



Gatorade Centre gets thumbs up from Akram

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NEW DELHI: Legendary fast bowler Wasim Akram on Monday expressed satisfaction over the progress made by the nine budding pace bowlers at the first 19-day camp of the newly established Gatorade Centre for Pace Excellence (GCPE) here.

The bowlers were selected on the basis of their performance in *Gatorade Pacers*, the pace bowling talent hunt run successfully since 2007.

No dearth of talent

At the end of the camp, Akram said, "India has never had dearth of talent but initiatives like *Gatorade Pacers* that spots and scientifically trains the talent will go a long way in getting India's gen-next of pace bowling ready.

"This initiative is special to me for another reason – it also inculcates the culture of sports science in the players at the young age which, I believe, is critical if one were to consis-

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tently deliver at one's best over a long period of time."

Explaining the difference between the training methodology and structure at the Gatorade Centre for Pace Excellence and other such academies, Sandeep Walunj, the architect of GCPE, said: "We have zeroed in on a process that ensures high-quality input, correcting the action of pacers from a bio-mechanical perspective which helps to minimise strain and injuries and strengthening the basics of wrist position, swing and variations."

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