

Bhubaneswar **ROCKS**

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Odisha's first SJFI meet takes off in style

The 39th National Convention of the Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI), founded in 1976, opened in style at a simple but colourful inaugural ceremony at the tastefully decorated Mayfair Convention hall on Wednesday.

The five-day event, being attended by over 100 delegates from across the country, was formally inaugurated by the Odisha Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Health and Family Welfare, Information and Public Relations, Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak in the presence of Founder Chancellor of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Dr. Achyuta Samanta and former India Test cricketer, Debasis Mohanty.

Being held for the first time in Odisha, the 40-minute ceremony was presided over by the SJFI President, Subodh Malla Barua, who in his brief address, recalled the journey of the Federation through the last 39 years. He complimented the Odisha Sports Journalists' Association (OSJA) for drawing all its resources to host the event. "We are only just into the inaugural ceremony, but I can very well say that it is going to be the best ever convention," he said.

Mr. Nayak, who lit the traditional lamp to mark the formal inauguration of the convention underscored the challenges being faced by sports journalists with the advent of newer technology. "Having been a journalist, I am well aware about the challenges being faced by sports journalists. The greater problem now is the need to adapt to newer technology



which has emerged in recent years and I am glad that most of you have passed the test with flying colours," Mr. Nayak said.

The minister also unveiled the first edition of 'Bhubaneswar Rocks', the SJFI newsletter.

The Educationist, Humanist and Philanthropist in Dr. Samanta emerged as he underlined the efforts being made in Odisha for the promotion of sports. "Odisha has been able to mark its presence in the national and international level quite remarkably in the last few years, being able to send six athletes to the Rio Olympics. And it gives me great pride to let you all know that Dutee Chand is a product of KIIT," he said.

The OSJA President, K. Ravi welcomed the delegates and guests and Secretary, Suresh Swain presented a report before the curtain fell following the vote of

thanks proposed by A. Vinod, Secretary, SJFI.

The JK Bose Trophy, to be presented to the winner of the Twenty20 cricket tournament, was unveiled by Debasis Mohanty in the presence of BCCI Match Referee, Prasanth Mohapatra and the captains of the four zones.

The AIPS-Asia secretary general, Amjad Aziz Malik, who later joined the congregation was accorded a warm reception by the SJFI and the OSJA before the day's proceedings drew to a close with a quiz on cricket hosted by Hyderabad-based Prasanna Karmakar.

The quiz, competed by 15 teams, was won by Sports Writers Association of Bengaluru (SWAB) represented by Satish Viswanathan, R. Satya and Akash Sarkar.

Promoting sports against all odds



Barabati Stadium, Cuttack



The media has played an important role in creating, sustaining and augmenting public interest towards sport, which got a major boost after the advent of television in early 1980s. Live telecast of 1982 Delhi Asian Games and the Prudential Cricket World Cup next year made sport not only a part of public life but a multi-million dollar business as well. Sportspersons with international success attained stardom and emulating their feats became a desire for youngsters all over the country.

Public interest for sport in Odisha, which was confined to All India Radio broadcasting running commentary of football matches at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack, and leading Odia daily 'Samaj' carrying a small single-column news of the Cuttack Football League, took a quantum leap thanks to the birth of 'Sambad', the most modern Odia newspaper, equipped with photo-type setting and off-set printing technology in 1984.

For the first time in the history of print media in Odisha, 'Sambad' became the first daily to devote one full page and that too the back-page for sport. The page, featuring news and photos of happenings of world of sport, including local events, made people start the day with sport as a prominent topic for

discussion. Odia television channel widened the public awareness for sport, projecting the performance of sportspersons of the state on the small screen. Thanks to the media-led public awareness drive, sport in the state underwent massive development with setting up of major infrastructure facilities such as stadiums, hostels and staging of national and international competitions. Sportspersons started fetching national and international laurels for the state and in turn received recognition and rewards for their achievements.

The new infrastructure facilities and training centres, Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, state sports hostels at Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela and the SAI hostels at Cuttack, Jagatpur and Sundargarh produced young and well-trained generation of sportspersons that kept the state's sporting flag flying for more than two decades.

Prominent names belonging to that generation included Rachita Panda-Mistry, Anuradha Biswal, Susama Behera, Dutee Chand, Srabani Nanda (all athletics); Dilip Tirkey, Lazrus Barla, Ignace Tirkey, Prabodh Tirkey, William Xalxo, Roshan Minz, Birendra Lakra, Gloria Dung Dung, Jyoti Sunita Kullu, Subhadra Pradhan (all hockey);

Pratima Puhana, Pramila Minz (both rowing); Sradhanjali Samantaray, Sasmita Malik (both women football); K. Ravi Kumar, Prasmita Mangaraj (both weightlifting); Rajesh Hasdak (archery), Rakesh Patra (gymnastics).

The Cuttack-based Barabati Stadium became an international hub for cricket with addition of floodlights. The picturesque stadium not only hosted Test and ODIs, but also groomed a generation of cricketers that went on to reach Ranji Trophy semifinals. Among the generation, Debasis Mohanty, Shiv Sundar Das and Sanjay Raul played Test or ODIs.

Though chess was not part of the hostel scheme, encouragement from the media helped the mind-game deliver many international achievers including IMs Swayangsu Satyapragyan, Padmini Rout. Media too acted as catalyst in bringing reforms in sport governance and management. The brightest example was chess, which through its professional way of functioning made the sport a good career option for youngsters and a potential marketing product.

And thanks to media, most sport achievers of the state made their life secured, getting employment opportunity or receiving awards and rewards from different quarters.

Interestingly, the contribution of media for promotion of sport in Odisha has been shouldered by a small workforce, which took to sports journalism as passion rather than profession. I must salute the group that has been rendering yeomen service despite experiencing odds galore in their work.

Notwithstanding the handicaps, sports journalists of Odisha have continued to work hard with diligence.

The OSJA has created an opportunity for its members to come together, cooperate with each other and work in unison for further development of sports in the state.

- Sanatan Pani is working president, OSJA



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Dilip Tirkey... a class act



He turned defence on a hockey pitch into an art form. No rough-and-ready tactics. No blatant body-checking even in the most desperate of situations and scarcely a sliding tackle.

What you saw in Dilip Tirkey, former India captain and champion of the Adivasi cause in the turbulent firmament of Indian hockey, was ebullience, elan, grace and style.

For someone considered the bulwark of the defence, such characteristics seem incongruous. But a peep into the 38-year-old Tirkey's personality reveals a cool, calm and collected individual.

Soft spoken and sensitive, Tirkey's traits belie a burning desire to succeed and an assertiveness that has paved a path from humble beginnings in Saunamara village in Sundargarh, Odisha, to

assuming an iconic status in the national team which he served with aplomb from 1995 to 2010.

Tirkey's illustrious career spanned 412 international matches, an Indian record, and it included an eight-year period during which he was never dropped.

After hanging up his stick that charmed audiences the world over, Tirkey has shown every intention to give back to the game.

In the forefront of matters

As a Rajya Sabha member, he has been in the forefront of matters relating to sport, especially hockey and has been part of the movement pressing for the Bharat Ratna award to go to the redoubtable Dhyan Chand revered as the greatest player of all time.

Tirkey's state of calm transcended the manifold challenges that international hockey threw at him and one could put it down to resilience, a quality that saw him through the grind leading to recognition in the world of hockey.

For starters, he wasn't a likely candidate to blossom into a defender and take on the might of the Europeans and Australians, especially in the no-offside era when a full-back needs eyes at the back of the head.

Tirkey was a slightly-built lad and certainly didn't look the part. Playing as a forward in village games, where often the prize for winning was a goat or a chicken in the Odisha hinterland, a quirk at the Madurai National championship in 1991-92 saw coach AK Bansal switch him to defence.

It marked a new beginning for the young Tirkey and one that led to a surfeit of fortune for Indian hockey.

In later years, it enabled Tirkey keep his boyhood idol Pargat Singh company in the India defence, never

mind if it meant switching to the left-back position.

Born to Vincent and Regina, the Tirkey household was steeped in hockey. Vincent represented Odisha at the nationals and turned out for CRPF. Vincent's other sons Francis and Anoop excelled at the game as well.

Tirkey's aura has enhanced the district as a hockey nursery eventually supplying a steady stream of players to the national team. No surprise, then, that little Tirkey wannabees tread unfavourable terrain, wielding sometimes mere bamboo shoots or tree branches for a game of hockey.

Tirkey, married to childhood friend Meera and father of a son, made a mark with Bhawani Shankar School which won the 1990 Sub-Junior Nehru Cup in New Delhi. His career took a quantum leap at the National Sports Talent Contest scheme where Bansal took him under his tutelage.

In later years, he joined Sports Hostel, Kolkata, where he picked up the nuances that helped his ascent into the higher echelons, the grind, toil and the inevitable share of disappointment notwithstanding.

His upward curve to stardom saw him donning colours of glamour outfit Indian Airlines, a move that brought him well and truly into the limelight.

Tirkey made his full international debut at the 1995 Indira Gandhi Gold Cup where India finished runners-up. His next special moment came at the SAF Games the same year, albeit in an obscure match against Nepal when he scored his first international goal – from a penalty corner, in keeping with his role in the team.

And corner striking turned out to be Tirkey's forte -- crisp hits that made for many an India victory and a prowess that clung on to tradition in the wake of the ominous drag-flicker that has today taken the hockey world by storm.

Tirkey, a triple Olympian, was made India captain after the upheavals following the 2002 World Cup disaster where the team slipped to 10th position.

World-wide acclaim of his skills brought him offers from the Dutch league in which he participated for a few seasons in the last decade.

Tirkey's mighty deeds brought him the Arjuna Award in 2002 – only the second Adivasi to earn the distinction after Michael Kindo (1972), another Odisha stalwart with whom Tirkey rubs shoulders these days.

Another honour, the Padma Shree, followed in 2004 and, in many ways, Tirkey is doing much to play up to the trust starting with Jaipal Singh Munda who captained India to the first of eight Olympic gold medals, at Amsterdam in 1928.

Jaipal, an Adivasi from Jharkhand carried his aura on the pitch to a greater sphere of leadership of the Adivasi cause. Tirkey, on his part, seems to carry the torch in much the same way long after his exploits on the hockey pitch.

-Errol D'Cruz

Most appearances in international hockey

Most Caps-(Men): 400+matches

1-Teun de Nooijer (born: March 22, 1976) of Netherlands played 453 international matches and scored 216 goals from 1994 to 2012. He won 2 Olympics(1996,2000), 1 World Cup(1998), 6 Champions Trophy(1996,98,2000,02,03,06) and once Europeans Nations Cup(2007). Appeared in 5 Olympics Teun de Nooijer won 2 Silvers (2004, 2012) also and played 35 matches in Olympics.

2-Dilip Tirkey (born: Nov 25, 1977 at village Savnamara, district Sundergarh, Odisha of India played 412 international matches from Feb 4, 1995 to May 16, 2009. He won a dozen gold medals includes Asian Games, Asia Cup, SAF Games, Afro Asian Games, Azlan Shah Cup, Hamburg Trophy and Challenge Cup(Hockey-Australia). He scored 77 valuable goals in FIH/Continental tournaments.

3-Waseem Ahmad (born April 10, 1977 at Vehari, Multan) of Pakistan played 410 international matches from 1996 Chennai Champions Trophy to 2013 Ipoh Asia Cup. He appeared in 3Olympics, 4 World Cup and 11 Champions Trophy for Pakistan. He scored 37 valuable goals and won Gold medal in Guangzhou Asian Games (2010) and thrice in Azlan Shah Cup (1999, 2000 and 2003).

4-Jeroen Delmee (b: March 8-1973; 1994-2008) played 401 international matches and scored 10 goals, won 2 Olympics, 1 World Cup and 6 Champions Trophy. Under his captainship The Dutch became triumphant in 3 Champions Trophy (2002, 03, 06) and 1 Europeans Nations Cup (2007).

Hockey player became Member of Parliament:

Dilip Tirkey (born Nov 25, 1977, Savnamara village of Sundergarh district of Odisha) belongs to Oraon tribes of Chota Nagpur. His intl. debut was in 1995 IGIH, till 2010 he played 412 intl. matches and scored 77 goals. He received Padma Shree in 2004 and played 3 Olympics, 3 World Cup, 4 Champions Trophy, 3 Asian Games, 3 Asia Cup. He became Rajya Sabha member in March 2012.

- B.G.Joshi

THE DILIP TIRKEY FACTFILE

Tournaments	Years
Olympic Games	1996, 2000, 2004
World Cup	1998, 2002, 2006
Champions Trophy	1996, 2002, 2003, 2004
Olympic Qualifier	1996, 2004, 2008
World Cup Qualifier	2001
Champions Challenge	2007
Asian Games	1998, 2002, 2006
Asia Cup	1999, 2003, 2007, 2009
Commnwealth Games	1998
South Asian Federation Games	1995
Afro Asian Games	2003
Azlan Shah Cup	1996, 2000, 01, 04, 05, 06, 09

India Vs New Zealand: Part 2(Final)

INDIA BOWLING AGAINST NEW ZEALAND											
S No	Player		Wkts	Matches	Balls	Maidens	Runs	Best	5I	10M	Ave
1	Bedi	BS	57	12	3883	251	1091	6-42	4	0	19.14
2	Prasanna	EAS	55	10	2946	145	1107	8-76	4	1	20.13
3	Kumble	A	50	11	3610	195	1293	6-67	3	1	25.86
4	Zaheer Khan		47	13	2780	98	1478	5-29	4	0	31.45
5	Venkataraman	S	44	10	3378	218	1004	8-72	2	1	22.82
6	Harbhajan Singh		43	13	3461	115	1424	6-63	1	0	33.12
7	Chandrasekhar	BS	36	8	2382	100	977	6-94	1	0	27.14
8	Gupte	SP	34	5	2140	152	669	7-128	4	0	19.68
9	Srinath	J	33	9	2099	95	914	6-45	2	0	27.7
10	Hirwani	ND	32	7	1854	87	758	6-59	2	0	23.69
11	Sharma	I	30	6	1348	41	769	6-51	2	0	25.63
12	Kapil Dev	N	25	10	1937	71	864	4-34	0	0	34.56
13	Ojha	PP	25	5	1591	69	689	5-99	1	0	27.56
14	Arshad Ayub		21	3	1180	75	287	5-50	1	0	13.67
15	Shastri	RJ	20	6	1233	65	414	5-125	1	0	20.7
16	Nadkarni	RG	18	9	2205	169	561	6-43	1	0	31.17
17	Ashwin	R	18	2	536	20	236	6-31	3	1	13.11
18	Desai	RB	15	4	804	35	381	6-56	1	0	25.4
19	Abid Ali	S	13	7	817	39	258	4-26	0	0	19.85
20	Mankad	MH	12	4	1003	66	329	4-65	0	0	27.42
21	Mohammed Shami		10	2	599	17	351	4-70	0	0	35.1

*In all 90 players have bowled to New Zealand batsmen

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING AGAINST INDIA											
S No	Player		Wkts	Matches	Balls	Maidens	Runs	Best	5I	10M	Ave
1	Hadlee	RJ	65	14	3106	111	1493	7-23	4	2	22.97
2	Vettori	DL	40	15	4264	157	1937	6-127	2	0	48.42
3	Taylor	BR	29	8	1439	50	666	5-26	2	0	22.97
4	Southee	TG	25	6	1296	36	770	7-64	1	0	30.8
5	Martin	CS	24	7	1615	59	841	5-63	1	0	35.04
6	Nash	DJ	23	9	1656	80	685	6-27	1	0	29.78
7	Morrison	DK	23	8	1332	35	779	5-75	3	0	33.87
8	Collinge	RO	23	8	1389	36	681	6-63	1	0	29.61
9	Motz	RC	22	7	1562	66	714	6-63	2	0	32.45
10	Hadlee	DR	22	6	1094	32	465	4-30	0	0	21.14
11	Cairns	BL	22	6	1505	85	450	5-33	2	0	20.45
12	Tuffey	DR	21	4	798	36	344	4-12	0	0	16.38
13	Bracewell	JG	19	6	1303	52	577	6-51	2	0	30.37
14	Cairns	CL	19	8	1296	48	698	4-44	0	0	36.74
15	Snedden	MC	17	7	1394	57	654	4-69	0	0	38.47
16	Howarth	HJ	17	5	1206	62	378	5-34	1	0	22.24
17	Boult	TA	15	4	896	26	517	3-38	0	0	34.47
18	Patel	JS	14	4	1148	36	633	4-100	0	0	45.21
19	Pollard	V	14	9	1549	72	688	3-21	0	0	49.14
20	Alabaster	JC	14	8	1563	66	711	3-48	0	0	50.79
21	Congdon	BE	14	13	953	35	354	5-65	1	0	25.29
22	Oram	JDP	13	3	545	18	264	4-41	0	0	20.31
23	Bond	SE	12	2	337	16	196	4-33	0	0	16.33
24	Doull	SB	12	2	534	32	195	7-65	1	0	16.25
25	Wagner	N	11	2	418	14	270	4-62	0	0	24.55
26	Wiseman	PJ	10	6	1103	28	697	4-64	0	0	69.7
27	Hayes	JA	10	5	1026	27	474	3-91	0	0	47.4
28	Bartlett	GA	10	2	431	18	196	6-38	1	0	19.6

*In all 84 players have bowled to Indian batsmen

INDIA'S 499 TEST MATCHES SO FAR

	M	W	L	D	T	Win%	Loss%	Draw%	Toss	Toss%
Australia	90	24	40	25	1	26.67	44.44	28.89	41	45.56
Bangladesh	8	6	0	2	0	75	0	25	4	50
England	112	21	43	48	0	18.75	38.39	42.86	60	53.57
New Zealand	54	18	10	26	0	33.33	18.52	48.15	29	53.7
Pakistan	59	9	12	38	0	15.25	20.34	64.41	28	47.46
South Africa	33	10	13	10	0	30.3	39.39	30.3	18	54.55
Sri Lanka	38	16	7	15	0	42.11	18.42	39.47	22	57.89
West Indies	94	18	30	46	0	19.15	31.91	48.94	44	46.81
Zimbabwe	11	7	2	2	0	63.64	18.18	18.18	5	45.45

INDIA VERSUS BANGLADESH: A TEST SUMMARY

S No	Num	Bat 1	Bat 2	Season	Venue	Win	Result	Inn1		Inn2		Inn3		Inn4	
1	1512	Ban	Ind	2000-01	Dhaka	Ind	9 wickets	Ban	400	Ind	429	Ban	91	Ind	64/1
2	1725	Ban	Ind	2004-05	Dhaka	Ind	Inn & 140 runs	Ban	184	Ind	526	Ban	202		
3	1727	Ind	Ban	2004-05	Chittagong	Ind	Inn & 83 runs	Ind	540	Ban	333	Ban	124		
4	1832	Ind	Ban	2007	Chittagong Div		Match drawn	Ind	387.8	Ban	238	Ind	100/6	Ban	104/2
5	1833	Ind	Ban	2007	Mirpur	Ind	Inn & 239 runs	Ind	610/3	Ban	118	Ban	253		
6	1949	Ind	Ban	2009-10	Chittagong Div	Ind	113 runs	Ind	243	Ban	242	Ind	413/8	Ban	301
7	1950	Ban	Ind	2009-10	Mirpur	Ind	10 wickets	Ban	233	Ind	544/8	Ban	312	Ind	2/0
8	2165	Ind	Ban	2015	Fatullah		Match drawn	Ind	462/6	Ban	256	Ban	23		

INDIA BATTING AGAINST BANGLADESH

S No	Player		Runs	M	Inn	NO	HS	Ave	100s	50s
1	Tendulkar	SR	820	7	9	3	248*	136.67	5	0
2	Dravid	RS	560	7	10	2	160	70	3	1
3	Gambhir	G	381	4	6	1	139	76.2	2	1
4	Ganguly	SC	371	5	6	0	100	61.83	1	3
5	Karthik	KD	270	5	7	0	129	38.57	1	1
6	Dhoni	MS	193	3	4	2	89	96.5	0	2
7	Vijay	M	180	2	2	0	150	90	1	0
8	Sehwag	V	176	4	6	1	56	35.2	0	2
9	Dhawan	S	173	1	1	0	173	173	1	0
10	Jaffer	W	138	2	3	1	138*	69	1	0
11	Laxman	VVS	117	3	4	1	69*	39	0	1
12	Zaheer Khan		115	7	8	3	75	23	0	1

*37 Indians have batted against Bangladesh


BANGLADESH BATTING AGAINST INDIA

S No	Player	Runs	M	Inn	NO	HS	Ave	100s	50s
1	Mohammad Ashraf	386	6	11	2	158*	42.89	1	2
2	Tamim Iqbal	269	3	6	1	151	53.8	1	1
3	Habibul Bashar	206	5	10	0	71	20.6	0	1
4	Mushfiqur Rahim	187	3	5	1	101	46.75	1	0
5	Mahmudullah	185	2	4	1	96*	61.67	0	2
6	Mashrafe Mortaza	168	4	7	1	79	28	0	2
7	Shakib Al Hasan	156	5	8	0	34	19.5	0	0
8	Aminul Islam	151	1	2	0	145	75.5	1	0
9	Mohammad Rafique	142	5	9	0	47	15.78	0	0
10	Khaled Mashud	123	5	9	1	32	15.38	0	0
11	Shahadat Hossain	114	3	5	0	40	22.8	0	0
12	Rajin Saleh	110	3	6	1	42	22	0	0

*43 Bangladesh cricketers have batted against India

THE BIG PICTURE



The J K Bose Trophy being unveiled by former India seamer Debasis Mohanty.



Howzaat!... The Sports Challenge: V V Ramanan

1. FITA is the governing body for which Olympic sport?
2. Name the first sport to be played on the moon.
3. In bridge, which card is called the 'beer card'?
4. Name Dhyan Chand's equally prolific brother.
5. Which famous annual event is organised by Amaury Sport Organisation?
6. In which event did T. Mariyappan win a gold at Rio?
7. Who scored Portugal's winner in the final of Euro 2016?

ANSWERS OF September 14, 2016:

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| 1. Vinicius. Names of the Summer Olympics mascots. | 5. Duckworth and Lewis. |
| 2. Kabbadi. | 6. Salman Butt, Younis Khan and Mohammad Yousuf. |
| 3. The NBA champion and the current holder is Cleveland Cavaliers. | 7. Hockey. |
| 4. Poona. | |

*Note: Answers to the quiz will be published on September 16, 2016.
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