

Sports Achievements -2015

- ▶ **India** has been confirmed as **host for the 2016 Twenty20 World Cup**, scheduled to be held from March 11 to April 3rd
- ▶ India's open water swimmer **Bhakti Sharma** has set a **world record** by swimming 1.4 miles in 52 minutes in one degree temperature at Antarctic Ocean.
- ▶ The **35th National Games got underway in Kerala from January 2015**. Former cricket player Sachin Tendulkar is the goodwill ambassador for the games. The mascot of the 35th National Games is "**Ammu**", The **Great Hornbill, or the Great Indian Hornbill, the State bird of Kerala**. There are 33 sports disciplines in games. **Yachting** is newly included item. 35th National Games were concluded on 13th February. **Kerala** had topped the medals tally. **Mizoram** has won in the **foot ball in the national games**. **Rajinder Singh, Javelin throw player** created a new National record in the men's javelin throw with a massive throw of 82.23m. The **36th National Games** will be held in **Goa in 2019**.
- ▶ **Ace Indian shutter Saina Nehwal** has retained her title by winning the final of Women's Singles tournament in 1,20,000 US dollars' Syed Modi International Grand Prix Gold Badminton Championship in Lucknow. In Mens' Singles final, India's P Kashyap defeated his compatriot K Srikanth
- ▶ **The 60th National School Games** were kick-started in New Delhi on 2nd January and was declared open by Delhi's Brand Ambassador and two-time Olympic Games **medallist Sushil Kumar**
- ▶ **South Africa batsman AB de Villiers** hit a **century off 31 balls** to record the **fastest ever one-day international ton**. De Villiers set the new landmark during an innings of 149 against the West Indies in Johannesburg on 18th January.
- ▶ **Australia has won 2014-15 Gavaskar-Border trophy with 2-0**. The total number of tests were 4, Australia has won 2 where as other two were drawn. Steve Smith (Australia) is the Man of the match for last match and also Man of the series.
- ▶ **West Indies record highest run chase against South Africa in T-20 history**
- ▶ Sri Lanka veteran Kumar Sangakkara became the fifth cricketer to surpass 12,000 runs
- ▶ **Indian left-arm spinner Pragnan Ojha** has been barred from bowling in competitive cricket after his action was found to be illegal. It was withdrawn later in February.
- ▶ **Paes and Bopanna clinch titles in Auckland and Sydney**
- ▶ **Former India Captain and ace Leg Spinner Anil Kumble** has been chosen to be inducted into the **ICC Cricket Hall of Fame**
- ▶ **India's Anirban Lahiri** has his sights set on the **US Masters golf** after winning the **Malaysian Open**, he won defeating Bernd Wiesberger
- ▶ **Hashim Amla** became the **fastest player to notch up 5000 one-day international runs**
- ▶ **Criquet World Cup** was declared open at **Christchurch, Australia on 12th February**.
- ▶ With 4 Number of consecutive hundreds scored by **Kumar Sangakkara**, became the first batsman to do so in ODI history.
- ▶ Defending champions **Karnataka clinched their eighth Ranji Trophy** title defeating **Tamil Nadu**
- ▶ **Chris Gayle** made his way into the history books by **becoming the first player to score a double century in the cricket World Cup in a game against Zimbabwe** in Canberra on 24th February.
- ▶ **Ian Gould** became the 15th umpire to stand in 100 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) when he took the field in the Australia versus Sri Lanka match in World Cup 2015 at Sydney
- ▶ **Portugal's soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo** won the **FIFA Ballon d'Or** where as Colombian James Rodriguez won the **Puskas Award for the goal of the year**.
- ▶ Roger Federer beat world number one Novak Djokovic 6-3 7-5 to win his seventh **Dubai Championship** title.

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- ▶ The Union Sports Ministry is implementing a number of important schemes for promotion of sports in the country by developing rural and urban sports infrastructure. Under the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA)**, his ministry proposed to construct a Sports Complex in each block of the country at a cost of Rs 1.60 crore.
- ▶ **Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recognised Boxing India (BI)** as the governing body for representing boxing in India. In this regard, the Ministry allowed Boxing India to use the name under the **Emblems & Names (Prevention of Improper use) Act, 1950 for all its future correspondence.**
- ▶ Five-time world champion **Viswanathan Anand of India** played out an easy draw with Sergey Karjakin of Russia in the fifth and final round to win the Classical section of **Zurich Chess Classic, in Zurich**
- ▶ **Viswanathan Anand** defeated David Baramidze of Germany in the sixth and penultimate round of **Grenke Chess Classic at Baden- Baden, Germany, on 9th February.**
- ▶ Tennis player **Rafael Nadal** received the **Golden Medal for Merit in Work. Golden Medal is one of the top civilian honours of Spain**
- ▶ **Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis** have lifted the women's doubles trophy of the **Indian Wells Open tennis tournament at California. Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer to win men's title**
- ▶ **Grandmaster Surya Shekhar Ganguly** defeated Cuban counterpart **Ortiz Suarez Reynaldo** to win **LIC international Grandmasters Chess**
- ▶ **Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth** clinched the **Swiss Grand Prix Gold championship**
- ▶ **India won 22nd President's Cup boxing tournament in Palembang, Indonesia.**
- ▶ Three Indian race walkers, **Khushbir Kaur, Manish Rawat and Sandeep Kumar** have qualified for **2016 Rio Olympics.**
- ▶ **Sachin Tendulkar** was inducted into the prestigious **Laureus Academy in a ceremony at Shanghai.**
- ▶ **The Chinnaswamy cricket stadium in Bengaluru** has become the first cricket venue in the country to have a roof top solar power plant.
- ▶ **Novak Djokovic** has set another career record with his second Monte Carlo title, as the Serb became the first man to win the opening three Masters 1000 events in a season
- ▶ The Sports Ministry has suspended the recognition of **Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)** for poor management and conduct of **National Para-Athletics Championships in Ghaziabad**
- ▶ Canada born **Sim Bhullar** has become the first player of Indian descent on a **US National Basketball Association (NBA) team**
- ▶ **Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis** win Miami open
- ▶ **Sania Mirza** has created history by becoming the first female tennis player from India to achieve the world number one rank in doubles
- ▶ **The Youth Delphic Games, considered the Olympics of art and culture** held every four years, will be held in **Goa from February 1 to 14 next 2016.** The last edition was held in **Johannesburg.**
- ▶ India defeated Korea to **finish third in 24th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament in Malaysia.**
- ▶ Indian shooter **Jitu Rai** shot his way to a bronze medal in the men's 10-metre air pistol event at the **ISSF Shooting World Cup** on 12th April.
- ▶ **Kochi** has been provisionally selected as a host of the **2017 under-17 FIFA World Cup.**
- ▶ **Indian Grandmaster Dronavalli Harika** has won the bronze medal along with Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling in the World Women's chess championships.
- ▶ **Ace Indian discus thrower Vikas Gowda** won the Gold medal in the **Jamaican International Invitation meet in Kingston on 10th May.**
- ▶ **Saina nehwal and Srikant** has won 'India Open Super Series Badminton Women's & Men's Singles titles; at new Delhi.

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- ▶ **Himachal to host paragliding World Cup during October.**
- ▶ **India jumps to 147th spot in FIFA football rankings**
- ▶ **Australia on 29th March lifted the Cricket World Cup for the fifth time.** In the final played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, retiring captain Michael Clarke and his Men defeated **neighbors and co-hosts of the tournament, New Zealand by 7 wickets.** Martin Guptill(New Zealand) with 547 runs and Mitchell Starc with 22 wickets topped the individual charts.
- ▶ The Centre will set up a **training institute for youth at river island Majuli in Assam**
- ▶ **Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF)** on 4 April 2015 provisionally **suspended 21 weightlifters** after they were tested positive for banned substances.
- ▶ **Mumbai Indians defeated Chennai Super Kings by 41 runs in the final at the Eden Gardens on 24th May to be crowned as Indian Premier League (IPL) Champions**
- ▶ **Andy Murray wins Madrid Open title by defeating Rafael Nadal**
- ▶ Switzerland tennis player **Roger Federer** won the TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Open Men's singles title
- ▶ **In Doha Boxing Tournament, Indian boxers clinched 4 gold, 1 silver,2 bronze.**
- ▶ **Abhinav Bindra** has become the **fourth Indian shooter to win a quota place for the Rio Olympics**
- ▶ **Gagan Narang** won the bronze medal in the **50 metre Rifle Prone Event of the ISSF World Cup at Fort Benning** in the US on 15th May
- ▶ The **12th South Asian Games** will be held in **Guwahati and Shillong** from December 10th to 20th.
- ▶ **Veselin Topalov** won the **Norway Chess tournament 2015** by leaving behind **Viswanathan Anand and topping the points chart**
- ▶ Ace Indian archer **Deepika Kumari** has clinched the bronze medal in the women's individual **recurve event of the World Cup, at Antalya, Turkey**
- ▶ **The Indian Army** team on 3 May 2015 emerged as champions in the 19th Federation Cup National Senior Athletic Championships.
- ▶ American boxer **Floyd Mayweather Jr.** defeated **Manny Pacquiao** from Philippines on a unanimous decision to win the unified World Welterweight title of World Boxing Council, World Boxing Organization and World Boxing Association.
- ▶ Kerala's **Jinson Johnson** and Haryana's **shot putter Inderjeet Singh** struck gold in the first leg of the **Asian Grand Prix athletics on 22nd June at Pathum Thani (Thailand)**
- ▶ **Satnam Singh Bhamara** created history by becoming the **first Indian basket ball player to be drafted in the National Basketball Association(NBA)** after being picked by **Dallas Mavericks in New York.**
- ▶ Indo-Romanian pair of **Rohan Bopanna and Florin Mergea** has clinched the men's doubles title at the Stuttgart Open.
- ▶ **Mexico wins record 7th CONCACAF Gold Cup** defeating **Jamaica**
- ▶ **India has been ranked third** behind Russia and Turkey in a **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Report for 2013.**
- ▶ **SeppBlatter** wins **FIFA presidential election** held at **Zurich** but **resigned within four days in wake of corruption charges.**
- ▶ **Inderjeet** wins gold in shot put in **Asian Athletics Champion ship held in china.** **M R Poovamma** has clinched a Silver in the 400 metres event.
- ▶ **Dilawar Singh** of Haryana, by defeating **Mohammad Akbar Khan** won 'Pedal for Kashmir' cycling competition, held along the banks of picturesque **Dal Lake in Srinagar**
- ▶ **Sundaram Ravi** on 4th June became the first Indian after **S. Venkataraghavan** to be **inducted in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Elite Panel of Umpires**
- ▶ **Indian women wrestling team bags silver in the Kazakhstan Presidential Cup**
- ▶ The Sports Ministry on 28th July **constituted a nine-member Working Group under justice CK Mahajan** which will prepare a revised draft of the **National Sports Development Code, NSDC**

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- ▶ **Beijing to host 2022 Winter Olympics**
- ▶ **Roelant Oltmans appointed as coach of Hockey India**
- ▶ **At World Archery Championships held at Copenhagen in Denmark, Rajat Chauhan bagged silver**
- ▶ **Shubham Jaglan wins World Junior Golf Championship** in San Diego, California
- ▶ **Eden Gardens ground in Kolkata** will be host to the final of the **2016 World Twenty20** cricket tournament that will be held in India from March 11 to April 3 next year
- ▶ The Union Government constituted All India Council of Sports as an advisory body for the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ▶ **Defending champions India** have retained the **South Asian Basketball Championship, SABA title**. In Bengaluru on 5th July, they defeated **Sri Lanka** in the finals of **4th edition of the Championships at the Kanteerava Stadium Bangalore**.
- ▶ Former India captain **Dilip Vengsarkar** has been elected as the **president of the Association of Indian Statisticians and scorers of India**
- ▶ Tamil Nadu's **R Vaishali** has emerged champion in the **42nd National Women's Challenger Chess Championship**.
- ▶ South Africa debutant **Kagiso Rabada** on 10th July 2015 became only the **second cricketer in the history of One Day International (ODI) cricket** to claim a **hat-trick on ODI debut**. Bangladesh spinner **Taijul Islam** was the **first debutant** to take an ODI hat-trick.
- ▶ Indian shuttlers **Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa** won the Canada Open women's doubles title
- ▶ **First ever Day-Night Test match** was played at **Adelaide on 27th of November** this year between **Australia and New Zealand**
- ▶ **Jamaican Usain Bolt** trumped American rival **Justin Gatlin** to retain his world **100 metre title** on 23rd August in **World Athletics Championships in Beijing**
- ▶ **In World Badminton championships held at Jakarta, Saina becomes 1st Indian player to win silver medal**
- ▶ **Olympic champion Sebastian Coe** elected **new International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) president**.
- ▶ **Mumbai's famous Dahihandi**, in which a human pyramid is formed to break an earthen pot filled with curd hanging mid-air to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna, is now recognized as an adventure sport.
- ▶ **India's Abhishek Verma** clinched the gold medal in the compound men's individual section in the **Archery World Cup Stage 3 competition in Poland**
- ▶ **Beijing Olympics champion Abhinav Bindra** clinched gold in the men's 10 metre Air Rifle event of the Asian Air Gun Championships in New Delhi
- ▶ **First International Army Games** were held on 14th August, on **Alabino Range in Moscow Region of Russia**
- ▶ **Ajinkya Rahane** became the first fielder in Test history to **take eight catches**, achieving the feat in the cricket match against **Sri Lanka**
- ▶ The **55th edition of the National Open Athletics Championship** held at the **Sports Authority of India (SAI) complex in Kolkata**
- ▶ The Sports Ministry has decided to recognize **Yoga** as a sports discipline and place it in the **Priority category**.
- ▶ **Indian squash champion Joshna Chinappa** won the squash title in the **Victorian Open WSA Event in Melbourne**
- ▶ The **Indian football team** continued to be at **156th in the latest FIFA rankings** as world champions **Germany** dropped to number three, with **Argentina** still holding on to the **number one spot**

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- ▶ **India's most successful billiards champion Pankaj Advani** added another feather to his cap by winning the IBSF World Billiards Championship in **Adelaide, Australia**. He outplayed Singapore's Peter Gilchrist in the final
- ▶ **India to host World Junior Circuit Table Tennis Finals at Indore in 2016**
- ▶ **Sania-Martina wins Guangzhou Open title in china**
- ▶ **Durban in South Africa** will host the 2022 Commonwealth Games
- ▶ **Shot putter Manpreet Kaur shatters national record, to book berth in Rio olympics**
- ▶ **India bags bronze in Archery World Cup Stage 4 at Medellin in Colombia**
- ▶ **India bags two bronze medals in Commonwealth Youth Games in Apia in Samoa**
- ▶ **The 16th National Women Boxing Championship** was held **Bongaigaon in Assam**
- ▶ **The 15th World Championships in Athletics were held 22–30 August 2015 in Beijing, China. Kenya topped the medal table for the first time**
- ▶ **Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia clinches 3rd French international Badminton title held at paris**
- ▶ **Deepika Kumari** has bagged the Silver medal in recurve event at the **Archery World Cup Final in Mexico City**.
- ▶ **India's PV Sindhu** has ended as **Runner-up in the Denmark Open Badminton tournament** held at **Odense, Denmark**
- ▶ **Russia's athletics federation** has been provisionally suspended from international competition - including the Olympic Games - for its alleged involvement in widespread doping.
- ▶ **Govt appoints VK Malhotra as head of All India Council of Sports**
- ▶ **India won the four-test men's hockey series against New Zealand 2-1**
- ▶ **Shashank Manohar** was elected as the **BCCI president**
- ▶ **Sergey Karjakin of Russia** wins **2015 World Cup Chess Championship**
- ▶ **Sania Mirza-Martina Hingis** win women's doubles title in china
- ▶ **Sania-Hingis duo** wins **Singapore BNP Paribas WTA Finals**
- ▶ **India beat Pak to Lift 8th Men's Junior Asia hockey cup in Kuantan, Malaysia**
- ▶ **Mana Patel of Gujarat and Maharashtra's Virbhawal Khade** emerged as the best swimmers of the **69th senior National Aquatic Championships that concluded in Rajkot**.
- ▶ **World number one Novak Djokovic** has become the **first player to win the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals** for the fourth consecutive time. In the title clash played in **London Djokovic** defeated **third seed Roger Federer**
- ▶ **Saina Nehwal** loses **China Open final to Xuerui Li**
- ▶ **India's Siril** wins silver at **World Junior badminton Championships** in the **Peruvian capital of Lima**
- ▶ **New Zealand** defended its **Rugby World Cup, beating Australia** in the final at **Twickenham Stadium in London**
- ▶ **Michelle Payne** has become the first female jockey to win Australia's most prestigious horse race, the **Melbourne Cup**.
- ▶ **Jitu Rai** won Gold medal at the **13th Asian Shooting Championship in Kuwait City**. Indian girl **Heena Sidhu** has also won Gold in 10 metre Air Pistol event.
- ▶ **PV Sindhu** lifts **Macau Open** for 3rd consecutive time
- ▶ **Great Britain** win **Davis Cup** for 1st time since 1936 beating **Belgium** in the final

Men's Grand slam Winners 2015

Year	Australian Open	French Open	Wimbledon	US Open
2014	Stan Wawrinka (Swiss)	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Marin Čilić(Croatia)
2015	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Stan Wawrinka (Swiss)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

Women's Grand slam Winners 2015

Year	Australian Open	French Open	Wimbledon	US Open
2014	Li Na (China)	Maria Sharapova (Russia)	Petra Kvitová (Czec)	Serena Williams (US)
2015	Serena Williams (US)	Serena Williams (US)	Serena Williams (US)	Flavia Pennetta(Italy)

Men's Grand slam Doubles Winners 2015

Year	Australian Open	French Open	Wimbledon	US Open
2015	Simone Bolelli (Italy) Fabio Fognini (Italy)	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) Marcelo Melo(Brazil)	Jean-Julien Rojer(Netherlands Horia Tecău (Romania)	Pierre-Hugues Herbert Nicolas Mahut (Both France)

Women's Grand slam Doubles Winners 2015

Year	Australian Open	French Open	Wimbledon	US Open
2015	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (US) Lucie Šafářová (Czech)	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (US) Lucie Šafářová (Czech)	Martina Hingis (Swiss) Sania Mirza (India)	Martina Hingis (Swiss) Sania Mirza (India)

Current world champions

Sport	Year Held	Champion
World Archery Championships	2015	South Korea
FIFA World Cup	2014	Germany
FIFA Club World Cup	2015	FC Barcelona
Badminton-Thomas Cup	2014	Japan
Uber Cup	2014	China
World Baseball Classic	2013	Dominican Republic
FIBA Basketball World Cup	2014	United States
ICC Cricket World Cup	2015	Australia
ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup	2014	South Africa
ICC Champions Trophy	2013	India
Champions League Twenty20	2014	Chennai Super Kings
ICC World Twenty20	2014	Sri Lanka
World Team Table Tennis Championships	2014	China
Tennis-Davis Cup	2014	Switzerland
World Team Cup	2012	Serbia
Volleyball World Championship	2014	Poland
Volleyball World Cup	2011	Russia
Wrestling World Cup Iran (Freestyle (men)/ Iran (Greco-Roman)		
Magnus Carlsen of Norway-current undisputed world champion in chess		