



*If Heart Can Believe  
You Can Achieve.*

**A**ll my life shooting has been a struggle. A contest with the self. Every ten has been a battle, every performance has demanded that I look within for an answer. To win, one needs an internal rage, desperation, a hardness and eventually I became a shooter who relish a fight.

- Imperfection is not in his dictionary. Even if he had to shoot a ten, he had to shoot a better ten.
- Whatever your mind can conceive, your heart can believe, you can achieve.

# Rich Haul



## 1st Indian Open Crossbow Shooting Championship 2014

Once again the city of Agra graced itself with the esteemed presence of an impressive gathering as another event was added to its jewels.

Rajat Vij is an Indian crossbow shooter who rose to the frame after winning silver medal in Gothenburg (Sweden) in Swedish Open Crossbow Shooting Championship in December 2013. He is a first sports person to win a silver medal for India.

Being a shooter as well as National President of Indian Crossbow Shooting Association he has organized 1st Indian Open Crossbow Shooting Championship in Prelude Public School Agra. Where there are 28 Indian participants

from different states and 3 shooters from Sweden (Europe) and also 2 judges MR. Stephen Sommers from Australia and Mr. Tony Mcloughlin from Ireland.

One of the shooter is the Godfather of crossbow who has won several Championships his name is Micky Skottlund other one is Rikkard Zitterquist Medieval World Champion that was an ancient type crossbow basically used in ancient times of war between the emperor.

The event was inaugurated by Mr. Puran Dawar who is the tycoon & social activist who hold the good name and fame not only in India but outside the boundaries of India. Also there are Mr. Sushil Chandra Gupta, Mr. Satish Chandra Gupta, Dr.

Ashok Sharma, Dr. Arun Tiwari, Dr. Kailash Chand Saraswath, Mr. Kamal Chaudhary, Mr. Nitin Kohli, Mrs. Reenu Nanda, Dr. Surender Dass, Mr. Micky Arora, Mr. Arpit Grover, Mr. Naman Sachdeva, Mr. Rahul Sharma, Mr. Vishal Shrivastava, Mr. Yashpal Magan, Mrs. Saroj Magan, Mrs. Hina Vij, Mrs. Esha Gupta, Mr. Shalabh Gupta. Several others helped us not only to popularized crossbow but also helped us in carving out Agra's name in the sports world map.

Indeed the event was marked as a great success with the youngsters from different cities as well with their hard work & enthusiasts Agra attained a level

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Some Memories Of 1st Indian Open Crossbow Shooting Championship 2014





## Crossbow Demonstration At St. Peters College, Agra

On Tuesday February 18th 2014 members of WCSA, Swedish Crossbow team and Indian Crossbow Shooting Association attended St. Peters College Agra, India. The purpose of the visit was to demonstrate crossbow to approx. 2000 students and their teachers. WCSA representatives were Tony McLoughlin and Stephen Sommers. Swedish Crossbow team representatives were Micky Skottlund, Hans Macmanus & Rikard Zitterquest and the ICSA representatives were Rajat Vij & Hina Vij.

The demonstration started with WCSA pin presentation to the Principle, Rev. Fr. Paul Thannickal, Vice Principle Fr. Roshan Parriera and Teacher Harry

Clarence. They also presented awards to some of the students,. Stephen Sommers spoke to the audience about crossbows throughout history. He asked Rikard to show off the Medieval bow, then Micky & Rajat with the Target bows and finally Hans with the Sports bow. He explained the differences and the progression over the ages of the various bows. Once the talking and presentation was done Stephen asked Tony to lead the 4 shooters to the area of the ground that we had setup for shooting purposes. Rikard shot 1st most were surprised with the speed and accuracy of the medieval bow. Micky & Rajat were next with the target bows and then finally Hans with the sports bow. After all 4 had shot a bolt

each and all stand together to shot 2 bolts under the control of Tony. This was to simulate competition shooting. They shot 2 ends and all the students began cheering whenever a 10 was shot. They were really getting involved and totally enjoyed the demonstration.

The total time we were meant to have was approx. 20 minutes. They took nearly an hour and possibly could have gone most of the day. The speeches made by the staff following the shooting made it obvious that they totally enjoyed the demonstration and They were given a fantastic applause as the students were directed to go back to the classes, which they reluctantly did. This was a great PR exercise which we rarely see.

