

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Mr. M.P. Pandove, Honorary Secretary General Chaired a meeting of Punjab Senior Selection Committee, Ranji Trophy Team Management and the faculty of PCA Academy for a brainstorming Session to look into the reason of Punjab Senior Team not performing whereas the Punjab Junior cricket teams at Under 16, Under 19 and Under 23 have all made the cut for their respective knock out stages. Mr. M.P. Pandove while initiating the discussions showed his concern at the performance of the senior team but was happy to record his pleasure for the continued success of the junior cricket teams. The Ranji Trophy team management attributed the teams failure to lack of consistency in batting, poor fielding and breakdown of the pace bowlers. After a detailed and healthy discussion it was decided to start a talent hunt programme in the first week of January in which the talent scout teams will visit the states area of operation to select about 40 players to develop fast bowlers and 15 as spinners in the age group of 17-20 years to be trained in the PCA's Academy at Mohali so that there is a pool of young bowlers available to the state in the future. It was also decided that PCA should spread its net in the rural areas of Punjab to rope in boys for both fast bowling with a height of 5'-10" and above and having a capacity to bowl at 130 k.m. These selected players would be imparted scientific training round the year at the PCA's Academy under qualified coaches and trainers according to Capt. Sushil Kapoor, spokesperson PCA.