted in earlier days. He also shared some of his displeasures during his hay days of umpiring. He wished good luck to all the upcoming umpires.

if speaking is silver, then listening is gold



Farewell

Sri V.B. Mouli was felicitated by ACUK for having retired from BCCI recently. He started his umpiring from 1969 and registered as an umpire in KSCA in 1972. He qualified for the Board in the year 1991. He has umpired for 3750 days in his career and 400 matches as Scorer. ACUK wishes him and requests him to take more active part in ACUK to bring up quality umpires.

Sri A.V. Jayaprakash was felicitated by ACUK for having retired from International cricket umpiring. He stood in his last match on 28th May in Bangalore in the IPL tournament. He qualified for the Board in the year 1990-1991, and has umpired in 63 first class matches, which includes all major and premier tournaments conducted by BCCI. Till date he has officiated in 13 Tests and 38 One Dayers. He has been selected as ICC Regional Manager for India and Bangladesh. ACUK wishes him a bright future in his new endeavour.

Greetings

15-08-08	Independence Day
15-08-08	Vara Mahalakshmi Vrata
23-08-08	Krishna Janmashtami
03-09-08	Ganesha Chaturthi
28-09-08	Mahalaya Amavasye

Workshop

A workshop for all our members and registered umpires of KSCA was conducted on 1st June 2008 at KSCA premises. The workshop covered all aspects of the game under the 42 laws and playing conditions of KSCA. The speakers were at their best and each session was interesting. The speakers were Sri Nandan, Sri NRS Prabhu, Sri Jaypal, Sri Ravi Subramanyam, Sri Vikas Lund and Sri Sai Darshan Kumar. The members were divided into 4 batches and each one was given individual attention. There were practicals in the afternoon session conducted by Sri Shahvir K Tarapre, Sri M. Srinivasamurthy and Sri S. Muralidhara. The Workshop which started in the morning by 10am with an opening remarks by Sri Ravi Subramanyam, concluded by 7pm in the evening, with a 20 minutes break for lunch, which was sponsored by KSCA. The Workshop was well attended by more than 80 members. ACUK working committee along with its members congratulates Sri V.N. Kulkarni, the Chairman, for having successfully conducted this Workshop.

Dates to Remember

Monthly meetings

July 9th, August 13th & September 10th

With Best Compliments from:



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