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Dear Members, Athletes, Coaches, Partners, and Supporters of Indian Shooting

As we present the second edition of the NRAI Newsletter, I find myself reflecting not only on a season of results, but on a momentum that is rapidly reshaping Indian shooting. From medals won and records broken to systems reimagined and platforms created, our sport is evolving, and the direction is clear.



Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo

**President,
National Rifle Association of India**

The past few months have not only tested our systems and stretched our boundaries but have also demonstrated the depth, resilience, and maturity of Indian shooters on the global stage. From junior excellence in Suhl to medal-winning consistency in Munich, we are witnessing a transition, where the baton is being passed confidently across generations.

Our shooters displayed the best ever performance in Asian Championships winning a total of 99 medals. This shows how far we have developed the depth as a shooting nation by showcasing our supremacy in the continental championship.

This growth has been driven by a set of aligned priorities:

- 🌀 Creating opportunities that prepare athletes for elite competition, both at home and abroad
- 🌀 Institutionalising support structures—from high-performance programs to athlete-centric squad selection
- 🌀 Elevating India's global presence, not only through participation, but through leadership and hosting

At the heart of these developments lies a simple principle: the athlete remains central to everything we do. Whether it's the launch of ISSF-certified coaching courses in India, improved high-performance protocols, or a more data-driven squad selection model, every action is designed to enable shooters to thrive in high-performance environments.

Our vision for Indian shooting is underpinned by a long-term approach. The confirmation of India as a host for ISSF events in 2027 and 2028 and our continued investment in junior and grassroots ecosystems all serve one purpose - to build a high-performance culture with national depth and global relevance.

As we approach a critical stretch with the Asian Championships, World Cups, and the debut of SLI, I invite every member of our community to carry this momentum forward. Let us continue to build with purpose, compete with belief, and lead with integrity.

Let us continue to aim higher, with discipline, unity, and belief.

With warm regards,

Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo

President, National Rifle Association of India

NRAI- A SLICE OF HISTORY

Presidents and Secretary Generals of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), since its inception in 1951, has been guided by a lineage of visionary leaders, who have shaped Indian shooting into a sport of excellence, honour, and global repute.

ROLL OF PRESIDENTS



SH. G.V. MAVLANKAR
1951-1956



PT. GOVIND BALLABH PANT
1956-1960



SH. LAL BHADUR SHASTRI
1961-1966



SH. Y.B. CHAVAN
1967-1970



SH. M.K. KAUL
1970-1971



DR. G.S. DHILLON
1971-1974



DR. JOGENDRA SINGH
1974-1979



SH. SAJJAN SINGH SETHI
1979-1985



SH. KUMAR SURENDRA SINGH
1985-1999



SH. DIGVIJAY SINGH
1999-2010



SH. RANINDER SINGH
2010-2023



SH. KALIKESH
NARAYAN SINGH DEO
2024 - PRESENT

ROLL OF SECRETARY GENERALS



SH. K.G. PRABHU
1951-1959



SH. JOGENDRA SINGH
1959-1971



SH. SAJJAN SINGH SETHI
1971-1972



SH. TIKKA JAGJIT SINGH BEDI
1972-1973



SH. HARDEV SINGH KANDHARI
1973-1979



SH. AVTAR SINGH SETHI
1979-1985



SH. BALJIT SINGH SETHI
1985-2010



SH. DV SEETHARAMA RAO
2013-2021











SH. K SULTAN SINGH
2021 - PRESENT

16TH ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, KAZAKHSTAN

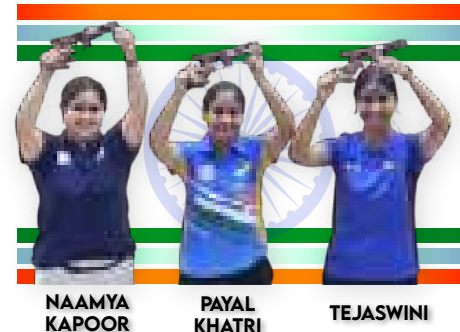
Continental Dominance

BEST EVER PERFORMANCE IN ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONS					T
1	INDIA 	50	26	23	99
2	KAZAKHSTAN 	21	24	25	70
3	CHINA 	15	17	5	37
4	REPUBLIC OF KOREA 	12	21	22	55
5	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN 	3	6	8	17

(25M PISTOL WOMEN JUNIOR)

CLEAN SWEEP



OLYMPIC EVENTS-SENIORS

NATIONS					T
1	CHINA 	8	7	1	16
2	INDIA 	6	2	3	11
3	KAZAKHSTAN 	1	0	2	3

OLYMPIC EVENTS-JUNIORS

NATIONS					T
1	INDIA 	10	6	5	21
2	KAZAKHSTAN 	3	1	3	7
3	KOREA 	2	5	3	10

MEDALS IN GRAND PRIX EVENTS



OLYMPIC EVENTS-SENIOR GOLD MEDALISTS



OLYMPIC EVENTS-JUNIOR GOLD MEDALISTS



16TH ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, KAZAKHSTAN

Continental Dominance

ENJOY THE PODIUMS

HIGHLIGHTS



Elavenil Valarivan - Asian Championship Record



Shambhavi / Isha / Hrudya - Air Rifle Women Junior Team World Record



Ankur Mittal - Double Trap Men World Record



Abhinav / Himanshu / Naraen - Air Rifle Men Junior Team World Record



AROUND THE WORLD- FLYING HIGH

Indian shooters continue to fly the tricolor high on the world's stage, with pathbreaking performances across senior & junior categories, reinforcing the country's elite status in the highly competitive world of olympic sport shooting.

MEDALS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

SENIORS	TOURNAMENTS				T
	ISSF WORLD CUP – SHOTGUN NICOSIA, CYPRUS MAY 25'-RANK 9	0	0	1	1
	ISSF WORLD CUP – RIFLE/PISTOL MUNICH, GERMANY JUNE 25'-RANK 3	2	0	2	4
JUNIORS					
	ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP – RIFLE/PISTOL/SHOTGUN SUHL, GERMANY MAY 25'-RANK 1	3	4	4	11

MEDALISTS IN ALL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

GOLD MEDAL ATHLETES




SURUCHI SINGH
Women's 10m Air Pistol






ARJUN BABUTA
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team





ARYA RAJESH BORSE
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team





KANAK BUDHWAR
Women's 10m Air Pistol






SHAMBHAVI KSHIRSAGAR
Women's 10m Air Rifle





TEJASWINI
Women's 25m Pistol



SILVER MEDAL ATHLETES



RAIZA DHILLON
Women's Skeet





ADRIYAN KARMAKAR
50m Rifle Prone Men





OJASVI THAKUR
10m Air Rifle Women Junior





KHYATI CHAUDHARY
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior





NARAEN PRANAV VANITHA SURESH
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior



BRONZE MEDAL ATHLETES



ELAVENIL VALARIVAN
Women's 10m Air Rifle





SIFT KAUR SAMRA
50m Rifle 3P Women





MUKESH NELAVALLI
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior





NARAEN PRANAV VANITHA SURESH
10m Air Pistol Men Junior





SHAMBHAVI KSHIRSAGAR
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior





HIMANSHU
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior





ADRIYAN KARMAKAR
50m Rifle 3P Men





KYNAN CHENAI
Mixed Team Trap





SABEERA HARIS
Mixed Team Trap



Did you know?

Suruchi equalled Manu Bhaker's national record (588) in qualification!
Adriyan Karmakar won Silver in 50m Rifle Prone with junior national record!
Neeru Dhanda made her first-ever ISSF World Cup final and finishing a gritty 4th in Women's Trap!
Kynan Chenai and Sabeera Haris clinched bronze in the Mixed Trap Team event in ISSF Nicosia Shotgun WC!

"This team's success proves the depth of Indian shooting. From teen champions to Olympic veterans, everyone delivered,"
– K. Sultan Singh, Secretary General, NRAI

The quarter was packed with national competitions and multiple selection trials that shaped the national rankings in all three disciplines.

COMPETITIONS (MAY-JULY' 2025)

Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship

Delhi / Bhopal | Apr - May' 2025

Selection Trial 3 - Shotgun

New Delhi / Bhopal | June' 2025

Selection Trial 3 & 4 - Rifle / Pistol (Group A)

Dehradun | June - July' 2025

Selection Trial 2 - Shotgun

New Delhi | May' 2025

Selection Trial 3 & 4 - Rifle / Pistol (Group B)

Dehradun / Bhopal | June' 2025

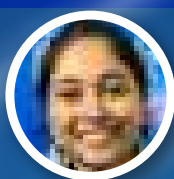
India Open Competition National Ranking Events

Dehradun | July' 2025

SPOTLIGHT PERFORMERS



SAURABH CHAUDHARY
10m Air Pistol



MEHULI GHOSH
10m Air Rifle



SURUCHI SINGH
10m Air Pistol



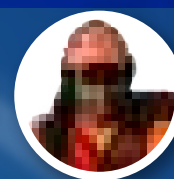
ANISH BHANWALA
25m Rapid Fire Pistol



GANEMAT SEKHON
Skeet



NEERU DHANDA
Skeet



LAKSHAY SHEORAN
Trap

NATIONAL RANKINGS - OLYMPIC EVENTS

(As of July' 2025)

RIFLE

10m Air Rifle – Men

RUDRANKKSH PATIL – 633.98
ARJUN BABUTA – 633.40
KIRAN JADHAV – 632.35

10m Air Rifle – Women

MEHULI GHOSH – 633.65
ELAVENIL VALARIVAN – 633.28
ANANYA NAIDU – 632.83

3-Position Rifle (50m) – Men

CHAIN SINGH – 592.63
AKHIL SHEORAN – 591.35
AISHWARY P.S. TOMAR – 591.33

3-Position Rifle (50m) – Women

SIFT KAUR SAMRA – 593.38
ASHI CHOUKSEY (592.25)
ANJUM MOUDGIL (591.68)

PISTOL

10m Air Pistol – Men

SAURABH CHAUDHARY – 583.93
ADITYA MALRA – 582.75
ANMOL JAIN – 582.33

10m Air Pistol – Women

SURUCHI SINGH – 588.25
PALAK GULIA – 578.38
MANU BHAKER – 578

25m Rapid Fire Pistol – Men

ANISH BHANWALA – 581.25
NEERAJ KUMAR – 578.75
ADARSH SINGH – 578.55

25m Sports Pistol – Women

MANU BHAKER – 588.65
SIMRANPREET KAUR BRAR – 583.75
ESHA SINGH – 583.50

SHOTGUN

Skeet – Men

ABHAY SINGH SEKHON – 121.33
BHAVTEGH SINGH GILL – 119.33
ANANTJEET SINGH NARUKA – 119.00

Skeet – Women

GANEMAT SEKHON – 116.33
RAIZA DHILLON – 116.00
MAHESHWARI CHAUHAN – 115.00

Trap – Men

LAKSHAY SHEORAN – 121.33
KYNAN CHENAI – 120.33
BHOWNEESH MENDIRATTA – 120.00

Trap – Women

NEERU DHANDA – 117.00
AASHIMA AHLAWAT – 116.00
PREETI RAJAK – 114.00

BIG MOVES, BOLD VISION: NRAI'S NEXT CHAPTER TAKES SHAPE

India Confirmed as Host Nation for Global Events Through 2028

India has officially been confirmed as the host for major international shooting events for three consecutive years—further solidifying its position as a global shooting powerhouse.

UPCOMING NRAI-HOSTED EVENTS:

2025

ISSF
Junior
World Cup
(Rifle/Pistol/
Shotgun)
September,
New Delhi

2025

Shooting
League
of India
(SLI)
November,
New Delhi

2026

Asian
Rifle/Pistol
Cup
February,
New Delhi

2027

ISSF
World
Cup

2028

ISSF
Junior
World
Championship

LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION



Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo
President, NRAI

Appointed Interim Chairperson, ISSF Committee on E-Sports, E-Games & Technological Innovations.

Mandate

- Explore e-shooting/ VR-based competitions frameworks
- Evaluate judging/training/fan engagement innovations
- Recommend digital pilot projects

STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION

NRAI & ISSF Academy Sign Historic MoU for Coaching Courses in India

In a landmark agreement, NRAI has partnered with the ISSF Academy to bring globally certified coaching education to India for the first time.



"This collaboration will enable knowledge exchange, foster coaching excellence, and benefit the global shooting ecosystem."
— Dr. Vesa Nissinen, Director, ISSF Academy

NATIONAL SQUADS REVEALED FOR UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NRAI has officially announced India's senior and junior squads for a packed global calendar including:

ISSF WORLD CUP (RIFLE/PISTOL) – NINGBO, CHINA (SEP 7–15, 2025)

ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP (RIFLE/PISTOL/SHOTGUN) – NEW DELHI (SEP 24–OCT 2, 2025)

SENIOR SQUAD HIGHLIGHTS



MANU BHAKER

Only Indian to qualify in two individual events
(10m Air Pistol, 25m Pistol)

COMEBACKS



RUDRANKKSH PATIL
10m Air Rifle – Men



ANJUM MOUDGIL
50m Rifle 3 Positions – Women



AISHWARY P.S. TOMAR
50m Rifle 3 Positions – Men



SAURABH CHAUDHARY
10m Air Pistol – Men

SHOTGUN



KYNAN CHENAI

Olympian leads the charge in Trap

JUNIOR SQUAD HIGHLIGHTS



ABHINAV SHAW

Gold Medalist in World Championships Junior



WHERE LEGACY MEETS ITS LEAGUE

The Inaugural Season Begins November 20

With over 500 Indian and 70+ international shooters from 20 countries registering, the excitement is palpable.

"The Indian league gives equal attention to men and women. It's time the game opened to the world, and SLI is the perfect gateway."
— Luciano Rossi, President, ISSF

Logo Launch: A Moment of Identity

At a spirited ceremony at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, the official SLI logo was unveiled by the NRAI President amidst the presence of dignitaries and top Indian shooters.

Shooting League of India promises to trigger innovation

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

The inaugural Shooting League of India (SLI) could pave the way for innovation, making the competition more exciting, capturing the emotion and drama of the athletes, and making it attractive for the fans who enjoy watching sports.

The president of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), Luciano Rossi, and the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), Kalikesh Singh Deo, promised to help the game evolve in a healthy, ethical, and interesting way as they addressed the media online on Monday.

Collaboration
"For the first edition of the league, we work together with India. It will be a great success," assured Rossi, from his home in Italy, as he kindly pulled out a plot to recall his association with Dr. Karni Singh, the first Indian to win a World Championship medal in shooting.

"We are in an advanced stage of negotiations with the sponsors, broadcasters. We expect to finalise



New versions: Rossi and Kalikesh promised to help the game evolve in a healthy and interesting way. (NRAI)

and make the announcements by the end of September or early October," said Kalikesh.

Rossi and Kalikesh agreed that it was important to help the fans understand what the shooter was going through and appreciate the remarkable level of accuracy being achieved in the sport.

Better format
"For too long, we had forgotten to show what we are. It was a big mistake. We are working towards a better format for the Los Angeles Olympics. It will be a big milestone. We are collecting new ideas. We are close to change, without forgetting the spirit of the sport. Having finals that were too long, without

WORLD SHOOTING | ISSF President Rossi feels the country has the biggest potential to fuel the game's global growth

'India to play pivotal role'

Harinder Poonagard
NEW DELHI

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President Luciano Rossi felt India will play a huge role in popularising the sport of shooting in the years to come given its big market.

Although, the ISSF has about 163 member countries in its fold, India holds the key to unlocking the true potential of shooting as a sport at the global level, considering the number of youngsters taking up the sport in the country. To give a fillip to the movement to take the sport to the new level, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) will be organising its much anticipated franchise-based Shooting League of India (SLI) later in the year.

"The ISSF has 163 member countries across continents. But the biggest (potential) now is in India," Rossi said.

But the biggest (potential) now is in India," said Rossi in a virtual interview with the media. "ISSF relies on a strong cooperation from the NRAI and also other Asian countries. We have members from five continents, but Asia has a lot of talent and the incredible sports are a testimony to that," he said.

"We are working with India and China to help increase the sport activity around in Asia." The NRAI President Kalikesh Singh Deo felt the ISSF has been consistent with its support for India in terms of providing top international



ISSF President Luciano Rossi feels India will play a huge role in popularising shooting

competitions to the country. "ISSF has always been very generous towards India. They awarded us the World Cup Final in 2024 after the Olympics. This year, we are conducting the Junior World Cup. Next year in February we have the Asian Shooting Competition... In 2027, the ISSF has given us a World Cup quota competition.

"And in 2028, we have the Junior World Championship, where thousands of young shooters will come from all over the world to participate in India," Kalikesh added.

The NRAI President emphasised on how much the

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Luciano Rossi
ISSF President

shooting league in the world. "We are very excited that the world's first Shooting League of India is going to be held in India towards the end of November. We are very grateful to ISSF for listing it in the calendar. More than 50 international shooters from over 20 countries have agreed to participate in this. And of course, more than 400-500 domestic shooters have applied to be part of the auction process," added Kalikesh.

The ISSF President Rossi also stressed on how the global body was working on making the sport more television and spectator friendly and stated changes would be seen at the 2028 LA Olympics.

"And we will use it this year in the World Cup Final that will be in Doha. We will be ready for LA28. We understand that shooting is not a physical sport as some of the other sports are. It doesn't mean that we can't make it more exciting and viewer-friendly," he added.

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India's shooting dream finding its range

The National Rifle Association of India is banking on the Shooting League of India to make the sport attract new audience.

Vignesh Bharadwaj

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"New camera angles and biofeedback can bring fans closer to the thrill of competition. We're building a bridge between athlete and audience."
— Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, President, NRAI

Key Highlights of the League

- Tech-first Approach: Camera tracking, biofeedback, and esports elements
- Equal Representation: A league built for gender parity and global fan appeal

FEATURE	DETAILS
Teams	6-8 Franchises
Competition Format	Pool phase + Knockouts
Events	Mixed Team (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun)
Player Tiers	Elite Champions, World Elite, National Champs, Juniors
Duration	Nov 20 – Dec 2, 2025

AIMING FOR GOLD: THE NEXT 3 MONTHS

As India celebrates a remarkable run through the summer of 2025, focus now shifts to a packed second half of the year. Indian shooters, both seasoned and emerging, are gearing up for major continental and global showdowns.

KEY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



Senior
7-15 Sep, 2025



Junior
24 Sep – 2 Oct, 2025



Senior
8 -19 Oct, 2025

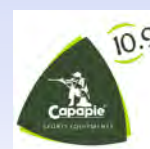
DOMESTIC CALENDAR



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NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

A SUMMER OF RESOLVE, A FUTURE OF PROMISE

Secretary General, National Rifle Association of India

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Stakeholders of Indian Shooting,

As we reflect on the past few months, it becomes increasingly clear that Indian shooting is not just evolving—it is leading. From dominating junior podiums in Suhl to competing toe-to-toe with Olympic champions in Munich, our athletes have displayed grit, grace, and global competitiveness. Each final appearance, each narrow miss, and each medal earned is a step forward in our collective journey toward excellence.



Our confirmation as hosts for multiple ISSF events through 2028, including the Junior World Cup this September, is a reflection of global trust in NRAI's ability to deliver world-class competitions. These events are not just tournaments — they are opportunities for our athletes to experience pressure, for our coaches to test systems, and for our sport to grow roots in new regions of the country.

The recently signed MoU with the ISSF Academy to launch structured coaching certification in India is another milestone. By decentralising world-class training, we are building a broader, more qualified talent base—one that will uplift the sport at all levels, from grassroots clubs to Olympic ranges.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the unwavering commitment of our athletes, the tireless work of our coaches and support staff, and the trust of our partners—Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, OGQ, ISSF, and our many state associations.

As we move into a critical phase of the season—with the World Cups and SLI on the horizon—I urge every member of our ecosystem to continue striving for excellence, to support one another, and to remember that each shot fired with focus is a step toward legacy.

Let us move forward with purpose.

With warm regards,

K. Sultan Singh

Secretary General, National Rifle Association of India