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Message for the Sports Journalists' Federation of India

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the International Olympic Committee, let me convey my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the 39th National Congress of the Sports Journalists' Federation of India and your 40th anniversary.

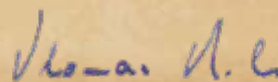
Through your important journalistic work, you play an indispensable role to bring the magic of the Olympic Games to all Indians of every age and background. Through your words and pictures, you bring the joy of sport and the spirit of Olympism to audiences throughout the great sport-loving country of India.

With its passion for sport at every level, India has always been an important member of the Olympic family. The importance of India to Olympic Movement is reflected in the recent election of Nita Amrani as IOC Member. With her unique perspective of Indian sport and society, she will play a key role to promote Olympism and the role of sport in India.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Sports Journalists' Federation of India for the dedication and commitment you have shown to promoting sport in India since the founding of your organisation in 1976.

Wishing you fruitful discussions and much success for your National Congress, I remain,

With kind regards,





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Quizzing is also a sport - albeit a no-contact



Howzzat!: 3 years of conducting quizzes at the SJFI National Convention

“Stop the quiz now so that we’ll win,” shouted the Sports Writers Association of Bangalore (SWAB) ‘C’ team exuberantly, trying to sledge their nearest competitor, the Sports Journalists’ Association of Mumbai (SJAM). Both teams were in the final, with one more SWAB team and the Tamil Nadu Sports Journalists’ Association (TNSJA) team.

Not to be outdone, SJAM shouted back: “They’ll only win in a quiz, let’s meet on the field!”

Such gamesmanship and spirit typified the latest quiz I conducted at the Mayfair

Convention Centre in Bhubaneswar.

G. Viswanath of The Hindu (“GV” or “Vishy” to me), i.e., had called me a month in advance of the event and said that the 39th National Convention of the Sports Journalists’ Federation of India (SJFI) would take place in Bhubaneswar for the first time. And, as per our recently established tradition -- a three year old tradition as opposed to the seventeen year old tradition of the national conventions -- the proceedings would kick off with a quiz, on September 14.

I was asked to prepare a quiz about India-New Zealand and India-England Tests from a historical perspective. This was in keeping with the idea of making the quiz topical, about something that is in play at the

moment and would be in the minds of the sports journalists who enthusiastically participate. In order to bring variety and perspective to the quiz, I took inputs from my cricket-loving friends -- Abhishek, Vamsi, and Krishnamurthi -- about ideas for the quiz. I gradually compiled it over a month’s time.

Given that 16 teams (with three members each) had registered for the event, it was necessary to conduct a preliminary round to pick four teams who would battle it out in the final for the crown of “champion”. The preliminary round had 25 questions. It started with “Who is the only batsman to have scored three centuries at Lord’s?” and ended with the question “India has the dubious





distinction of scoring the lowest ever innings score in Tests. How much was it?”. From a possible total of 250 points, the top team scored 205 with the second, third, and fourth teams all above 175 points! A strong performance, indeed.

To move things along briskly, SJFI Secretary A. Vinod said (only half-jokingly) that the bar would be shut after the preliminary round so that the entire focus would be on the quiz. If this impetus was somewhat needed, initially, it was not needed once the event was underway and the teams began showing their expertise with answers like “Eddie Hemmings”, “Vaseline controversy”, “Richard Hadlee”, and “Graham Gooch”. The final, with a total of five rounds, sped along briskly, until the winner and runner-up were crowned.

A word of praise is due for the quality of the convention centre, the accommodation at Mayfair Lagoon, and the hospitality accorded by the Odisha Sports Journalists’ Association -- I was felicitated on stage with a plaque and veshti!

This takes me back to 2014, and how this unique and novel experience of conducting a quiz for sports writers from around the country, fell into my lap. My friend and quizzing associate Bhargava had been tipped by Ramanan Vembu of The Hindu’s Chennai desk to conduct the quiz for the National Convention. He wasn’t able to, so I stepped in -- and how glad I am that I did. The 2014 quiz was about football world cups, covering incidents like the “Hand of God” and the tragic fate of Andrés Escobar, to name a few and was held in the facilities of the Uppal stadium.

I met sports journalists who had just started out -- writers like Shashank Kishore, Roshan Thyagarajan and Shiva Krishna; more senior writers like Amol Karhadkar and finally individuals like G. Viswanath, Jagannath Das, R. Kaushik, and A. Vinod, who probably have a hundred years of experience between them! It was amazing to meet and talk to people who have covered the Olympics, the All England, the Ashes, and just about

every sporting event you care to follow.

After a satisfactory first quiz in 2014, Hyderabad, June 2015 saw the convention move to Ahmedabad and the focus of the quiz move to the IPL, since IPL 8 was around the corner. The teams flexed their mental muscles and answered tough questions about Hawkeye, Zingers, and the Snickometer (to name a few) to power their way through the quiz.

With the momentum of three years behind it, the national convention quiz is poised to grow and become more popular amongst SJFI national convention attendees. Maybe cash prizes will be announced, maybe it will be recorded and televised by a sponsor, maybe...well, we can dream, can’t we? The bottom line is, as the nature of the participation shows, quizzing is also a sport -- albeit a no-contact and entirely a-physical sport -- and is a valuable addition to the convention.

*Prasanna Karmarkar
is a Hyderabad based quiz master*



ALL ABOUT INDIA CAPTAINS

INDIA CAPTAINS

Sl No	Captain	Team	M	W	L	D	Start	End	Toss
1	Azharuddin	M	9	1	2	6	02 Feb 1990	06 Jan 1999	6
2	Bedi	BS	5	2	1	2	05 Feb 1976	02 Dec 1976	5
3	Dhoni	MS	9	4	1	4	18 Mar 2009	18 Feb 2014	5
4	Dravid	RS	1	0	0	1	16 Oct 2003	20 Oct 2003	0
5	Ganguly	SC	3	0	2	1	12 Dec 2002	12 Oct 2003	1
6	Gavaskar	SM	4	1	1	2	24 Jan 1976	18 Mar 1981	3
7	Ghulam Ahmed		1	0	0	1	19 Nov 1955	24 Nov 1955	1
8	Pataudi (Nawab of)		11	5	2	4	27 Feb 1965	20 Oct 1969	3
9	Sehwag	V	1	0	0	1	26 Mar 2009	30 Mar 2009	0
10	Tendulkar	SR	3	1	0	2	10 Oct 1999	02 Nov 1999	1
11	Umrigar	PR	4	2	0	2	02 Dec 1955	11 Jan 1956	3
12	Vengsarkar	DB	3	2	1	0	12 Nov 1988	06 Dec 1988	1

INDIA CAPTAINS AGAINST ENGLAND

S No	Captain	Team	M	W	L	D	Start	End	Toss
1	Azharuddin	M	9	3	2	4	26 Jul 1990	09 Jul 1996	7
2	Bedi	BS	5	1	3	1	17 Dec 1976	16 Feb 1977	3
3	Contractor	NJ	5	2	0	3	11 Nov 1961	15 Jan 1962	4
4	Dhoni	MS	15	3	9	3	11 Dec 2008	17 Aug 2014	8
5	Dravid	RS	6	2	1	3	01 Mar 2006	13 Aug 2007	3
6	Gaekwad	DK	4	0	4	0	04 Jun 1959	24 Aug 1959	2
7	Ganguly	SC	7	2	1	4	03 Dec 2001	09 Sep 2002	3
8	Gavaskar	SM	14	2	3	9	27 Nov 1981	05 Feb 1985	5
9	Hazare	VS	9	1	4	4	02 Nov 1951	19 Aug 1952	4
10	Kapil Dev	N	3	2	0	1	05 Jun 1986	08 Jul 1986	2
11	Nayudu	CK	4	0	3	1	25 Jun 1932	13 Feb 1934	1
12	Pataudi (Nawab of)		8	0	3	5	10 Jan 1964	15 Jul 1967	6
13	Pataudi (Nawab of) sr		3	0	1	2	22 Jun 1946	20 Aug 1946	3
14	Roy	Pankaj	1	0	1	0	18 Jun 1959	20 Jun 1959	1
15	Venkatraghavan	S	4	0	1	3	12 Jul 1979	04 Sep 1979	1
16	Viswanath	GR	1	0	1	0	15 Feb 1980	19 Feb 1980	1
17	Vizianagram (Maharaj of)		3	0	2	1	27 Jun 1936	18 Aug 1936	1
18	Wadekar	AL	11	3	4	4	22 Jul 1971	08 Jul 1974	5

INDIA CAPTAINS AGAINST BANGLADESH

S No	Captain	Team	M	W	L	D	Start	End	Toss
1	Dhoni	MS	1	1	0	0	24 Jan 2010	27 Jan 2010	0
2	Dravid	RS	2	1	0	1	18 May 2007	27 May 2007	1
3	Ganguly	SC	3	3	0	0	10 Nov 2000	20 Dec 2004	2
4	Kohli	V	1	0	0	1	10 Jun 2015	14 Jun 2015	1
5	Sehwag	V	1	1	0	0	17 Jan 2010	21 Jan 2010	0

ALL ABOUT INDIA WICKETKEEPERS

INDIA WICKETKEEPERS

Sl No	Player	M	Inn	ct	st	Total	Byes	Start	End	Runs	HS	
1	Dhoni	MS	9	18	28	5	33	71	18 Mar 2009	18 Feb 2014	599	98
2	Kirmani	SMH	9	15	25	3	28	55	24 Jan 1976	18 Mar 1981	400	88
3	Engineer	FM	10	20	18	2	20	113	27 Feb 1965	08 Oct 1969	584	90
4	More	KS	6	11	12	1	13	49	12 Nov 1988	26 Feb 1990	211	73
5	Mongia	NR	6	10	12	0	12	57	19 Mar 1994	06 Jan 1999	138	45*
6	Patel	PA	4	7	8	2	10	36	12 Dec 2002	20 Oct 2003	78	29*
7	Tamhane	NS	4	8	3	3	6	20	19 Nov 1955	11 Jan 1956	10	10
8	Prasad	MSK	3	6	5	0	5	50	10 Oct 1999	02 Nov 1999	54	19
9	Patankar	CT	1	2	3	1	4	7	28 Dec 1955	02 Jan 1956	14	13
10	Karthik	KD	1	1	1	0	1	7	26 Mar 2009	30 Mar 2009	6	6
11	Indrajitsinhji	KS	1	2	1	0	1	6	15 Oct 1969	20 Oct 1969	19	12

INDIA WICKETKEEPERS AGAINST BANGLADESH

S NO	Player	M	Inn	ct	st	Total	Byes	Start	End	Runs	HS	
1	Dhoni	MS	3	6	12	3	15	7	18 May 2007	27 Jan 2010	193	89
2	Karthik	KD	3	6	11	1	12	34	10 Dec 2004	21 Jan 2010	63	27
3	Karim	SS	1	2	1	0	1	20	10 Nov 2000	13 Nov 2000	15	15
4	Saha	WP	1	2	0	0	0	0	10 Jun 2015	14 Jun 2015	6	6

INDIA WICKETKEEPERS AGAINST ENGLAND

S No	Player	M	Inn	ct	st	Total	Byes	Start	End	Runs	HS	
1	Dhoni	MS	21	37	63	4	67	253	01 Mar 2006	17 Aug 2014	1157	99
2	Kirmani	SMH	20	35	31	11	42	99	17 Dec 1976	05 Feb 1985	707	102
3	More	KS	9	18	33	4	37	88	05 Jun 1986	23 Feb 1993	277	61*
4	Engineer	FM	18	31	23	6	29	114	01 Dec 1961	08 Jul 1974	1113	121
5	Joshi	PG	5	9	10	4	14	83	02 Nov 1951	28 Jul 1959	46	21
6	Sen	PK	4	6	7	7	14	40	30 Dec 1951	19 Aug 1952	35	9
7	Kunderan	BK	6	10	8	5	13	90	11 Nov 1961	20 Feb 1964	530	192
8	Reddy	B	4	5	9	2	11	19	12 Jul 1979	04 Sep 1979	38	21
9	Mongia	NR	3	5	8	0	8	56	06 Jun 1996	09 Jul 1996	107	24
10	Dilawar Hussain		3	6	6	1	7	40	05 Jan 1934	18 Aug 1936	254	59
11	Ratra	A	2	4	5	2	7	32	25 Jul 2002	09 Sep 2002	10	8
12	Mantri	MK	3	6	6	1	7	41	14 Dec 1951	24 Jun 1952	65	39
13	Tamhane	NS	2	2	5	1	6	16	02 Jul 1959	24 Aug 1959	70	32
14	Dasgupta	D	3	6	6	0	6	31	03 Dec 2001	23 Dec 2001	177	100
15	Hindlekar	DD	4	7	3	0	3	38	27 Jun 1936	20 Aug 1946	71	26
16	Patel	PA	2	3	2	0	2	13	08 Aug 2002	26 Aug 2002	26	7*
17	Meherhomji	KR	1	1	1	0	1	5	25 Jul 1936	28 Jul 1936	0	0*
18	Navle	JG	2	4	1	0	1	12	25 Jun 1932	18 Dec 1933	42	13

THE BIG PICTURE



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

1. Who was independent India's first Test cricket captain?
2. Who was the last woman before Elaine Thompson to do the sprint double at the Olympics?
3. In which event did Dattu Bhoknal represent India at the Rio Games?
4. What is the job of Rufus at Wimbledon?
5. Karelin Lift, Fujiwara Armbar and Muta Lock are terms in which Olympic sport?
6. Which famous horse race is run over 4 miles 514 yards (6.907 km) at Aintree every year?
7. Where did Anand and Kasparov play their title match in 1995?

Note: Answers to the quiz will be published on September 18, 2016.

(Ramanan is Deputy Sports Editor, THE HINDU)

Answers of September 17, 2016:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Bangkok. | 5. Ferenc Puskas. |
| 2. The Masters (at Augusta). | 6. Commonwealth Games. |
| 3. Austrian. | 7. Super Bowl. |
| 4. None. | |

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