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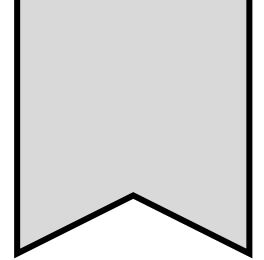


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



It gives me great satisfaction to see the second edition of Khelo Scindia, a publication that continues to reflect the quiet strength and enduring spirit of sports at The Scindia School. For us, sport has never been merely about competition or victory; it has been about discovering character — learning perseverance, teamwork and humility and finding balance between ambition and grace.

Each year, Scindians go beyond previous limits, setting new records and representing the school at IPSC and SGFI tournaments. These achievements remind us that the true value of sport lies not only in recognition but in the discipline and self-awareness it nurtures. The Sports Department's initiatives to enhance training, facilities and physical well-being continue to build this foundation of strength and balance.

At Scindia, the playing field extends beyond the classroom — teaching lessons of courage, respect and introspection. Khelo Scindia quietly celebrates these moments of growth and the spirit that binds effort with purpose.

May this edition inspire every Scindian to play with integrity, strive with humility and remember that in both sport and life, it is not victory alone that defines us, but the resilience with which we pursue it.

*Mr Ajay Singh
Principal
The Scindia School*



FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It gives me immense pleasure to witness the release of the second edition of Khelo Scindia. This magazine stands as a proud testament to the energy, commitment and excellence that define the sporting spirit of The Scindia School.

Over the past year, our young athletes have continued to push boundaries, displaying remarkable discipline, resilience and passion—both on and off the field. They have embraced challenges with courage and celebrated victories with humility, embodying the values that lie at the heart of true sportsmanship.

Khelo Scindia is more than just a chronicle of events; it is a celebration of spirit, teamwork and the relentless pursuit of excellence. It is my sincere hope that this edition will continue to inspire not only current Scindians but also future generations who will walk these fields and courts with pride.

Let this magazine serve as a reminder that greatness in sports is achieved not only through trophies and medals but through the lessons learned, friendships built and the unshakable spirit that drives one to rise, again and again.

*Ms Smita Chaturvedi
Vice Principal
The Scindia School*

FROM THE HOD'S DESK



Dear Readers,

Warm greetings to all. It gives me immense joy to address you through the second edition of Khelo Scindia – a celebration of the athletic spirit that thrives within our school.

Sports at The Scindia School have always been more than just games; they are a reflection of our character, resilience and unity. Every match, every training session and every moment of perseverance on the field or court represents the essence of what it means to be a Scindian – to strive, to support and to rise.

This edition captures the energy, commitment and emotion that have illuminated our Inter-House competitions over the past year. Within these pages, you will find stories of triumph and determination, of victories hard-earned and lessons gracefully accepted. From the echoing cheers on the basketball court to the enduring focus on the track, each narrative speaks of teamwork, sportsmanship and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all contributors, photographers and members of the editorial team whose dedication has made this publication possible. Their collective effort mirrors the very spirit of collaboration that sports so beautifully teach us.

May Khelo Scindia serve not only as a record of achievements but also as an inspiration – reminding us that true success lies not just in winning, but in giving our best with integrity, passion and grace.

*With Best Wishes,
Mandaar Sharma
Head of Sports*

THE EDITORIAL BOARD



It fills us with great pride and joy to present to you the second edition of Khelo Scindia – a testament to the passion, perseverance and sporting spirit that define The Scindia School.

When we embarked on this journey, our vision was simple yet profound: to create a platform that not only chronicles our school's sporting achievements but also captures the emotions, values and lessons that emerge from every game played and every challenge faced. Khelo Scindia is more than a magazine – it is a reflection of the grit, teamwork and camaraderie that make sports such an integral part of Scindian life.

Through the pages of this edition, we invite you to relive the moments of glory, determination and unity that have shaped the past season. Each story, photograph and reflection stands as a tribute to the unwavering effort of our athletes and the unbreakable bonds forged in competition. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Head of Sports, our mentors, photographers, writers and every student who contributed to making this edition a reality. Their enthusiasm and dedication continue to remind us that true excellence is born from collaboration and shared purpose.



SPORTS REPORTS 2024-2025



ATHLETICS



**Mr Chitresh
Sahariya**



**Vaansh Mehra
Sets Caption**



Inter-House Athletics Meet

In 'A'-Group:

Ranoji House secured 1st place, with Jayappa House finishing 2nd, just 1 point behind.

Saksham Agarwal was awarded the Best Athlete Award.

In 'B'-Group:

Ranoji House claimed 1st place, with Jayappa House following closely in 2nd, trailing by only 2 points.

Ishaan Gupta received the Best Athlete Award.

In 'C'-Group:

Dattaji House emerged as the winner with Jankoji House closely behind placing 2nd by 5 Points.

National Inter-District Athletics Meet

Under the guidance of Coach Mr. Chitresh Sahariya, a team of 13 students participated in the meet held at Khel Gaon, Gwalior on 6th April 2025. The team secured 5 gold medals and 4 silver medals. Their outstanding performance led to the selection of 8 students for the National level.



SGFI

SGFI Division Level

Several athletes delivered outstanding performances between 7th and 9th October 2024, earning top honours. Notable achievers included Yuvraj Singh, Ishaan Gupta, Ram Chandra, Aditya Raj Pandey, Ishan Modi, Abhigyan Singh, Pushpendra Singh, Anirudh Yadav and Akhand Pradeep Rai. As a result of their achievements, 7 students qualified for the SGFI State Level.



SGFI Division Level – Shivpuri

Vansh Mehra, Jahaan Nagpal, Kamal Gupta and Ryan Batra claimed first place in their respective events, while Aryan Singh earned second place in the Discus Throw at the SGFI held in Shivpuri on 9th October 2024. Following their commendable performances, four students were selected for the SGFI State Level competition.



RECORDS

Several longstanding athletic records across various categories and events have been broken recently, showcasing outstanding performances by students from different Houses.

Shot Put (Junior 'A' Category):

The previous record of 9.37m set by Mr Karan Raj (2011-12) was surpassed by Anant Shivhare of Jankoji House with a throw of 9.67m.

400m (Senior 'B' Group):

Ishaan Gupta of Jayappa House first broke the old record of 0:57.87 seconds set in 1999-2000 with a time of 0:55.96 seconds in the time trial, followed by Abhigyan Singh Rathore of Ranoji House at 0:57.69 seconds. In the final race, Ishaan improved his own record to 55.43 seconds.

100m (Junior 'B' Group):

Ekam Singh Dang of Dattaji House set a new record of 13.13 seconds, breaking the previous 13.91 seconds held by Mr Peter (2010-11). Ariket Kumar of Jankoji House also recorded a notable time of 13.50 seconds.

800m (Senior 'B' Group):

Abhigyan Singh Rathore of Ranoji House broke the 2:15.72 seconds record set by Mr Tanuj Ahuja (1992-93), with a new record time of 2:14.58 seconds.

400m (Junior 'A' Group):

Lakshya Agarwal of Dattaji House improved the previous record of 1:02.44 held by Ishaan Gupta (2023-24) to 1:02.06 seconds.

High Jump (Junior 'A' Group):

Lakshya Agarwal of Dattaji House set a new record of 1.46 meters, surpassing Ishaan Gupta's (2023-24) 1.40 meters.

200m (Junior 'B' Group):

Ekam Singh Dang of Dattaji House broke Sanahal Mithai's 28.18 seconds (2022-23) with 27.76 seconds in the time trial, then bettered it to 27.63 seconds in the Final race.

200m (Senior 'B' Group):

Sanahal Meetei of Mahadji House set a new record of 24.41 seconds, narrowly beating Aditya P. Singh's 24.44 seconds from 1987-88.

4x100m Relay (Junior 'B' Group):

The Jankoji House team of Ariket Kumar, Mudit Saraf, Arnav Jain and Daivyk Pramod Chinder broke the 2011-12 Miraj House record of 1:01.31 with a new time of 0:57.28 seconds.



BASKETBALL



**Mr Prakash S.
Parihar**



**Dr Pradeep
Saraswat**



Inter-House Basketball

The 'A' Group tournament featured intense matchups and exceptional athleticism. Madhav House claimed the trophy, with Shivaji House and Daulat House finishing second and third.

The following individuals received awards:

MVP: Akshay Pratap Singh

Defensive Player: Vaibhav Agarwal

Rookie of the Year: Parakram Dudi



**Vaibhav Agrawal
Sets Captain**



The Inter-House 'B' Group Basketball Tournament was a display of emerging talent and competitive spirit. Shivaji House emerged champions, with Ranoji House and Mahadji House securing second and third places respectively.





The following individuals received awards:

MVP: Kunwar Pratap Singh

Defensive Player: Prabhat Bajpai

Rookie of the Year: Anaggh Naduvath



In the 'C' Group , Dattaji House won the Trophy, with Nimaji House and Jankoji House finishing second and third respectively.

The following individuals received awards:

MVP: Lakshya Agarwal

Best Defender: Manan Goyal

Rookie of the Year: Mrigank Singh



SGFI

Under-14: Krishav Agarwal and Ayan N Krishna represented the school; this team won Gold.

Under-17: Kunwar Partap Singh , Prabhat Bajpai and Garvit Sharma competed in this category; the team secured Gold.

Under-19: Akshay Pratap Singh was the contender in this age Group; the team earned Silver overall.



HOCKEY



Mr Mayank Verma



**Kavin Singh
Chhatwal**
Sets Captain



Inter-House Hockey

In the 'A' Group Ranoji House won , with Madhav as runner-up and Daulat securing third place. The tournament showcased excellent skill and sportsmanship. The individuals recognised for their skills are as follows -

Harsh Upadhaya was named Best Player
Akshay P. Singh Best Midfielder cum Defender
Vishith V. Best Goalkeeper.



The 'B' Group was played in a Round Robin cum Knockout format. Ranoji House emerged as Champions, while Jeevaji House finished as Runners-up.
Individual Achievements:
Best Goalkeeper: Devraj Singh Chauhan
Best Defender: Anaggh Naduvath
Best Player: Arnav Agarwal



The 'C' Group Hockey Tournament concluded with a thrilling final between Jankoji House and Dattaji House, ending in a tie at full time. In a dramatic penalty shootout, Jankoji House emerged victorious, claiming the Junior Group Hockey Trophy for 2024-25.

Individual Awards:

Best Player: Manan Goyal

Best Defender: Vansh Gupta

Best Goalkeeper: Advik Shukla



Organised by United for Hockey (UFH)



A society of alumni from Mayo College, The Scindia School and The Doon School, the tournament was held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. The Scindia School secured second place with strong performances, including wins over Modern School and Daly College and a draw against the UFH Alumni Team. Kumar Abhikshit Narayan of The Scindia School was named Best Defender of the Tournament.

SGFI



In an exceptional performance in the SGFI Sates competition. Three Students qualified for the SGFI Nationals.

In The U17 Category:

Bhavya Raj Jain (Mid Feilder)

In the U15 Category:

Nikhil Dua (Striker)

Jayesh Agarwal (Goalkeeper)



TABLE TENNIS



Mr Parth Dubey



Devansh Agarwal
Sets Captain



Inter-House Table Tennis – ‘A’ Group

The ‘A’ Group final saw a high-energy match between Madhav House and Shivaji House, where Madhav House claimed a 3–1 victory to lift the trophy.

Best Player: Yatharth Agarwal

Promising Player: Aryan Bhagat



Inter-House Table Tennis – ‘B’ Group

Madhav House won the ‘B’ Group final defeating Shivaji House in a well-fought match.

Best Player: Akshaj Garg

Promising Player: Neil Agarwal



Inter-House Table Tennis – ‘C’ Group

In the Junior Group, Jankoji House emerged as champions with a solid team effort.

Best Player: Rivaan Shivhare



HORSE RIDING



Mr Dhruv Sharma
Teacher Incharge



**Fravash
Vikamsey**
Sets Captain



Open hacks:

1. Shriyans Agarwal- Bronze (High Commendation)
2. Madhavnath Kaushal- Bronze, (High

Lemon and spoon:

Rajyavardhan Singh- Bronze

Stick and ball:

- 1.Ved Deshmukh - Bronze (High-Commendation)
- 2..Kiaan Das Gupta- Bronze, (High-Commendation)



Junior Hacks:

1. Shriyansh Agarwal- Bronze (High-Commendation)
2. Kiaan Das gupta- Silver
3. Sayush Agrawal- Bronze (High-Commendation)
4. Swaraj Mahadik- Bronze
5. Madhavnath Kaushal- Bronze (High-Commendation)



SWIMMING



**Mr Sanmoy
Santra**



Mr Sachin Pal



**Aarush Agarwal
Sets Captain**

Inter-House Swimming Competition Report 2024-25

In the 'A' Group, Jayaji House secured first place with 101 points, followed by Shivaji House with 83 points. The Individual Champion was Hansiddh Kothari of Jayaji House.



In the 'B' Group, Ranoji House claimed victory with 144 points, with Jayaji House as runner-up at 87 points. The Individual Champion was Abhijay Pratap Singh of Ranoji House.

In the Junior Group, Dattaji House claimed victory with 53 points and Nimaji House stood runners up with 46 points. The Individual Champion was Akshaj Agarwal of Dattaji House. The competition displayed outstanding performances, teamwork and determination across all categories.



SGFI Division Swimming Results (2024–25)

A total of 16 students qualified for the SGFI State Swimming Championship held in Bhopal.

U-14 Category

Agastya Sinhmar: Silver – 50m Breaststroke

Akshaj Agrawal: Silver – 200m Freestyle

Aditya Sharma: Gold – 100m Freestyle;
Silver – 50m & 400m Freestyle



U-19 Category

Aarush: Gold – 50m & 100m Freestyle,
50m Backstroke

Amogh Bhargava: Gold – 50m, 100m,
200m Breaststroke

Adwait Budhia: Silver – 50m Freestyle

Saksham Agrawal: Silver – 200m
Butterfly, 1500m Freestyle, 400m IM

Rajveer Singh: Silver – 100m
Breaststroke

SGFI State Championship Results:

Aditya Sharma: Bronze – 4x100m
Freestyle Relay

Amogh Bhargava: Bronze – 4x100m
Medley Relay (2 events)



U-17 Category

Priyansh Agrawal: Gold – 50m Backstroke,
200m Butterfly; Silver – 100m Backstroke

Hansiddh Kothari: Gold – 200m & 800m
Freestyle, 200m IM

Aryavardhan Singh Somvanshi: Gold – 50m
& 100m Breaststroke

Samanvay Gupta: Silver – 50m Backstroke,
50m Freestyle

Naman Jain: Silver – 800m Freestyle

Abhijay Pratap Singh: Silver – 50m
Breaststroke

Diptanshu Pokar: Gold – 50m Freestyle;
Silver – 100m Freestyle

Nimit Agarwal: Gold – 100m Backstroke,
200m Breaststroke; Silver – 200m Freestyle



SHOOTING



Mr Sachin Kumar



Saksham Kubde
Sets Captain



Intra-Set

The Intra-Set Championship witnessed enthusiastic participation across all categories.

I- Jankoji House (104 points)

II- Jayaji House (96 points)

III- Mahadji House (86 points)

Champion of Champions

Rifle: Keshav Jhunjhunwala

Pistol: Atulya Krishna



Top Individual Performers

U-14 Pistol: Raunak Ahuja – 265 pts

U-14 Rifle: Ashankya Singh – 266 pts

U-17 Rifle: Keshav Jhunjhunwala – 284 pts



Shooting Achievements

Scindians delivered commendable performances across multiple prestigious shooting events this year:

19th IPSC Shooting Championship

The U-14 Pistol Team secured the Silver Medal.

Team Members: Aahan Pratap Singh, Atulya Krishna, Raunak Ahuja

27th M.P. State & Inter-School Shooting Championship

Saksham Sameer Kubde – Bronze (ISSF Peep Sight Air Rifle)

Varad Agarwal – Bronze (Sub-Youth Air Pistol)

Ishan Singh – 3rd (Sub-Youth ISSF Air Rifle)

Keshav Jhunjhunwala – 4th (ISSF Peep Sight Air Rifle)

Qualified for Nationals: Saksham Kubde, Ishan Singh, Keshav Jhunjhunwala

0755 India Open Shooting Championship

Qualified for Nationals: Raunak Ahuja, Atulya Krishna, Shivansh Bhardwaj, Shlok Tulsyan

67th National Shooting Championship

Seven students represented the school at the national level:

Saksham S. Kubde, Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Shlok Tulsyan, Ishan Singh, Shivansh Bhardwaj, Atulya Krishna and Raunak Ahuja



CRICKET



**Mr Vijay Prakash
Sharma**



Mr Naveen Rathore



**Harsh Upadhyay
Sets Captain**



Inter-House

In the 'A' Group Tournament, Ranoji House emerged as winners, with Jeevaji House as runners-up.

Individual Awards :

Best Batter: Shresth Agarwal

Best Bowler: Archit Chaudary

Best Fielder: Navansh Mankar



In the 'B' Group Tournament, Ranoji House claimed the top spot, while Jeevaji House was placed second.

Individual Awards :

Best Batter: Devraj Singh Chauhan

Best Bowler: Aryaneel Majumdar

Best Fielder: Abhijay Pratao Singh



In the Junior Group, Dattaji House secured the first position, with Jankoji House finishing second. Kanerkhed House and Nimaji House placed third and fourth respectively.

Individual Awards :

Best Batter: Utkarsh Bansal

Best Bowler: Devraj Singh

Best Fielder: Krishnam Bajoria





20th H.H. Maharaja Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament



The 20th edition of the H.H. Maharaja Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament saw eight competitive teams battle it out on home turf. The Scindia School triumphed in the final against MNSS Rai, securing their second consecutive title. Individual Honours went to :

Best Batter: Pranet Pathak

Best Bowler: Abhijay Pratap Singh

Best All-Rounder: Bhavesh Mittal

The PC Batta Memorial Cricket Tournament Kasiga School, Dehradun

The Scindia School competed with determination in the 7th PC Batta Memorial Cricket Tournament held at Kasiga School, Dehradun. Among 16 strong teams, Scindia made a commendable run, reaching the semifinals where they faced the host school, Kasiga.

Outstanding performances earned Shresth Agarwal and Aryan Kushwaha the Man of the Match awards.



CROSS COUNTRY



*Mr Chitresh
Sahariya*



*Saksham Agarwal
Sets Captain*



Inter-House

Daulat House won the overall cross country event with 32.071 points. Jayappa House topped 'B' Group, while Shivaji House led 'A' Group. Jankoji House secured the Junior Group Trophy with a score of 13.615.



FOOTBALL



Mr Ajit Kumar Chauhan



Jahan Nagpal
Sets Captain



Mr Ankit Kandare



Inter-House

‘A’ Group Football Final

Ranoji House defeated Jayappa House 3–0 to win the ‘A’ Group football final on 24th July 2024. Mahadji secured third place. Saksham Agarwal was named Best Player, Arush Sharma Best Defender and Vishith Venkatesh Best Goalkeeper.



‘B’ Group Football Final

Mahadji House clinched a 2–1 victory over Ranoji House in the ‘B’ Group final. Sanahal Meetei was awarded Best Player, Mridul Roy Best Defender and Vivaan Agarwal Best Goalkeeper.



‘C’ Group Football Tournament

In the Junior Group Football Tournament 2024–25, Nimaji House emerged as champions, followed by Dattaji House in second place and Jankoji House in third. Kanerkhed House secured fourth position. Ekam Singh Dang was awarded Best Player, Vedang Goenka was named Best Defender and Kovid Kashyap received the Best Goalkeeper award.



LAWN TENNIS



Mr Sumit Bhaduria



Shayn Rohra
Sets Captain



SGFI

Students from The Scindia School, Fort, Gwalior participated in the S.G.F.I. States Tournament held at Vidisha and showcased commendable performances across various events.

Results:

*Rudraksh Bansal – Silver Medal
Divyam Bhagwani – Silver Medal
Arnav Agarwal – Silver Medal
Vishith Venkatesh – 5th Position
Tanush Somani – 5th Position
Ayush Gaur – 5th Position*

The team displayed great determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, bringing laurels to the school with their strong performances.

Intramural (Intra-Set) result

'A' Group
Winner

Vishith Venkatesh

Runners-Up
Shayn Rohra

'B' Group
Winner

Arnav Agarwal

Runners-Up
Rudraksh Bansal

Open Doubles Winner
Dr. Pradeep Saraswat
Mr Sumit Kumar Bhaduriya

Runners-Up
Vishith Venkatesh
Mr Anil Pathania



SPORTS BANQUET

The 28th Annual Sports Banquet was a celebration of achievements in sports and a lesson in determination. Our esteemed Chief Guest, Mr Mir Ranjan Negi, Hockey Player and former National Coach, shared his inspiring journey—one of facing adversity, rising above criticism and ignominy and staying true to his passion for the game. His story is an epitome of the power of perseverance and the strength of character. The film ‘Chak De India’ was inspired by the story of Mr Mir Ranjan Negi, making his presence even more special and motivating for the students. The evening honored the school’s sports captains and students who have won colours for their remarkable achievements across various sports. Principal Mr Ajay Singh reminded students that success is not just about talent but about the grit to keep going despite the odds. Just as Mr Negi never let challenges deter him, we too must embrace every hurdle as a stepping stone to greatness.



This year, 17 Full Colours and 81 Half Colours were awarded to students in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the field of sports. The “Colour” is a prestigious honour bestowed upon students who have displayed exceptional performance, discipline, teamwork and resilience on the field.

The recipients of the Full Colour have demonstrated consistent excellence, bringing pride and recognition to the institution through their remarkable contributions in various sporting events. The Half Colour award acknowledges students who have shown commendable commitment, skill and perseverance in their respective sports.

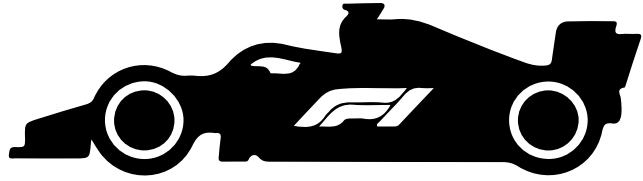
By celebrating these achievements, the institution continues to encourage a spirit of healthy competition, dedication and leadership among its students. These awards not only highlight the talent present within the student community but also inspire others to pursue excellence in sports while upholding values of discipline and teamwork.



ARTICLES



LEWIS HAMILTON



Sir Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton, born on 7th January, 1985, in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, is a British racing driver widely regarded as one of the greatest Formula 1 drivers in history. He is a seven-time World Champion and the first Black driver to compete in F1.

Hamilton didn't come from a wealthy family and racing isn't cheap. His love for speed began at five when his dad, Anthony, bought him a remote-controlled car. Lewis quickly started beating older kids. After seeing go-karts at a local track, he begged his dad to let him try. His father worked three jobs to support his dream.

Lewis began karting at six, winning several national titles. At 10, after winning the British Karting Championship, he told McLaren boss Ron Dennis: "Hi, I'm Lewis Hamilton. I won the British Championship and one day I want to race for your team." Dennis replied, "Call me in nine years."

"Imagine being in a Formula One car, must be very powerful." – Lewis Hamilton, age 10

He joined the McLaren Driver Programme at 13 and climbed through the junior series, winning Formula Renault UK, F3 Euro Series and GP2.

In 2007, Hamilton debuted in F1 with McLaren, finishing 3rd in his first race and narrowly missing the title in his rookie season. In 2008, he won his first World Championship, becoming the youngest champion at the time and the first Black driver to do so. From 2007 to 2012, he battled rivals like Alonso, Räikkönen, Massa, Vettel, Button and Webber. But after 2012, he felt McLaren lacked the pace to win titles.

In 2013, he moved to Mercedes-AMG – a bold and career-defining choice. His first year showed promise but wasn't dominant. That changed in 2014 with the new hybrid era, launching a run of six titles in seven years (2014, 2015, 2017–2020), tying Schumacher's record of seven.

His Mercedes era featured intense rivalries – most notably with teammate Nico Rosberg, whose 2016 title win ended their bitter fight. Then came Max Verstappen. In 2021, the title battle ended in controversy at the final race in Abu Dhabi. A safety car decision let Verstappen pass Hamilton on the last lap, sparking huge debate and marking a turning point in Hamilton's career.

In early 2024, Hamilton shocked the F1 world by announcing he would join Ferrari in 2025. After over a decade at Mercedes, he wanted one last challenge – to bring Ferrari back to glory.

"I feel incredibly fortunate ... that I now have the chance to fulfil another childhood dream. Driving in Ferrari red."

Off the track, Hamilton is more than a racer. He's spoken out for equality, launched the Hamilton Commission for diversity in motorsport, supports environmental causes and explores fashion and music. Driven, outspoken, fearless – he's as impactful off the track as he is on it.

STILL WE RISE

WHAT IF VAR EXISTED IN 1966 ?

The roar of nearly 100,000 fans echoed through Wembley Stadium in London on 30th July , 1966. It was the World Cup final and neither England nor West Germany gave an inch. The match went into extra time but neither team nor the world could have imagined that a single moment would arrive, one that would divide opinion and redefine generations.

In extra time, Geoff Hurst, the England striker, struck the ball with power. It hit the crossbar, bounced down and landed near the goal line before being cleared. For a split second, time seemed to freeze. The entire stadium fell silent. Had it gone in? No one could say for sure — except one man: the Soviet linesman, Tofiq Bakhramov, who signaled yes. The goal was awarded. England took the lead. They went on to win 4-2, lifting their first — and still only — World Cup. But the debate remains: Did the ball really cross the line?

Now, imagine what would have happened if VAR and goal-line technology had existed back then. The decision wouldn't have rested on a single glance. There would have been cameras, replays, sensors — and likely, no goal. Modern studies have shown the ball didn't fully cross the line. Which leads us to ask: Without that goal, would England still have won? Would Hurst have scored a hat-trick? Would football still be “coming home” every four years?

Maybe not.

That decision shaped not just a match, but a nation's sporting identity. If VAR had been there, history could have turned on its head. No Jules Rimet trophy. No legends made. No songs sung decades later. But maybe that's the beauty of football: it's not just about precision. It's about the drama, the doubt, the stories we tell. VAR brings clarity — but in 1966, the game gave us something else: a legend. And some legends, right or wrong, are better left untouched.

The Grind Behind the Glory

“Speed is nothing without control and hard work.”

— Ayrton Senna

In the sports world, the talent takes the spotlight, all flashy and charming, but when the lights go off, the actual effort behind the glory is seen. It's the dedicated ones—not just the gifted—who stay in the game.

Take the example of one of the greatest drivers, if not the greatest, in the history of Formula 1, Ayrton Senna. Yes, Senna had natural speed and instincts matched by none, but that could've only gotten him to the grid. His relentless work is what got him to the front of the grid and that is what made him a three-time world champion. Azure or dark, he was in the gym, on the simulator and studying every curve and detail of the tracks. His analytical skills and hard work, combined, made him the legend we know of. Without this level of dedication, even the fastest reflexes wouldn't have been enough.

Talent gets you a ticket to the game; hard work gets you a seat at the winners' table. Many talented athletes shine bright, but not for long—they fizzle out because their talent cannot keep up with the consistent effort of those who truly commit.

Hard work isn't all blue skies and happy moments; it's discipline that makes you get up at 4 and push through the day for the goal you have set for yourself. Talent is a head start, but without hard work and continuous failures, you won't be able to reach the potential you hold within.

Talent won't carry you through; you have to push yourself with extra effort. This is what separates world-class athletes from those who are overshadowed.

Yash Nitharwal

Class XI

Cricket—More than just a game

Cricket has always been the sport that excites me the most. It's not just about hitting big shots or taking wickets, but about the little moments – standing under the sun with your team, planning the next move and giving your best no matter what. The game has taught me to stay calm, to fight back after failure and to always believe in teamwork. It's a game where one ball can change everything and that thrill keeps me hooked every time I play.

On the Scindian grounds, cricket feels even more special. Every match is a mix of fun, competition and learning. The cheers, the pressure, the joy of a well-played cover drive – it all stays with you long after the match is over. Beyond just the runs and wickets, cricket here has given me friends, confidence and memories that will always stay close. That's why cricket isn't just my sport, it's my passion and a part of who I am.

Devraj Singh Chauhan

Class X

"More Than a Game: Lessons Sports Taught Me"

Sports have always meant more than just a game to me. With every step out onto the field, I knew it was never only about winning or losing, but also about finding myself. Whether it was experiencing the adrenaline rush before a football game or the pre-game jitters before a race, sports instilled in me the ability to handle pressure and convert it into power.

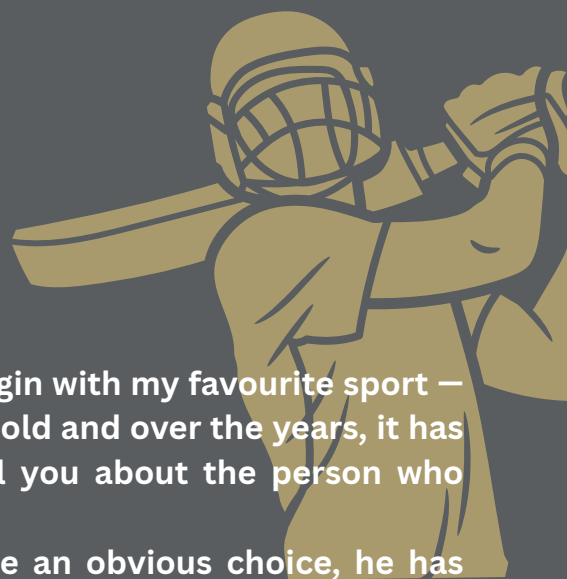
One of the most valuable lessons I have learned through sport is resilience. Whenever I lose a match, it often hurts, but each defeat has pushed me to practice harder and come back stronger. Sports have also shown me the true meaning of teamwork—that success is never the effort of one player alone, but the unity of all. Celebrating small victories together, cheering for each other and lifting up our spirits after a loss will always stay longer than the scoreboards. Being active has provided me not only with strength but also with confidence and discipline, attributes that extend beyond the field—into classrooms, competitions and life.

For me, medals or trophies are not what sports are all about. They are about character, friendship and the determination to get up whenever we fall—a trait that will always be with us as Scindians.



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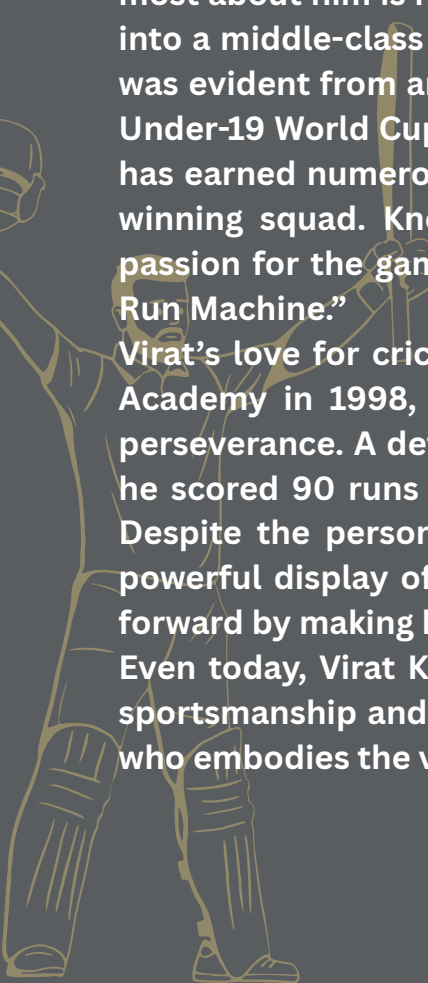
My Favourite Sportsman



Before I introduce my favourite sportsman, I'd like to begin with my favourite sport — cricket. I have been playing cricket since I was ten years old and over the years, it has become an important part of my life. Now, let me tell you about the person who inspires me the most in this sport.

My favourite sportsman is Virat Kohli. While he may be an obvious choice, he has always been my source of inspiration. I have followed his journey since my childhood and the one quality that stands out to me is his determination. No matter the situation, he never gives up. His rise from playing cricket on the streets to becoming one of the greatest international cricketers of our time is very inspiring. What I admire most about him is his dedication and discipliner cricket . Born on 5th November 1988 into a middle-class Punjabi family, Virat worked tirelessly to reach the top. His talent was evident from an early age and he went on to captain India to victory in the 2008 Under-19 World Cup before making his ODI debut later that same year. Since then, he has earned numerous accolades, including being part of India's 2011 ICC World Cup-winning squad. Known for his aggressive style, unmatched consistency and deep passion for the game, he has rightfully earned nicknames like “King Kohli” and “The Run Machine.”

Virat's love for cricket began at a very young age. He joined the West Delhi Cricket Academy in 1998, when he was just nine years old. His career is a testament to perseverance. A defining moment came during his Ranji Trophy debut in 2006, when he scored 90 runs against Karnataka on the very same day his father passed away. Despite the personal tragedy, he chose to stay and bat for his team which was a powerful display of resilience and commitment. In April 2007, he took another step forward by making his T20 debut for Delhi, continuing his steady climb to greatness. Even today, Virat Kohli continues to inspire millions around the world with his skill, sportsmanship and leadership. For me, he is not just a cricketer — he is a role model who embodies the values of hard work, passion and perseverance.





LETTER FROM EDITOR IN CHIEF

Working on Khelo Scindia has been an incredibly fulfilling experience. This magazine is more than just a record of tournaments and victories it is a reflection of our collective spirit, passion and perseverance. Each page captures the dedication, effort and enthusiasm that define every Scindian who steps onto the field. In bringing this issue together, I was reminded of the many lessons sports have taught me especially the one that has shaped me the most: resilience.

Losing a game or falling short of my best can be discouraging, but these experiences motivate me to practice harder and return even stronger. Sports have shown me that failure is not an endpoint, but an opportunity to learn and improve. The ability to recover from setbacks is a skill that serves me well not only in athletics but also in academics and everyday life. I vividly remember a competition where I had dedicated months of hard work and training. As I stood at the starting line, I thought about all the early mornings and sacrifices I had made leading up to that moment. I told myself that if I did not give my best effort that day, I would regret it later. That mindset helped me focus completely and perform to the best of my ability, regardless of the outcome. That experience taught me the importance of commitment and living in the moment lessons that continue to guide me even today.

Sports have also taught me the value of teamwork and discipline. Success depends on trust, effort and shared goals. Beyond physical strength, sports shape our character and help us become more focused, confident and determined individuals.

Khelo Scindia celebrates this journey it is a tribute to the resilience, passion and spirit that unite us all as Scindian athletes.

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