

Candidate for the position of FIH President
47th FIH Congress



Motivation for candidature and personal message (bullet points or text):

I believe that I am an individual that possesses strong vision and passion both in my personal and professional life.

Hockey is without a doubt along with my family one of my strongest passions. I played hockey since a young age and witnessed in the past the achievements of the Indian team. My paramount reason for becoming involved in hockey was to assist India to again become one of the world's top teams and win again laurels for India.

I am also a great believer in the Olympic values and in my role at the FIH. I want to encourage more initiatives for a more gender equal sport.

Through my involvement with various organizations in different capacities, I have seen that my passion, drive and commitment towards sports has helped immensely.

If re-elected President FIH, my strong vision is not only to grow the number of Countries that play hockey but also not ensure that more countries are competitive and the best of the sport is showcased.

Professional and other qualifications

Titles Obtained:

- Graduation (Bachelor of Arts), from : Amar Singh College, Srinagar Jammu & Kashmir, India in 1977
- L.L.B (Bachelor of Law), from: U.K. (University of Kashmir), Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India in 1981
- Awarded with the Vijay Ratna Award presented by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Mr Chandershekhar on 6 March 1991.
- Awarded with the Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa by Teerthanker Mahavir University India at their 1st Convocation Ceremony on 21 May, 2012.
- Awarded with the Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa by Manav Rachna Educational Institutions India at their 7th Convocation Ceremony on 06 December, 2019.

Work experience:

- Secretary General Hockey India from 2010 to 2014.
- President Hockey India from 2014 to 2016.
- Chairman Hockey India League from 2012 to 2016.
- Executive Board Member of International Hockey Federation (FIH) from 2014 to 2016.
- President of FIH (International Hockey Federation) since November 2016 and continuing
- President of IOA (Indian Olympic Association) since December 2017 and continuing.
- President of Commonwealth Games Association of India since 2018 and continuing
- Member of ANOC Marketing and New Sources of Finance since 2019 and continuing.
- Member of IOC Olympic Channel Commission since 2020 and continuing.
- Member of the International Olympic Committee since June 2019 and continuing.

Present and Past Activities in international sport (FIH, CF, IO, other)

Present activities:

- President of FIH (International Hockey Federation) since November 2016 and continuing
- President of the International Hockey Federation Foundation Board since September, 2019 and continuing.
- Member of ANOC Marketing and New Sources of Finance since 2019 and continuing
- Member of IOC Olympic Channel Commission since 2020 and continuing.
- Member of the International Olympic Committee since June 2019 and continuing.
- Member of the International Olympic Committee since 26th June, 2019 and continuing

Past activities:

- Vice President of Asian Hockey Federation from 2011 to 2014.
- Member of Competitions Committee of International Hockey Federation (FIH) from 2011 to 2013.
- Executive Board Member of International Hockey Federation (FIH) from 2014 to 2016.

Present and Past Activities in national sport (NA/NOC)

Present activities:

- President of IOA (Indian Olympic Association) since December 2017 and continuing
- President of Commonwealth Games Association of India since 2018 and continuing
- Member FIT India National Advisory Committee formed by Ministry of Sports Government of India since 2018 and continuing.
- Member General Body of Sports Authority of India formed by Ministry of Sports Government of India since 2018 and continuing.
- Member of the Governing Board National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA-India) formed by Ministry of Sports Government of India since 2018 and continuing.

Past activities:

- Sr. Vice President of Indian Hockey Federation (Men) from 2002 to 2008.
- Secretary General and Treasurer of Hockey India from 2009 to 2010
- Secretary General Hockey India from 2010 to 2014.
- President Hockey India from 2014 to 2016.
- Chairman Hockey India League from 2012 to 2016.
- Member of the 11 member sports bill drafting Committee formed by Government of India, Ministry of Sports in 2013 and was the only representative on the committee representing the National Sports Federations of India.
- Member of the CSR Rules Revision Committee formed by Ministry of Corporate Affairs Government of India in 2017 to 2019. I was included to give my inputs on how CSR can be used to support the sports and sporting activities in India. The new rules have now become applicable from January 2021.
- Member of the 10 member Committee of Constitution of National Compliance Platform against Doping in Sports formed on 27.06.2020 by Ministry of Sports Government of India
- Member of Committee formed by Ministry of Sports Government of India for revision in norms for Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions for National Sports Federations in 2020 to conclude report by February 2021