



# SCORECARD AUGUST 2024

## India Shines Bright at the 2024 Paris Olympics: A Medal Milestone

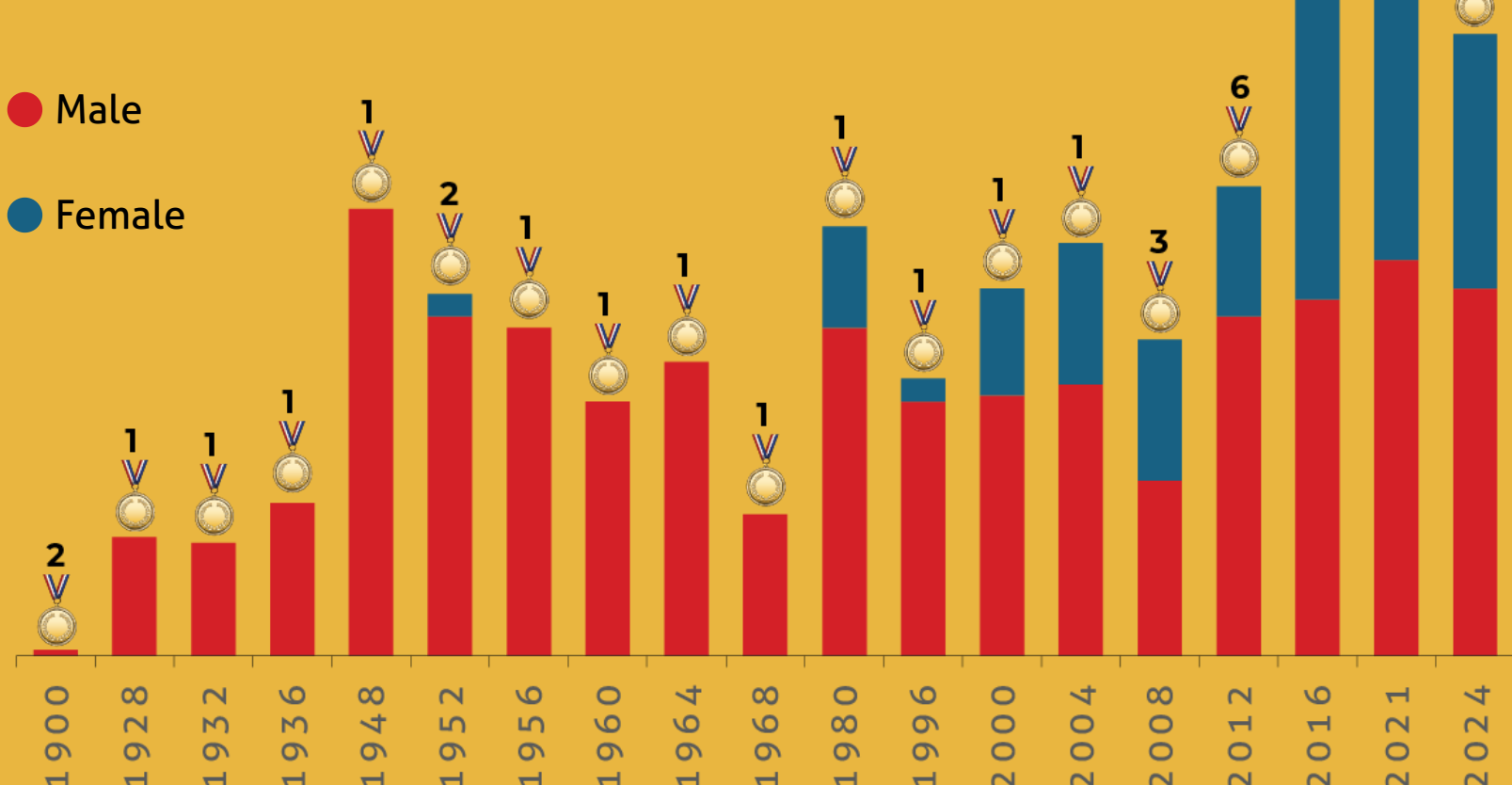
India's performance at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris was well witnessed. Competing from **July 26 to August 11, 2024**, India marked its 26th appearance at the Summer Games since its debut in 1900. With a contingent of **110 athletes across 16 sports**, India secured six medals, including **one silver and five bronze**, placing 71st out of 206 participating nations. This was India's second highest medal count, matching the achievements of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

## Athletes and Medals

MEDAL	NAME	SPORT	EVENT
Silver	Neeraj Chopra	Athletics	Men's javelin throw
Bronze	Manu Bhaker	Shooting	Women's 10 m air pistol
Bronze	Manu Bhaker Sarabjot Singh	Shooting	Mixed 10 m air pistol team
Bronze	Swapnil Kusale	Shooting	Men's 50 m rifle three positions
Bronze	India men's national field hockey team	Field hockey	Men's tournament
Bronze	Aman Sehrawat	Wrestling	Men's freestyle 57 kg

## Indian Athletes

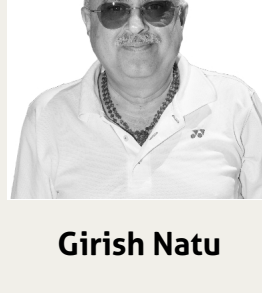
Olympic Representation & Medal Achievements Over the Years



As India celebrates these remarkable achievements, BJK Sports Centre remains dedicated to nurturing and advancing the country's athletic talent. With a vision of having 36 athletes representing India in the 2036 Olympics, BJK Sports Centre is committed to driving the growth of athletics and ensuring even greater success on the global stage.

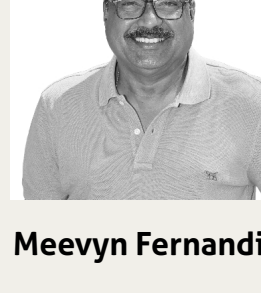
## Meet Our LORDs'

We're excited to introduce the newest participants of the LORD program, who recently visited our Centre.



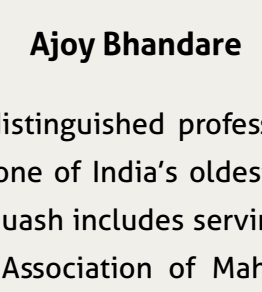
Girish Natu

Girish Natu brings extensive expertise to the realm of badminton, with a distinguished career in umpiring and refereeing spanning various levels. He has officiated in 52 international tournaments and 29 national tournaments as an umpire, and in 64 international tournaments and 17 national tournaments as a referee. Natu has also served as a faculty member, resource person, and guest speaker in 22 international seminars/courses, 17 national seminars/courses, and 4 state seminars/courses. Additionally, he plays a crucial role in badminton administration and organization, contributing to bodies like the Badminton World Federation, Badminton Asia, Badminton Association of India, Maharashtra Badminton Association, and the Dajisaheb Natu Badminton Promotion Foundation. His involvement extends to evaluating and assessing referees and umpires as a member of the Panel of Assessors and Course Conductors for the Badminton Association of India.



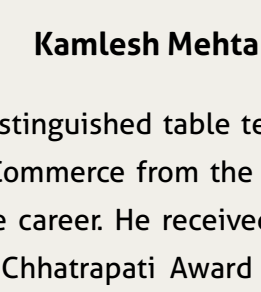
Meevyn Fernandis

Meevyn Fernandis has made significant contributions to Indian hockey, both as a player and a coach. He represented India at multiple prestigious events, including the Olympic Games where he won a gold medal in Moscow 1980 and served as vice-captain in Seoul 1988. He also competed in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. At the Asian Games, Fernandis earned silver medals in 1978 and 1982. He continued his success at the Asia Cups, securing silver medals in 1982 and 1985. In 1979, he captained the Junior Indian Hockey Team at the Junior World Cup in Versailles and was selected to play for the World XI in Pakistan and Holland. His achievements were recognized with the Arjuna Award for Hockey in 1992. Transitioning to coaching, he led the Indian Airlines hockey team from 2007 to 2010 and served as a selector and coach for both the Indian Junior and Senior teams.



Ajoy Bhandare

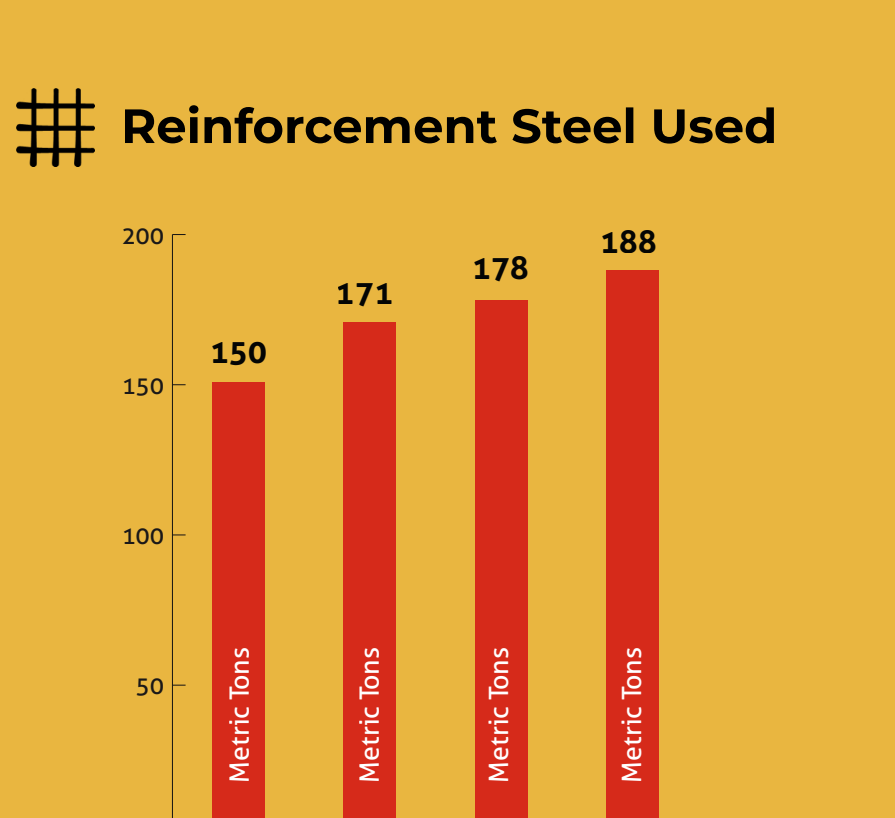
Ajoy Bhandare is a distinguished professional and partner at Bhandare Opticians, one of India's oldest optician companies. His involvement in squash includes serving as the Secretary of the Squash Rackets Association of Maharashtra (SRAM) and organizing over 15 national and international squash tournaments in Mumbai. In table tennis, Bhandare introduced the sport at Willingdon Sports Club over the past five years, where he also served on the Managing Committee and organized more than 20 inter-club and state-level tournaments. He has been a prominent advocate for racketlon, successfully securing the hosting of an SWT World Racketlon tournament—comparable to a Grand Slam tennis event—at the Willingdon Club in Mumbai in late November 2024. Personally, Bhandare has achieved a ranking as high as #3 in the Men's 70+ squash category in India. He holds an MSC and BSC from Imperial College, London, and is a graduate of The Doon School, Dehradun.



Kamlesh Mehta

Kamlesh Mehta, a distinguished table tennis player and coach with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Mumbai, boasts an impressive career. He received the Arjuna Award in 1985 and the Shiv Chhatrapati Award in 1979. Mehta is an eight-time National Champion, a two-time Pentangular Countries Champion, and has also won the SAF Games and World Bank Championships. He has represented India in nine World Championships, nine Asian Championships, ten Commonwealth Championships, three Asian Games, three Olympics, and five SAF Games. As captain from 1982 to 1990, he won numerous medals across various tournaments. His coaching tenure from 1998 to 2016 includes guiding teams to notable successes, including gold and bronze at the Commonwealth Championships and multiple gold medals at the SAF Games. Mehta has also served on several prestigious committees, including the TTFI Selection Committee and the Dronacharya Award Committee, and has been a commentator for Star Sports and Doordarshan.

## Presenting Our Monthly Infrastructural Update



## Construction Highlights

**Badminton Hall Building**

**64%** Construction complete, Internal construction in progress.

**Electrical Infrastructure**

**85%** of Major electrical equipment received and installed at site.

**Squash Court Hall Building**

**58%** Construction complete. Pre-engineered building, superstructure erection complete. Internal construction in progress.

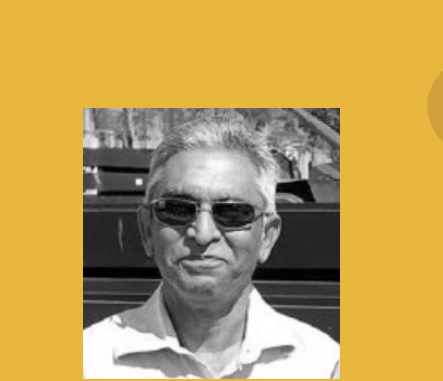
**Environmental Impact**

**30.50 tons** Utilizing 76200 fly ash brick, reducing carbon footprint by 30.50 tons.

**Administrative Buildings Progress**

**18%** Construction complete. Superstructure erection work in progress.

## Inside BJK - Executive Insights



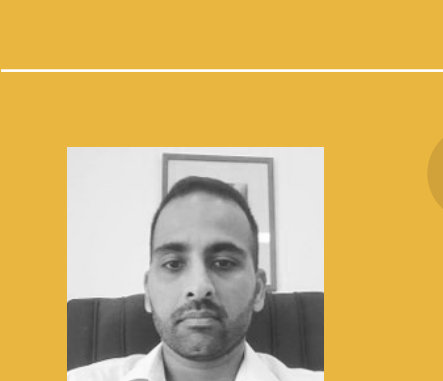
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### One Year On - Progress and Insights from Our Sports Centre!

Our journey began on August 11, 2023, with the foundation pouring for our Badminton Hall. Just over a year later, we are thrilled to see our facility take shape with over 20 badminton courts and 4 squash courts, as shown in the onsite photographs. Progress on the Admin Block, which will feature a Reception area, Multimedia Centre, and E-Library, is also advancing well.

In this fourth edition of our Score Card, while the Olympic excitement may have eased, its impact on us remains strong. It has highlighted the vast talent in our country that needs proper guidance and infrastructure. We believe our facility, with its comprehensive programs from grassroots to international levels, will significantly support and elevate athletes.

We appreciate the constructive feedback from our readers, which helps us refine our approach. We look forward to more observations and suggestions as we continue to improve."

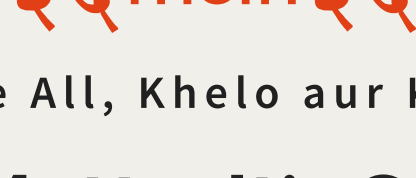


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### Reflections on the Paris Olympics and Progress at BJK

As the Paris Olympics draw to a close, India experienced a mix of successes and challenges. Our shooting team performed exceptionally well, and our hockey players delivered a commendable back-to-back bronze medal performance. While our overall medal count may have been lower this time, it's important to remember that sports involve both triumphs and setbacks, which ultimately strengthen athletes. As the saying goes, "victory is sweeter when you have tasted defeat."

At BJK, despite being fully engaged with the Games, we have made significant strides in construction and staffing. We are actively meeting with potential coaches and key managerial personnel, and we are encouraged by their enthusiasm and optimism. We kindly request your assistance in connecting us with potential partners—coaches, sponsors, or donors—who may be interested in joining us on this journey.



Love All, Khelo aur Khilo

## Isn't Just A Motto; It's Our Heartbeat

By the year 2036, at least 36 of our students will stand proudly at the Olympics stage, representing not just themselves, but our strong philosophy that blends sportsmanship, wellness and inclusivity!

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