**Sudhir Vaidya**

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Sudhir Vaidya was born on August 15, 1938 and has been compiling cricket statistics since 1957. Although his passion is statistics, he has also been a successful and long standing international scorer. Since 1972-73 he had been assisting AIR and the Television team both as a scorer and statistician.

Bombay Cricket Association acknowledged his work by appointing him their Hon. Statistician from 1974-75 to 1994-95. He has been Hon Statistician with the BCCI from 1984-85 to 1990-91 and again since 2002-03 till the advent of the IPL.

The ACSSI elected him as their Vice President and then as their President from 1999 to 2004. He edited ‘Anka’ the official quarterly of the Association. His contribution to the Association has been enormous. He has time and again organized and conducted courses, refresher courses, conduct exams, checked papers and been a source of wise guidance.

Apart from contributing regularly to various newspapers and magazines, his major contribution has been to ‘Indian Cricket’ published by The Hindu, Wisden Cricketers’ Almanack, Benson & Hedges Cricket Year, Cricketer Facts and Figures, Cricketer magazines from Australia and Pakistan. His enormous body of work has found mention in the Limca Book of Records 2010.

His first book ‘Vinoo Mankad’, was awarded the second prize in the Second National Competition of published literature on sports and games from the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, Government of India, in 1972. Production of a film was entirely based on this book of Mankad.

Sudhir Vaidya was bestowed with the highest honour of ‘Thane Bhushan’ (Pride of Thane) by the Thane Municipal Corporation in October 1999.

His greatest contribution to cricket especially statistics came from the three edition of ‘Figures of Cricket’ it produced statisticians throughout India, each one inspired by this landmark work.

Sudhir Vaidya has written and published the following books:

1. Figures of Cricket – in 3 editions (1962, 1976 and 1990)
2. Vinoo Mankad
3. Know Your Cricketers
4. ACSSI Cricket Yearbook 1988-89 (with Anandji Dossa and Mohandas Menon)
5. Galaxy of Indian Test Cricketer
6. Book of World Cup in four editions (1996, 1999, 2003 and 2007)
7. Bombay in Ranji Trophy (two editions)
8. Mid-Day World Cup Cricket 2003
9. Cri-Control Statistical Annual (1984-85 to1990-91) and from 2002-03 t0 2005-06 (with Dinar Gupte)
10. A set of 9 volumes “70 Years of Ranji Trophy 1934-35 to 2003-04” published on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of the BCCI.