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IN MEMORIAM

Raja Randhir Singh

1946 – 2026

The shooting fraternity mourned the passing of Raja Randhir Singh, who left for his heavenly abode on 27th May 2026.

A distinguished Olympian, Arjuna Awardee, and one of the most respected sports administrators in India, Asia, and the International Olympic Committee, Raja Randhir Singh made invaluable contributions to the development of shooting sports and the Olympic movement.

The National Rifle Association of India and the entire shooting fraternity mourn this irreparable loss and extend heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.

May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.



IN MEMORIAM

Jaspal Rana

1976 – 2026

The shooting fraternity mourned the shocking death of legendary pistol shooter and coach Jaspal Rana on 12th June 2026.

Jaspal Rana first shot to the limelight as an 18-year-old, winning gold in the 1994 Hiroshima Asian Games and becoming the Junior World Champion in the same year. He went on to win four gold medals at the Asian Games and nine golds at the Commonwealth Games, and represented India at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

As a coach, besides mentoring Manu Bhaker to an unprecedented double bronze at the Paris 2024 Olympics, he guided top shooters such as Saurabh Chaudhary, Chinki Yadav and many others to international glory. As the incumbent High Performance Pistol Coach of the NRAI, he played a key role in the world-class results delivered by India's pistol shooters in recent times.

His legacy will live on in the works and hearts of many people.

From the *President's Desk*

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

As we step into a new competitive season, I extend my warm greetings to the entire shooting fraternity. The beginning of 2026 season marks an important phase in shaping the future of Indian shooting on the global stage with LA 2028 in sight.

The year ahead presents a comprehensive and demanding calendar. From national competitions and selection trials to the ISSF World Cups, the ISSF World Championships, the Asian Championships, and the Asian Games, our athletes will compete across multiple high-performance platforms.

The road to LA 2028 demands consistency, preparation, and mental resilience. As a federation, our responsibility is to ensure that every athlete is supported with the right systems - be it coaching, infrastructure, competition exposure, or transparent selection processes.

We enter this season on the back of one of the most successful years in Indian shooting. The performances in 2025 demonstrated not only medal-winning capability but also the depth and maturity of our athletes across disciplines and categories.

Equally important is the role of governance in enabling performance. Our focus remains on strengthening institutional frameworks, enhancing transparency, and leveraging technology to improve decision-making and athlete development.

As we look ahead, the objective is clear - to sustain India's position among the world's leading shooting nations while building a system that consistently produces champions.

Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo

President, The National Rifle Association of India



"I wish all our athletes, coaches, and stakeholders the very best for the season ahead. Let us continue to work together with purpose and determination."

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Life at **NRAI**

Beyond the cheers at international podiums and the silence of the shooting range, lies a year-long symphony of planning, discipline and unwavering commitment. The NRAI worked tirelessly across 2025 to support athletes, organize elite-level events, and expand the ecosystem of Indian shooting, brick by brick, bullet by bullet.

HIGH PERFORMANCE

→ National camps

→ National Selection trials

→ National Squad/Teams selection

→ Teams — Planning/Travel/Logistics

→ NCoE / SAI coordination

EDUCATION & WORKSHOP

→ NRAI Judges Course

→ NRAI National EST Course

→ ISSF Coaches B Course

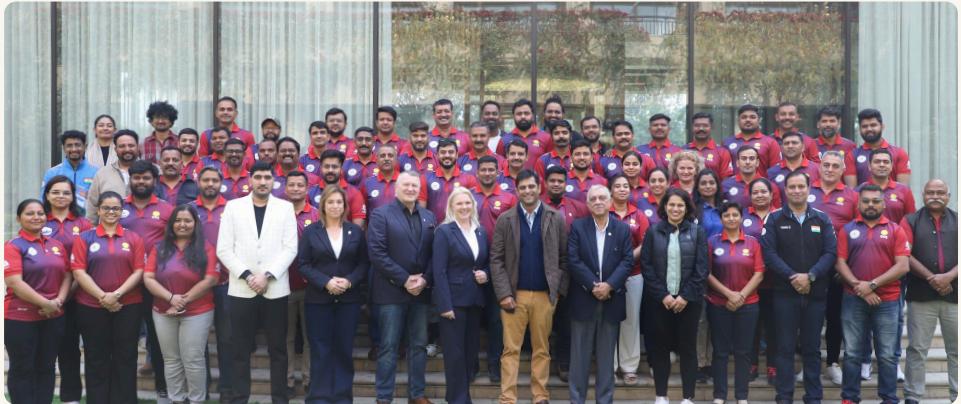
→ ISSF Judges Course

→ Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment

→ Workshop on Social Media for Athletes

INCLUSION

→ Deaf Shooters Programme



International *Achievements, 2025*



GOLD

64

SILVER

41

BRONZE

35

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	G	S	B	TOTAL
ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol	Buenos Aires	Apr '25	4	2	2	8
ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol	Lim a	Apr '25	2	4	1	7
ISSF WC Shotgun	Nico sia	May '25	1	–	1	2
ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol	Mun ich	Jun '25	2	–	2	4
16th Asian Championship	Shymk ent	Aug '25	50	26	23	99
ISSF WC Shotgun	Ath ens	Oct '25	–	–	1	1
ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol	Cair o	Nov '25	3	6	4	13
ISSF World Cup Final	Doh a	Dec '25	2	3	1	6



Spotlight Performers



GOLD

Samrat Rana

GOLD, ISSF
WCH
10m Air
Pistol



GOLD

Suruchi Inder Singh

GOLD, WCF & 3 WC
Golds
10m Air
Pistol



GOLD

Simranpreet Kaur Brar

GOLD, ISSF
WCF
25m
Pistol



SILVER

Aishwary P.S. Tomar

SILVER, ISSF
WC
50m Rifle 3
Positions



SILVER

Anish Bhanwala

SILVER, ISSF
WC
25m Rapid Fire
Pistol



BRONZE

Elavenil Valarivan

BRONZE, ISSF
WC
10m Air
Rifle



BRONZE

Esha Singh

BRONZE, ISSF
WC
10m Air
Pistol



BRONZE

Zoravar Singh Sandhu

BRONZE, ISSF WC
Shotgun
Trap
Men

Legend WC, WCF, WCH Cup Final Championship
WCH= World

Domestic *Competition*

68th National Shooting Championship *Competitions*

At the heart of this calendar stood the 68th NSCC, the crown jewel of domestic shooting. With 45 events across Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun, the NSCC saw the largest participation in history.


16,951
ATHLETES


36 DAYS


3 DISCIPLINES


45 EVENTS


2 CITIES


1,055
SHOTGUN

9,020
PISTOL ATHLETES

6,876
RIFLE ATHLETES

1,055
SHOTGUN ATHLETES



Indians in World *Top 10* (as of June 2026)

MEN



Samrat Rana
10m Air Pistol
#4



Anish Bhanwala
25m Rapid Fire Pistol
#6



Zoravar Singh Sandhu
Trap
#7



Varun Tomar
10m Air Pistol
#9

WOMEN



Suruchi Inder Singh
10m Air Pistol
#2



Esha Singh
10m Air Pistol | 25m Pistol
#3 | #2



Elavenil Valarivan
10m Air Rifle
#5



Manu Bhaker
25m Pistol
#6

Asian Championships 2026

Asian Championships Rifle/Pistol 2026

Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range · 2–14 February 2026

India hosted the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship which was conducted at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range from 2–14 February.

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FEDERATIONS

31

1

ATHLETES

56

4

STARTS

1

5

TOTAL EVENTS



India's Hosting Roadmap

April
2027

ISSF World Cup Rifle/
Pistol/Shotgun

New
Delhi

December
2027

Asian Championship
Rifle/Pistol

New
Delhi

October
2028

ISSF Junior World Championship
Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun

New
Delhi

Calendar 2026

Competitions and ISSF Courses in India

January No events scheduled	February Asian Championship Rifle/PistolNew Delhi	March ISSF World Cup ShotgunTangier ISSF B Rifle & Pistol Judges CourseNew Delhi
April ISSF World Cup Rifle/PistolGranada ISSF Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/ShotgunCairo	May ISSF World Cup ShotgunAlmaty ISSF World Cup Rifle/PistolMunich	June ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/ShotgunSuhl ISSF B Rifle & Pistol Judges CourseNew Delhi
July ISSF World Cup ShotgunLonato ISSF World Cup Rifle/PistolHangzhou	August ISSF Referee CourseNew Delhi ISSF EST CourseNew Delhi	September ISSF Junior World Cup ShotgunPorpetto 20th Asian GamesAichi-Nagoya, Japan ISSF B Shotgun Judges CourseNew Delhi ISSF B Coaches CourseNew Delhi
October ISSF World Cup Rifle/PistolCairo ISSF Grand Prix Rifle/Pistol/ShotgunShymkent ISSF A Coaches CourseNew Delhi	November ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol/ShotgunDoha	December ISSF World Cup Final Rifle/Pistol/ShotgunRome

International *Achievements, 2026*



8
GOLD



8
SILVER



6
BRONZE

22

TOTAL MEDALS

ISSF World Cup, *Granada, Spain*

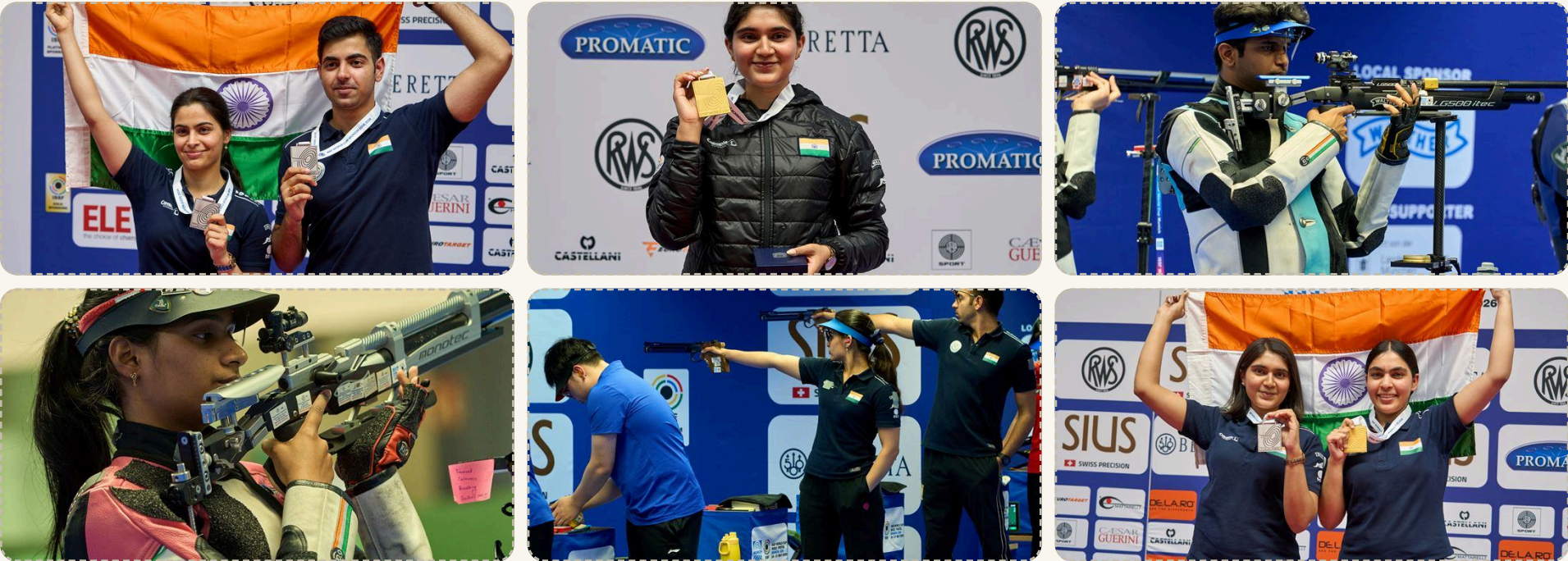
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ISSF World Cup, *Munich, Germany*

2

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International *Achievements, 2026*



8
GOLD



8
SILVER



6
BRONZE

22
TOTAL MEDALS

ISSF Jr. World Cup, *Cairo, Egypt*



5



6



5



ISSF World Cup Shotgun, *Almaty*



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From the Desk of the *Secretary General*

Dear Members, Coaches, Officials, and Friends of Indian Shooting,

As we begin the new season, it is an appropriate moment to reflect not only on performance outcomes but also on the systems and structures that enable those performances. The strength of Indian shooting today lies in the robustness of its ecosystem - one that continues to evolve through sustained effort across administration, training, and technical development.

Over the past year, the NRAI has placed significant emphasis on strengthening its internal processes. From the seamless conduct of competitions and trials to the expansion of digital systems for registration, results, and athlete tracking, we have made steady progress toward building a more efficient and transparent framework.

A key area of focus has been the development of human resources within the sport. Multiple training programs for coaches, technical officials, and support staff have been successfully conducted, in collaboration with both national and international bodies. These initiatives are aimed at aligning our technical expertise with global standards and ensuring that athletes receive the highest quality of guidance at every level.

Looking ahead, the coming year will see the continued rollout of structured training programs, including advanced coaching courses, judges' certification programs, and technical workshops across disciplines. These initiatives are critical not only for maintaining the integrity of competition but also for building a sustainable pipeline of skilled professionals within the sport.

In addition, we remain committed to leveraging technology more effectively. With most NRAI functions already digitised, the next phase involves the integration of performance data and analytical tools to support talent identification, athlete monitoring, and informed decision-making. This approach will enable us to identify and nurture talent from across the country in a more systematic and objective manner.

The domestic calendar will continue to play a central role in this ecosystem. National competitions, selection trials, and ranking events are being structured to provide consistent competitive exposure while ensuring fairness and transparency in selection processes.

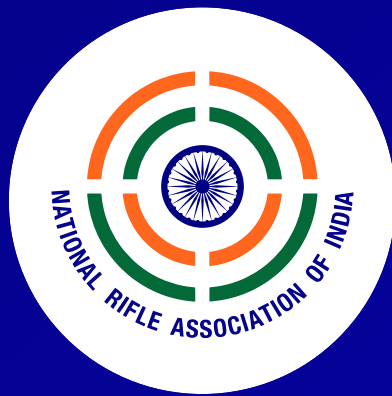
As we move forward, our focus remains on strengthening the foundation of Indian shooting - through better systems, better training, and better support for every stakeholder involved in the sport.

Pawankumar Singh

Secretary General, The National Rifle Association of India



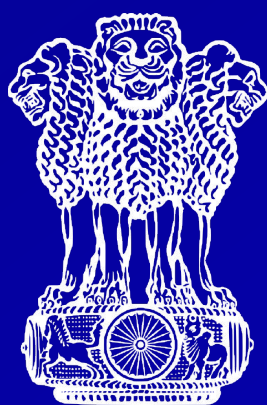
"I extend my best wishes to all athletes, coaches, officials, and partners for a successful and productive year ahead."



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