

Memories Forever...

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* Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardees
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)
* Olympic Medal Winners of India
* Paralympic Medal Winners of India

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The Author

Praful K.Thakkar is the collector of autographs, stamps, FDCs, coins, medals, tokens, badges , badge plates etc.since last more than 70 years. He got a legacy of creative understanding of art, antiques and numismatics from his father. Subsequently he developed the hobby of collecting Art, Autographs and Numismatic objects in his own way.

'Share the Knowledge & Spread the Knowledge' is the motto of his life. And in true spirit of his life's motto, besides authoring several learned publications on Indian culture in Gujarati, he has authored 'Collector's Guide to Indian Canteen Tokens', 'Collector's Guide to Membership Badges of Turf & Race Clubs of India', 'Collector's Guide to Chronologies of Sultans, Rulers & Colonial Heads of India' and 'Chapras : Collector's Guide to Belt Buckles, Badges and Badge Plates of India', 'Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 Official & Private', 'Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders with Set of Stamps, Se-tenant Stamps & Miniature Sheets', 'Collector's Guide to British India Bazar Postcards - Edwardian & Georgian Period' and 'Glimpses of Indian Autographs'. His philately book has received awards in International Philatelic Exhibitions at Portugal, South Africa, Washington-USA , Chicago-USA, Tokyo-Japan and Jakarta-Indonesia.

As I.A.S. officer he has served the Government of Gujarat for more than 31 years on various posts as Collector Valsad, Commissioner Rural Development, Secretary Revenue Department and on many such challenging jobs. Even after retirement at the age of 86 years, he has still continued this hobby of Autograph collection as he firmly believes that 'Hobby is for Health & Hobby is for Happiness'.

The hobbies of Autograph, Philatelic and Numismatic collection have given him new energy and enthusiasm. For him any such hobby is a worship that keeps him pure, fit and healthy. People have hobbies for happiness and harvesting profit in future. For him it is for keeping good health too.

As a collector of various collectibles, he has faced many a difficulties in collecting, understanding and arranging the collection. The same may be happening to new collectors and they might be facing similar hurdles too. To overcome such situations and to encourage various hobbies and to preserve such a classic collection of Indian heritage, he is tirelessly working hard. Apart from writing books on various hobbies, he has also made attempts to create awareness through his websites.

His three websites: www.indianphilatelics.com, www.indiannumismatics.com, www.indianautographs.com have made landmarks in their respective hobby-fields of Philatelics, Numismatics and Autograph collection respectively.

In 2008, The Numismatic Society of India Varanasi, Indian Coin Society, Nagpur and Indian National Trust for Art Culture and Heritage, Gwalior have awarded him the 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his innumerable and invaluable contribution to Indian Numismatics and Para-numismatics in all its aspects.

In 2009, he has been considered as National record holder by Limca Book of Records and has been placed as record holder for his collections of Autographs and Indian Canteen Tokens.

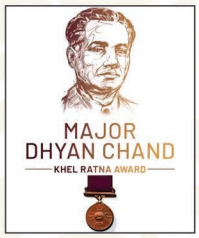
In the same year 2009, Gujarat Coin Socity took cognisance of his excellent works and achievements and has also given him 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his outstanding service to numismatic fraternity. He has rendered his services as Chairman in Coinex-2006 and Coinex-2010, which were National Level Numismatic Exhibitions organised by Gujarat Coin Society, Ahmedabad. And he has successfully accomplished his mission.

In 2011, Lohana Maha Parishad, Ahmedabad has awarded him an International level 'Vishisht Raghuvanshi Pratibha Award' recognising and appreciating his vivid activities and hobbies.

In 2015, Autograph Collectors Club of India has also given him the 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his inspiring contribution through his book and website to the hobby of Autograph collection. Print media and TV media have, time and again, covered his various themes of collection.

Through this book 'Autographs...Memories Forever', he has made a painstaking effort to give a direction and diamension to organize very important and interesting themes of Indian Autographs in their entirety







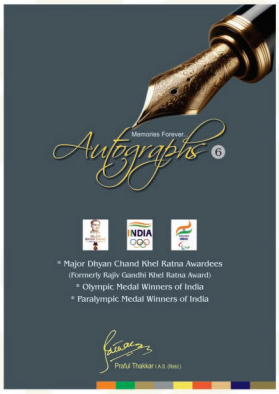


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My Parents, 'Ba & Bapuji'

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Who always appreciated, encouraged and blessed me in

all my elevating efforts & enlightening endeavours.

With all my love, respect and gratitude..

Praful

Preface

With the wonderful appreciation and success of my previous five books in the Autographs... Memories Forever series, I am absolutely delighted to present this sixth volume. This edition specifically showcases the autographs of the legendary sports wizards who have been honoured with India's highest sporting accolade—the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award—alongside a spectacular galaxy of Indian Olympic and Paralympic medal winners, presented here in their entirety.

As an avid autograph collector, I have always organised my collection thematically. Among various categories, the one dedicated to Sports Champions and Olympic/Paralympic awardees holds a very special niche in my heart. This book compiles the unique signatures of these sporting titans in their absolute completeness.

I have often mentioned that this style of thematic and creative presentation is born out of my own passion and happiness. Just as "Share the Knowledge — Spread the Knowledge" is my life's motto, "Share the Happiness — Spread the Happiness" is the core philosophy that guides my journey. It is in the true spirit of sharing this joy that this volume has been envisioned and published. For me, collecting and creatively arranging these signatures into thematic pages has been a truly thrilling and rewarding experience.

I deeply appreciate and acknowledge the invaluable help, support, guidance, and encouragement given by my fellow autograph collectors in pursuing this hobby and compiling this volume. My sincere thanks go to Indian Army Veteran Colonel Vembu Shankar (Shaurya Chakra) of Chennai, Milind Wagle of Thane (Maharashtra), G. D. Agrawal of Kolkata, Santoshkumar Lahoti of Kolkata, Yogiraj Dr. Sarvesh Soni of Nashik, Dhiren Shah of Mumbai, Debapriyo Goswami of Kolkata, Amarjeet Singh of New Delhi, Ved Harsh of Lucknow, Dr. Dhimant Purohit of Ahmedabad, Rakshit Pambhar of Rajkot, Nilesh Parmar of Ahmedabad, and many others.

I am especially thankful to Shrey Mehta of Rajkot, who not only helped me obtain signatures from a number of capped cricketers but also meticulously reviewed the manuscript, suggesting vital changes to ensure accuracy and utility for collectors.

I also gratefully acknowledge Google and Wikipedia, whose digital services and sources provided essential research details. Furthermore, I am deeply grateful to my life partner and wife, Rekha, for her unwavering support and encouragement in this and all my other creative pursuits.

I acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the tireless efforts of Dipen Oza, who beautifully designed the layout of this book.

I hope this book serves as a valuable resource and an inspiration for autograph collectors, sports lovers, and cricket enthusiasts alike. With God's grace and my parents' blessings, I look forward to presenting future volumes in this series, exploring diverse themes of autographs from Indian celebrities.

Praful Thakkar
Ahmedabad

Salutations with
grace and gratitude to



'Symbol of Quest & Question'
My Inner Master
With all my passion, perseverance & penance

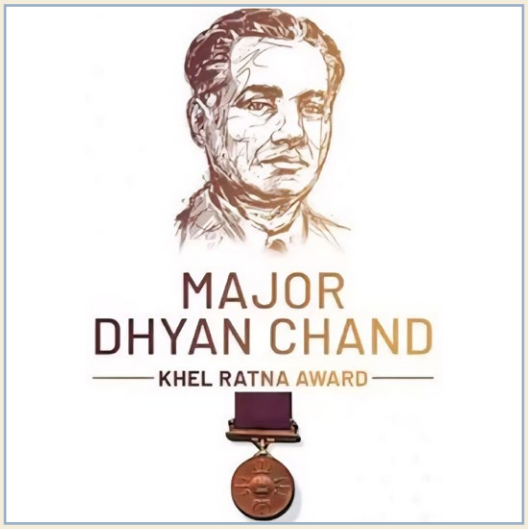
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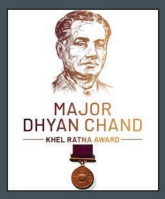




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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND KHEL RATNA AWARDEES

(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)



The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is the highest sporting honour in India, awarded annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to recognise and reward outstanding athletic achievement.

It is named after the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, who is considered one of the greatest athletes in the history of the sport.

It was previously known as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games. At that point of time, award was named after Rajiv Gandhi a former Indian Prime Minister who was a sports fan and wanted to promote sports in India.

This Khel Ratna award is significant in encouraging athletes to strive for excellence. It not only recognizes their hard work and dedication but also motivates upcoming sports talents to perform better. The award has played a crucial role in elevating the status of sports in India and promoting a culture of athleticism and competitive spirit.

The Khel Ratna Award was instituted in 1991-92 to honour sports personalities for their outstanding and most remarkable performance in the field of sports. It recognizes outstanding achievements by Indian athletes over four years. The recipients of this prestigious award receive a Medallion, Certificate and cash prize of Rs 25 lakhs. The first Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was given to chess grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand in 1991-92.

The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is a symbol of excellence in Indian sports. The recipients of this award do set new benchmarks with their outstanding performances, inspiring millions of aspiring athletes across the country. The recognition of their efforts serves as a testament to their dedication and the growing prominence of India on the global sports stage.

Till now, from 1991 to 2024, this prestigious award is received by 62 legendary sport personalities.



MAJOR DHYAN CHAND KHEL RATNA AWARDEES

(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)



Sr. No.	Year	Athlete	Sport	Remarks
1	1991–1992	Viswanathan Anand	Chess	Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee
2	1992–1993	Geet Sethi	Billiards	"
3	1993–1994	Homi Motivala	Yachting	"
4	1993–1994	Pushpendra Kumar Garg	Yachting	"
5	1994–1995	Karnam Malleswari	Weightlifting	"
6	1995–1996	Nameirakpam Kunjarani Devi	Weightlifting	"
7	1996–1997	Leander Paes	Tennis	"
8	1997–1998	Sachin Tendulkar	Cricket	"
9	1998–1999	Jyotirmoyee Sikdar	Athletics	"
10	1999–2000	Dhanraj Pillay	Hockey	"
11	2000–2001	Pullela Gopichand	Badminton	"
12	2001	Abhinav Bindra	Shooting	"
13	2002	K. M. Beenamol	Athletics	"
14	2002	Anjali Bhagwat	Shooting	"
15	2003	Anju Bobby George	Athletics	"
16	2004	Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	Shooting	"
17	2005	Pankaj Advani	Billiards & Snooker	"
18	2006	Manavjit Singh Sandhu	Shooting	"
19	2007	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Cricket	"
20	2009	Mary Kom	Boxing	"
21	2009	Vijender Singh	Boxing	"
22	2009	Sushil Kumar	Freestyle Wrestling	"
23	2010	Saina Nehwal	Badminton	"
24	2011	Gagan Narang	Shooting	"
25	2012	Vijay Kumar	Shooting	"
26	2012	Yogeshwar Dutt	Freestyle Wrestling	"
27	2013	Ronjan Sodhi	Shooting	"
28	2015	Sania Mirza	Tennis	"
29	2016	P. V. Sindhu	Badminton	"
30	2016	Dipa Karmakar	Gymnastics	"
31	2016	Jitu Rai	Shooting	"
32	2016	Sakshi Malik	Freestyle Wrestling	"



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Sr. No.	Year	Athlete	Sport	Remarks
33	2017	Devendra Jhajharia	Paralympic Javelin	Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee
34	2017	Sardara Singh	Hockey	"
35	2018	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting	"
36	2018	Virat Kohli	Cricket	"
37	2019	Deepa Malik	Para-Athletics	"
38	2019	Bajrang Punia	Freestyle Wrestling	"
39	2020	Rohit Sharma	Cricket	"
40	2020	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Para-Athletics	"
41	2020	Manika Batra	Table tennis	"
42	2020	Vinesh Phogat	Freestyle Wrestling	"
43	2020	Rani Rampal	Hockey	"
44	2021	Neeraj Chopra	Athletics	Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee
45	2021	Ravi Kumar Dahiya	Freestyle Wrestling	"
46	2021	Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing	"
47	2021	P. R. Sreejesh	Hockey	"
48	2021	Avani Lekhara	Paralympic Shooting	"
49	2021	Sumit Antil	Para-Athletics	"
50	2021	Pramod Bhagat	Para-Badminton	"
51	2021	Krishna Nagar	Para-Badminton	"
52	2021	Manish Narwal	Paralympic Shooting	"
53	2021	Mithali Raj	Cricket	"
54	2021	Sunil Chhetri	Football	"
55	2021	Manpreet Singh	Hockey	"
56	2022	Sharath Kamal	Table Tennis	"
57	2023	Chirag Shetty	Badminton	"
58	2023	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy	Badminton	"
59	2024	Gukesh Dommaraju	Chess	"
60	2024	Harmanpreet Singh	Hockey	"
61	2024	Praveen Kumar	Para-Athletics	"
62	2024	Manu Bhaker	Shooting	"

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-1

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-1
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Viswanathan Anand
(Born : Anand Viswanathan)

1991-1992
Chess

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian chess grandmaster, a former five-time World Chess Champion and a record two-time Chess World Cup Champion * He became the first grandmaster from India in 1988, and he has the eighth-highest peak FIDE rating of all time * In 2022, he was elected the deputy president of FIDE * Anand defeated Alexei Shirov in a six-game match to win the 2000 FIDE World Chess Championship, a title he held until 2002 * He became the undisputed world champion in 2007 and defended his title against Vladimir Kramnik in 2008, Veselin Topalov in 2010, and Boris Gelfand in 2012 * In 2013, he lost the title to challenger Magnus Carlsen, and he lost a rematch to Carlsen in 2014 after winning the 2014 Candidates Tournament. Anand won the 2017 World Rapid Chess Championship, defeating Vladimir Fedoseev 2–0 in the final tiebreak after he, Fedoseev and Ian Nepomniachtchi tied for first with 10.5/15 points * He won the tournament ahead of Carlsen, his first victory in a world championship since losing the classical championship to Carlsen in 2013.



Honours: Received (1) Arjun Award-1985 (2) Padma Shri-1987 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-1991-1992 (4) Padma Bhushan-2000 (5) Padma Vibhushan-2007 etc.

Born : 11-12-1969
Birth Place : Mayiladuthurai, Tamilnadu, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-2

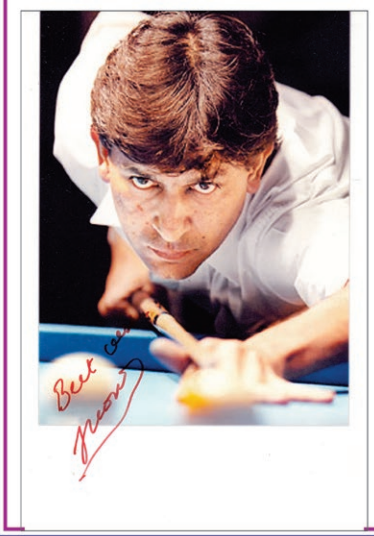
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KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-2
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Geet Sethi
(Born : Geet Siriram Sethi)

1992-1993
Billiards

Profile: Is a professional player of English billiards who dominated the sport throughout much of the 1990s * He is also a notable amateur (ex-pro) snooker player * He is a five-time winner of the professional-level and a three-time winner of the amateur world championships, and holder of two world records, in English billiards * Along with Prakash Padukone, Sethi has co-founded Olympic Gold Quest, a foundation for the promotion of sports in India * Sethi won his first major English billiards event in 1982, the Indian National Billiards Championship (an international event despite its name), defeating Michael Ferreira, and went on to win the NBC again four years in a row, 1985–1988, and made a comeback in both 1997 and 1998 to reclaim the title * Currently he is promoting a venture called Olympic Gold Quest, committed to supporting Indian sports persons with Olympic medal-winning potential

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-1992–1993 (2) Padma Shri-1986 (3) Arjuna Award-1986 (4) K.K. Birla Award-1993.



Born : 17-04-1961
Birth Place : Delhi, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-3

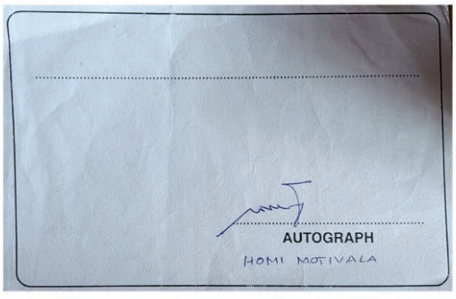
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Homi Motivala
(Born : Homi Dady Motivala)

1993-1994
Yachting

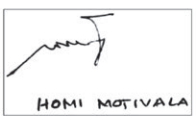
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sportsperson in Yachting * He received the Arjuna award for best performance in yachting for the year 1993, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award jointly with P. K. Garg for overall best performance in sports for the year 1993–94 and the Dronacharya Award for "Coaching excellence in Yachting" for the year 2002 * Together with Garg, he won the bronze medal in the enterprise class at the 1990 and 1994 Asian Games held at Beijing and Hiroshima respectively * They were also the world champions in the same class in 1993 * Motivala holds the rank of Commander with the Indian Navy * He received its gallantry award, the Shaurya Chakra, in 1983.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award... 1993-1994 (Jointly with P. K. Garg) (2) Arjuna Award-1993 (3) Dronacharya Award-2002 (4) Shaurya Chakra-1983.





Born : 18-06-1958
Birth Place : ...?



NOTE: This autograph of Homi Motivala, Cricketer of Indian Cricket Team, is from the collection of renowned Autograph Collector Dhiren Shah of Mumbai. I am highly grateful to him for giving me the scan of this autograph for presenting the theme of 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardees' in completeness.

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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-4
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

P. K. Garg
(Born : Pushpendra Kumar Garg)

1993-1994
Yachting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sportsperson in yachting * He studied at Sainik School, Lucknow, and the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla before joining the Indian Navy * He formed a team with Homi Motivala and won the bronze medal in the enterprise class at the 1990 and 1994 Asian Games held at Beijing and Hiroshima respectively * They were also the world champions in the same class in 1993 * He won the Gold Medal at the 1993 Enterprise Class World Championship in Zimbabwe and Silver Medal in 1997 Enterprise Class World Championship in Goa, India * In 2021 he was appointed as the CEO of Sports Authority of India.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-1990 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award... 1993-1994 (Jointly with Homi Motivala).

Born : 22-11-1963
Birth Place : Sasni, Uttar Pradesh, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-5

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-5
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Karnam Malleswari

1994-1995
Weightlifting

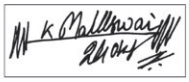
Profile & Performance: Is a retired Indian weightlifter * She became the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics in 2000, and was India's only medal in the 2000 Olympics * Malleswari won the world title in the 54 kg division in 1994 and 1995 and placed third in 1993 and 1996 * In 1994, she won silver at the World Championships in Istanbul and in 1995 she won the Asian Weightlifting Championships in Korea in the 54 kg category * That year, she won the title in China with a record lift of 113 kg at the World Championships * Even before her Olympic win, Malleswari was a two-time weightlifting world champion with 29 international medals, which includes 11 gold medals * At the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Malleswari lifted 110 kg in the "snatch" and 130 kg in the "clean and jerk" categories for a total of 240 kg * She won the bronze medal and became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal * She is also the first Indian weightlifter, male or female, to win an Olympic medal * Her medal was the only medal that India secured in the 2000 Olympics * In June 2021, she was appointed as the vice-chancellor of Sports University, established by the government of Delhi.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-1994 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award...1994-1995 (3) Padma Shri-1999.



Born : 01-06-1975
Birth Place : Voosavanipeta,
Srikakulam Dist.,
Andhra Pradesh, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-6

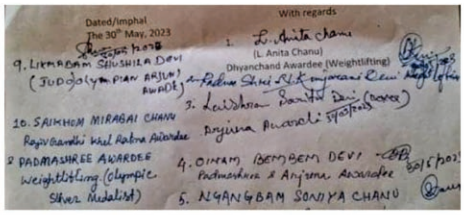
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Kunjarani Devi

(Born : Nameirakpam Kunjarani Devi)
1995-1996
Weightlifting

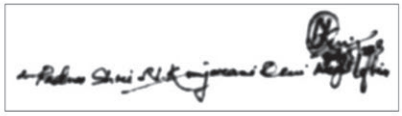
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian weightlifter * Her first World Women's Weightlifting Championship was the Manchester edition in 1989 and the reward of three silver medals buoyed her spirits considerably * A bronze medal was the most she managed in the Asian Games at Beijing in 1990 and Hiroshima in 1994 * Kunjarani has had better luck in the Asian Weightlifting Championships to which she has been a regular visitor * Starting with one silver and two bronze medals in the 1989 edition in Shanghai, she progressed to three silver medals in the 44-kilogram class in the 1991 edition in Indonesia * She has more than fifty international medals to her credit * She also won a gold medal at the 2006 Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne for 48 kg women's weightlifting with a Games record with an overall lift of 166 kg which included 72 kg in snatch and 94 kg in the clean and jerk.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-1990 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award... 1995-1996 (3) Padma Shri-2011.





Born : 01-03-1966
Birth Place : Imphal,
Manipur, India



NOTE: With deep sense of gratitude, respect, humility and humbleness, it is acknowledged to Google internet, as this autograph of Kunjarani Devi is taken here from Google search to complete the theme of 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardees' for the academic and information purpose only.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-7

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KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-7
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Leander Paes

(Born : Leander Adrian Paes)
1996-1997
Tennis

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former professional tennis player and the first Asian man to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame * He is regarded as one of the greatest doubles tennis players of all-time and holds the record for the most doubles wins in the Davis Cup * Paes won eight men's doubles and ten mixed doubles Grand Slam titles * He holds a career Grand Slam in men's doubles and mixed doubles making him one of only three men in the Open era to achieve this distinction and won the rare men's/mixed double at the 1999 Wimbledon Championships * He won a bronze medal for India in men's singles at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games making him the first Asian in Olympic history to win a tennis medal and the only Indian to date * He is also the most decorated male tennis player in Asian Games history with 5 Gold and 3 Bronze medals.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award...1996-1997 (2) Arjuna Award-1990 (3) Padma Shri-2001 (4) Padma Bhushan-2014.



Born : 17-06-1973
Birth Place : Mumbai,
Maharashtra, India







Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-8

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-8
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Sachin Tendulkar

(Born : Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar)
1997-1998
Cricket

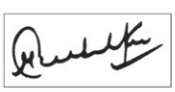
Profile & Performance: As a Captain, he played 25 Test Matches; out of which won 4, lost 9 and drawn 12 matches bringing his winning ratio to 16% * Is an Indian former International cricketer who captained the Indian National Team * He is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket * Hailed as the world's most prolific batsman of all time, he is the all time highest run scorer in both ODI and Test Cricket with more than 18000 runs and 15000 runs respectively * He also holds the record for receiving the most 'Man-of-the Match' awards in international cricket * He was a member of the Rajya Sabha by nomination from 2012 to 2018 * He retired in 2013 after playing his 200th Test Match * He played 664 International Cricket Matches in total scoring 34357 runs * In 2019, he was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.



Honours: Awarded (1) Arjuna Award-1994 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-1997-98 (3) Padma Shri-1999 (4) Maharashtra Bhushan Award-2001 (5) Padma Vibhushan-2008 (6) Bharat Ratna-2014. He was the first sports person to receive this award and as of 2023, he is the youngest recipient. (7) He was also awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for Cricketer of the year at the 2010 International Cricket Council (ICC) Awards. (8) Was awarded Wisden Cricketer of the year-1997. (9) Was awarded Wisden Leading Cricketer in the world in 1998 & 2010.

Born : 24-04-1973
Birth Place :
Mumbai, Maharashtra, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-9

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-9
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Jyotirmoyee Sikdar

1998-1999
Athletics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian politician and former sportswoman * She served as member of parliament of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) from the Krishnagar constituency in the 14th Lok Sabha * She was defeated in the 2009 Indian general election by the actor turned politician Tapas Paul of the Trinamool Congress * She had been reportedly inactive in politics following her defeat * In 2019, she herself pledged support to the All India Trinamool Congress and then joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in the following year * She was a middle-distance runner and won the 800 metres at the 1995 Asian Athletics Championships * She went on to win the bronze medal in 800 m and 1500 m events in the 1998 Asian Athletics Championships and gold medal in both the events in the Asian Games in Bangkok in 1998.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-1995 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award...1998-1999 (3) Padma Shri-2003.





Born : 11-12-1969
Birth Place : Nadia,
West Bengal, India

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-10

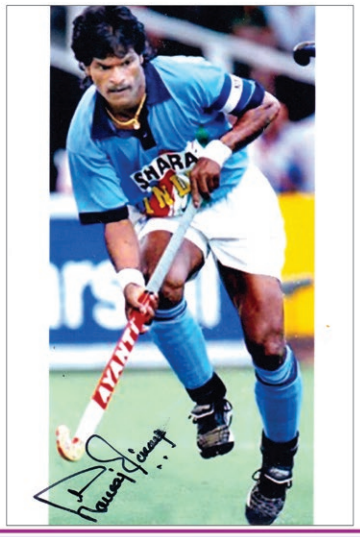
MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-10
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Dhanraj Pillay

1999-2000
Hockey

Profile & Performance: Is a retired Indian field hockey player and former captain of the India national team * He also looks after the Air India Sports Promotion Board as a Joint Secretary based in Mumbai * For the last 5 years, Dhanraj is overseeing the SAG Hockey Academy in Gujarat funded by the Gujarat Government * He is widely regarded as one of the best Indian players of hockey * Pillay made his debut in 1989 with the national team and in a career spanning over 15 years, appeared for India in four Olympic Games, World Cups and Champion Trophies each * He made 400 appearances for the national team and is recorded, unofficially, to have scored 170 goals * He also played for clubs in countries such as Malaysia, France, England and Germany * He is the only player to have played in four Olympics (1992, 1996, 2000, and 2004), four World Cups (1990, 1994, 1998, and 2002), four Champions Trophies (1995, 1996, 2002, and 2003), and four Asian Games (1990, 1994, 1998, and 2002) * India won the Asian Games (1998) and Asia Cup (2003) under his captaincy * He was also the highest goal scorer in the Bangkok Asian Games and was the only Indian player to figure in the World Eleven side during the 1994 World Cup in Sydney.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2000 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award...1999-2000.



Born : 16-07-1968
Birth Place : Khadki, Pune,
Maharastra, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-11

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-11
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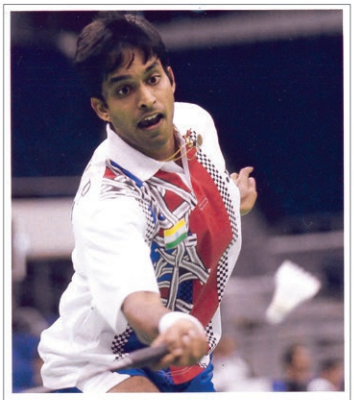


Pullela Gopichand

2000-2001
Badminton

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former badminton player * Currently, he is the Chief National Coach for the India national badminton team * He won the All England Open Badminton Championships in 2001, becoming the second Indian to achieve this feat after Prakash Padukone * He runs the Gopichand Badminton Academy * Initially, he was interested in playing cricket, but his elder brother encouraged him to take up badminton instead * He was the captain of the Indian combined universities badminton team in 1990 and 1991 * Pullela won his first National Badminton Championship title in 1996, and went on to win the title five times in a row, until 2000 * He won two gold medals and one silver medal at the Indian national games, 1998, held at Imphal * At the international level, he represented India in 3 Thomas Cup tournaments * In 1996, he won a gold in the SAARC badminton tournament at Vijayawada and defended his crown in the next games held at Colombo in 1997 * At the 1998 Commonwealth Games, he won a silver in the team event and a bronze in men's singles.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-1999 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award...2000-2001 (3) Padma Shri-2005 (4) Dronacharya Award-2009 (5) Padma Bhushan-2014 (6) Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar-2013.



Born : 16-11-1973
Birth Place : Nagandla,
Andhra Pradesh, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-12

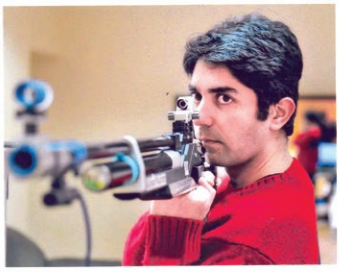
MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-12
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Abhinav Bindra

2001
Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former sport shooter and a businessman * He is an Olympic gold medalist as well as the first and one of only two Indians to win an individual Olympic gold medal * Bindra is also the first Indian to have held concurrently the World and Olympic titles for the men's 10-meter air rifle event, having earned those honors at the 2008 Summer Olympics and the 2006 World Championships * Bindra has won seven medals at the Commonwealth Games and three medals at the Asian Games * With more than 150 medals in his 22-year career and is one of the top influencers of sport policy in the country * At the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Bindra finished fourth in the finals of the 10-meter air rifle event * He also served as a goodwill ambassador for the Rio 2016 Olympics Indian contingent, having been appointed to that post by the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) * Bindra's primary outreach to Indian sports is through the Abhinav Bindra Foundation, a non-profit organization that works to integrate sports, science, and technology into Indian sports and encourage high-performance physical training.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2000 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2001 (3) Padma Bhushan-2009.



Born : 28-09-1982
Birth Place : Dehradun,
Uttarakhand, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-13

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-13
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

K. M. Beenamol

(Born : Kalayathumkuzhi Mathews Beenamol)

2002

Athletics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian international athlete * Beenamol and her brother K. M. Binu became the first Indian siblings to win medals in a major international competition * Binu won a silver medal in men's 800m race * It was during 2000 Summer Olympics, Beenamol was largely unknown, until she became the third Indian woman to reach an Olympic semi-final since P. T. Usha and Shiny Wilson, who achieved almost the same feat in 400m Hurdles in 800m respectively in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles * She won the gold medal in women's 800m and the 4 × 400m women's relay in the 2002 Asian Games held at Busan.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2000 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2002 (3) Padma Shri-2004.



Born : 15-08-1975
Birth Place : Kombidinjal,
Idukki District, Kerala, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-14

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-14
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Anjali Bhagwat

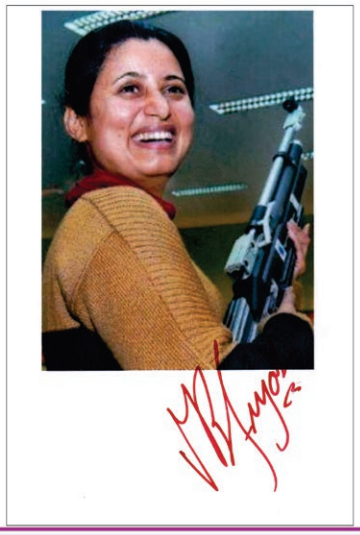
(Born : Anjali Ramakanta Vedpathak)

2002

Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is a professional Indian sport shooter * She became the World Number One in 10m Air Rifle in 2002 * She also won her first World Cup Final in Milan, in 2003, with a score of 399/400 * Anjali won the ISSF Champion of Champions award and is the only Indian to win the ISSF Champions' Trophy in Air Rifle Men & Women mixed event at Munich in 2002 * She has won 12 gold and 4 silver medals in the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Shooting Championships * She is a Commonwealth record holder in 10m Air Rifle and Sports Rifle 3P * In the 2003 Afro-Asian Games, Bhagwat created history by becoming the first Indian woman shooter to get gold and a silver medal in the Sports 3P and Air Rifle events respectively * To date, she has won 31 Gold, 23 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. She has set 13 new records in international competitions and has won 55 Gold, 35 Silver and 16 Bronze medals, with 8 new records in national competitions in India.

Honours: Awarded (1) Arjuna Award-2000 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2002.



Born : 05-12-1969
Birth Place : Mumbai,
Maharashtra, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-15

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-15
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Anju Bobby George

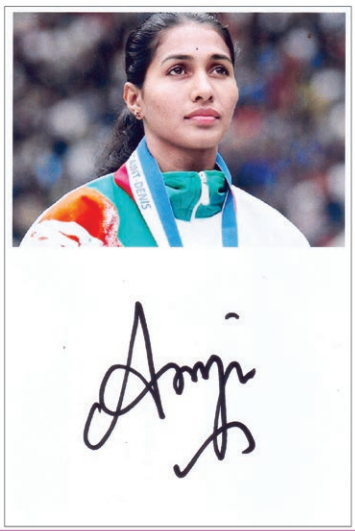
(Born : Anju Markose)

2003

Athletics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former athlete * She made history when she won the bronze medal in long jump at the 2003 World Championships in Paris * With this achievement, she became the first Indian athlete ever to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships jumping 6.70 metres (22.0 ft) * She went on to win the gold medal at the World Athletics Final in 2005, a performance she considers her best * Anju was upgraded to the gold status from silver in the 2005 World Athletics Final in Monte Carlo following the disqualification of Tatyana Kotova of Russia by the International Association of Athletics Federations, after the re-testing of the latter's sample collected at the 2005 World Championship in Helsinki * She finished 5th position with a personal best of 6.83 metres (22.4 ft) at the 2004 Olympics * In March 2021, she won the BBC lifetime achievement award for best athlete in India * She is the current chairperson of Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2002 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2003 (3) Padma Shri-2004.



Born : 19-04-1977
Birth Place : Changanassery,
Kottayam, Kerala, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-16

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-16
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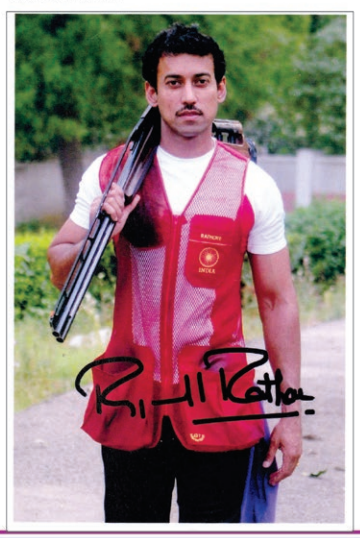
Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

2004

Sport Shooting

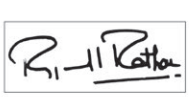
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian politician, Olympic medallist in shooting and retired colonel in the Indian Army * He is serving as a cabinet minister at the Industry & Commerce, Youth Affairs & Sports Department in the Government of Rajasthan since December 2023 * Rathore was a Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha from Jaipur Rural seat since 2014 till 2023 * He won 25 international medals at various championships for Double Trap Shooting including a silver medal at 2004 Summer Olympics in Men's Double Trap event * At the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, Rathore won a gold medal and set a new Commonwealth Games Record of 192 targets out of 200, which still stands * He also won the Team Gold Medal along with Moraad Ali Khan * Rathore went on to successfully defend his Commonwealth Champion title by winning the gold medal at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006 * He also won the silver in the Team event with Vikram Bhatnagar * He won gold medals in two World Shooting Championships, at Sydney in 2004 and Cairo in 2006 * Rathore served as a commissioned officer in The Grenadiers regiment of the Indian Army before retiring in 2013 as a colonel.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2003 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2004 (3) Padma Shri-2005 (4) Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.



Born : 29-01-1970
Birth Place : Jaisalmer,
Rajasthan, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-17

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-17
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Pankaj Advani

(Born : Pankaj Arjan Advani)

2005

Billiards & Snooker

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian billiards and professional snooker player * He is a 27-time International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) world champion * He has won 18 billiards world titles, the IBSF World Billiards Championship on 17 occasions and the World Team Billiards Championship once * In snooker, he won the IBSF World Snooker Championship three times, IBSF World six-red championship twice and the IBSF World Team Cup and IBSF World Team Championship one time each * He has the record number of IBSF world championships * He became a snooker professional in 2012/2013 * Advani made his international competitive debut in 1999 at the World Billiards Championship in England.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2004 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2005 (3) Padma Shri-2009 (4) Padma Bhushan-2018.



Born : 24-07-1985
Birth Place : Pune,
Maharashtra, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-18

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-18
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Manavjit Singh Sandhu

2006

Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter who specializes in trap shooting * He is a 4 time Olympian, having represented India at the Athens 2004 Summer Olympics, Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics the London 2012 Summer Olympics and the Rio 2016 Summer Olympics * He is former World No. 1 ranked Trap Shooter * He won the gold medal at the 2006 ISSF World Shooting Championships, becoming the first Indian shotgun shooter to be crowned World Champion * He has won four silver medals at 1998 Asian Games, 2002 Asian Games and 2006 Asian Games * He won the gold medal at 1998 Commonwealth Games and the bronze medal in the trap event at the 2006 Commonwealth Games * He has won six gold medals at the Asian Clay Shooting Championships * In 2010, he won the Commonwealth Shooting Championship gold and the very next week won gold at the World Cup 2010 in Mexico * He won the gold medal at the World Cup 2014, Tucson, US, on 11 April 2014.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-1998 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2006

Born : 03-11-1976
Birth Place : Amritsar,
Punjab, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-19

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-19
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Mahendra Singh Dhoni

2007

Cricket

Profile & Performance: He is an Indian professional cricketer who plays as a right-handed batter and a wicket-keeper * Widely regarded as one of the most prolific wicket-keeper batsmen and captains and one of the greatest ODI batsmen, he represented the Indian cricket team and was the captain of the side in limited overs formats from 2007 to 2017 and in test cricket from 2008 to 2014 * He has led India to victory in the 2007 ICC World Twenty20, the 2011 Cricket World Cup, and the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy, being the only captain to win three different limited overs ICC tournaments * He also led the teams that won the Asia Cup in 2010, 2016 and was a member of the title winning squad in 2018 * In the Indian Premier League (IPL), Dhoni plays for Chennai Super Kings (CSK), leading them to the final on ten occasions and winning it five times (2010, 2011, 2018, 2021 and 2023) jointly sharing this title with Rohit Sharma * He has also led CSK to two Champions League T20 titles in 2010 and 2014 * Dhoni is among the few batsmen to have scored more than five thousand runs in the IPL, as well as being the first wicket-keeper to do so.

Honours: Awarded (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2007 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2007 (3) Padma Shri-2009 (4) Padma Bhushan-2018 (5) In 2025, he was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.





Born : 07-07-1981
Birth Place : Ranchi,
Jharkhand, India

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-20

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-20
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Mary Kom

(Born : Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom)

2009

Boxing

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Olympic boxer, politician, and former Member of Rajya Sabha * She is the only woman to win the World Amateur Boxing Championship six times, the only female boxer to have won a medal in each one of the first seven World Championships, and the only boxer (male or female) to win eight World Championship medals * Nicknamed Magnificent Mary, she was the only Indian female boxer to have qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics, where she competed in the flyweight (51 kg) category and won a bronze medal * She had also been ranked as the world's No. 1 female light-flyweight by the International Boxing Association (amateur) (AIBA) * She became the first Indian female boxer to win a gold medal in the Asian Games in 2014 at Incheon, South Korea and is the first Indian female boxer to win gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games * She is also the only boxer to become Asian Amateur Boxing Champion for a record six times * Mary Kom won the 51kg gold in President's Cup in Indonesia.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2003 (2) Padma Shri-2006 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2009 (4) Padma Bhushan-2013 (5) Padma Vibhushan-2020.





Born : 24-11-1982
Birth Place : Kagathei,
Churachandpur, Manipur, India

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-21

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-21
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

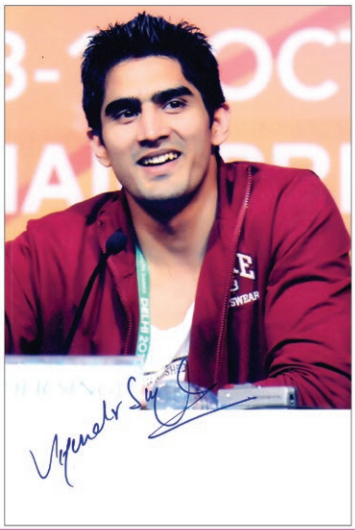
Vijender Singh
(Born : Vijender Singh Beniwal)

2009

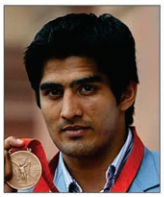
Boxing

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian professional boxer and politician of Bharatiya Janata Party * As an amateur, he won a bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, becoming the first Indian boxer to win an Olympic medal * He also won bronze medals at the 2009 World Championships and the 2010 Commonwealth Games, as well as silver medals at the 2006 and 2014 Commonwealth Games, all in the middleweight division * In June 2015, Vijender Singh turned professional and signed a multi-year agreement with Queensberry Promotions through IOS Sports and Entertainment * This ruled him out of 2016 Olympics which would have been his fourth * He has also been an active politician and contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from the South Delhi constituency * Vijender made his Bollywood debut as an actor in film Fugly, released on 13 June 2014 * The film is produced by Grazing Goat Productions, owned by Akshay Kumar and Ashvini Yardi * Vijender was one of the judges on MTV India's reality TV show Roadies X2.

Honours: Received Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2009.



Born : 29-10-1985
Birth Place : Kaluwas, Haryana, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-22

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-22
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

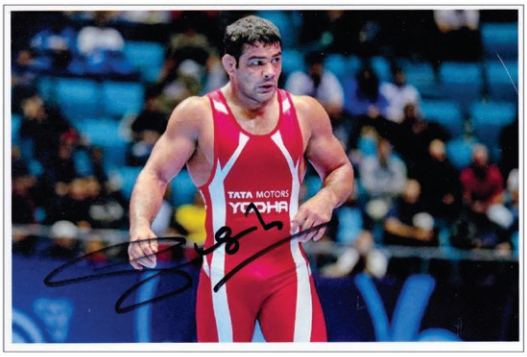
Sushil Kumar

2009

Freestyle Wrestling

Profile & Performance: Is a former Indian wrestler and a two-time Olympic medallist * He won a bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, India's first wrestling medal since K. D. Jadhav's bronze in 1952 and a silver at the 2012 London Olympics * Kumar participated in the Queen's Baton Relay at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and was India's flag bearer at the 2012 London Olympics * He clinched gold thrice at the Commonwealth Games and was crowned Asian Wrestling Champion in 2010 * He is the first and only Indian to win a gold medal at World Wrestling Championships * Kumar defeated Qamar Abbas in the 74 kg final to win the gold medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland * Kumar won gold in 74 kg category on 12 April 2018, Thursday, beating South Africa's Johannes Botha in the final that lasted 80 seconds thus achieving a feat of winning 3 gold medals in 3 consecutive Commonwealth Games * He appeared in the Indian documentary film Carve Your Destiny by Anubhav Srivastava * Kumar also served as a judge on MTV India's reality television series MTV Roadies * Other media appearances include in The Kapil Sharma Show and Comedy Nights with Kapil.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2005 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2009 (3) Padma Shri-2011.





Born : 26-05-1983
Birth Place : Delhi, India

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-23

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-23
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

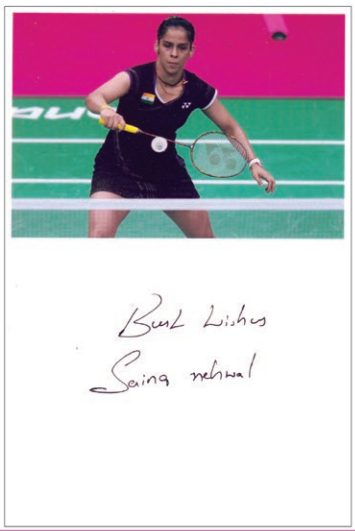
Saina Nehwal

2010

Badminton

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian badminton player * A former world no. 1, she has won 24 international titles, which includes ten Superseries titles * Although she reached the world's 2nd in 2009, it was only in 2015 that she was able to attain the world no. 1 ranking, thereby becoming the only female player from India and thereafter the second Indian player – after Prakash Padukone – to achieve this feat * She has represented India three times in the Olympics, winning a bronze medal in her second appearance at London 2012 * She is the first Indian badminton player to have won an Olympic medal, the first Indian to have reached the final of the BWF World Championships, and the first Indian to have won the BWF World Junior Championships * In 2006, Nehwal became the first Indian female and the youngest Asian to win a 4-star tournament * She is also the first Indian to win a Super Series title * In the 2014 Uber Cup, she captained the Indian team and remained undefeated, helping India to win a first-ever Uber Cup bronze medal * Nehwal also became the first Indian to win two singles gold medals (2010 and 2018) at the Commonwealth Games.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2009 (2) Padma Shri-2010 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2010 (4) Padma Bhushan-2016.



Born : 17-03-1990
Birth Place : Hisar, Haryana, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-24

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-24
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

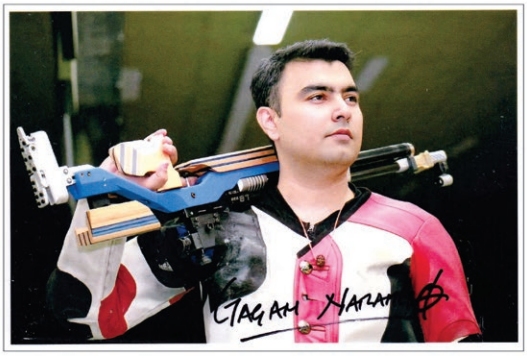
Gagan Narang

2011

Sport Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter, supported by the Olympic Gold Quest * He won the bronze medal in the Men's 10 m Air Rifle Event at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London with a final score of 701.1 becoming India's first medal winner at the 2012 games * He was also a member of prestigious Padma award committee 2023 * Narang won a gold medal in the Afro Asian Games, 2003 in Hyderabad in Men's 10m air rifle competition * He won the Air Rifle Gold medal at the World Cup 2006 and followed it up with win in the event in April 2010 * In a pre-Olympic event in Hannover, Germany, Gagan shot an Air Rifle score higher than the world record, 704.3 as opposed to 703.1 set by Thomas Farnik of Austria in the World Cup 2006 * Gagan Narang won 4 Gold medals at 2006 Commonwealth Games * In the Men's 10 m Air Rifle singles event, he shot a perfect 600 which was a new record * Gagan also clinched a silver medal in his pet event at the Asian Games 2010 * He also combined with Abhinav Bindra and Sanjeev Rajput to win the country another silver, in the team event behind champions, China * He won both of his silvers on the opening day of Asian Games * Narang won 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal in 50-metre rifle prone and 50-metre rifle 3 position respectively at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2011(2) Padma Shri-2011.





Born : 06-05-1983
Birth Place : Madras, Tamil Nadu, India

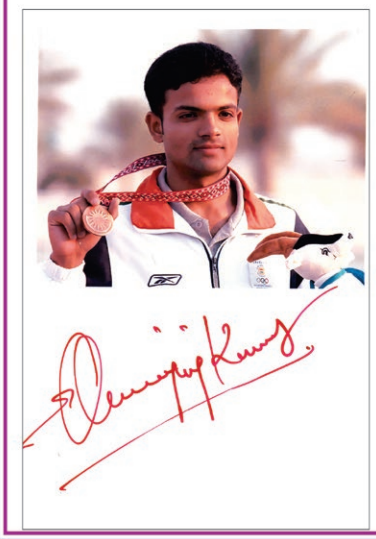
Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-25

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-25
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Vijay Kumar
(Born : Vijay Kumar Sharma)
2012
Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter * He won the silver medal in the individual 25 metre rapid fire pistol event at the 2012 Summer Olympics * Kumar hails from Barsar village of Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh and is a retired Subedar Major (Warrant Officer Class I) in the Dogra Regiment (16th Battalion) Indian Army, who was later promoted to Honorary Captain Rank * Vijay Kumar is supported by the Olympic Gold Quest initiative * He is the only Indian to have won a medal at 25m rapid Fire Pistol * He has been posted at Indian Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) Mhow since 2003 where he is being coached by the Russian Pavel Smirnov * At the 2006 Commonwealth Games, he won two gold medals: the individual 25 meter rapid fire pistol competition and the pairs competition in the same event together with Pemba Tamang * The same year, he won a bronze medal in the Asian Games.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2007 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2012 (3) Ati Vishisht Seva Medal-2013 (4) Padma Shri-2013.



Born : 19-08-1985
Birth Place : Harsour,
Hamirpur,
Himachal Pradesh, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-26

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-26
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Yogeshwar Dutt
2012
Freestyle Wrestling

Profile & Performance: Is a former Indian wrestler * At the 2012 London Olympics, he won the bronze medal in the 60 kg freestyle category * For his contribution to Indian wrestling * On 12 August 2012, Dutt provided a late boost to India's medals tally in the 2012 London Olympics by claiming a bronze in the Men's freestyle 60 kg, becoming only the third Indian wrestler to win an Olympic medal after K D Jadhav in 1952 and Sushil Kumar in 2008 and 2012 * He had defeated North Korean Ri Jong-Myong in the bronze medal bout thus winning the fifth medal for Indian contingent at the London Olympics 2012 * Earlier, Yogeshwar qualified for the 2012 Olympics by winning a silver medal at an Asian qualification tournament in Astana, Kazakhstan where he lost to Iranian Masoud Esmaeilpour (2–3, 0–1) in the final * Yogeshwar Dutt won the Gold in the 65 kg freestyle wrestling category by defeating Zalimkhan Yusupov of Tajikistan in the final at the Asian games 2014 * Dutt joined Bharatiya Janata Party in September 2019.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2012 (2) Padma Shri-2013.



Born : 02-11-1982
Birth Place : Bhainswal Kalan,
Sonipat District,
Haryana, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-27

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-27
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Ronjan Sodhi
2013
Sport Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Double trap shooter * He won two silver medals at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and a gold medal at the 2010 Asian Games * In 2011, he became first Indian to successfully defend a World Cup title * Ronjan Sodhi shot a perfect 50 hits out of 50 clays in the final and set a new world record with a score of 195 to clinch the coveted Gold Medal in Double Trap event at the 2010 ISSF World Cup held at Lonato, Italy * Sodhi scored a total of 183 hits (144 in the qualifications, and 41 hits in the final) and won the Silver Medal in 2011 ISSF World Cup held at Beijing, China, thus earning an Olympic Quota for India * Sodhi scored a total of 183 hits (144 in the qualifications, and 41 hits in the final) and won the Silver Medal in 2011 ISSF World Cup held at Beijing, China, thus earning an Olympic Quota for India * Sodhi won the Gold Medal at the 2011 ISSF World Cup held at Al Ain, United Arab Emirates on 4 October 2011.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2013 (2) Arjuna Award-2013.



Born : 23-10-1979
Birth Place : Ferozepur,
Punjab, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-28

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-28
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Sania Mirza
2015
Tennis

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former professional tennis player * A former doubles world No. 1, she won six major titles – three in women's doubles and three in mixed doubles * From 2003 until her retirement from singles in 2013, she was ranked by the Women's Tennis Association as the No. 1 Indian in singles * Throughout her career, Mirza has established herself as one of the most known, highest-paid, and influential athletes in India * She is the highest-ranked Indian female player ever, peaking at world No. 27 in mid-2007 * Mirza has also won a total of 14 medals (including six golds) at three major multi-sport events, namely the Asian Games, the Commonwealth Games and the Afro-Asian Games.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2004 (2) WTA Newcomer of the Year-2005 (3) Padma Shri-2006 (4) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2015 (5) Padma Bhushan-2016.



Born : 15-11-1996
Birth Place : Mumbai,
Maharashtra, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-29

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-29
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

P. V. Sindhu

(Born : Pusarla Venkata Sindhu)

2016

Badminton

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian badminton player * Considered as one of India's most successful athletes, Sindhu has won medals at tournaments such as the Olympic Games, the World Championships, and on the World Tour * She is the first and only Indian to become the badminton world champion and only the second individual from India to win two consecutive medals at the Olympic Games * She has won a total of five medals at the BWF World Championships and is only the second woman after China's Zhang Ning ever to win five or more singles medals in the competition * She represented India at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where she became the first Indian badminton player to reach the Olympic final * She made her second consecutive Olympic appearance at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and won a bronze medal, becoming the first-ever Indian woman to win two Olympic medals.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2013 (2) Padma Shri-2015 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2016 (4) Padma Bhushan-2020.



Born : 05-07-1995
Birth Place : Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India







Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-30

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-30
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Dipa Karmakar

2016

Gymnastics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former artistic gymnast * She is one of only five women in the world to have mastered the Produnova vault * Karmakar became the first Indian gymnast to qualify for an Olympic final at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where she narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing fourth in the women's vault event by just 0.15 points * Karmakar represented India at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, becoming the first Indian female gymnast ever to compete in the Olympics * She was also the first Indian gymnast in any discipline to compete at the Olympics since the 1964 Summer Olympics 52 years ago * Karmakar finished fourth in the vault in Rio, with an overall score of 15.066 * Karmakar first gained attention when she won a bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, becoming the first Indian female gymnast to do so in the history of the Games * She also won a bronze at the Asian Championships and finished fifth at the 2015 World Championships, both firsts for any Indian athlete * In 2024, she announced her retirement from gymnastics.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2015 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2016 (3) Padma Shri-2017.





Born : 09-08-1993
Birth Place : Agartala, Tripura, India

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-31

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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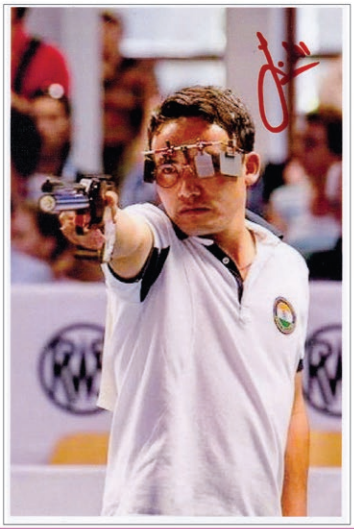
Jitu Rai

2016

Sport Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Army Subedar Major who competes in the 10 metre air pistol and 50 metre pistol events * At the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Rai created the Games record in the qualification round of the 50 metre pistol event, having scored 562 points * He went on to win the gold medal in the event, scoring 194.1 points in the final, thus creating another Games record * In the 2014 Asian Games held at Incheon in South Korea, Jitu won the gold medal in the 50 m pistol category * He also won a bronze in the men's 10 m air pistol team event * In 2016, he won a silver medal at the ISSF World Cup held in Baku, Azerbaijan in the 10m Air Pistol event * At the 2018 Commonwealth Games, he broke the Commonwealth Games record for men's 10m air pistol with a total score of 235.1 points and secured his first Commonwealth Games gold medal in the relevant event * This was also Jitu Rai's second gold medal in Commonwealth Games.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2016 (2) Padma Shri-2020.



Born : 26-08-1987
Birth Place : Sankhuwasabha, Nepal





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-32

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Sakshee Malik

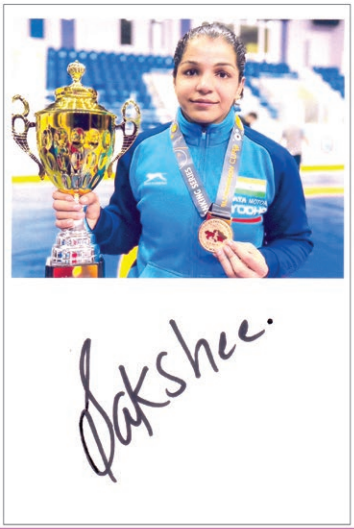
(Born : Sakshi Malik Kadian)

2016

Freestyle Wrestling

Profile & Performance: Is a former Indian freestyle wrestler * At the 2016 Summer Olympics, she won the bronze medal in the 58 kg category, becoming the first Indian female wrestler to win a medal at the Olympics * Malik's first success as a professional wrestler in the international arena came in 2010 at the Junior World Championships where she won the bronze medal in the 58 kg freestyle event * In 2024, she became the first Indian wrestler to feature in Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world * She is a part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program, along with fellow female wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Babita Kumari and Geeta Phogat * Malik had previously won the silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, and the bronze medal at the 2015 Asian Wrestling Championships in Doha.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2016 (2) Padma Shri-2017.



Born : 03-09-1992
Birth Place : Mokhra, Haryana, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-33

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-33
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Devendra Jhajharia

2017

Javelin Throw

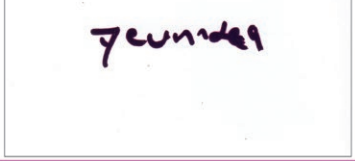
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic javelin thrower competing in F46 events * He is the first Indian Paralympics player to win two gold medals at the Paralympics * He won his first gold in the javelin throw at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens * At the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, he won a second gold medal * He becomes India's most decorated Paralympic player by winning a silver at the 2020 Summer Paralympics at Tokyo * In 2002 Jhajharia won the gold medal in the 8th FESPIC Games in South Korea * In 2004 Jhajharia qualified for his first Summer Paralaympic Games representing India at Athens * At the games he set a new world record with a distance of 62.15m eclipsing the old one of 59.77m * The throw gave him the gold medal and he became only the second gold medalist at the Paralympics for his country (India's first gold medal came from Murlikant Petkar) * In 2024, he was elected president of the Paralympic Committee of India.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2004 (2) Padma Shri-2012 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2017 (4) Padma Bhushan-2022.



Born : 10-06-1981
Birth Place : Churu,
Rajasthan, India







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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Sardara Singh

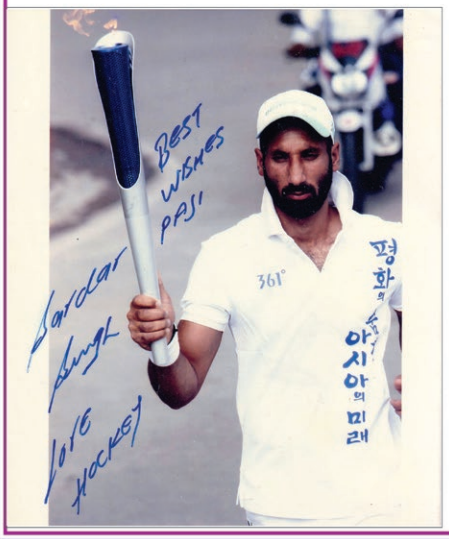
(Born : Sardar Singh)

2017

Hockey

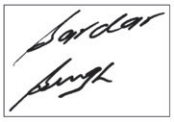
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian field hockey coach and former field hockey player * He also served as the captain of the Indian national team * He usually plays the center half position * Sardara became the youngest player to captain the Indian team when he led the side at the 2008 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup * On 13 July 2016, the responsibilities of the captain were handed over from him to P. R. Sreejesh, the goalkeeper of Indian Team * On 12 September 2018, Sardara announced his retirement from international hockey * He played 314 matches during 12 years in his career * Sardar Singh is making his first Punjabi Music Industry debut by featuring in song 'Gallan Karraiyan' by veteran Punjabi singer Hardeep Singh of Shehar Patiale de fame * The song is written by Sukha Wadali and the music is by Jaidev Kumar.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2015 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2017.



Born : 15-07-1986
Birth Place :
Santnagar, Sirsa,
Haryana, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-35

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-35
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Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

(Born : Mirabai Chanu Saikhom)

2018

Weightlifting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian weightlifter * She won the silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the Women's 49 kg event * She has won gold medals at the World Championships and Commonwealth Games * Chanu won the silver medal in the women's 48 kg weight class at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow; she went on to break the games record en route to the gold medal at the 2018 edition of the event held in Gold Coast * Prior to the 2020 Summer Olympics, her biggest achievement came in 2017, when she won the gold medal at World Weightlifting Championships held in Anaheim, California * She is a former world record holder in Clean & Jerk in the 49 kg category * In 2022, she joined I-League club NEROCA as its brand ambassador * Mirabai Chanu competed in the women's 49kg weightlifting event at the Paris 2024 Olympics * She finished at 4th position in Women's 49kg Weightlifting event by lifting 88Kg in Snatch and 111Kg in Clean and Jerk.

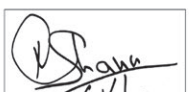
Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2018 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2018.



Born : 09-08-1994
Birth Place : Nongpok
Kakching, Imphal East,
Manipur, India







Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-36

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-36
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Virat Kohli

2018

Cricket

Profile & Performance: As a Captain, he played 68 Test Matches; out of which won 40, lost 17 and drawn 11 matches bringing his winning ratio to 58.82% * Is an Indian international cricketer * He is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket * He is considered as an enterprising batsman, possessing technical abilities and a dynamic playing demenour * He has been noted for his agile footwork, expensive range of strokes and his propensity for adeptly orchestrating innings whilst thriving in high pressure situations * In his batting technique, he tends to favour playing grounded shots rather than attempting big hits * He is appreciated for his ability to execute wrist shots and his consistent prowess in the mid-wicket and cover region * He is known for his composed batting technique and versatility in his play * His combination of bat-speed and supple wrist movements enable him to craft innovative angles that disrupt traditional field positioning * He was a part of the winner Indian cricket team of ICC Champions Trophy-2013 and was also the part of winner Indian cricket team of ICC Men's T20 World Cup-2024.

Honours: Awarded (1) Arjuna Award-2013 (2) Padma Shri-2017 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2018 (4) Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2019.



Born : 05-11-1988
Birth Place :
Delhi, India







Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-37

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-37
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Deepa Malik

2019

Para-Athletics...Shot Put

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para athlete from Haryana * She is the first Indian woman to win a medal in Paralympic Games * She won a silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in shot put * In 2020, she was elected as President of the Paralympic Committee of India * Malik started her sports career at the age of 30 in 2000 * She qualified B level in javelin throw F53 category for 2008 Summer Olympics at Beijing * In 2006, she came second in the FESPIC Games, Kuala Lumpur in S5 swimming backstroke category * In 2008, she represented India in the World Open Swimming Championship at Berlin and finished 10th in S5 swimming backstroke event * In 2009, she won a shot put bronze medal at IWAS World Games * In January 2011, she won a silver medal at the IPC World Athletics Championship in Christchurch * At the same event, she qualified for the Commonwealth Games in shot put * In December 2011, she won two bronze medals with Asian records at the IWAS World Games at Sharjah * In March 2016, she won a gold in javelin and silver in shot put at the IPC Oceania Asian Championship, Dubai, United Arab Emirates * In 2018, she won a gold in the F-53/54 javelin event at the Para Athletic Grand Prix held in Dubai.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2012 (2) Padma Shri-2017 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2019.



Born : 30-09-1970
Birth Place : Bhainswal, Haryana, India



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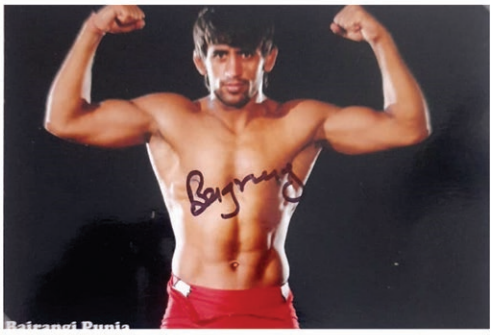
Bajrang Punia

2019

Freestyle Wrestling

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian politician and former freestyle wrestler * He has won a bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics * Punia is the only Indian wrestler to win four medals at the World Championships * He is a multiple gold medalist at the Asian Games, Asian Championships, Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Championships * He joined the Indian National Congress and currently serves as the Working President of the All India Kisan Congress * He used to work in the Indian Railways on the post of Gazetted officer OSD Sports and resigned in 2024 September * Punia is married to fellow wrestler Sangeeta Phogat.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2015 (2) Padma Shri-2015 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2019.





Born : 26-02-1994
Birth Place : Khudan, Haryana, India

Bajrang

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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Rohit Sharma

(Born : Rohit Gurunath Sharma)

2020

Cricket

Profile & Performance: As a Captain, he played 9 Test Matches; out of which won 5, lost 2 and drawn 2 matches bringing his winning ratio to 55.55% * Is an Indian international cricketer and is current Captain of Indian Cricket Team in all formats * Widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of this era * He is known for his timing, elegance, six-hitting abilities and leadership skills * He is the record holder for most international sixes across all formats and also the most number sixes in a calendar year * Was a member in Winning Indian Cricket Team of ICC Champions Trophy 2013 & 2025 * He was a part of the Indian team which won the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Honours: Awarded (1) Arjuna Award-2015 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020 (3) ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year-2019 (4) ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year-2014 (12th man), 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (5) ICC Men's ODI Team of the Decade-2011–2020 (6) ICC Men's T20I Team of the Decade-2011–2020 (7) ICC Men's Test Team of the Year-2021 (8) Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2022.



Born : 30-04-1987
Birth Place : Nagpur, Maharashtra, India



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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Mariyappan Thangavelu

2020

Para-Athletics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic high jumper * He is a triple Paralympics medalist having won the gold medal at 2016 Rio, the silver medal at 2020 Tokyo and the bronze medal at 2024 Paris * He has also been a double medalist at the World Championships with one gold and one bronze * Additionally, he is an Asian Para Games silver medalist * In November 2019, he cleared a distance of 1.80 m (5 ft 11 in) min the Men's T-63 high jump event at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai to win the bronze medal, behind fellow Indian Sharad Kumar * In August 2021, he won the silver medal in men's T-63 high jump event at the 2020 Summer Paralympics, which was the second medal in his Paralympic career.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2017 (2) Arjuna Award-2017 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020.



Born : 28-06-1995
Birth Place : Periavadagampatti, Salem, Tamil Nadu, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-41

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-41
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Manika Batra

2020

Table Tennis

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian table tennis player * She is a triple gold medalist at the South Asian Games, a double gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games, and a bronze medalist at the Asian Games, Asian Championships, and Asian Cup * She is India's number two in women and her world rank is 27 as of Nov 2024 * Batra is the first Indian woman to have won a bronze at the Asian Cup * She is one of the players who uses a long pimple rubber * At the 2020 Summer Olympics, Batra reached the third round of the women's singles event, becoming the first Indian paddler to reach the third round at the Olympics in a singles event * At the 2024 Summer Olympics, Batra reached the Round of 16 of the women's singles event by beating the home favourite Prithika Pavade, to become the first Indian paddler to reach the Round of 16 at the Olympics in a singles event * Batra was featured on the cover of the July 2018 issue of Femina * She starred in the November 2018 edition of Vogue India * In 2024, she featured on the October cover of Cosmopolitan China.

Honours: Received 91) Arjuna Award-2018 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020.



Born : 15-06-1995
Birth Place :
Delhi, India







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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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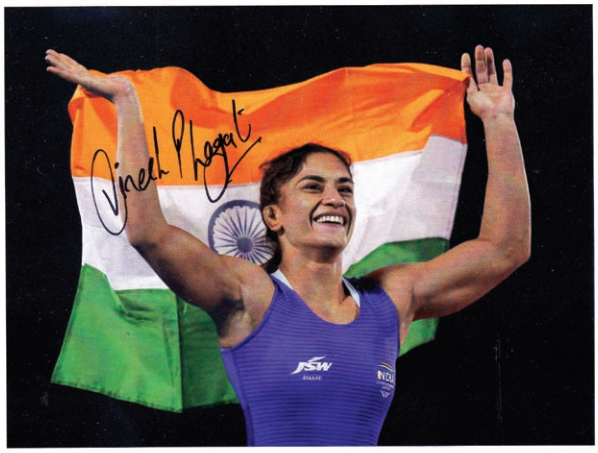
Vinesh Phogat

2020

Freestyle Wrestling

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian politician and former freestyle wrestler, currently serving as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the Julana constituency in Haryana, representing the Indian National Congress * Prior to her political career, she was one of India's most accomplished female wrestlers. A two-time World Wrestling Championships bronze medallist, she is a former Asian champion, Asian Games gold medallist and a three-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2016 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020.



Born : 25-08-1994
Birth Place : Charkhi Dadri,
Haryana, India



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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Rani Rampal

2020

Hockey

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian field hockey coach and former field hockey player * At the age of 15, she was the youngest in the national squad of the 2010 World Cup * She played as a forward * In her career, Rampal played 212 international matches and scored 134 goals * She also acted as a striker and doubled up as mid-fielder * She was part of Indian Hockey Team when the team qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics after 36 years * At the 2010 Women's Hockey World Cup held in Rosario, Argentina, she scored a total of seven goals which placed India in the ninth position in World Women's hockey rankings * Under her Captaincy India reached in the semifinal in 2020 Tokyo Olympics first time in the history of India after inclusion of Women's hockey in olympics * She was part of 2017 Women's Asian Cup, and they also won the title second time in 2017 at Kakamigahara in Japan, for the first time the trophy was brought in year 2004, due to this they got selected for world cup which was held in 2018 * She led the Indian women's hockey team as captain in 2018 Asian Games, where they won a silver medal and was India's flag-bearer for the closing ceremony of the games * She worked as Assistant Coach with Sports Authority Of India.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020 (2) Padma Shri-2020.



Born : 04-12-1994
Birth Place : Shahabad
Markanda,Kurukshetra,
Haryana, India







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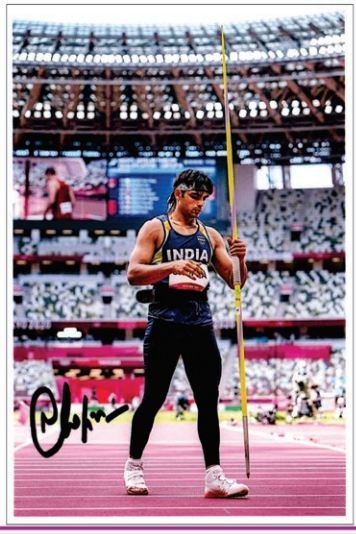
Neeraj Chopra

2021

Athletics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian track and field athlete who competes in the javelin throw * Considered as the greatest javelin thrower India has produced, Chopra won the gold medal at the 2020 Olympics, becoming the first Asian athlete in javelin throw to do so at Olympics * He is also the first Asian to win the javelin gold in the World Athletics Championships after his win in 2023 * Chopra has won gold medals in almost every major javelin throw tournament * Chopra is the first athletics gold medalist for India * As of 2024, he is one of only two Indians to have won an individual Olympic gold medal, the youngest-ever Indian Olympic gold medalist in an individual event and the only individual to have won gold on his Olympic debut * He is one of the five individual multiple medalists for India at the Olympics after his silver medal at the 2024 Olympics * He was the first Indian to win at the World Under-20 Championships, where he achieved a world U20 record throw of 86.48 m in 2016, becoming the first Indian athlete to set a world record in athletics * He is one of the five individual multiple medalists for India at the Olympics after his silver medal at the 2024 Olympics.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2018 (2) Vishisht Seva Medal-2020 (3) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (4) Param Vishisht Seva Medal-2022 (5) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 24-12-1997
Birth Place : Khandra,
Haryana, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-45

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-45
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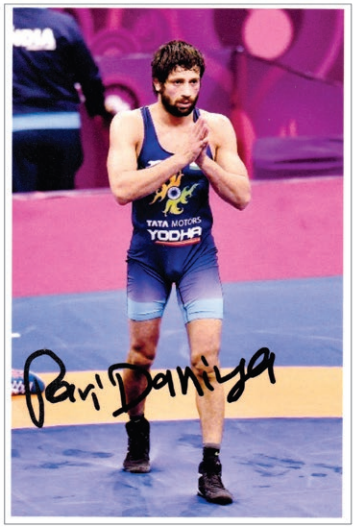
Ravi Kumar Dahiya

2021

Freestyle Wrestling

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian freestyle wrestler who won a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the 57 kg category * Dahiya is also a bronze medallist from 2019 World Wrestling Championships and a three-time Asian champion * At the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, he won the gold medal in the men's 57kg freestyle wrestling category * In his World Championships debut in 2019, Dahiya defeated the European champion Arsen Harutyunyan in the round of 16, and the 2017 world champion Yuki Takahashi in the quarterfinal, to earn one of the six available quota places for the 2020 Summer Olympics * He lost to defending champion and eventual gold medalist Zaur Uguev in the semifinal round. However, he managed to take the bronze after defeating Reza Atri of Iran * Dahiya won gold at the 2020 Asian Wrestling Championships in New Delhi and the 2021 Asian Wrestling Championships in Almaty.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 12-12-1997
Birth Place : Nahri,
Haryana, India



Ravi Dahiya

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-46

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-46
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Lovlina Borgohain

2021

Boxing

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian boxer * She won a bronze medal at the 2020 Olympic Games in the women's welterweight event, becoming only the third Indian boxer to win a medal at the Olympics * She won gold medal at 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships and bronze medals at the 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and the 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships * Borgohain is the first female athlete and the second boxer from Assam to represent the state in the Olympics * She won gold medal at the 1st India Open International Boxing Tournament in New Delhi in 2018 and silver medal at the 2nd India Open International Boxing Tournament in Guwahati * Borgohain's career's biggest break came when she was selected to participate in the 2018 Commonwealth Games welterweight boxing category * Her selection in the 2018 Commonwealth Games was attributed to her success at the inaugural India Open – an international boxing championship held in February 2018 – where she won a gold medal in the welterweight category.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 02-10-1997
Birth Place : Baromukhia,
Barpathar, Golaghat,
Assam, India



Lovlina

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-47

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-47
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

P. R. Sreejesh

(Born : Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh)

2021

Hockey



Profile & Performance: Is an Indian field hockey coach and former player * He was the captain of the national team and played as a goalkeeper * Since 2024, he is the head coach of the India men's national U-21 team * He is regarded as one of the greatest goal keepers in the history of field hockey * Sreejesh played a vital role in the Indian national team's bronze medal wins at the 2020 and 2024 Summer Olympics * He won the best male goalkeeper award at the FIH Awards in 2020, 2022, and 2024 * He was part of the teams that clinched gold medals at the 2014 and 2022 Asian Games, and secured a bronze medal at the 2018 edition.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2019 (2) Padma Bhushan-2025 (3) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.

Born : 08-05-1988
Birth Place : Kochi,
Kerala, India

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Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-48

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-48
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Avani Lekhara

2021

Paralympic Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic rifle shooter and disability rights advocate * She is the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Paralympic Games and win multiple medals in a single edition of the Paralympics * Competing in the SH1 classification, Lekhara made history at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics by securing gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing event and bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions * On 3 September 2021, she became the first Indian female Paralympian to win two medals in Paralympics history after claiming bronze in women's 50m air rifle standing event * In March 2024, she won a bronze medal at the World Cup in New Delhi, scoring 227.0 points * She went on to break her own world record at the 2024 Paralympics, further solidifying her position as one of India's most accomplished para-athletes * Avani Lekhara was featured in the second season of Kalki Presents: My Indian Life, a podcast produced by the BBC World Service and hosted by actress Kalki Koechlin.

Honours: Received (1) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (2) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 08-11-2001
Birth Place : Jaipur,
Rajasthan, India



Avani

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-49

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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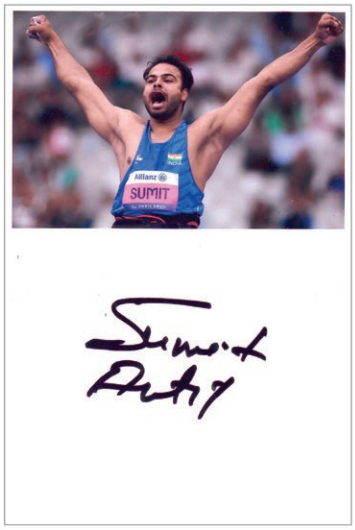
Sumit Antil

2021

Para-Athletics...Javelin Throw

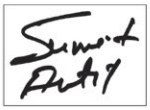
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian javelin thrower * He is a double gold medalist at the Paralympics, having won the men's javelin throw F64 event at the 2020 Paralympics and the 2024 Paralympics * He set a new Paralympic record both times with his throws of 68.55 m and 70.59 m * In 2022, Antil not only won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games but also made the para-javelin WR of 73.29 m * He is a six-time world record holder * He began competing at javelin on the National circuit and GoSports inducted him into the Para Champions Programme in 2019 * In 2019, at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Italy, he broke the world record in the F64 category en route to winning the Silver medal in the Combined Event * He then won the Silver medal at World Para Athletics Championships, Dubai, 2019 and in the process broke his own world record in the F64 category.

Honours: Received (1) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (2) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 07-06-1998
Birth Place : Sonipat,
Haryana, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-50

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-50
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Pramod Bhagat

2021

Para-Badminton

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian professional Para-badminton player from Vaishali district, Bihar * He is currently ranked world number 2 in para-badminton men's singles SL3, and won a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Paralympics in Men's singles SL3 * Bhagat is currently serving an 18-month competition ban set to expire in September 2025 for an anti-doping rule violation relating to three missed tests * At the age of 13, he went to watch a badminton match and was fascinated with the game * For the next 2 years, he was deeply engulfed in the game with footwork, fitness, and fixture of the game * Pramod played his first tournament against normal category players when he was 15 years old * He was encouraged by spectators, which motivated him to move ahead in his badminton career.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2019 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (3) Padma Shri-2022.





Born : 04-06-1988
Birth Place : Hajipur,
Vaishali, Bihar, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-51

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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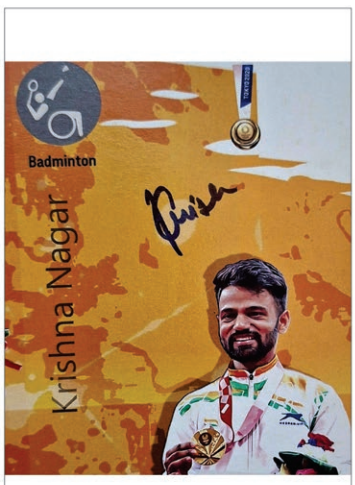
Krishna Nagar

2021

Para-Badminton

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para badminton player from Rajasthan * He had been ranked world number 2 in para-badminton men's Singles SH6 * He won a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Paralympics * In the 2018 Asian Para Games in Indonesia, Krishna Nagar won a bronze medal in the singles event * In the 2019 BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Basel, Switzerland Krishna Nagar won the silver medal in the men's doubles event alongside compatriot Raja Magotra * He also won a bronze in the singles event * In the 2020 Summer Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan, Krishna Nagar won the gold medal in men's singles SH6.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 12-01-1999
Birth Place : Jaipur,
Rajasthan, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-52

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-52
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Manish Narwal

2021

Paralympic Shooting

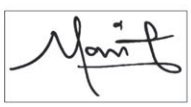
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-pistol shooter * He is currently ranked second in Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 world rankings * He won a silver medal at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * He is currently supported by Olympic Gold Quest, a sports NGO * He began shooting in 2016 in Ballabhgarh * Narwal pistol shooting in 2016 at Faridabad in the Haryana State, was where he made history by setting a world record while clinching gold in the P4 mixed 50m pistol SH1 event at the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup * He won several medals, including gold, silver and bronze medals in the national and International events * Manish Narwal qualified for the Paralympics Games in Tokyo and represented Team India at the Shooting Paralympic of the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He won a gold medal for India in Mixed P4 – 50 m pistol SH1.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.





Born : 17-10-2001
Birth Place : Faridabad,
Haryana, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-53

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-53
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Mithali Raj

2021

Cricket

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former cricketer who captained the national team from 2004 to 2022 * She is the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket, and ESPN ranked her as one of the greatest female cricketers of all time * She is the only female cricketer to surpass 7,000 runs in Women's One Day International (WODI) matches * She is the first player to score seven consecutive 50s in ODIs * She also holds the record for most half-centuries in WODIs * In 2005, Raj became the permanent captain of India * She is the only female player to have captained India in more than one ICC ODI World Cup final, doing so in the 2005 and the 2017 * In June 2018, during the 2018 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup, she became the first player from India to score 2000 runs in T20Is * She also became the first female cricketer to reach 2000 WT20I runs * On 1 February 2019, during India's series against New Zealand Women, Mithali Raj became the first woman to play in 200 ODI matches * In July 2021, Raj broke Charlotte Edwards's record of 10,273 runs to become the player with the most runs in women's international cricket.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2003 (2) Padma Shri-2015 (3) Wisden Leading Woman Cricketer in the World-2017 (4) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 03-12-1982
Birth Place : Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India







Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-54

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-54
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Sunil Chhetri

2021

Football

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian professional footballer who plays as a forward for Indian Super League club Bengaluru and captains the India national team * He is the all-time top scorer in Indian Super League history * He is known for his link-up play, goal scoring abilities, and leadership * He is the fourth-highest international goalscorer and is also the most-capped player and the all-time top goalscorer of the India national team * He is widely regarded as one of the greatest Asian football players of all time * Chhetri helped India win the 2007, 2009, and 2012 Nehru Cup, as well as the 2011, 2015, 2021 and 2023 SAFF Championship * He also led India to victory in the 2008 AFC Challenge Cup, which qualified them to their first AFC Asian Cup in 27 years, scoring twice in the final tournament in 2011 * In 2016, Chhetri led Bengaluru FC to a silver medal finish in the AFC Cup * Chhetri has also been named AIFF Player of the Year a record seven times in 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018–19 and 2021–22 * He announced his retirement from all forms of international football in June 2024, playing his last match for India against Kuwait. On 6 March 2025 though, it was announced that Chhetri had come out of international retirement to help the national team * His goal tally also ranks him fourth in the all-time list among international goal-scorers, behind Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Ali Daei.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2011 (2) Padma Shri-2019 (3) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.





Born : 03-08-1984
Birth Place : Secunderabad, Telangana, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-55

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-55
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Manpreet Singh

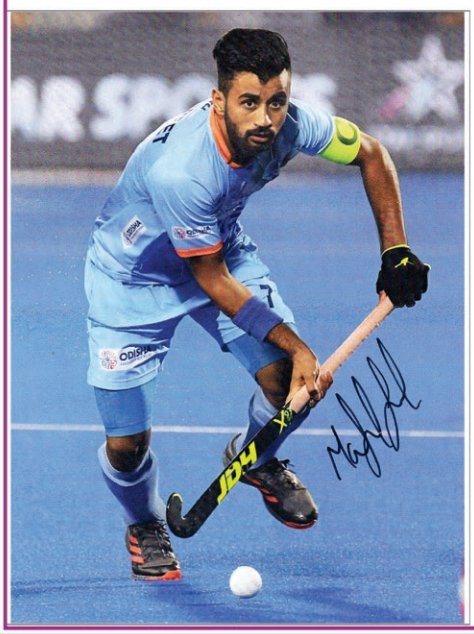
(Born : Manpreet Singh Pawa)

2021

Hockey

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian field hockey player and a four time Olympian from Punjab * He led the Indian field hockey team to the bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics * He plays as a halfback * He is also the captain of Team Gonasika in the Hockey India League * He became the first Indian hockey player to win the FIH Best Player of the year award at the 2019 FIH Awards * He first played for India in 2011 at the age of 19 * He represented India at the 2012 Summer Olympics and was named Asia's Junior Player of the Year in 2014 * He was named in the Indian squad for the 2016 Summer Olympics * In 2014 Asian Games at Incheon in South Korea, he was part of India's men's hockey team that won Gold medal after defeating arch rival Pakistan in final by 4–2.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 26-06-1992
Birth Place : Jalandhar, Punjab, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-56

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Sharath Kamal

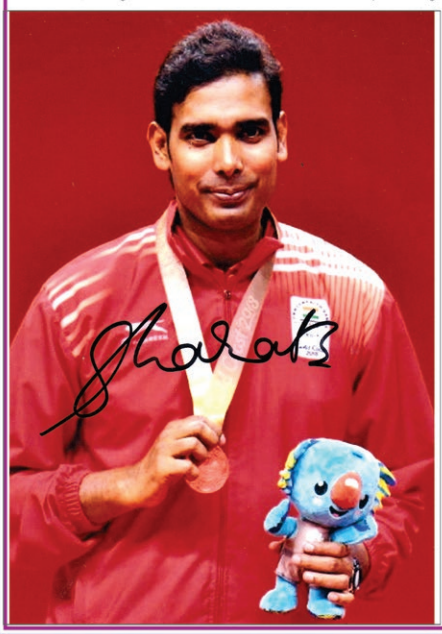
(Born : Sharath Kamal Achanta)

2022

Table Tennis

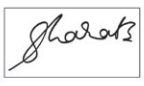
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former table tennis player * He is a ten time national champion * He beat Joo Se Hyuk and Chuang Chih-yuan, world no. 8 and 16 respectively in 2015 28th Asian cup at Jaipur * He won the gold at the Commonwealth Championship held at Kuala Lumpur in 2004 * He won the gold at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, beating crowd fave William Henzell in the final and helped clinch gold in the team event against Singapore * He teamed up with Subhajit Saha to win the doubles gold at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi * He won three medals in 2018 Commonwealth Games; Gold in men's team event; Silver in men's doubles; and bronze in men's singles event.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2004 (2) Padma Shri-2019 (3) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2022.



Born : 12-07-1982
Birth Place : Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-57

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Chirag Shetty

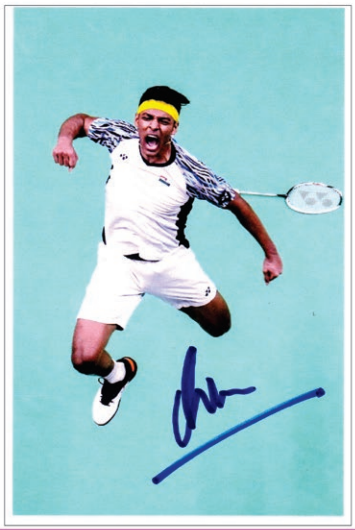
(Born : Chirag Chandrashekhar Shetty)

2023

Badminton

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian badminton player * Partnering Satwiksairaj Rankireddy in the men's doubles, he emerge victorius in the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Asian Championships * They are the only Indian doubles pair to become number 1 in world ranking, win the World Tour Super 1000, and the first Indians to win a gold medal at the Asian Games in badminton * In 2018, Shetty and Rankireddy played a crucial role in earning India a historic gold medal in the mixed team event at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, where they also won the men's doubles silver * Shetty and Rankireddy won their first title as a pair in the 2023 Swiss Open (badminton), beating Ren Xiangyu and Tan Qiang in the final * The duo also crowned as Asian Champion after winning the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships held in Dubai.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2023.



Born : 04-07-1997
Birth Place : Mumbai,
Maharashtra, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-58

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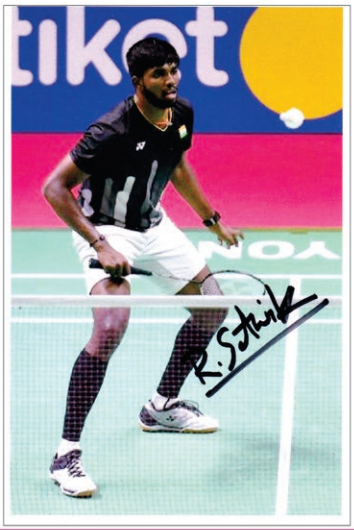
Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

2023

Badminton

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian badminton player * Together with his men's doubles partner Chirag Shetty, he won the gold medal at the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Asian Championships * They are the only Indian doubles pair to become number 1 in world ranking, win the World Tour Super 1000, and the first Indians to win a gold medal at the Asian Games in badminton * In 2018, Rankireddy and Shetty played a crucial role in earning India a historic gold medal in the mixed team event at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, where they also won the men's doubles silver * Rankireddy and Shetty won their first title as a pair in the 2023 Swiss Open (badminton), beating Ren Xiangyu and Tan Qiang in the final * The duo also crowned as Asian Champion after winning the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships held in Dubai * He achieved a new Guinness World Record for the fastest hit in badminton by any player, with his smash reaching a speed of 565 km/h.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2023.



Born : 13-08-2000
Birth Place : Amalapuram,
East Godavari District,
Andhra Pradesh, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-59

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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Gukesh Dommaraju

2024

Chess

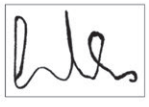
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian chess grandmaster and the reigning World Chess Champion * A chess prodigy, Gukesh is the youngest undisputed world champion, the youngest player to have surpassed a FIDE rating of 2750, doing so at the age of 17, and the third-youngest to have surpassed 2700 Elo at the age of 16 * He earned the title of grandmaster at the age of 12 and is the third-youngest grandmaster in chess history * He won the under-12 title at the World Youth Chess Championship in 2018, and multiple gold medals at the 2018 Asian Youth Chess Championship * He became an International Master in March 2017 * On 15 January 2019, he became the then second-youngest grandmaster in the history of the game, after Sergey Karjakin * Gukesh won the team bronze and the individual gold medal at the 44th Chess Olympiad in 2022 * In the September 2023 rating list, Gukesh became the top-rated Indian player, surpassing Viswanathan Anand's 37-year record * In the 45th Chess Olympiad in 2024, he won both team and individual gold medals * In 2024, he became the youngest winner of the Candidates Tournament and successfully challenged Ding Liren in the World Chess Championship, becoming the 18th and youngest undisputed world champion, at the age of 18 years and 195 days.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.





Born : 29-05-2006
Birth Place : Chennai,
Tamil Nadu, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-60

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
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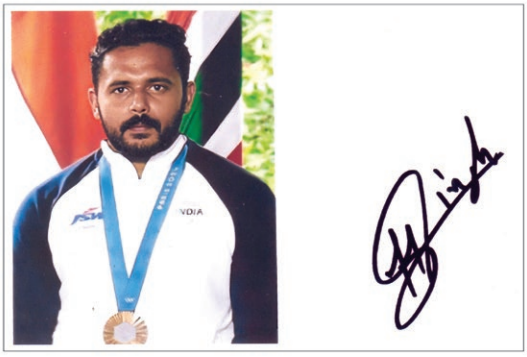
Harmanpreet Singh

2024

Hockey

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian field hockey player as well as the captain of the Indian national hockey team * He plays as a defender, is a penalty corner specialist, and is regarded as one of the best drag flickers in the world * He has scored the most number of international goals for India in modern day hockey * Singh was nominated as the captain of the hockey team for Paris Olympics 2024 * He led the team to a bronze win against Spain on August 8, 2024, at the 2024 Olympics * He was the top scorer in the tournament with a total of 10 goals, including two crucial goals in the bronze medal match * This was his second bronze in three appearances at the Olympics * Singh also captained the team to win a gold at the 2022 Asian Games * He has won the Player of the Year title at the FIH Awards thrice * He is known as Sarpanch Saab for leading the team from the front towards victory * Singh was bought by Dabang Mumbai for $51000 in the 2015 Hockey India League, he scored 5 goals in his first edition * He went on to win the Ponty Chadha award for the most promising player of the tournament in 2015 * Daband Mumbai retained him for the 2016 edition * He scored 2 goals in the whole season but his good defensive skills helped in making the case to retain him * He scored 6 goals in the 2017 edition * He also won the Upcoming Player of the Tournament award.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2021 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.





Born : 06-01-1996
Birth Place : Timmowal, Amritsar,
Punjab, India



Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-61

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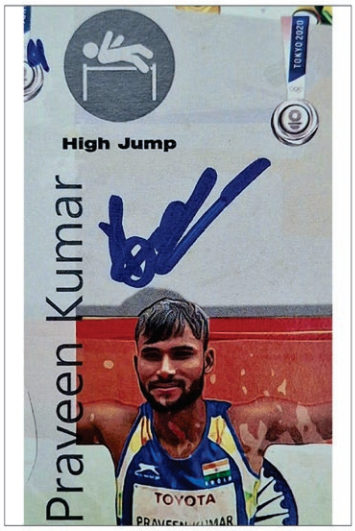
Praveen Kumar

2024

Para-Athletics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper * He won gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics and silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics * He is also a 2022 Asian Para Games gold medalist * In 2023, he won the men's high jump T64 at the 2022 Asian Para Games at Hangzhou, China on 23 October 2023 * He also broke the Games' record of 2.02m in the final * Praveen Kumar was born with a short leg * He started with a passion for volleyball but opted for the high jump after giving his able-bodied opponents stiff competition in a junior event.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.



Born : 15-05-2003
Birth Place : Govindgarh,
Uttar Pradesh, India





Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awardee-62

MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
KHEL RATNA AWARDEES-62
(Formerly Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award)

Manu Bhaker

2024

Shooting

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter * She has won 2 medals at the Olympic Games, 7 medals at the Asian Games and Asian Championships, and 22 medals at the World Championships and World Cups * At a young age of 15, Bhaker became one of the top female shooters in India, winning multiple gold medals at the 2017 National games * At the 2024 Olympics, she became the first Indian woman shooter to win a medal by clinching the bronze in the 10m pistol event * She won another bronze in 10m pistol mixed team, becoming the first Indian to win two medals in a single Olympic Games * Bhaker is also the youngest Indian to win gold medals at the World Cup * She has won gold at the Commonwealth and Asian Games * While she won the gold at the 2022 Asian Games in the women's 25m pistol team event, Bhaker won the gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the 10-metre air pistol event * She set a Commonwealth Games record during the same edition * In 2018, a 16 year old Bhaker was the youngest Indian to win gold at the World Cup.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.



Born : 18-02-2002
Birth Place : Goria,
Haryana, India









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INDIA

Olympic Medal Winners of India

Praful Thakkar I.A.S. (Retd.)

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA

The Olympic Games are the world's preeminent international sporting events. They feature summer and winter sports competitions in which thousands of athletes from around the world participate in a variety of competitions. The Olympic Games, open to both amateur and professional athletes, involves more than 200 teams, each team representing a sovereign state or territory. By default, the Games generally substitute for any World Championships during the year in which they take place (however, each class usually maintains its own records).

The Olympics are staged every four years. Since 1994, they have alternated between the Summer and Winter Olympics every two years during the four-year Olympiad.

The Games have grown to the point that nearly every nation is now represented; colonies and overseas territories are often allowed to field their own teams. This growth has created numerous challenges and controversies, including boycotts, doping, match fixing, bribery, and terrorism. Every two years, the Olympics and its media exposure provide athletes with the chance to attain national and international fame. The Games also provide an opportunity for the host city and country to showcase themselves to the world.

The Olympic Games have become a significant global event, fostering international cooperation and cultural exchange. At the same time, hosting the Olympic Games can also bring significant economic benefits and challenges to the host city, affecting infrastructure, tourism and local communities.

Olympic Medal Winners of India

1 India first sent a team to the Summer Olympic Games in 1920 and has participated in every Summer Games since then. However, India has participated in Winter Olympics but has never won any medal in Winter Olympic games.

2 India has won a total of 41 medals and they all have been won at the Summer Olympic Games.

3 These medals include 10 golds, 9 silvers, and 22 bronzes.

4 India's field hockey team has won 8 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals.

5 India has also won medals in athletics, badminton, boxing, shooting, tennis, weightlifting, and wrestling.

6 India's best performance was at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics, where they won 7 medals.

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA

Sr.	Medal	Medalist	Games	Sport	Event
1	Silver	Norman Pritchard	1900 Paris	Athletics	Men's 200m
2	Silver	Norman Pritchard	1900 Paris	Athletics	Men's 200m hurdles
3	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1928 Amsterdam	Field hockey	Men's tournament
4	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1932 Los Angeles	Field hockey	Men's tournament
5	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1936 Berlin	Field hockey	Men's tournament
6	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1948 London	Field hockey	Men's tournament
7	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1952 Helsinki	Field hockey	Men's tournament
8	Bronze	K. D. Jadhav	1952 Helsinki	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 57 kg
9	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1956 Melbourne	Field hockey	Men's tournament
10	Silver	Men's field hockey team	1960 Rome	Field hockey	Men's tournament
11	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1964 Tokyo	Field hockey	Men's tournament
12	Bronze	Men's field hockey team	1968 Mexico City	Field hockey	Men's tournament
13	Bronze	Men's field hockey team	1972 Munich	Field hockey	Men's tournament
14	Gold	Men's field hockey team	1980 Moscow	Field hockey	Men's tournament
15	Bronze	Leander Paes	1996 Atlanta	Tennis	Men's singles
16	Bronze	Karnam Malleswari	2000 Sydney	Weightlifting	Women's 69 kg
17	Silver	Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	2004 Athens	Shooting	Men's double trap
18	Gold	Abhinav Bindra	2008 Beijing	Shooting	Men's 10m air rifle
19	Bronze	Vijender Singh	2008 Beijing	Boxing	Middleweight
20	Bronze	Sushil Kumar	2008 Beijing	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 66 kg

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA

Sr.	Medal	Medalist	Games	Sport	Event
21	Silver	Vijay Kumar	2012 London	Shooting	Men's 25m rapid fire pistol
22	Silver	Sushil Kumar	2012 London	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 66 kg
23	Bronze	Saina Nehwal	2012 London	Badminton	Women's singles
24	Bronze	Mary Kom	2012 London	Boxing	Women's flyweight
25	Bronze	Gagan Narang	2012 London	Shooting	Men's 10m air rifle
26	Bronze	Yogeshwar Dutt	2012 London	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 60 kg
27	Silver	P. V. Sindhu	2016 Rio de Janeiro	Badminton	Women's singles
28	Bronze	Sakshi Malik	2016 Rio de Janeiro	Wrestling	Women's freestyle 58 kg
29	Gold	Neeraj Chopra	2020 Tokyo	Athletics	Men's javelin throw
30	Silver	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	2020 Tokyo	Weightlifting	Women's 49 kg
31	Silver	Ravi Kumar Dahiya	2020 Tokyo	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 57 kg
32	Bronze	P. V. Sindhu	2020 Tokyo	Badminton	Women's singles
33	Bronze	Lovlina Borgohain	2020 Tokyo	Boxing	Women's welterweight
34	Bronze	Men's field hockey team	2020 Tokyo	Field hockey	Men's tournament
35	Bronze	Bajrang Punia	2020 Tokyo	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 65 kg
36	Silver	Neeraj Chopra	2024 Paris	Athletics	Men's javelin throw
37	Bronze	Manu Bhaker	2024 Paris	Shooting	Women's 10m air pistol
38	Bronze	Manu Bhaker & Sarabjot Singh	2024 Paris	Shooting	Mixed 10m air pistol team
39	Bronze	Swapnil Kusale	2024 Paris	Shooting	Men's 50m rifle 3 positions
40	Bronze	Men's field hockey team	2024 Paris	Field hockey	Men's tournament
41	Bronze	Aman Sehrawat	2024 Paris	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 57 kg

Olympic Medal Winner-1

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-1 & 2

Norman Pritchard

(Known as : Norman Trevor)



Silver - Athletics

1900 - Paris Olympics

Profile & Performance: Also known by his stage name Norman Trevor, was a British-Indian athlete and actor who became the first Asian-born athlete to win an Olympic medal when he won two silver medals in athletics at the 1900 Paris Olympics representing India * He won India's first medal at the Olympics in the 200 metres and the 200 metres hurdles.



Born : 23-06-1875
Died : 30-10-1929
Birth Place : Calcutta, Bengal Presidency, British India





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Olympic Medal Winner-2

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-1 & 2

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Olympic Medal Winner-3

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-3

Men's Field Hockey Team

1928 Summer Olympics

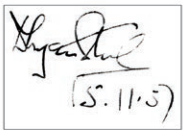
Gold - Field Hockey

1928 - Amsterdam, Netherlands Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Jaipal Singh (Captain)
- Richard Allen
- Dhyan Chand
- Michael Gateley
- William Goodsir-Cullen
- Leslie Hammond
- Feroze Khan
- George Marthins
- Rex Norris
- Broome Pinniger
- Michael Rocque
- Frederic Seaman
- Ali Shaukat
- Shahzada Muhammad Yusuf





Dhyan Chand

Olympic Medal Winner-4

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-4

Men's Field Hockey Team

1932 Summer Olympics

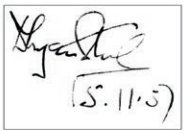
Gold - Field Hockey

1932 - Los Angeles, United States Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Lal Bokhari (Captain)
- Richard Allen
- Muhammad Aslam
- Frank Brewin
- Richard Carr
- Dhyan Chand
- Leslie Hammond
- Arthur Charles Hind
- Sayed Jaffar
- Masud Minhas
- Broome Pinniger
- Gurmit Singh Kullar
- Roop Singh
- William Sullivan
- Carlyle Tapsell





Dhyan Chand

Olympic Medal Winner-5

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-5

Men's Field Hockey Team

1936 Summer Olympics

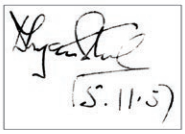
Gold - Field Hockey

1936 - Los Angeles, United States Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Richard Allen
- Dhyan Chand
- Ali Dara
- Lionel Emmett
- Peter Fernandes
- Joseph Galibardy
- Earnest Goodsir-Cullen
- Mohammed Hussain
- Sayed Jaffar
- Ahmed Sher Khan
- Ahsan Muhammad Khan
- Mirza Masood
- Cyril Michie
- Baboo Nimal
- Joseph Phillips
- Shahab-ud-Din Shabban
- Gurcharan Singh Grewal
- Roop Singh
- Carlyle Tapsell





Dhyan Chand

Olympic Medal Winner-6

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-6

Men's Field Hockey Team

1948 Summer Olympics

Gold - Field Hockey

1948 - London, England Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Leslie Claudius
- Keshav Dutt
- Walter D'Souza
- Lawrie Fernandes
- Ranganathan Francis
- Gerry Glackan
- Akhtar Hussain
- Patrick Jansen
- Amir Kumar
- Kishan Lal (Captain)
- Leo Pinto
- Jaswant Singh Rajput
- Latif-ur-Rehman
- Reginald Rodrigues
- Balbir Singh Sr.
- Randhir Singh Gentle
- Grahanandan Singh
- K. D. Singh (Vice Captain)
- Trilochan Singh
- Maxie Vaz



Olympic Medal Winner-7

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-7

Men's Field Hockey Team

1952 Summer Olympics

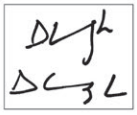
Gold - Field Hockey

1952 - Helsinki, Finland Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- K. D. Singh
- Leslie Claudius
- Meldric Daluz
- Keshav Dutt
- Chinadorai Deshmutu
- Ranganathan Francis
- Raghbir Lal
- Govind Perumal
- Muniswamy Rajgopal
- Balbir Singh Sr.
- Randhir Singh Gentle
- C. S. Dubey
- Udham Singh
- Dharam Singh Gill
- Grahanandan Singh
- Chaman Singh Gurung
- Jaswant Singh Rajput





Dharam Singh Gill

Olympic Medal Winner-8

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-8



K. D. Jadhav

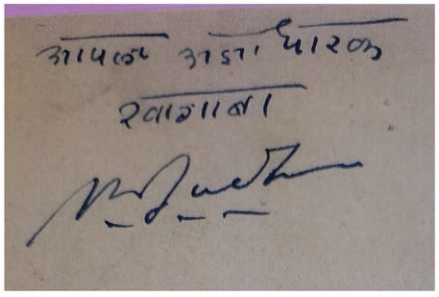
(Born : Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav)

Bronze - Wrestling

1952 - Helsinki Olympics

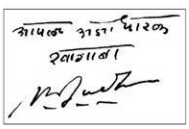
Profile & Performance: Was an Indian freestyle wrestler * He is best known for winning a bronze medal at the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki * He was the first athlete from independent India to win an individual medal in the Olympics * Jadhav's first feel of the big stage was at the 1948 London Olympics; his journey was funded by the Maharaja of Kolhapur * He stunned the audience by defeating the Australian wrestler Bert Harris in the first few minutes of the bout * He went on to defeat Billy Jernigan of the US, but lost to Mansour Raeisi of Iran, to be eliminated from the Games * On 15 January 2023, Google honoured Jadhav with a Google Doodle on his 97th birth anniversary.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2000 (Posthumous).





Born : 15-01-1925
Died : 14-08-1984
Birth Place : Satara, Satara District, Bombay Presidency, British India



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Olympic Medal Winner-9

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-9

Men's Field Hockey Team

1956 Summer Olympics

Gold - Field Hockey

1956 - Melbourne, Australia Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Leslie Claudius
- Ranganathan Francis
- Haripal Kaushik
- Amir Kumar
- Raghbir Lal
- Shankar Lakshman
- O. P. Malhotra
- Govind Perumal
- Amit Singh Bakshi
- Raghbir Singh Bhola
- Balbir Singh Dosanjh
- Hardyal Singh Garchey
- Randhir Singh Gentle
- Balkishan Singh Grewal
- Gurdev Singh Kullar
- Udham Singh Kullar
- Bakshish Singh
- Charles Stephen



Olympic Medal Winner-10

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-10

Men's Field Hockey Team

1960 Summer Olympics

Silver - Field Hockey

1960 - Rome, Italy Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Joseph Antic
- Leslie Claudius
- Jaman Lal Sharma
- Mohinder Lal
- Shankar Lakshman
- John Peter
- Govind Sawant
- Raghbir Singh Bhola
- Udham Singh Kullar
- Charanjit Singh
- Jaswant Singh
- Joginder Singh
- Prithipal Singh
- Shantaram Jadhav



Olympic Medal Winner-11

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-11

Men's Field Hockey Team

1964 Summer Olympics

Gold - Field Hockey

1964 - Tokyo, Japan Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Haripal Kaushik
- Mohinder Lal
- Shankar Lakshman
- Bandu Patil
- John Peter
- Ali Sayed
- Udham Singh Kullar
- Charanjit Singh
- Darshan Singh
- Dharam Singh
- Gurbux Singh
- Harbinder Singh
- Jagjit Singh
- Joginder Singh
- Prithipal Singh
- Balbir Singh Kullar
- Rajendran Christie



Dharam Singh Gill

Gurbux Singh

Harbinder Singh

Balbir Singh Kullar

Olympic Medal Winner-12

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-12

Men's Field Hockey Team

1968 Summer Olympics

Bronze - Field Hockey

1968 - Mexico City, Mexico Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Rajendra Christy
- Krishnamurty Perumal
- John "V.J." Peter
- Inam-ur Rahman
- Munir Sait
- Ajit Pal Singh
- Balbir Singh Kullar
- Balbir Singh Kular
- Balbir Singh Grewal
- Gurbux Singh
- Harbinder Singh
- Harmik Singh
- Inder "Gogi" Singh
- Prithipal Singh
- Tarsem Singh
- Jagjit Singh



Ajit Pal Singh

Balbir Singh Kullar

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Harbinder Singh

Harmik Singh

Olympic Medal Winner-13

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-13

Men's Field Hockey Team

1972 Summer Olympics

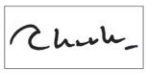
Bronze - Field Hockey

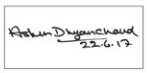
1972 - Munich, West Germany Olympics

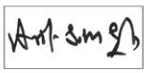
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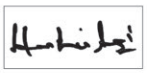
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- Ashok Kumar
- M. P. Ganesh
- Krishnamurty Perumal
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- Virinder Singh
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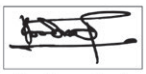



Charles Cornelius

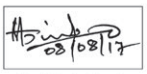

Ashok Kumar


Ajit Pal Singh


Harbinder Singh


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Harmik Singh


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Olympic Medal Winner-14

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-14

Men's Field Hockey Team

1980 Summer Olympics

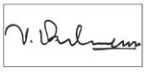
Gold - Field Hockey

1980 - Moscow, USSR Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

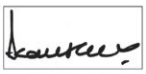
- Vasudevan Baskaran
- Bir Bhadur Chettri
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- Merwyn Fernandes
- Zafar Iqbal
- Maharaj Krishan Kaushik
- Charanjit Kumar
- Maneyapanda Somaya
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- Rajinder Singh
- Ravinder Pal Singh
- Surinder Singh Sodhi

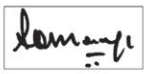


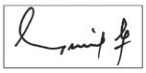

Vasudevan Baskaran


Merwyn Fernandes


Zafar Iqbal


MK Kaushik


Maneyapanda Somaya


Gurmail Singh

Olympic Medal Winner-15

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-15

Leander Paes

(Born : Leander Adrian Paes)

Bronze - Tennis

1996 - Atlanta



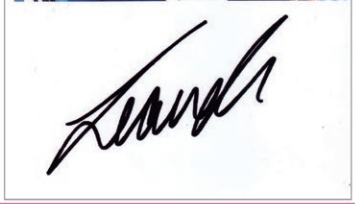
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former professional tennis player and the first Asian man to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame * He is regarded as one of the greatest doubles tennis players of all-time and holds the record for the most doubles wins in the Davis Cup * Paes won eight men's doubles and ten mixed doubles Grand Slam titles * He holds a career Grand Slam in men's doubles and mixed doubles making him one of only three men in the Open era to achieve this distinction and won the rare men's/mixed double at the 1999 Wimbledon Championships * He won a bronze medal for India in men's singles at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games making him the first Asian in Olympic history to win a tennis medal and the only Indian to date * Paes, together with Mahesh Bhupathi, were the first pair in Open era history to reach the men's doubles finals of all 4 Grand Slams in the same calendar year (1999) * He is also the most decorated male tennis player in Asian Games history with 5 Gold and 3 Bronze medals.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award...1996-1997 (2) Arjuna Award-1990 (3) Padma Shri-2001 (4) Padma Bhushan-2014.



Born : 17-06-1973
Birth Place : Mumbai,
Maharashtra, India







Olympic Medal Winner-16

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-16

Karnam Malleswari

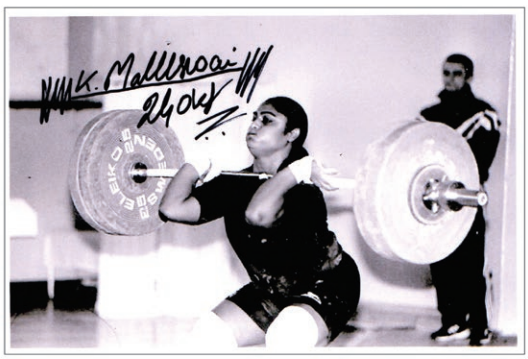


Bronze - Weightlifting

2000 - Sydney Olympics

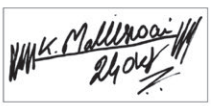
Profile & Performance: Is a retired Indian weightlifter * She became the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics in 2000, and was India's only medal in the 2000 Olympics * Malleswari won the world title in the 54 kg division in 1994 and 1995 and placed third in 1993 and 1996 * In 1994, she won silver at the World Championships in Istanbul and in 1995 she won the Asian Weightlifting Championships in Korea in the 54 kg category * That year, she won the title in China with a record lift of 113 kg at the World Championships * Even before her Olympic win, Malleswari was a two-time weightlifting world champion with 29 international medals, which includes 11 gold medals * At the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Malleswari lifted 110 kg in the "snatch" and 130 kg in the "clean and jerk" categories for a total of 240 kg * She won the bronze medal and became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal * She is also the first Indian weightlifter, male or female, to win an Olympic medal * Her medal was the only medal that India secured in the 2000 Olympics * In June 2021, she was appointed as the vice-chancellor of Sports University, established by the government of Delhi.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-1994 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award...1994-1995 (3) Padma Shri-1999.





Born : 01-06-1975
Birth Place : Voosavanipeta,
Srikakulam Dist.,
Andhra Pradesh, India



Olympic Medal Winner-17

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-17

Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

Silver - Sport Shooting
2004 - Athens Olympics



Profile & Performance: Is an Indian politician, Olympic medallist in shooting and retired colonel in the Indian Army * He is serving as a cabinet minister at the Industry & Commerce, Youth Affairs & Sports Department in the Government of Rajasthan since December 2023 * Rathore was a Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha from Jaipur Rural seat since 2014 till 2023 * He won 25 international medals at various championships for Double Trap Shooting including a silver medal at 2004 Summer Olympics in Men's Double Trap event * At the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, Rathore won a gold medal and set a new Commonwealth Games Record of 192 targets out of 200, which still stands * He also won the Team Gold Medal along with Moraad Ali Khan * Rathore went on to successfully defend his Commonwealth Champion title by winning the gold medal at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006 * He also won the silver in the Team event with Vikram Bhatnagar * He won gold medals in two World Shooting Championships, at Sydney in 2004 and Cairo in 2006 * Rathore served as a commissioned officer in The Grenadiers regiment of the Indian Army before retiring in 2013 as a colonel * Following his retirement from the army and shooting, he also acted in some advertisements and tv shows after that he later became a member of the parliament for the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2014 * In November 2014, he was made the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting * Rathore served as a Cabinet minister with independent charge for Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from 2017 until 2019 *

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2003 (2) Padma Shri-2005 (3) Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.



Born : 29-01-1970
Birth Place : Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, India





Olympic Medal Winner-18

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-18

Abhinav Bindra

Gold - Sport Shooting
2008 - Beijing Olympics



Profile & Performance: Is an Indian former sport shooter and a businessman * He is an Olympic gold medalist as well as the first and one of only two Indians to win an individual Olympic gold medal * Bindra is also the first Indian to have held concurrently the World and Olympic titles for the men's 10-meter air rifle event, having earned those honors at the 2008 Summer Olympics and the 2006 World Championships * Bindra has won seven medals at the Commonwealth Games and three medals at the Asian Games * With more than 150 medals in his 22-year career and is one of the top influencers of sport policy in the country * At the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Bindra finished fourth in the finals of the 10-meter air rifle event * He also served as a goodwill ambassador for the Rio 2016 Olympics Indian contingent, having been appointed to that post by the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) * Bindra's primary outreach to Indian sports is through the Abhinav Bindra Foundation, a non-profit organization that works to integrate sports, science, and technology into Indian sports and encourage high-performance physical training.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2000 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2001 (3) Padma Bhushan-2009.



Born : 28-09-1982
Birth Place : Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India





Olympic Medal Winner-19

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-19

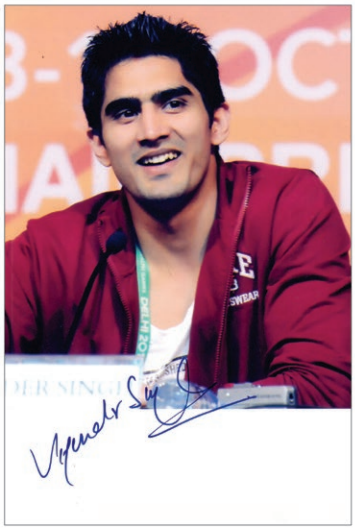
Vijender Singh

(Born : Vijender Singh Beniwal)
Bronze - Boxing
2008 - Beijing Olympics



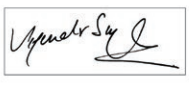
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian professional boxer and politician of Bharatiya Janata Party * As an amateur, he won a bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, becoming the first Indian boxer to win an Olympic medal * He also won bronze medals at the 2009 World Championships and the 2010 Commonwealth Games, as well as silver medals at the 2006 and 2014 Commonwealth Games, all in the middleweight division * In June 2015, Vijender Singh turned professional and signed a multi-year agreement with Queensberry Promotions through IOS Sports and Entertainment * This ruled him out of 2016 Olympics which would have been his fourth * He has also been an active politician and contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from the South Delhi constituency * Vijender made his Bollywood debut as an actor in film Fugly, released on 13 June 2014 * The film is produced by Grazing Goat Productions, owned by Akshay Kumar and Ashvini Yardi * Vijender was one of the judges on MTV India's reality TV show Roadies X2.

Honours: Received Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2009.



Born : 29-10-1985
Birth Place : Kaluwas, Haryana, India





Olympic Medal Winner-20

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-20 & 22

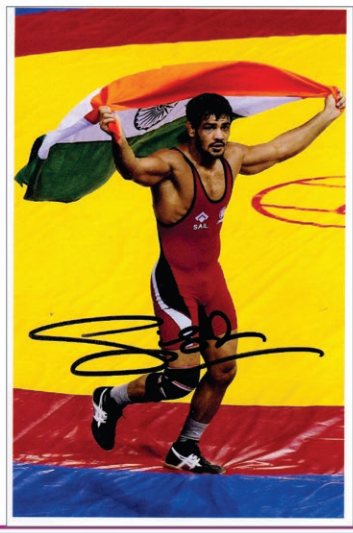
Sushil Kumar



Bronze - Wrestling
2008 - Beijing Olympics
Silver - Wrestling
2012 - London Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is a former Indian wrestler and a two-time Olympic medallist * He won a bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, India's first wrestling medal since K. D. Jadhav's bronze in 1952 and a silver at the 2012 London Olympics * Kumar participated in the Queen's Baton Relay at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and was India's flag bearer at the 2012 London Olympics * He clinched gold thrice at the Commonwealth Games and was crowned Asian Wrestling Champion in 2010 * He is the first and only Indian to win a gold medal at World Wrestling Championships * Kumar defeated Qamar Abbas in the 74 kg final to win the gold medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland * Kumar won gold in 74 kg category on 12 April 2018, Thursday, beating South Africa's Johannes Botha in the final that lasted 80 seconds thus achieving a feat of winning 3 gold medals in 3 consecutive Commonwealth Games * He appeared in the Indian documentary film Carve Your Destiny by Anubhav Srivastava.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2005 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2009 (3) Padma Shri-2011.



Born : 26-05-1983
Birth Place : Delhi, India





Olympic Medal Winner-21

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-21



Vijay Kumar

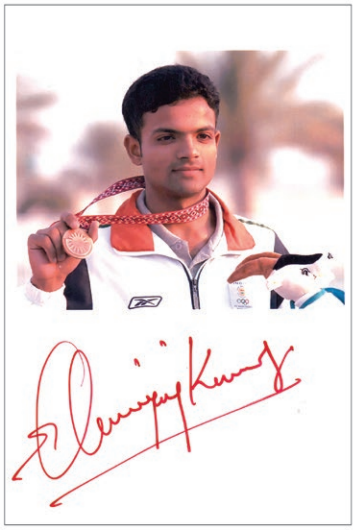
(Born : Vijay Kumar Sharma)

Silver - Sport Shooting

2012 - London Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter * He won the silver medal in the individual 25 metre rapid fire pistol event at the 2012 Summer Olympics * Kumar hails from Barsar village of Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh and is a retired Subedar Major (Warrant Officer Class I) in the Dogra Regiment (16th Battalion) Indian Army, who was later promoted to Honorary Captain Rank * Vijay Kumar is supported by the Olympic Gold Quest initiative * He is the only Indian to have won a medal at 25m rapid Fire Pistol * He has been posted at Indian Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) Mhow since 2003 where he is being coached by the Russian Pavel Smirnov * At the 2006 Commonwealth Games, he won two gold medals: the individual 25 meter rapid fire pistol competition and the pairs competition in the same event together with Pemba Tamang * The same year, he won a bronze medal in the Asian Games.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2007 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna-2012 (3) Ati Vishisht Seva Medal-2013 (4) Padma Shri-2013.



Born : 19-08-1985
Birth Place : Harsour,
Hamirpur,
Himachal Pradesh, India





Olympic Medal Winner-22

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-20 & 22



Sushil Kumar

Bronze - Wrestling

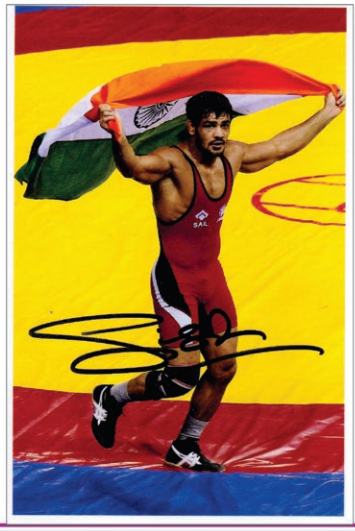
2008 - Beijing Olympics

Silver - Wrestling

2012 - London Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is a former Indian wrestler and a two-time Olympic medallist * He won a bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, India's first wrestling medal since K. D. Jadhav's bronze in 1952 and a silver at the 2012 London Olympics * Kumar participated in the Queen's Baton Relay at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and was India's flag bearer at the 2012 London Olympics * He clinched gold thrice at the Commonwealth Games and was crowned Asian Wrestling Champion in 2010 * He is the first and only Indian to win a gold medal at World Wrestling Championships * Kumar defeated Qamar Abbas in the 74 kg final to win the gold medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland * Kumar won gold in 74 kg category on 12 April 2018, Thursday, beating South Africa's Johannes Botha in the final that lasted 80 seconds thus achieving a feat of winning 3 gold medals in 3 consecutive Commonwealth Games * He appeared in the Indian documentary film Carve Your Destiny by Anubhav Srivastava.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2005 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2009 (3) Padma Shri-2011.



Born : 26-05-1983
Birth Place :
Delhi, India





Olympic Medal Winner-23

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-23



Saina Nehwal

Bronze - Badminton

2012 - London Olympics

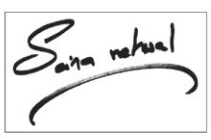
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian badminton player * A former world no. 1, she has won 24 international titles, which includes ten Superseries titles * Although she reached the world's 2nd in 2009, it was only in 2015 that she was able to attain the world no. 1 ranking, thereby becoming the only female player from India and thereafter the second Indian player – after Prakash Padukone – to achieve this feat * She has represented India three times in the Olympics, winning a bronze medal in her second appearance at London 2012 * She is the first Indian badminton player to have won an Olympic medal, the first Indian to have reached the final of the BWF World Championships, and the first Indian to have won the BWF World Junior Championships * In 2006, Nehwal became the first Indian female and the youngest Asian to win a 4-star tournament * She is also the first Indian to win a Super Series title * In the 2014 Uber Cup, she captained the Indian team and remained undefeated, helping India to win a first-ever Uber Cup bronze medal * Nehwal also became the first Indian to win two singles gold medals (2010 and 2018) at the Commonwealth Games.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2009 (2) Padma Shri-2010 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2010 (4) Padma Bhushan-2016.





Born : 17-03-1990
Birth Place : Hisar,
Haryana, India



Olympic Medal Winner-24

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-24



Mary Kom

(Born : Mangte Chungneijang Kom)

Bronze - Boxing

2012 - London Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Olympic boxer, politician, and former Member of Rajya Sabha * She is the only woman to win the World Amateur Boxing Championship six times, the only female boxer to have won a medal in each one of the first seven World Championships, and the only boxer (male or female) to win eight World Championship medals * Nicknamed Magnificent Mary, she was the only Indian female boxer to have qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics, where she competed in the flyweight (51 kg) category and won a bronze medal * She had also been ranked as the world's No. 1 female light-flyweight by the International Boxing Association (amateur) (AIBA) * She became the first Indian female boxer to win a gold medal in the Asian Games in 2014 at Incheon, South Korea and is the first Indian female boxer to win gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games * She is also the only boxer to become Asian Amateur Boxing Champion for a record six times * Mary Kom won the 51kg gold in President's Cup in Indonesia.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2003 (2) Padma Shri-2006 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2009 (4) Padma Bhushan-2013 (5) Padma Vibhushan-2020.



Born : 24-11-1982
Birth Place : Kagathei,
Churachandpur,
Manipur, India





Olympic Medal Winner-25

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-25

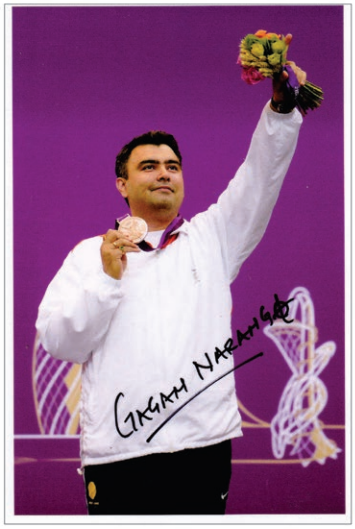
Gagan Narang



Bronze - Sport Shooting
2012 - London Olympics

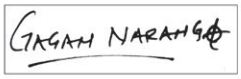
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter, supported by the Olympic Gold Quest * He won the bronze medal in the Men's 10 m Air Rifle Event at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London with a final score of 701.1 becoming India's first medal winner at the 2012 games * He was also a member of prestigious Padma award committee 2023 * Narang won a gold medal in the Afro Asian Games, 2003 in Hyderabad in Men's 10m air rifle competition * He won the Air Rifle Gold medal at the World Cup 2006 and followed it up with win in the event in April 2010 * In a pre-Olympic event in Hannover, Germany, Gagan shot an Air Rifle score higher than the world record, 704.3 as opposed to 703.1 set by Thomas Farnik of Austria in the World Cup 2006 * Gagan Narang won 4 Gold medals at 2006 Commonwealth Games * In the Men's 10 m Air Rifle singles event, he shot a perfect 600 which was a new record * Gagan also clinched a silver medal in his pet event at the Asian Games 2010 * He also combined with Abhinav Bindra and Sanjeev Rajput to win the country another silver, in the team event behind champions, China * He won both of his silvers on the opening day of Asian Games * Narang won 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal in 50-metre rifle prone and 50-metre rifle 3 position respectively at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2010 (2) Padma Shri-2011.



Born : 06-05-1983
Birth Place : Madras, Tamil Nadu, India





Olympic Medal Winner-26

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-26

Yogeshwar Dutt



Bronze - Wrestling
2012 - London Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is a former Indian wrestler * At the 2012 London Olympics, he won the bronze medal in the 60 kg freestyle category * For his contribution to Indian wrestling * On 12 August 2012, Dutt provided a late boost to India's medals tally in the 2012 London Olympics by claiming a bronze in the Men's freestyle 60 kg, becoming only the third Indian wrestler to win an Olympic medal after K D Jadhav in 1952 and Sushil Kumar in 2008 and 2012 * He had defeated North Korean Ri Jong-Myong in the bronze medal bout thus winning the fifth medal for Indian contingent at the London Olympics 2012 * Earlier, Yogeshwar qualified for the 2012 Olympics by winning a silver medal at an Asian qualification tournament in Astana, Kazakhstan where he lost to Iranian Masoud Esmaeilpour (2–3, 0–1) in the final * Yogeshwar Dutt won the Gold in the 65 kg freestyle wrestling category by defeating Zalimkhan Yusupov of Tajikistan in the final at the Asian games 2014 * Dutt joined Bharatiya Janata Party in September 2019.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2012 (2) Padma Shri-2013.



Born : 02-11-1982
Birth Place : Bhainswal Kalan, Sonipat District, Haryana, India





Olympic Medal Winner-27

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-27 & 32

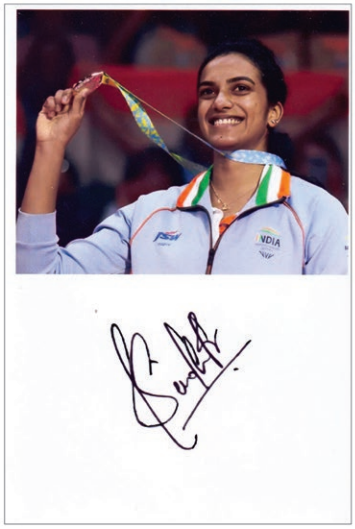
P. V. Sindhu



(Born : Pusarla Venkata Sindhu)
Silver - Badminton
2016 - Rio-de-Janeiro Olympics
Bronze - Badminton
2020 - Tokyo Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian badminton player * Considered as one of India's most successful athletes, Sindhu has won medals at tournaments such as the Olympic Games, the World Championships, and on the World Tour * She represented India at the 2016 Rio Olympics * She made her second consecutive Olympic appearance at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and won a bronze medal, becoming the first-ever Indian woman to win two Olympic medals.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2013 (2) Padma Shri-2015 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2016 (4) Padma Bhushan-2020.



Born : 05-07-1995
Birth Place : Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India





Olympic Medal Winner-28

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-28

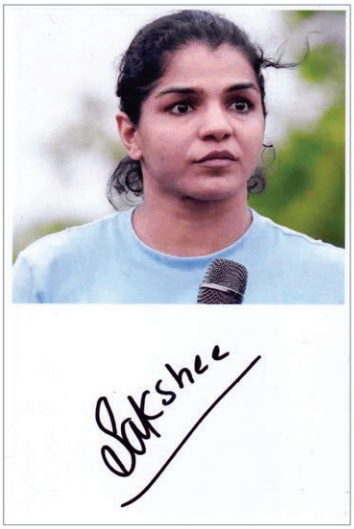
Sakshee Malik



(Born : Sakshi Malik Kadian)
Bronze - Wrestling
2016 - Rio-de-Janeiro Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is a former Indian freestyle wrestler * At the 2016 Summer Olympics, she won the bronze medal in the 58 kg category, becoming the first Indian female wrestler to win a medal at the Olympics * Malik's first success as a professional wrestler in the international arena came in 2010 at the Junior World Championships where she won the bronze medal in the 58 kg freestyle event * In 2024, she became the first Indian wrestler to feature in Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world * She is a part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program, along with fellow female wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Babita Kumari and Geeta Phogat * Malik had previously won the silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, and the bronze medal at the 2015 Asian Wrestling Championships in Doha.

Honours: Received (1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2016 (2) Padma Shri-2017.



Born : 03-09-1992
Birth Place : Mokhra, Haryana, India





Olympic Medal Winner-29

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-29 & 36



Neeraj Chopra

Gold - Javelin Throwing
2020 - Tokyo Olympics
Silver - Javelin Throwing
2024 - Paris Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian track and field athlete who competes in the javelin throw.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2018 (2) Vishisht Seva Medal-2020 (3) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (4) Param Vishisht Seva Medal-2022 (5) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 24-12-1997
Birth Place : Khandra,
Haryana, India

Olympic Medal Winner-30

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-30



Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

(Born : Mirabai Chanu Saikhom)
Silver - Weightlifting
2020 - Tokyo Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian weightlifter * She won the silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the Women's 49 kg event * She has won gold medals at the World Championships and Commonwealth Games * Chanu won the silver medal in the women's 48 kg weight class at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow; she went on to break the games record en route to the gold medal at the 2018 edition of the event held in Gold Coast * Prior to the 2020 Summer Olympics, her biggest achievement came in 2017, when she won the gold medal at World Weightlifting Championships held in Anaheim, California * She is a former world record holder in Clean & Jerk in the 49 kg category * In 2022, she joined I-League club NEROCA as its brand ambassador * Mirabai Chanu competed in the women's 49kg weightlifting event at the Paris 2024 Olympics * She finished at 4th position in Women's 49kg Weightlifting event by lifting 88Kg in Snatch and 111Kg in Clean and Jerk.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2018 (2) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2018.



Born : 09-08-1994
Birth Place : Nongpok
Kakching, Imphal East,
Manipur, India



Olympic Medal Winner-31

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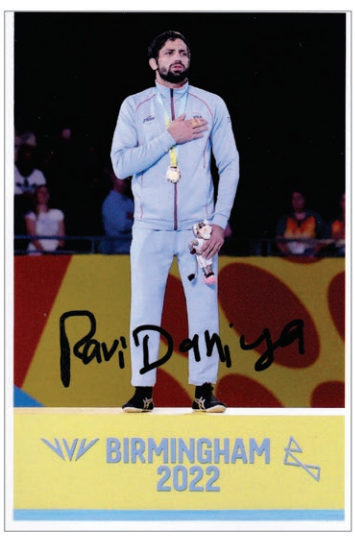


Ravi Kumar Dahiya

Silver - Wrestling
2020 - Tokyo Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian freestyle wrestler who won a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the 57 kg category * Dahiya is also a bronze medallist from 2019 World Wrestling Championships and a three-time Asian champion * At the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, he won the gold medal in the men's 57kg freestyle wrestling category * In his World Championships debut in 2019, Dahiya defeated the European champion Arsen Harutyunyan in the round of 16, and the 2017 world champion Yuki Takahashi in the quarterfinal, to earn one of the six available quota places for the 2020 Summer Olympics * He lost to defending champion and eventual gold medalist Zaur Uguev in the semifinal round. However, he managed to take the bronze after defeating Reza Atri of Iran * Dahiya won gold at the 2020 Asian Wrestling Championships in New Delhi and the 2021 Asian Wrestling Championships in Almaty.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 12-12-1997
Birth Place : Nahri,
Haryana, India



Olympic Medal Winner-32

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-27 & 32



P. V. Sindhu

(Born : Pusarla Venkata Sindhu)
Silver - Badminton
2016 - Rio-de-Janeiro Olympics
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2020 - Tokyo Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian badminton player * Considered as one of India's most successful athletes, Sindhu has won medals at tournaments such as the Olympic Games, the World Championships, and on the World Tour * She represented India at the 2016 Rio Olympics * She made her second consecutive Olympic appearance at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and won a bronze medal, becoming the first-ever Indian woman to win two Olympic medals.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2013 (2) Padma Shri-2015 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2016 (4) Padma Bhushan-2020.



Born : 05-07-1995
Birth Place : Hyderabad,
Andhra Pradesh, India



Olympic Medal Winner-33

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-33

Lovlina Borgohain



Bronze - Boxing

2020 - Tokyo Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian boxer * She won a bronze medal at the 2020 Olympic Games in the women's welterweight event, becoming only the third Indian boxer to win a medal at the Olympics * She won gold medal at 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships and bronze medals at the 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and the 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships * Borgohain is the first female athlete and the second boxer from Assam to represent the state in the Olympics * She won gold medal at the 1st India Open International Boxing Tournament in New Delhi in 2018 and silver medal at the 2nd India Open International Boxing Tournament in Guwahati * Borgohain's career's biggest break came when she was selected to participate in the 2018 Commonwealth Games welterweight boxing category * Her selection in the 2018 Commonwealth Games was attributed to her success at the inaugural India Open – an international boxing championship held in February 2018 – where she won a gold medal in the welterweight category.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 02-10-1997
Birth Place : Baromukhia, Barpathar, Golaghat, Assam, India







Olympic Medal Winner-34 - Page-1

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-34

Men's Field Hockey Team

2020 Summer Olympics

Bronze - Field Hockey

2020 - Tokyo, Japan Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Surender Kumar
- Varun Kumar
- Birendra Lakra
- Vivek Prasad
- Dilpreet Singh
- Gurjant Singh
- Harmanpreet Singh
- Hardik Singh
- Mandeep Singh
- Manpreet Singh
- Rupinder Pal Singh
- Shamsher Singh
- Simranjeet Singh
- Nilakanta Sharma
- P. R. Sreejesh
- Sumit
- Lalit Upadhyay
- Amit Rohidas
- Krishan Pathak
- Graham Reid (Coach)





Surender Kumar



Varun Kumar



Birendra Lakra



Vivek Prasad



Dilpreet Singh



Gurjant Singh



Harmanpreet Singh

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OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-34

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2020 Summer Olympics

Bronze - Field Hockey

2020 - Tokyo, Japan Olympics

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- Graham Reid (Coach)





Hardik Singh



Mandeep Singh



Manpreet Singh



Rupinder Pal Singh



Shamsher Singh



Simranjeet Singh



Nilakanta Sharma

Olympic Medal Winner-34 - Page-3

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-34

Men's Field Hockey Team

2020 Summer Olympics

Bronze - Field Hockey

2020 - Tokyo, Japan Olympics

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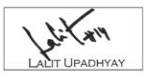




P. R. Sreejesh



Sumit



Lalit Upadhyay



Amit Rohidas



Graham Reid



Krishan Pathak

Olympic Medal Winner-35

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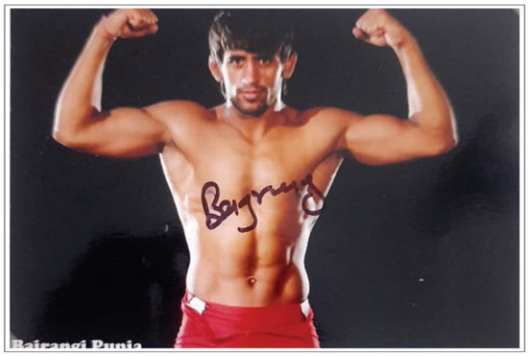


Bajrang Punia

Bronze - Wrestling
2020 - Tokyo Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian politician and former freestyle wrestler * He has won a bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics * Punia is the only Indian wrestler to win four medals at the World Championships * He is a multiple gold medalist at the Asian Games, Asian Championships, Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Championships * He joined the Indian National Congress and currently serves as the Working President of the All India Kisan Congress * He used to work in the Indian Railways on the post of Gazetted officer OSD Sports and resigned in 2024 September * Punia is married to fellow wrestler Sangeeta Phogat.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2015 (2) Padma Shri-2015 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2019.





Born : 26-02-1994
Birth Place : Khudan,
Haryana, India

NOTE: This autograph of Bajarang Punia, winner of Bronze Medal (Freestyle Boxing) in 2020 Tokyo Olympics, is from the collection of renowned Autograph Collector Shri Nitin Jain of Ahmedabad. I am highly grateful to him for giving me the scan of this autograph for presenting this theme of Indian Olympic Medal Winners in completeness.

Olympic Medal Winner-36

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-29 & 36



Neeraj Chopra

Gold - Javelin Throwing
2020 - Tokyo Olympics
Silver - Javelin Throwing
2024 - Paris Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian track and field athlete who competes in the javelin throw.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2018 (2) Vishisht Seva Medal-2020 (3) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (4) Param Vishisht Seva Medal-2022 (5) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 24-12-1997
Birth Place : Khandra,
Haryana, India

Olympic Medal Winner-37

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-37 & 38



Manu Bhaker

Bronze - Sport Shooting
2024 - Paris Olympics (Individual)
Bronze - Sport Shooting
2024 - Paris Olympics (In Mixed Team with Sarabjot Singh)

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter * She has won 2 medals at the Olympic Games, 7 medals at the Asian Games and Asian Championships, and 22 medals at the World Championships and World Cups * At the 2024 Olympics, she became the first Indian woman shooter to win a medal by clinching the bronze in the 10m pistol event * She won another bronze in 10m pistol mixed team, becoming the first Indian to win two medals in a single Olympic Games * While she won the gold at the 2022 Asian Games in the women's 25m pistol team event, Bhaker won the gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the 10-metre air pistol event.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.





Born : 18-02-2002
Birth Place : Goria,
Haryana, India

Olympic Medal Winner-38 (with Sarabjot Singh)

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-37 & 38



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Bronze - Sport Shooting
2024 - Paris Olympics (Individual)
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Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.





Born : 18-02-2002
Birth Place : Goria,
Haryana, India

Olympic Medal Winner-38 (with Manu Bhaker)

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-38

Sarabjot Singh



Bronze - Sport Shooting
2024 - Paris Olympics
(In Mixed Team with Manu Bhaker)

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter who specializes in the 10 m air pistol * He is an Olympic bronze medalist having won the medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics alongside Manu Bhaker * He trains under coach Abhishek Rana at the Ambala Cantt-based AR Shooting Academy in Central Phoenix Club * Singh was a part of the Indian shooting team at the 2022 Asian Games * Indian 10m air pistol team of Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema and Shiva Narwal beat China to win the gold at the 2022 Asian Games * Sarabjot also won the silver medal for India in the mixed 10m air pistol with Divya T.S. in the Asian Games shooting competitions * Earlier in 2021, he won the gold in both the individual and team events of the World Championships * In 2019, he won gold in the ISSF Junior World Cup.





Born : 30-09-2001
Birth Place : Ambala, Barara, Haryana, India

Olympic Medal Winner-39

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-39

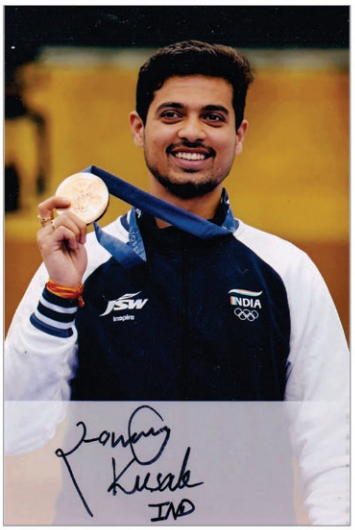
Swapnil Kusale



Bronze - Sport Shooting
2024 - Paris Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian sport shooter * At the 2024 Olympics, Kusale became the first Indian to qualify for the final of the men's 50 metre rifle three positions event, and won the bronze medal with a score of 451.4 in the final * In 2015, he won gold in 50m rifle prone 3 in the junior category in 2015 Asian Shooting Championships in Kuwait * In the same year, he also won the 59th National Shooting Championship held in Tughlakabad ahead of Gagan Narang and Chain Singh in 50m rifle prone event * In 2017, he repeated the same performance in 61st National Championship in Thiruvananthapuram by winning a gold in 50m rifle 3 position * In October 2022, he earned an Olympic quota berth for India in the men's 50-metre rifle 3 position event with a fourth place finish at the 2022 ISSF World Shooting Championships in Cairo * In May 2024, he was selected in the Indian Olympic team in the 50m rifle 3 positions event after the trials in Delhi and Bhopal * Despite finishing 5th in the final trial, Kusale was selected in the team as the second shooter based on his scores in the first three trials.

Honours: Received Times of India Sports Awards-Shooter of the Year Male Award in 2025.



Born : 06-08-1995
Birth Place : Kambalwadi, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India



Olympic Medal Winner-40

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-40

Men's Field Hockey Team
2024 Summer Olympics

Bronze - Field Hockey
2024 - Paris, France Olympics

Indian Field Hockey Team :

- Harmanpreet Singh
- Jarmanpreet Singh
- Abhishek Nain
- Manpreet Singh
- Hardik Singh
- Gurjant Singh
- Sanjay Rana
- Mandeep Singh
- Lalit Upadhyay
- P. R. Sreejesh
- Sumit Walmiki
- Shamsher Singh
- Raj Kumar Pal
- Amit Rohidas
- Vivek Prasad
- Sukhjeet Singh



Olympic Medal Winner-41

OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-41

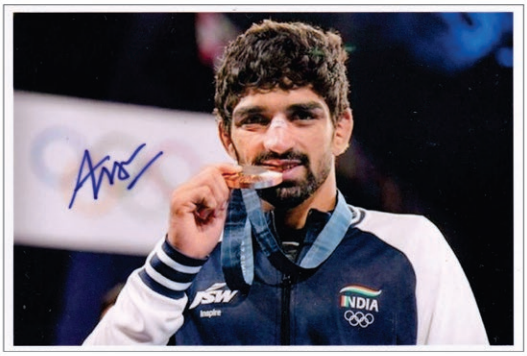
Aman Sehrawat



Bronze - Freestyle Wrestling
2024 - Paris Olympics

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian freestyle wrestler * He is the youngest Indian to win an individual Olympic medal, having secured a bronze medal at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris * Sehrawat has also won golds at the Asian Championships, U17 Asian Championships, U17 World Championships, U23 Asian Championships and the U23 World Championships * In 2022, following his gold medal at the Under-23 Asian Championships, Sehrawat became the first-ever Indian to win a gold medal at the Under-23 World Championships * In April 2023, he won the gold medal at the 2023 Asian Wrestling Championships in Astana * He then won a bronze medal in the 57 kg category at the 2022 Asian Games * In January 2024, he won the gold medal in the men's 57kg event at the Zagreb Open wrestling tournament, defeating all his opponents by technical superiority * In the men's 57 kg event at the 2024 Olympics, he defeated Vladimir Egorov and Zelimkhan Abakarov via technical superiority, before losing to the top-seed Rei Higuchi in the semifinal * He won the bronze medal by defeating Darian Cruz 13–5, becoming the youngest Indian to win an individual Olympic medal at 21 years and 24 days.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2025.





Born : 16-07-2003
Birth Place : Birohar, Jhajjar District, Haryana, India


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PARALYMPIC INDIA

Paralympic Medal Winners of India

Praful Thakkar I.A.S. (Retd.)

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA

The Paralympic Games or Paralympics is a periodic series of international multisport events involving athletes with a range of disabilities. There are Winter and Summer Paralympic Games, which since the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, have been held shortly after the corresponding Olympic Games. All Paralympic Games are governed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

The Paralympics began as a small gathering of British World War II veterans in 1948. The 1960 Games in Rome drew 400 athletes with disabilities from 23 countries. Currently it is one of the largest international sporting events: the 2020 Summer Paralympics featuring 4,520 athletes from 163 National Paralympic Committees.

The Paralympic Games are organized in parallel with and in a similar way to the Olympic Games. The IOC-recognized Special Olympics World Games include athletes with intellectual disabilities (although since 1992, people with intellectual disabilities also participate in the Paralympic Games), and the Deaflympics held since 1924 are exclusive for deaf athletes.

Given the wide variety of disabilities of Para athletes, there are several categories in which they compete. The allowable disabilities are divided into ten eligible impairment types:

1 Impaired muscle power
2 Impaired passive range of movement
3 Limb deficiency
4 Leg length difference
5 Short stature
6 Hypertonia
7 Ataxia
8 Athetosis
9 Vision impairment and
10 Intellectual impairment.

These categories are further divided into various subcategories also.

India first participated in the 1968 Summer Paralympics. The nation has appeared in every edition of the Summer Paralympics since 1984. The Paris 2024 Games marked India's 13th appearance at the Paralympics. The country has never participated in the Winter Paralympic Games.

India's first medal in the Paralympics came in the 1972 Games, with Murlikant Petkar winning a gold medal in swimming. Up to the recent 2024 Games, India have won 60 medals across all Paralympic Games, with the most successful Paralympic campaign being the Paris 2024 Games with 29 medals including seven gold, nine silver and thirteen bronze.

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA

Sr.	Athlete	Medal	Sport	Event	Games
1	Murlikant Petkar	Gold	Swimming	Men's 50m freestyle 3	Heidelberg 1972
2	Bhimrao Kesarkar	Silver	Athletics	Men's javelin throw L6	Stoke Mandeville/ New York 1984
3	Joginder Singh Bedi	Bronze	Athletics	Men's javelin throw L6	Stoke Mandeville/ New York 1984
4	Joginder Singh Bedi	Silver	Athletics	Men's shot put L6	Stoke Mandeville/ New York 1984
5	Joginder Singh Bedi	Bronze	Athletics	Men's discus throw L6	Stoke Mandeville/ New York 1984
6	Devendra Jhajharia	Gold	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F44/ 46	Athens 2004
7	Rajinder Singh Rahelu	Bronze	Powerlifting	Men's 56 kg	Athens 2004
8	Girisha N Gowda	Silver	Athletics	Men's high jump F42	London 2012
9	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Gold	Athletics	Men's high jump F42	Rio 2016
10	Varun Singh Bhati	Bronze	Athletics	Men's high jump F42	Rio 2016
11	Devendra Jhajharia	Gold	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Rio 2016
12	Deepa Malik	Silver	Athletics	Women's shot put F53	Rio 2016
13	Bhavina Patel	Silver	Table Tennis	Women's singles class 4	Tokyo 2020
14	Nishad Kumar	Silver	Athletics	Men's high jump T47	Tokyo 2020
15	Avani Lekhara	Gold	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Tokyo 2020
16	Devendra Jhajharia	Silver	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Tokyo 2020
17	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Bronze	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Tokyo 2020
18	Yogesh Kathuniya	Silver	Athletics	Men's discus throw F56	Tokyo 2020
19	Sumit Antil	Gold	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F64	Tokyo 2020
20	Singhraj Adhana	Bronze	Shooting	Men's 10m air pistol SH1	Tokyo 2020
21	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Silver	Athletics	Men's high jump T42	Tokyo 2020
22	Sharad Kumar	Bronze	Athletics	Men's high jump T42	Tokyo 2020
23	Praveen Kumar	Silver	Athletics	Men's high jump T64	Tokyo 2020
24	Avani Lekhara	Bronze	Shooting	Women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1	Tokyo 2020
25	Harvinder Singh	Bronze	Archery	Men's individual recurve - open	Tokyo 2020
26	Manish Narwal	Gold	Shooting	Men's 50m pistol SH1	Tokyo 2020
27	Singhraj Adhana	Silver	Shooting	Men's 50m pistol SH1	Tokyo 2020
28	Pramod Bhagat	Gold	Badminton	Men's singles SL3	Tokyo 2020
29	Manoj Sarkar	Bronze	Badminton	Men's singles SL3	Tokyo 2020
30	Suhas Yathiraj	Silver	Badminton	Men's singles SL4	Tokyo 2020

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA

Sr.	Athlete	Medal	Sport	Event	Games
31	Krishna Nagar	Gold	Badminton	Men's singles SH6	Tokyo 2020
32	Avani Lekhara	Gold	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Paris 2024
33	Mona Agarwal	Bronze	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Paris 2024
34	Preethi Pal	Bronze	Athletics	Women's 100m T35	Paris 2024
35	Manish Narwal	Silver	Shooting	Men's 10m air pistol SH1	Paris 2024
36	Rubina Francis	Bronze	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Paris 2024
37	Preethi Pal	Bronze	Athletics	Women's 200m T35	Paris 2024
38	Nishad Kumar	Silver	Athletics	Men's high jump T47	Paris 2024
39	Yogesh Kathuniya	Silver	Athletics	Men's discus throw F56	Paris 2024
40	Nitesh Kumar	Gold	Badminton	Men's singles SL3	Paris 2024
41	Manisha Ramadass	Bronze	Badminton	Women's singles SU5	Paris 2024
42	Thulasimathi Murugesan	Silver	Badminton	Women's singles SU5	Paris 2024
43	Suhas Yathiraj	Silver	Badminton	Men's singles SL4	Paris 2024
44	Rakesh Kumar / Sheetal Devi	Bronze	Archery	Mixed team compound open	Paris 2024
45	Sumit Antil	Gold	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F64	Paris 2024
46	Nithya Sre Sivan	Bronze	Badminton	Women's singles SH6	Paris 2024
47	Deepthi Jeevanji	Bronze	Athletics	Women's 400m T20	Paris 2024
48	Sharad Kumar	Silver	Athletics	Men's high jump T63	Paris 2024
49	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Bronze	Athletics	Men's high jump T63	Paris 2024
50	Ajeet Singh	Silver	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Paris 2024
51	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Bronze	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Paris 2024
52	Sachin Khilari	Silver	Athletics	Men's shot put F46	Paris 2024
53	Harvinder Singh	Gold	Archery	Men's individual recurve open	Paris 2024
54	Dharambir Nain	Gold	Athletics	Men's club throw 51	Paris 2024
55	Pranav Soorma	Silver	Athletics	Men's club throw 51	Paris 2024
56	Kapil Parmar	Bronze	Judo	Men's -60kg J1	Paris 2024
57	Praveen Kumar	Gold	Athletics	Men's high jump T64	Paris 2024
58	Hokato Hotozhe Sema	Bronze	Athletics	Men's shot put F57	Paris 2024
59	Simran Sharma	Bronze	Athletics	Women's 200m T12	Paris 2024
60	Navdeep Singh	Gold	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F41	Paris 2024

Paralympic Medal Winner-1

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-1

Murlikant Petkar

(Nick Name : Chandu Champion)

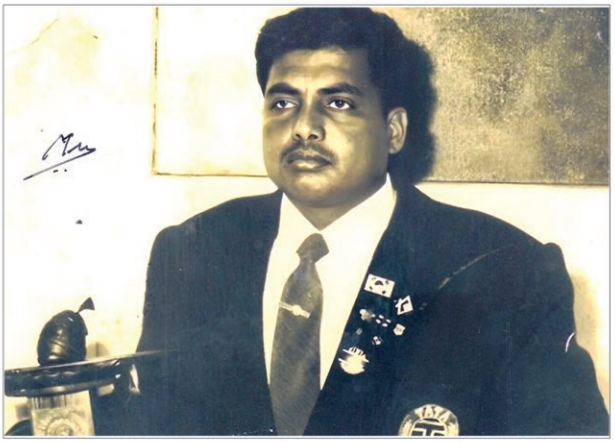


Gold - Swimming

1972 - Summer Paralympics Heidelberg

Profile & Performance: Is India's first Paralympic gold medalist * He won an individual gold medal in the 1972 Summer Paralympics, in Heidelberg, Germany * He set a world record in the 50 m freestyle swimming event, at 37.33 seconds * In the same games he participated in javelin, precision javelin throw and slalom * Chandu Champion is a Hindi-language sports drama film based on the life of Murlikant Petkar, directed by Kabir Khan & enacted by Kartik Aaryan * He was later employed by TELCO in Pune.

Honours: Received Padma Shri-2018.





Born : 01-11-1944
Birth Place : Sangli, Maharashtra, India

Paralympic Medal Winner-2

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-2

Bhimrao Kesarkar



Silver - Men's Javelin Throw

1984 - Summer Paralympics Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic athlete who won the silver medal in the men's javelin L6 at the 1984 Summer Paralympics, where India won 4 medals and finished 37th out of 54 participating nations.

Born : ...? * Birth Place : ...?



Paralympic Medal Winner-3

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-3, 4 & 5

Joginder Singh Bedi



Bronze - Men's Javelin Throw

1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Silver - Men's Shot Put

1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Bronze - Men's Discus Throw

1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian track and field Paralympic athlete * Singh Bedi competed at the 1984 Summer Paralympics, where he won three medals.

Born : 1946
Birth Place : Amritsar, Punjab, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-4

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-3, 4 & 5

Joginder Singh Bedi



Bronze - Men's Javelin Throw

1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Silver - Men's Shot Put

1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Bronze - Men's Discus Throw

1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian track and field Paralympic athlete * Singh Bedi competed at the 1984 Summer Paralympics, where he won three medals.

Born : 1946
Birth Place : Amritsar, Punjab, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-5

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-3, 4 & 5



Joginder Singh Bedi

Bronze - Men's Javelin Throw
1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York
Silver - Men's Shot Put
1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York
Bronze - Men's Discus Throw
1984 - Summer Paralympic Stoke Mandeville, UK / New York

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian track and field Paralympic athlete * Singh Bedi competed at the 1984 Summer Paralympics, where he won three medals.

Born : 1946
Birth Place : Amritsar, Punjab, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-6

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-6, 11 & 16



Devendra Jhajharia

Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2004 - Summer Paralympic Athens
Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2016 - Summer Paralympic Rio
Silver - Men's Javelin Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic javelin thrower competing in F46 events * He is the first Indian Paralympics player to win two gold medals at the Paralympics * He won his first gold in the javelin throw at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens * At the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, he won a second gold medal * He becomes India's most decorated Paralympic player by winning a silver at the 2020 Summer Paralympics at Tokyo.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2004 (2) Padma Shri-2012 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2017 (4) Padma Bhushan-2022.



Born : 10-06-1981
Birth Place : Churu, Rajasthan, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-7

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-7



Rajinder Singh Rahelu

Bronze - Powerlifting
2004 - Summer Paralympics Athens

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic powerlifter * He won a bronze medal at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in the 56 kg category * He represented India at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing, finishing fifth in the final standings * Rahelu competed in the 56 kg category at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens, Greece * He finished fourth in the final standings after lifting a total weight of 157.5 kg * However, this position was later upgraded to a third-place after Syrian lifter Youseff Younes Cheikh, bronze medallist of the event, was disqualified due to doping * In doing so, he won the first ever medal for India in the powerlifting event of the Paralympics * Rahelu was one of the two Indian competitors at the 2008 Summer Paralympics * He participated in the powerlifting event * He managed to lift a total load of 170 kg putting him at position fifth, behind Polish Mariusz Tomczyk, out of thirteen contenders in the final * Rahelu won silver in 2014 Commonwealth Games, with a total lift of 185 kg.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2005.

Born : 22-07-1973
Birth Place : Mehsampur, Jalandhar, Punjab, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-8

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-8



Girisha Nagarajegowda

(Born : Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajegowda)
Silver - Men's High Jump
2012 - Summer Paralympics London

Profile & Performance: Also known as Girish N. Gowda is paralympic high jumper from India * He was born with a disability in the left leg * He represented India in the 2012 Summer Paralympic games held in London in the men's high jump F-42 category and won the silver medal in the finals with a jump of 1.74 meters using scissors technique * He became the first Indian to win a medal at that event and the 8th Indian to win a medal at the Paralympics * Nagarajegowda is supported by Sports Academy of India For Differently Abled, Bangalore * He is also supported by "Karnataka Sports Association for Physically Handicapped" in Bangalore * He had taken part in the three-week training camp at Basildon Sporting Village sponsored by the Government of India before the games * He was made the brand ambassador of nutrition company Herbalife International * He was made the brand ambassador of election commission of Karnataka 2017 and 2019.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2013 (2) Padma Shri-2014.

Born : 26-01-1988
Birth Place : Hosanagara, Karnataka, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-9

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-9, 21 & 49



Mariyappan Thangavelu

Gold - Men's High Jump
2016 - Summer Paralympic Rio
Silver - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Bronze - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic high jumper * He is a triple Paralympics medalist having won the gold medal at 2016 Rio, the silver medal at 2020 Tokyo and the bronze medal at 2024 Paris * He has also been a double medalist at the World Championships with one gold and one bronze * In August 2021, he won the silver medal in men's T-63 high jump event at the 2020 Summer Paralympics, which was the second medal in his Paralympic career.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2017 (2) Arjuna Award-2017 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020.



Born : 28-06-1995
Birth Place : Periavadagampatti,
Salem, Tamil Nadu, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-10

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-10



Varun Singh Bhati

Bronze - Men's High Jump
2016 - Summer Paralympics Rio

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper * He was afflicted by poliomyelitis at a young age, and joined sports during his school days * He has won medals in multiple international events including bronze at 2016 Rio Paralympics, 2017 and 2025 World Championships * Bhati has T42 disability * He received attention in 2012 when he registered the 'A' qualification mark for the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games in London with a performance of 1.60 m * However, owing to limited slots available to India, he failed to qualify for the 2012 Games * He participated in the 2014 Asian Para Games at Incheon, Korea where he stood 5th * He won a gold medal at the 2014 China Open Athletics Championship the same year * In 2015, he stood 5th again at the 2015 Para World Championship in Doha, Qatar * He recorded a jump of 1.82 m at the 2016 IPC Athletics Asia-Oceania Championship where he won a gold as well as set a new Asian record * Bhati won the bronze medal in the 2016 Summer Paralympic Games at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil when he jumped 1.86 m, his personal best * He won the bronze in the 2017 World Para Athletics Championships by clearing a 1.77 m jump * He won a silver medal in the 2018 Asian Para Games, recording a jump of 1.82 m.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2018.

Born : 13-02-1995
Birth Place : Greater Noida,
Uttar Prades, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-11

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-6, 11 & 16



Devendra Jhajharia

Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2004 - Summer Paralympic Athens
Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2016 - Summer Paralympic Rio
Silver - Men's Javelin Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic javelin thrower competing in F46 events * He is the first Indian Paralympics player to win two gold medals at the Paralympics * He won his first gold in the javelin throw at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens * At the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, he won a second gold medal * He becomes India's most decorated Paralympic player by winning a silver at the 2020 Summer Paralympics at Tokyo.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2004 (2) Padma Shri-2012 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2017 (4) Padma Bhushan-2022.



Born : 10-06-1981
Birth Place : Churu,
Rajasthan, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-12

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-12



Deepa Malik

Silver - Shot Put
2016 - Summer Paralympics Rio

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para athlete from Haryana * She is the first Indian woman to win a medal in Paralympic Games * She won a silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in shot put * In 2020, she was elected as President of the Paralympic Committee of India * Malik started her sports career at the age of 30 in 2000 * She qualified B level in javelin throw F53 category for 2008 Summer Olympics at Beijing * In 2006, she came second in the FESPIC Games, Kuala Lumpur in S5 swimming backstroke category * In 2008, she represented India in the World Open Swimming Championship at Berlin and finished 10th in S5 swimming backstroke event * In 2009, she won a shot put bronze medal at IWAS World Games * In January 2011, she won a silver medal at the IPC World Athletics Championship in Christchurch * At the same event, she qualified for the Commonwealth Games in shot put * In December 2011, she won two bronze medals with Asian records at the IWAS World Games at Sharjah * In April 2012, she won two gold medals at the first Malaysian Open Athletics Championship in Javelin and discus throw F53 category * In April 2014, she won a gold in the shot put F53-55 category at the IPC 2nd China Open Athletics Championship at Beijing * In March 2016, she won a gold in javelin and silver in shot put at the IPC Oceania Asian Championship, Dubai, United Arab Emirates * In 2018, she won a gold in the F-53/54 javelin event at the Para Athletic Grand Prix held in Dubai.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2012 (2) Padma Shri-2017 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2019.



Born : 30-09-1970
Birth Place : Bhainswal,
Haryana, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-13

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-13

Bhavina Patel

(Born : Bhavina Hasmukhbhai Patel)

Silver - Table Tennis

2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian parathlete and table tennis player from Mehsana, Gujarat * She was diagnosed with polio when she was just one, and has been wheelchair-bound nearly all her life * For years, she felt she was a burden on her parents * But table tennis has given her purpose and renown * Patel has a habit of screaming "fight!" after winning a point, and a fighter she certainly is.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award- 2021 (2) She won a silver medal in Class 4 Table tennis at the 2020 Summer Paralympics in Tokyo (3) Won Gold at Commonwealth Games-2022 in her category (4) She was awarded the Sardar Patel Award in 2010-11 and the Eklavya Award in 2011-12 (5) he received the National Award for Best Sportsperson in 2015, and the Special Award for Best Sportsperson by Government of Gujarat in 2018 (6) She has represented the country at numerous tournaments around the world and has won many medals (7) Her current World Rank is 7, Asian Rank 4, and she is the No.1 ranked player in India (8) She also has 8 National Championships Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal.





Born : 06-11-1986
Birth Place : Sundhiya, Vadnagar, Mehsana, Gujarat, India

Paralympic Medal Winner-14

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-14 & 38

Nishad Kumar

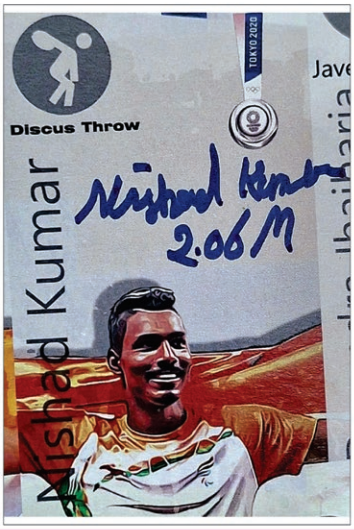
Silver - Men's High Jump

2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Silver - Men's High Jump

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper * He won the silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics and retained his silver at the 2024 Paris Paralympics * He took up the sport of para-athletics in 2009 * In November 2019, he won the bronze medal in the men's T47 category at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships and, as a result, he qualified to compete at the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He won the gold medal in T46 category at the 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix which was held in Dubai * He also became the second Indian to win a medal at the 2020 Summer Paralympics after Bhavina Patel when he clinched a silver in the men's high jump T47 category along with an Asian Record * He shared the silver medal with Dallas Wise of USA who also cleared the same distance of 2.06m * In the 2022 Asian Para Games, he won a gold medal in the men's high jump T47 at Hangzhou, China.



Born : 03-10-1999
Birth Place : Amb, Himachal Pradesh, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-15

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-15, 24 & 32

Avani Lekhara

Gold - Shooting

2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Bronze - Shooting

2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Gold - Shooting

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic rifle shooter and disability rights advocate * Competing in the SH1 classification, Lekhara made history at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics by securing gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing event and bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions * She went on to break her own world record at the 2024 Paralympics, further solidifying her position as one of India's most accomplished para-athletes.

Honours: Received (1) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (2) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 08-11-2001
Birth Place : Jaipur, Rajasthan, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-16

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-6, 11 & 16

Devendra Jhajharia

Gold - Men's Javelin Throw

2004 - Summer Paralympic Athens

Gold - Men's Javelin Throw

2016 - Summer Paralympic Rio

Silver - Men's Javelin Throw

2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic javelin thrower competing in F46 events * He is the first Indian Paralympics player to win two gold medals at the Paralympics * He won his first gold in the javelin throw at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens * At the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, he won a second gold medal * He becomes India's most decorated Paralympic player by winning a silver at the 2020 Summer Paralympics at Tokyo.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2004 (2) Padma Shri-2012 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2017 (4) Padma Bhushan-2022.



Born : 10-06-1981
Birth Place : Churu, Rajasthan, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-17

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-17 & 51



Sundar Singh Gurjar

Bronze - Men's Javelin Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo
Bronze - Men's Javelin Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic athlete from Rajasthan * He competes in javelin throw, shot put and discus throw in F46 category events * He won bronze medals at Tokyo 2020 Paralympics & Paris 2024 Paralympics in men's javelin F46 event * In 2016 Sundar Singh Gurjar registered the 'A' qualification mark for the 2016 Rio Paralympics with a performance of 59.36m in 8th Fazza IPC Athletics Grand Prix, Dubai * He created a national record with 68.42m during the 16th Para Athletics National Championship in Panchkula * In 9th FAZZA IPC Athletics Grand Prix, Sundar Singh Gurjar won three gold medals in javelin throw, shot put and discus throw under the coaching of Mahaveer Prasad Saini * He won silver medal in javelin throw and bronze medal in discus throw in Asian Para Games 2018 * He set a world record at the 16th Para Athletics National Championship in Panchkula holding three gold medals in three events.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2019.



Born : 01-01-1996
Birth Place : Karauli,
Rajasthan, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-18

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-18 & 39



Yogesh Kathuniya

Silver - Men's Discus Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Silver - Men's Discus Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic athlete who specializes in the discus throw * He represented India at 2020 Summer Paralympics where he won a silver medal in the men's discus throw F56 event * He qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * In 2016, Kathunia started in para sports after Sachin Yadav, General Secretary of the students' union at Kirori Mal College motivated him to take up sports by regularly showing him videos of para athletes * In 2018, he set a world record in F36 category by throwing the disc to 45.18 m at the 2018 World Para Athletics European Championships in Berlin.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2021.



Born : 03-03-1997
Birth Place : Bahadurgarh,
Haryana, India







Paralympic Medal Winner-19

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-19 & 45



Sumit Antil

Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian javelin thrower * He is a double gold medalist at the Paralympics, having won the men's javelin throw F64 event at the 2020 Paralympics and the 2024 Paralympics * He set a new Paralympic record both times with his throws of 68.55 m and 70.59 m * In 2022, Antil not only won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games but also made the para-javelin WR of 73.29 m * He is a six-time world record holder * He began competing at javelin on the National circuit and GoSports inducted him into the Para Champions Programme in 2019 * In 2019, at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Italy, he broke the world record in the F64 category en route to winning the Silver medal in the Combined Event * He then won the Silver medal at World Para Athletics Championships, Dubai, 2019 and in the process broke his own world record in the F64 category.

Honours: Received (1) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (2) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 07-06-1998
Birth Place : Sonipat,
Haryana, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-20

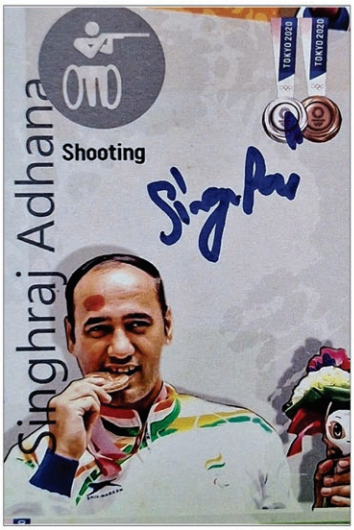
PPARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-20 & 27



Singhraj Adhana

Bronze - Shooting
2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo
Silver - Shooting
2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Known mononymously as Singhraj, is an Indian paralympian and shooter * He won a silver medal in the Mixed 50m pistol SH1 and a bronze medal in the Men's P1 10 metre air pistol SH1 at the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He is currently supported by OGQ * According to various sources he was a student in class 9th at Rawal Convent School, Rawal Educational Society chaired by Mr. Anil Rawal * He with Manish Narwal was appreciated at Rawal International School, Saroorpur industrial region, Faridabad on 18-9-2021 for bringing the achievements to India by Mr. CB Rawal.



Born : 26-01-1982
Birth Place : Faridabad,
Haryana, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-21

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-9, 21 & 49



Mariyappan Thangavelu

Gold - Men's High Jump
2016 - Summer Paralympic Rio
Silver - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Bronze - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic high jumper * He is a triple Paralympics medalist having won the gold medal at 2016 Rio, the silver medal at 2020 Tokyo and the bronze medal at 2024 Paris * He has also been a double medalist at the World Championships with one gold and one bronze * In August 2021, he won the silver medal in men's T-63 high jump event at the 2020 Summer Paralympics, which was the second medal in his Paralympic career.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2017 (2) Arjuna Award-2017 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020.



Born : 28-06-1995
Birth Place : Periavadagampatti, Salem, Tamil Nadu, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-22

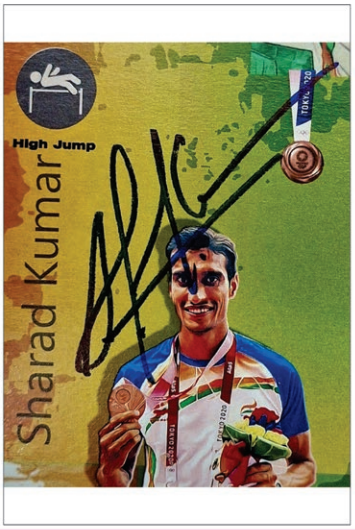
PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-22 & 48



Sharad Kumar

Bronze - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Silver - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper and a former world no. 1 * He qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * Kumar represented India at the 2016 Summer Paralympics and finished sixth * He won Silver in 2017 World ParaAthletics Championships * He then went on to represent India in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics where he won bronze medal * He also represented India in the 2024 Paris Paralympics where he won a silver medal * Sharad made his international debut in 2010 at the Asian Para Games in Guangzhou * In January 2012, he jumped 1.64m, thus qualifying for the 2012 Paralympics * In April 2012, with a jump of 1.75m at the Malaysian Open Para athletics championship, he became world no. 1 at the age of 19 * He won Gold Medal in 2018 Para Asian Games Jakarta setting a new Game Record and Continental Record by jumping 1.90m.



Born : 01-03-1992
Birth Place : Muzaffarpur, Bihar, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-23

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-23 & 57

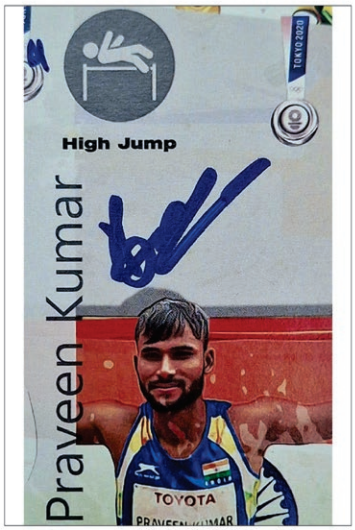


Praveen Kumar

Silver - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Gold - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper * He won gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics and silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics * He is also a 2022 Asian Para Games gold medalist * In 2023, he won the men's high jump T64 at the 2022 Asian Para Games at Hangzhou, China on 23 October 2023 * He also broke the Games' record of 2.02m in the final * Praveen Kumar was born with a short leg * He started with a passion for volleyball but opted for the high jump after giving his able-bodied opponents stiff competition in a junior event.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.



Born : 15-05-2003
Birth Place : Govindgarh, Uttar Pradesh, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-24

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-15, 24 & 32



Avani Lekhara

Gold - Shooting
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Bronze - Shooting
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Gold - Shooting
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

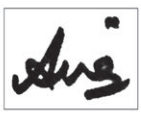
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic rifle shooter and disability rights advocate * Competing in the SH1 classification, Lekhara made history at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics by securing gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing event and bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions * She went on to break her own world record at the 2024 Paralympics, further solidifying her position as one of India's most accomplished para-athletes.

Honours: Received (1) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (2) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 08-11-2001
Birth Place : Jaipur, Rajasthan, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-25

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-25 & 53

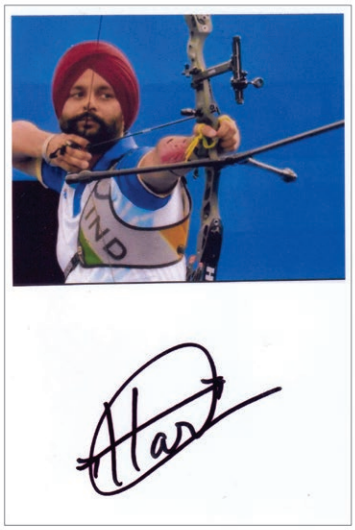


Harvinder Singh

Bronze - Archery
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Gold - Archery
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian paralympic archer * He is a double Paralympic medalist having won the gold at 2024 Paris and the bronze at 2020 Tokyo in the men's singles recurve archery event * His medals were the first Paralympic gold and bronze archery medals for India * Singh won the gold medal at the 2018 Asian Para Games and the bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics * At the 2022 Asian Para Games, he was a part of the team that won the bronze medal * At the Para Archery World Ranking event in 2024, he won a bronze medal at Czech Republic * At the World Archery Oceania Para Grand Prix, he won a bronze at Australia.

Honours: Received Padma Shri-2025.



Born : 25-02-1991
Birth Place : Kaithal,
Haryana, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-26

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-26 & 35



Manish Narwal

Gold - Shooting
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Silver - Shooting
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

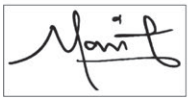
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-pistol shooter * He is currently ranked second in Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 world rankings * He won a silver medal at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * Manish Narwal qualified for the Paralympics Games in Tokyo and represented Team India at the Shooting Paralympic of the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He won a gold medal for India in Mixed P4 – 50 m pistol SH1.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.





Born : 17-10-2001
Birth Place : Faridabad,
Haryana, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-27

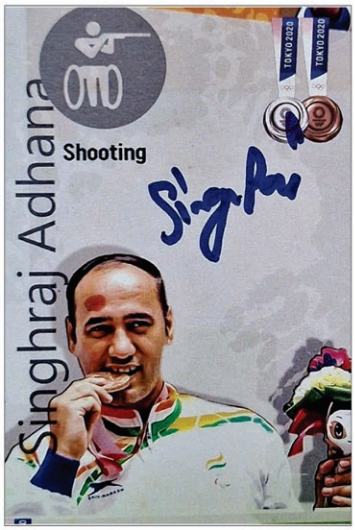
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Singhraj Adhana

Bronze - Shooting
2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo
Silver - Shooting
2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Known mononymously as Singhraj, is an Indian paralympian and shooter * He won a silver medal in the Mixed 50m pistol SH1 and a bronze medal in the Men's P1 10 metre air pistol SH1 at the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He is currently supported by OGQ * According to various sources he was a student in class 9th at Rawal Convent School, Rawal Educational Society chaired by Mr. Anil Rawal * He with Manish Narwal was appreciated at Rawal International School, Saroorpur industrial region, Faridabad on 18-9-2021 for bringing the achievements to India by Mr. CB Rawal.



Born : 26-01-1982
Birth Place : Faridabad,
Haryana, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-28

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-28

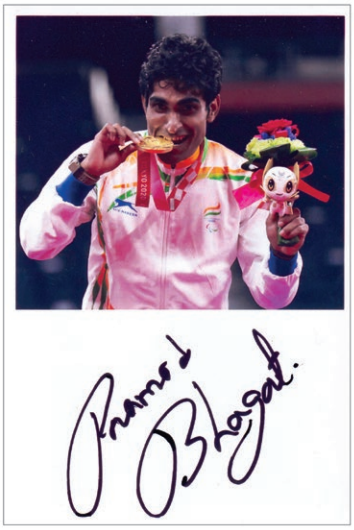


Pramod Bhagat

Gold - Badminton
2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo

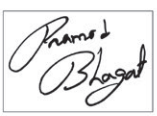
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian professional Para-badminton player from Vaishali district, Bihar * He is currently ranked world number 2 in para-badminton men's singles SL3, and won a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Paralympics in Men's singles SL3 * Bhagat is currently serving an 18-month competition ban set to expire in September 2025 for an anti-doping rule violation relating to three missed tests * At the age of 13, he went to watch a badminton match and was fascinated with the game * For the next 2 years, he was deeply engulfed in the game with footwork, fitness, and fixture of the game * Pramod played his first tournament against normal category players when he was 15 years old * He was encouraged by spectators, which motivated him to move ahead in his badminton career.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2019 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (3) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 04-06-1988
Birth Place : Hajipur,
Vaishali, Bihar, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-29

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-29

Manoj Sarkar



Bronze - Badminton

2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-badminton player * He has won 50 international medals in which he have 19 gold medals, 13 silver medals & 18 bronze medals * Manoj's condition arose out of wrongful medical treatment at the age of one * He hails from a modest background and has two siblings * He suffers from a PPRP Lower Limb condition * He is the only Arjun Awardee and Para Olympian Bronze medalist from Uttarakhand * He is supported by the GoSports Foundation through the Para Champions Programme * Manoj has won numerous accolades in the International circuit including a Men's Singles Silver at the Thailand Para-Badminton International 2017, a Gold at the Uganda Para-Badminton International 2017, a silver at the Irish Para-Badminton International 2016 and a Gold in the men's doubles event at the BWF Para-Badminton World Championships 2015 * He also won a gold medal at the Turkish Para-badminton International Championship in May 2018.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2018.



Born : 12-01-1990
Birth Place : Rudrapur, Uttarakhand, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-30

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-30 & 43

Suhas Yathiraj



(Born : Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj)

Silver - Badminton

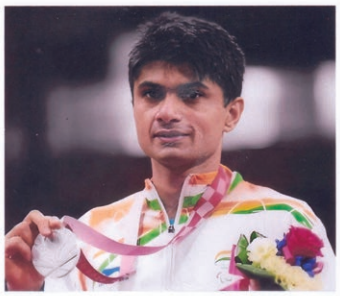
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Silver - Badminton

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-badminton player and the World No. 1 in men's singles * He won the silver medals at the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 games thus becoming the only Indian para-badminton player to win back to back medals at the Games * He won the gold medal at the National Para Badminton Championships in 2018 * At the 2016 Asian Para Badminton Championships, Beijing, China, he became the first Indian bureaucrat to win a professional International Badminton Championship * He won gold beating Hary Susanto of Indonesia in the finals when he was serving as District Magistrate of Azamgarh.

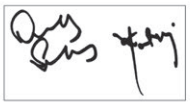
Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2021.



Born : 02-07-1983
Birth Place : Hassan, Karnataka, India







Paralympic Medal Winner-31

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Krishna Nagar

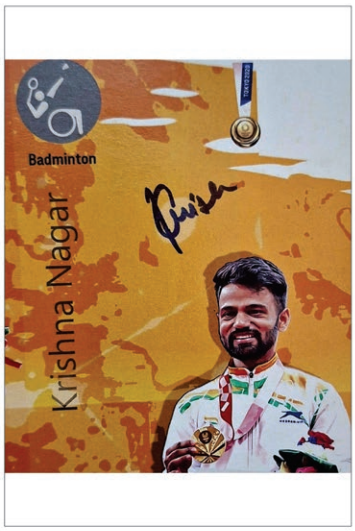


Gold - Badminton

2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para badminton player from Rajasthan * He had been ranked world number 2 in para-badminton men's Singles SH6 * He won a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Paralympics * In the 2018 Asian Para Games in Indonesia, Krishna Nagar won a bronze medal in the singles event * In the 2019 BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Basel, Switzerland Krishna Nagar won the silver medal in the men's doubles event alongside compatriot Raja Magotra * He also won a bronze in the singles event * In the 2020 Summer Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan, Krishna Nagar won the gold medal in men's singles SH6.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.



Born : 12-01-1999
Birth Place : Jaipur, Rajasthan, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-32

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Avani Lekhara



Gold - Shooting

2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Bronze - Shooting

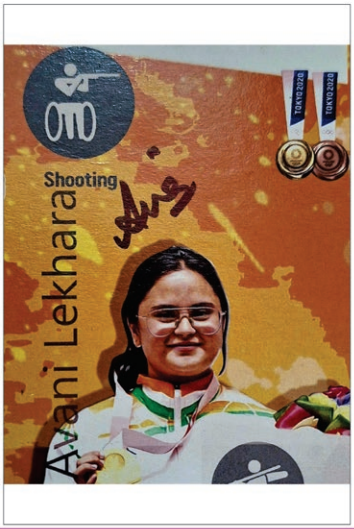
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Gold - Shooting

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

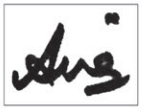
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic rifle shooter and disability rights advocate * Competing in the SH1 classification, Lekhara made history at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics by securing gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing event and bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions * She went on to break her own world record at the 2024 Paralympics, further solidifying her position as one of India's most accomplished para-athletes.

Honours: Received (1) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (2) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 08-11-2001
Birth Place : Jaipur, Rajasthan, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-33

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-33

Mona Agarwal



Bronze - Shooting

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para shooter from Rajasthan * She competes in women's 10m air rifle SH1 category * She qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics at Paris * She won a quota place for the Paris Paralympics winning gold at the WSPS Para Shooting World Cup at New Delhi in March 2024 * She won a bronze medal at the 2024 Summer Paralympics * She took up shooting in December 2021 after trying different other sports including volleyball * Her husband, Ravindra Chaudhary, a former wheelchair basketball player, suffered brain injury in an accident, and is under rehab at home * She got a polio attack when she was nine months old * She shifted to Jaipur after marriage * Due to stigma against girls, she could not complete her schooling * Agarwal made her international debut at the World Cup in Osijek, Croatia in July 2023 * After the Delhi gold, she won another gold at the Para World Cup in Changwon, Korea in April 2024.





Born : 08-11-1987
Birth Place : Sikar,
Rajasthan, India

Paralympic Medal Winner-34

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-34 & 37



Preethi Pal

Bronze - Athletics

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Bronze - Athletics

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para athlete * She won two bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in the women's 100m and 200m T35 race events and created history by becoming the first Indian woman to win two medals in track and field events at Paralympic Games * In May 2024, she won a bronze at the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan, and clinched an Olympic quota, clocking 30.49 sec in the women's T35 200m event * She missed a medal twice by a close margin at the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China * Earlier in March 2024, she won two gold in the domestic 6th Indian Open Para Athletics Championships at Bangalore * In 2024, she qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics at Paris and won a bronze medal in the women's 100m T35 class. She clocked a personal best time of 14.21 seconds.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2024.

Born : 22-09-2000
Birth Place : Meerut,
Uttar Pradesh, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-35

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-26 & 35



Manish Narwal

Gold - Shooting

2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Silver - Shooting

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-pistol shooter * He is currently ranked second in Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 world rankings * He won a silver medal at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * Manish Narwal qualified for the Paralympics Games in Tokyo and represented Team India at the Shooting Paralympic of the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He won a gold medal for India in Mixed P4 – 50 m pistol SH1.

Honours: Received (1) Arjuna Award-2020 (2) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021.





Born : 17-10-2001
Birth Place : Faridabad,
Haryana, India

Paralympic Medal Winner-36

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-36



Rubina Francis

Bronze - Shooting

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para pistol shooter * She won the bronze medal at the P2 10 m air pistol SH1 event at the 2024 Paralympics Games * She made history by becoming the first Indian woman to clinch a Paralympics medal in pistol shooting by winning a bronze * Rubina was ranked number five by the International Shooting Sport Federation in 2021 in Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 (World Shooting Para Sport Rankings) * She participated in the 2018 Asian Para Games in the P2 - Women's 10M Air Pistol (SH1 Events) * She qualified for the 2020 Summer Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan and finished 7th in the final * She won a gold medal at the World Shooting Para Sport Championships in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates in 2022 * She qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics at Paris * She secured an Olympic quota berth for Paris Paralympics under bipartite rule in July 2024.



Born : 25-06-1999
Birth Place : Jabalpur,
Madhya Pradesh, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-37

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-34 & 37



Preethi Pal

Bronze - Athletics
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris
Bronze - Athletics
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para athlete * She won two bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in the women's 100m and 200m T35 race events and created history by becoming the first Indian woman to win two medals in track and field events at Paralympic Games * In May 2024, she won a bronze at the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan, and clinched an Olympic quota, clocking 30.49 sec in the women's T35 200m event * She missed a medal twice by a close margin at the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China * Earlier in March 2024, she won two gold in the domestic 6th Indian Open Para Athletics Championships at Bangalore * In 2024, she qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics at Paris and won a bronze medal in the women's 100m T35 class. She clocked a personal best time of 14.21 seconds.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2024.

Born : 22-09-2000
Birth Place : Meerut,
Uttar Pradesh, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-38

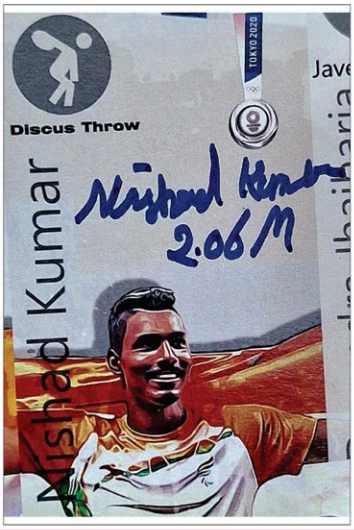
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OF INDIA-14 & 38



Nishad Kumar

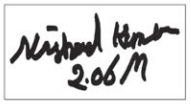
Silver - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Silver - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper * He won the silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics and retained his silver at the 2024 Paris Paralympics * He took up the sport of para-athletics in 2009 * In November 2019, he won the bronze medal in the men's T47 category at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships and, as a result, he qualified to compete at the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He won the gold medal in T46 category at the 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix which was held in Dubai * He also became the second Indian to win a medal at the 2020 Summer Paralympics after Bhavina Patel when he clinched a silver in the men's high jump T47 category along with an Asian Record * He shared the silver medal with Dallas Wise of USA who also cleared the same distance of 2.06m * In the 2022 Asian Para Games, he won a gold medal in the men's high jump T47 at Hangzhou, China.



Born : 03-10-1999
Birth Place : Amb,
Himachal Pradesh, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-39

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-18 & 39



Yogesh Kathuniya

Silver - Men's Discus Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Silver - Men's Discus Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic athlete who specializes in the discus throw * He represented India at 2020 Summer Paralympics where he won a silver medal in the men's discus throw F56 event * He qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * In 2016, Kathunia started in para sports after Sachin Yadav, General Secretary of the students' union at Kirori Mal College motivated him to take up sports by regularly showing him videos of para athletes * In 2018, he set a world record in F36 category by throwing the disc to 45.18 m at the 2018 World Para Athletics European Championships in Berlin.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2021.



Born : 03-03-1997
Birth Place : Bahadurgarh,
Haryana, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-40

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-40



Kumar Nitesh

(Born : Nitesh Kumar)
Gold - Badminton
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-badminton player * He won a gold at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in the men's singles SL3 category * He is a two-time silver and one-time bronze medalist at the World Championships * Kumar has won one gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the Asian Para Games over the years * He made his international debut in 2016 * In 2017, he won his first title at the Irish Para-Badminton International * Later, he took part and won matches at BWF Para Badminton World Circuit and won a gold medal at the 2022 Asian Para Games at Hangzhou, China * He became the world number 3 in the SL3 category on 14 June 2022 * In 2019, he started working as Senior Badminton Coach at the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Haryana.

Born : 30-12-1994
Birth Place : Bas Kirtan,
Rajasthan, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-41

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-41

Manisha Ramadass



Bronze - Badminton

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-badminton player * She won the bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics * She is a gold, silver, and bronze medalist at the World Championships and a triple bronze medalist at the Asian Para Games * She is supported by Olympic Gold Quest, a sports NGO * Manisha made her international debut in 2022 and became world number 1 in the SU5 category on 22 August 2022 * She won her first title at the Spanish (level 2) Para-Badminton International in 2022 * She went on to win 11 gold and five bronze medals in 2022 * For her dominant show in 2022, she won the BWF Female Para Badminton Player of the year 2022 * She also won the Sportswoman of the Year (parasports Sportstar Aces award)

Born : 27-01-2005
Birth Place : Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-42

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-42

Thulasimathi Murugesan



Silver - Badminton

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is a badminton paralympian from Tamil Nadu * She represented India at the 2022 Asian Para Games held at Gangzhou, China * She won three medals in para badminton competitions, SL3-SU5 and SU5 classes * She made history as the first Indian woman shuttler to win a Paralympic silver medal, following a remarkable journey to the final in the SU5 category * In December 2023, Thulasimathi won the gold medal in the women's doubles partnering Manasi Joshi at the 5th Fazza Dubai Para Badminton International 2023 * She later won another bronze in the mixed doubles SL3 and SU5, along with Kumar Nitesh * Along with Manasi, she is second in the World Para-Badminton doubles rankings * She trains under coaches Gopichand and Irfan at Hyderabad * She is supported by Olympic Gold Quest * In the 4th Asian Para Games at Hangzhou, she won three medals: gold in singles, silver in doubles with Joshi and bronze in mixed doubles with Kumar Nitesh * She went on to win a silver medal partnering Manasi Joshi in the women's doubles SL3-SU5 on 27 October and topped it with a gold in the individual women's singles SU5 class.

Born : 11-04-2002
Birth Place : Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-43

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-30 & 43

Suhas Yathiraj



(Born : Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj)

Silver - Badminton

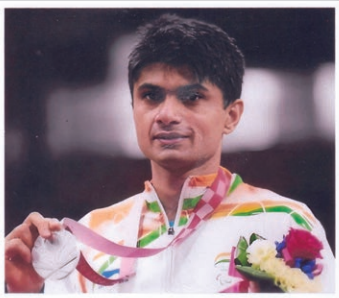
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Silver - Badminton

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-badminton player and the World No. 1 in men's singles * He won the silver medals at the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 games thus becoming the only Indian para-badminton player to win back to back medals at the Games * He won the gold medal at the National Para Badminton Championships in 2018 * At the 2016 Asian Para Badminton Championships, Beijing, China, he became the first Indian bureaucrat to win a professional International Badminton Championship * He won gold beating Hary Susanto of Indonesia in the finals when he was serving as District Magistrate of Azamgarh.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2021.



Born : 02-07-1983
Birth Place : Hassan, Karnataka, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-44

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-44

Rakesh Kumar / Sheetal Devi



Bronze - Archery (Mixed Team)

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Rakesh Kumar

Born : 13-01-1985 * Birth Place : Katra, J & K, India

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian compound para-archer * He won a bronze medal in the mixed team compound event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics * Kumar has also won gold medals at the 2022 Asian Para Games and the 2023 World Championships in the same event.

Sheetal Devi

Born : 10-01-2007 * Birth Place : Loidhar, Kishtwar, J & K, India

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian compound para-archer * She won a bronze medal in the mixed team compound event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, becoming the youngest Indian Paralympian medalist * She has won gold medals at all the major competitions including the World Championships, Asian Championships and the Asian Para Games.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2023.





Paralympic Medal Winner-45

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-19 & 45



Sumit Antil

Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Gold - Men's Javelin Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian javelin thrower * He is a double gold medalist at the Paralympics, having won the men's javelin throw F64 event at the 2020 Paralympics and the 2024 Paralympics * He set a new Paralympic record both times with his throws of 68.55 m and 70.59 m * In 2022, Antil not only won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games but also made the para-javelin WR of 73.29 m * He is a six-time world record holder * He began competing at javelin on the National circuit and GoSports inducted him into the Para Champions Programme in 2019 * In 2019, at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Italy, he broke the world record in the F64 category en route to winning the Silver medal in the Combined Event * He then won the Silver medal at World Para Athletics Championships, Dubai, 2019 and in the process broke his own world record in the F64 category.

Honours: Received (1) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2021 (2) Padma Shri-2022.



Born : 07-06-1998
Birth Place : Sonipat,
Haryana, India







Paralympic Medal Winner-46

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-46



Nithya Sre Sivan

(Born : Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan)
Bronze - Badminton
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para badminton player * She won the bronze medal at the 2024 Paralympic Games in the women's singles event * Sivan has also won three bronze medals at the 2022 Asian Para Games in the singles, mixed and women's doubles events * Nithya started playing badminton with the able-bodied sportspersons in 2016 for fun and recreation * Later in 2019, she learnt about the para games and shifted her focus to competitive badminton and started training under coach Gaurav Khanna in Lucknow * In October 2023, she won two bronze medals at the Asian Para Games * In April 2023, she won two gold medals at the Brazil Para Badminton International meet * In May 2022, the Asian Youth Para Games winner also won a gold medal at the 1st Bahrain Para Badminton International Championships in Manama * In December 2022, she bagged a gold in the women's singles SH6 finals defeating Worlds silver medallist at the Peru Para Badminton International in Lima.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2024.

Born : 07-01-2005
Birth Place : Karur,
Tamil Nadu, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-47

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-47



Deepthi Jeevanji

Bronze - Athletics
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-athlete * She won the bronze medal at the 2024 Paralympics in the 400 meters T20 race * At the 2024 World Championships, she set a world record of 55.06s * She previously set the Asian Para Games record in 2023 * She broke the 55.12s record of Breanna Clark * Jeevanji was selected for the Indian team that took part in the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Para Games, where she won the gold medal with a new Asian Para record and the Games record on 24 October 2023 in her pet event, the 400m run in T20 category * She clocked a time of 56.69s to take the gold ahead of Thailand's Orawan Kaising * She was selected to the Indian team that took part at 2024 world Paralympics championships in Kobe, Japan Championships in May in the 100m and 200m (Category F) after two gold in the All-India Inter-University Championships gold at Bhubaneshwar * Earlier, she qualified for the finals setting a new Asian record with a time of 56.18 seconds and secured a Paris 2024 Paralympics quota with a second place in the 100m (Category F) at the Indian U20 Federation Cup at Chhotu Bhai Purani Sports Complex, Nadiad.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2005.

Born : 27-09-2003
Birth Place : Kalleda,
Warangal, Telangana, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-48

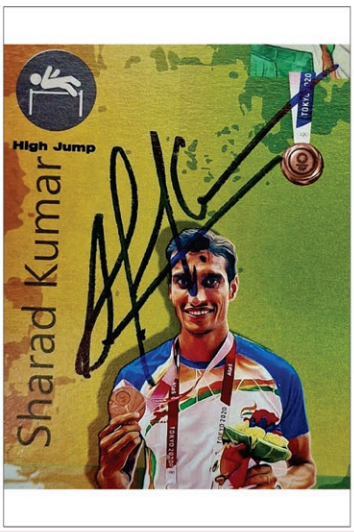
PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-22 & 48



Sharad Kumar

Bronze - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Silver - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper and a former world no. 1 * He qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * Kumar represented India at the 2016 Summer Paralympics and finished sixth * He won Silver in 2017 World ParaAthletics Championships * He then went on to represent India in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics where he won bronze medal * He also represented India in the 2024 Paris Paralympics where he won a silver medal * Sharad made his international debut in 2010 at the Asian Para Games in Guangzhou * In January 2012, he jumped 1.64m, thus qualifying for the 2012 Paralympics * In April 2012, with a jump of 1.75m at the Malaysian Open Para athletics championship, he became world no. 1 at the age of 19 * He won Gold Medal in 2018 Para Asian Games Jakarta setting a new Game Record and Continental Record by jumping 1.90m.



Born : 01-03-1992
Birth Place : Muzaffarpur,
Bihar, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-49

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-9, 21 & 49



Mariyappan Thangavelu

Gold - Men's High Jump
2016 - Summer Paralympic Rio
Silver - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Bronze - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic high jumper * He is a triple Paralympics medalist having won the gold medal at 2016 Rio, the silver medal at 2020 Tokyo and the bronze medal at 2024 Paris * He has also been a double medalist at the World Championships with one gold and one bronze * In August 2021, he won the silver medal in men's T-63 high jump event at the 2020 Summer Paralympics, which was the second medal in his Paralympic career.

Honours: Received (1) Padma Shri-2017 (2) Arjuna Award-2017 (3) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award-2020.



Born : 28-06-1995
Birth Place : Periavadagampatti,
Salem, Tamil Nadu, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-50

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-50



Ajeet Singh
(Born : Ajeet Singh Yadav)

Silver - Men's Javelin Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Para athlete from Uttar Pradesh who competes in men's javelin throw, in F-46 category * On 3 September 2024, he won a silver medal in javelin throw F46 category at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris * After taking the sport of para javelin, he made his international debut in 2019 * He took part in 7th World Para Athletics Grand Prix held in Beijing, China and won gold medal in the javelin throw * He represented India in the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai where he claimed a bronze medal and as a result he qualified for the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He also claimed a gold medal in the 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix * He made his Paralympic debut representing India at the 2020 Summer Paralympics * He qualified to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics at Paris, his second Olympics.

Born : 05-09-1993
Birth Place : Etawah,
Uttar Pradesh, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-51

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS
OF INDIA-17 & 51



Sundar Singh Gurjar

Bronze - Men's Javelin Throw
2020 - Summer Paralympics Tokyo
Bronze - Men's Javelin Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian Paralympic athlete from Rajasthan * He competes in javelin throw, shot put and discus throw in F46 category events * He won bronze medals at Tokyo 2020 Paralympics & Paris 2024 Paralympics in men's javelin F46 event * In 2016 Sundar Singh Gurjar registered the 'A' qualification mark for the 2016 Rio Paralympics with a performance of 59.36m in 8th Fazza IPC Athletics Grand Prix, Dubai * He created a national record with 68.42m during the 16th Para Athletics National Championship in Panchkula * In 9th FAZZA IPC Athletics Grand Prix, Sundar Singh Gurjar won three gold medals in javelin throw, shot put and discus throw under the coaching of Mahaveer Prasad Saini * He won silver medal in javelin throw and bronze medal in discus throw in Asian Para Games 2018 * He set a world record at the 16th Para Athletics National Championship in Panchkula holding three gold medals in three events.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2019.



Born : 01-01-1996
Birth Place : Karauli,
Rajasthan, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-52

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-52



Sachin Khilari
(Born : Sachin Sarjerao Khilari)

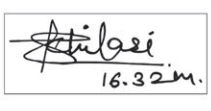
Silver - Athletics
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian paralympic shot putter * Apart from being a para-athlete, Sachin is a mechanical engineer and helps students prepare for state (MPSC) and national (UPSC) public service commission exams * The silver in the men's shot put F46 event has lifted India's medal tally at the Paris 2024 Paralympics to 21 * With five medals secured on Tuesday, India has already surpassed its previous best of 19 medals, achieved at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics * In para athletics, it was India's 11th medal * Speaking of India's impressive performance at Paris 2024 so far, Khilari said being comfortable on a big stage has helped the Indian athletes at this Games * Khilari competed at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships, winning a gold medal in the men's shot put F46 event * He set a record in shot put with a best throw of 16.21m * He also competed at the 2024 World Para Athletics Championships, winning a gold medal in the same event * In September 2024, he won silver medal at 2024 Summer Paralympics.





Born : 23-10-1989
Birth Place : Sangli,
Maharashtra, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-53

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-25 & 53



Harvinder Singh

Bronze - Archery

2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo

Gold - Archery

2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian paralympic archer * He is a double Paralympic medalist having won the gold at 2024 Paris and the bronze at 2020 Tokyo in the men's singles recurve archery event * His medals were the first Paralympic gold and bronze archery medals for India * Singh won the gold medal at the 2018 Asian Para Games and the bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics * At the 2022 Asian Para Games, he was a part of the team that won the bronze medal * At the Para Archery World Ranking event in 2024, he won a bronze medal at Czech Republic * At the World Archery Oceania Para Grand Prix, he won a bronze at Australia.

Honours: Received Padma Shri-2025.



Born : 25-02-1991
Birth Place : Kaithal, Haryana, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-54

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-54



Dharambir Nain

Gold - Athletics

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para club thrower * He represented India at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, where he won the gold medal in the men's club throw F51 event with a throw of 34.92 m, setting a new Asian record * Nain took up para athletics in 2014, and was mentored in discus throw by Amit Kumar Saroha * He trains at Sports Authority of India facilities in Sonipat * Nain represented India at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, where he finished 9th * He first took part in the London World Championships in 2017 * He won a silver medal at the 2018 Asian Para Games * He represented India at the World Championship in Dubai in 2019 and Paris in 2023 * At the 2020 Summer Paralympics at Tokyo, he came 8th in his event * In 2022, he won two silver medals in club throw and discus throw at the 13th Fazza International Athletics Championships and a silver medal in club throw F51 at the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China * That year he also received the Bhim Award, the highest sports honour presented by the state government of Haryana, India * He won a bronze medal at the 2024 World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan.

Born : 18-01-1989
Birth Place : Rohtak, Haryana, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-55

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-55



Pranav Soorma

Silver - Athletics

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-athlete * He won the silver medal in the men's club throw F51 event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics * He also won the gold medal at the 2022 Asian Para Games * At the event, he set an Asian Games record with a throw of 30.01 m * In 2011 at the age of 16, he met with an accident that injured his spinal cord * His father, Sanjeev, quit his job to support his son to take up sports * Athletes whose movement was affected to a high degree in the trunk, legs and hands are qualified for the F51 club throw event * They rely on their shoulders and arm to generate power and take the throw while seated * Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated him for his resilience * He is supported by sports NGO Olympic Gold Quest * Soorma won the Asian Para Games gold with a record on 23 October 2023 * Earlier in 2023, he also won gold in the Serbia Open * In 2022, he bagged silver and gold at the Tunisia Grand Prix * In 2019, he won silver at the Beijing Grand Prix * In the inaugural Khelo India Para games, he improved his Asian record by throwing a distance of 33.54 for his gold medal in December 2023 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.

Born : 04-10-1994
Birth Place : Faridabad, Haryana, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-56

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-56



Kapil Parmar

Bronze - Judo

2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-judo player * He clinched the bronze medal at the 2024 Paralympics and made history by winning India's first Paralympic medal in judo * Parmar has also won gold at the 2019 Commonwealth Championships, gold at the 2023 Grand Prix, bronze at the 2023 World Games and silver at the 2022 Asian Para Games * Parmar hails from Bhopal but trains under coach Munawar Anzar Ali Siddiqui at the Indian Para Judo Academy in Lucknow * Parmar won the silver medal at the Asian Para Games * In 2023, he won the gold at the IBSA Judo Grand Prix in Alexandria * He then won the bronze medal at the IBSA World Games in Birmingham, UK * He also won the gold at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham * At the 2024 Paris Paralympics, he won the bronze medal

Born : 23-06-2000
Birth Place : Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-57

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-23 & 57

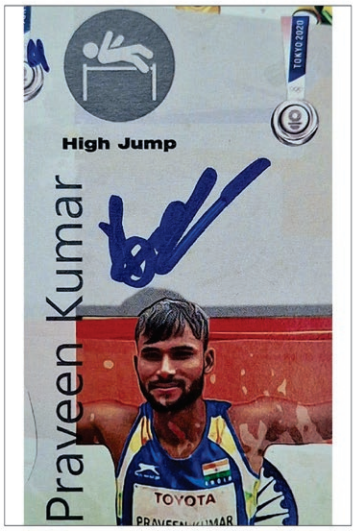
Praveen Kumar



Silver - Men's High Jump
2020 - Summer Paralympic Tokyo
Gold - Men's High Jump
2024 - Summer Paralympic Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para high jumper * He won gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics and silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics * He is also a 2022 Asian Para Games gold medalist * In 2023, he won the men's high jump T64 at the 2022 Asian Para Games at Hangzhou, China on 23 October 2023 * He also broke the Games' record of 2.02m in the final * Praveen Kumar was born with a short leg * He started with a passion for volleyball but opted for the high jump after giving his able-bodied opponents stiff competition in a junior event.

Honours: Received Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award-2024.



Born : 15-05-2003
Birth Place : Govindgarh,
Uttar Pradesh, India





Paralympic Medal Winner-58

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-58

Hokato Hotozhe Sema



Bronze - Athletics
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-athlete from Nagaland and a Junior Commissioned Officer in the Indian Army * He competes in men's shot put F57 event * He represented India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics at Paris and won a bronze medal in the event * He joined as a havildar in the Indian Army and was promoted as Naib Subedar with 9 Assam Regiment * He lost his leg in 2002 during an operation at the Line of Control due to a landmine blast * At 32, he started shotput and trained under coach Rakesh Rawat * A chance meeting with Lieutenant Colonel Gaurav Dutta in 2016 led him to take up shot put * He is currently supported by Olympic Gold Quest, a sports NGO * Sema won the bronze medal in shotput F-56/57 category event at 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China * He also won the bronze medal in shotput F-57 category at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris with a personal best throw of 14.65m.

Born : 24-12-1983
Birth Place : Niuland,
Nagaland, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-59

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-59

Simran Sharma



Bronze - Athletics
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

Profile & Performance: Is an Indian visually-impaired para-athlete * She won a bronze medal in the 200 m T12 event * In the 100 m T12, she qualified first in her heat with a season best of 12.33 but finished 4th in the finals despite a time of 12.31 * On 29 November 2017, she married her coach Naik Gajendra Singh * He is posted at New Delhi's 227 company of the Army Service Corps * She was born prematurely after six and half months term and with visual impairment * Sharma took part in China Grand Prix and World Para Grand Prix at Dubai in 2021 * She became the first Indian para athlete to qualify for the Tokyo Paralympics in 2021, but she did not get any medal * She was selected to represent the Indian team at the 2022 Asian Para Games at Hangzhou, China where she won two silver medals in the 100m and 200m T12 events * At the Asian Games, she clocked 12.68 seconds for 100m on 24 October 2023 and 26.12 seconds for 200m on 26 October 2023 * In May 2024, she won a gold medal at the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan.

Honours: Received Arjuna Award-2024.

Born : 09-11-1999
Birth Place : Ghaziabad,
Uttar Pradesh, India



Paralympic Medal Winner-60

PARALYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS OF INDIA-60

Navdeep Singh



Gold - Javelin Throw
2024 - Summer Paralympics Paris

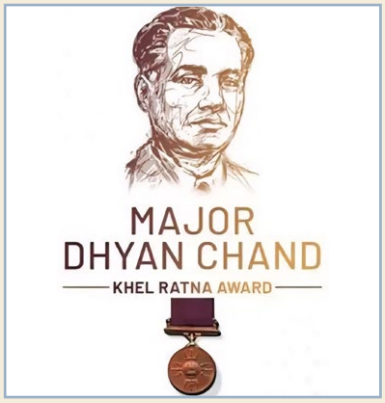
Profile & Performance: Is an Indian para-athlete and javelin thrower * He won the gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics * He has also been a bronze medalist at the World Championships * In 2017, Singh won the gold medal for India in the men's javelin F41 event at Asian Youth Para Games, Dubai * He proceeded to win the gold medal at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2021 in Dubai * Singh finished fourth in javelin throw F41 at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics * He won the gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics * He is also an income tax inspector.

Born : 11-11-2000
Birth Place : Panipat, Haryana, India








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Praful Thakkar's Thematic Gallery of Indian Autographs

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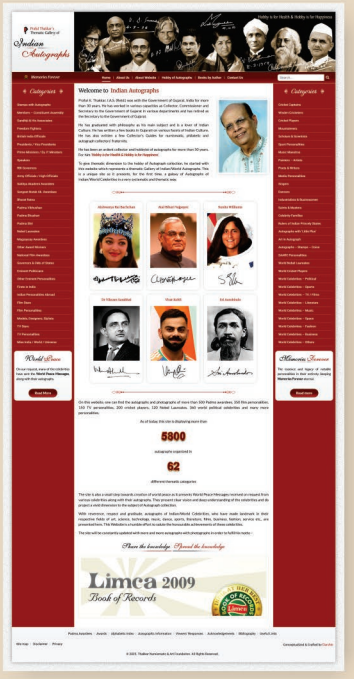
To give thematic dimension to the hobby of Autograph collection, he started with this website which represents a thematic Gallery of Indian/World Autographs. This is a unique site as it presents, for the first time, a galaxy of Autographs of Indian/World Celebrities in a very systematic and thematic way. However one can visit www.worldautographgallery.com to view autographs of only world celebrities of various fields.

On this website, one can find the autographs and photographs of more than 500 Padma awardees, 350 film personalities, 150 TV personalities, 200 cricket players, 120 Nobel Laureates, 360 world political celebrities and many more personalities.

As of today, this site is displaying more than 5400 autographs organized in 62 different thematic categories

The site is also a small step towards creation of world peace as it presents World Peace Messages received on request from various celebrities along with their autographs. They present clear vision and deep understanding of the celebrities and do project a vivid dimension to the subject of Autograph collection.

With reverence, respect and gratitude, autographs of Indian/World Celebrities, who have made landmark in their respective fields of art, science, technology, music, dance, sports, literature, films, business, fashion, service etc., are presented here. This Website is a humble effort to salute the honorable achievements of these celebrities.



Praful Thakkar's Thematic Gallery of Indian Philately

www.indianphilatelics.com

Philately is the King of Hobbies. This Website is an effort to introduce various treasure hoards of this king to philatelist friends in pursuit of their hobby of collecting and organizing Indian philatelic material. It has an Exotic Gallery and Gateway to Indian Philately presenting its various Facets and Checklists including creative philately useful to philatelists. Apart from regular features and facets of Philately, Exhibits and Creative Philately presented here, are two decorative and charismatic ornamental jewelry of this invaluable Philately-treasure. Exhibits including Virtual Exhibits will enable those who are collecting on similar subjects as a reference material. While Creative Philately will show the creativity, efforts, understanding and vision of the philatelist in making such self fulfilling Creative Philately. The Site is dedicated to promote, share and encourage study of Indian Philately by providing information on different aspects.

Gallery of Indian Philately - A View from Praful Thakkar's Window

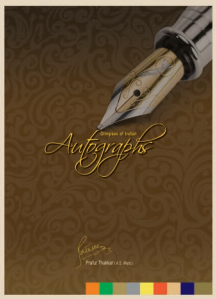
This Website is presenting some facets of Indian Philately viewed by him from his window. As a collector of various collectibles, he has faced many difficulties in collecting, understanding and arranging the collection. At the same time he realized that the same may be happening to new collectors and they might be facing similar hurdles too. To overcome such situations and to encourage philatelists and hobbyists, he has made the attempt of launching this Website.



AUTOGRAPHS... Memories Forever ❻

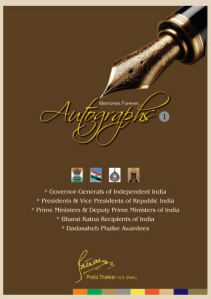
This sixth volume in the acclaimed “Autographs... Memories Forever” series brings you a rare, definitive collection of autographs from India’s greatest sports champions. It features legendary athletes across various disciplines who have been honoured with India's highest sporting accolade, the Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna Award, alongside a galaxy of Indian Olympic and Paralympic medal winners in their entirety. This collection is a timeless tribute to the iconic titans who shaped Indian sports and left permanent landmarks in its glorious history. It is an indispensable masterpiece for every passionate sports lover and serious sports archivist.

Other Publications (eBooks) on Amazon Kindle



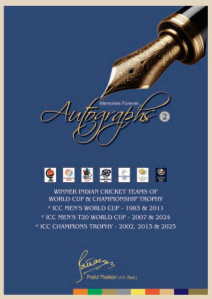
Glimpses of Indian Autographs

This is a hard bound fully colored book of 280 pages. The book gives glimpses of the autographs of eminent Indian personalities of various fields. The book contains around 600 autographs in 8 major groups which are further divided in 42 different categories in which autographs and photographs of the celebrities are presented. An alphabetically arranged Index at the end gives basic details and information about the celebrity.



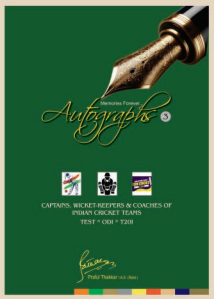
AUTOGRAPHS... Memories Forever ❶

This book "Autographs... Memories Forever," is a reference book (1st in the series) covering specific Indian themes in their entirety. It is an attempt to present autographs of celebrities in different types and in different languages. This book presents Indian Topics like (1) Governor Generals of Independent India (2) Presidents & Vice Presidents of India (3) Prime Ministers & Deputy Prime Ministers of India (4) Bharat Ratna Awardees (5) Dada Saheb Phalke Awardees. This is an effort to display Autographs of above categories in completeness.



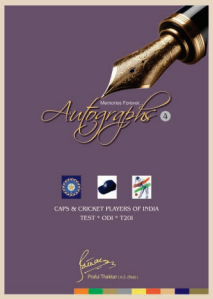
AUTOGRAPHS... Memories Forever ❷

This is the second book in the series of "Autographs... Memories Forever," which showcases the following Men's 8 Winner Indian Cricket Teams of World Cup & Champions Trophy alongwith Winner Indian Cricket Team of ICC Women's World Cup - 2025:
* ICC Men's World Cup - 1983 & 2011
* ICC Men's T20 World Cup - 2007, 2024 & 2026 * ICC Champions' Trophy - 2002, 2013 & 2025
* ICC Women's World Cup - 2025.
This book presents the autographs of captains, wicketkeepers, players, and coaches of these winning teams in their entirety.



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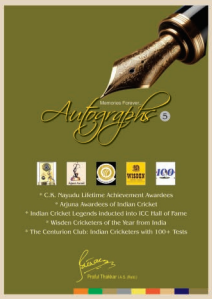
Building upon the success of my previous two books in the series of 'Autographs... Memories Forever', I am delighted to present this 3rd book in the same series which showcases the autographs of 'Captains, Wicket-keepers & Coaches of Indian Cricket Teams.. Test * ODI * T20I'. This book compiles the autographs of Captains, Wicket-keepers and Coaches of Indian Cricket Teams in all their formats. All the three categories in all the three formats are presented here in their completeness.



AUTOGRAPHS... Memories Forever ❹

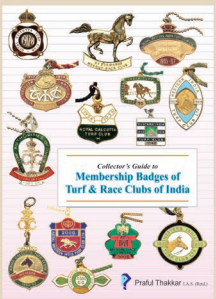
Caps and Cricketers in Chronological Splendour

Following the immense success of my first three books, I have come with a magnificent fourth book in the Autographs... Memories Forever series. This book specifically showcases the autographs of cricketers organized chronologically by their Test, ODI, and T20I cap numbers. In the world of cricket, an international cap is the ultimate badge of honour.



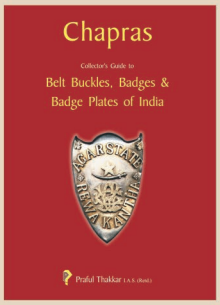
AUTOGRAPHS... Memories Forever ❺

This fifth volume in the acclaimed Autographs... Memories Forever series brings you a rare, definitive collection of signatures from the absolute titans of Indian cricket. This premium edition celebrates the game’s greatest legends through the ultimate honors they have achieved. More than just a collection, this volume is a timeless tribute to the legends who shaped the sport and left permanent landmarks in cricket history. It remains an indispensable masterpiece for every passionate fan and serious archivist.



Collector's Guide to Membership Badges of Turf & Race Clubs of India

This is a reference work of membership badges issued by the Indian race/turf club authorities viz. Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad to their members. These badges were colorful and were artistically made with exquisite workmanship. The Guide gives a historical background of racing in India and catalogues colored photos of about 260 badges.



Chapras Collector's Guide to Belt Buckles, Badges & Badge Plates of India

This is a book that gives a thematic dimension to the hobby of collecting early Belt Buckles, Badges and Badge Plates as they depict history of British India and Indian Princely States. They indicate the identity or the Authority on whose behalf they are issued. The Guide catalogues about 630 such badges etc along with their photos.



One Page, One Theme

In this book or compilation, Stamps and sometimes FDCs or other philatelic material is arranged theme wise with limit of 'One Page' or if necessary extension of the same Theme in 'One Page' format only. As the 'Theme' is the common binding and highlighting factor, this exhibit of 'One Page' will enable one to build his Stamp collection Theme wise. Due to constraint in book pages, approximately 150 Themes are presented in more than 250 one page presentations in 68 pages.