

WCA's

Raj Singh Dungarpur

Residential Cricket School

....and cricket theme park



The Legend called Raj Singh



Full name: Raj Singh Laxmansinhji
Also known as Maharajkumar of Dungarpur

Born: December 19, 1935

Death: September 12, 2009

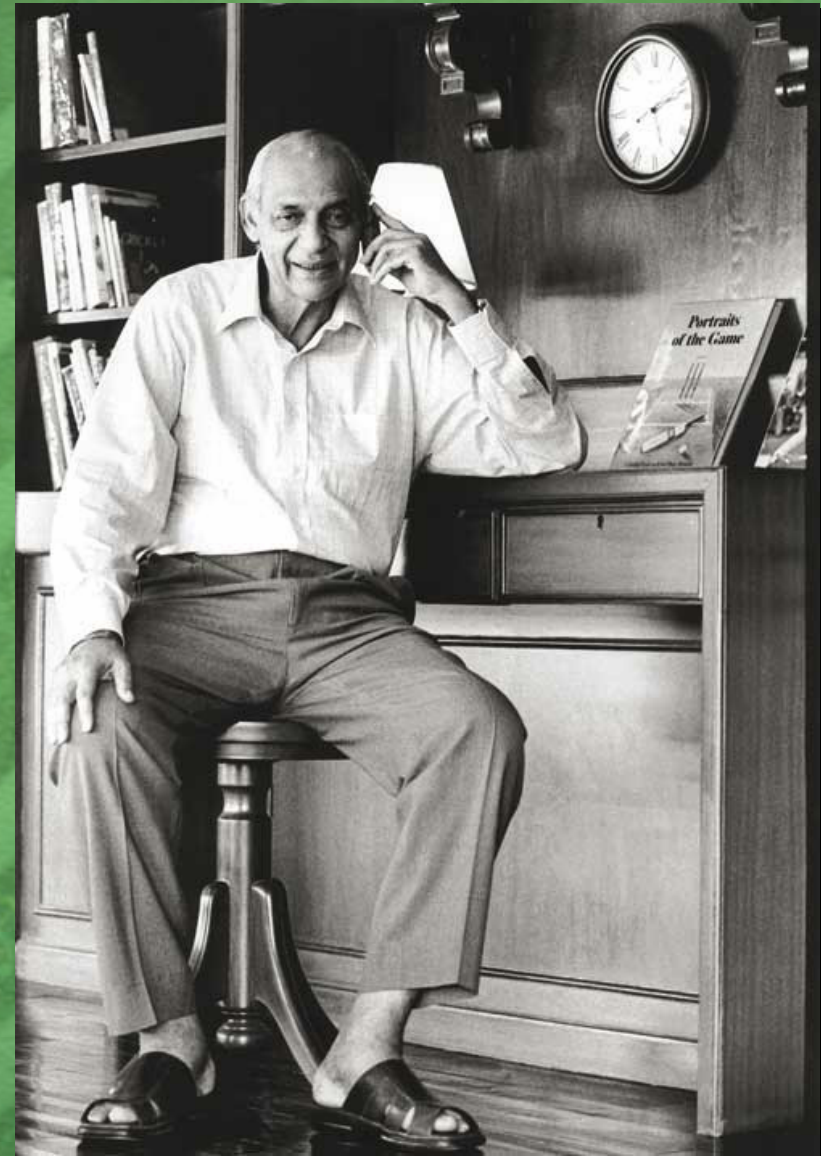
Major teams: Madhya Bharat, Rajasthan

Batting style: Right-hand bat

Bowling style: Right-arm fast-medium

Other: Administrator, Former President BCCI,
President CCI

Education: Daly College, Indore



Inception of a New Thought



- Late Mr Raj Singh Dungarpur a founder member of the World Cricket Academy (WCA), his vision to create something better for World Cricket gave birth to the idea of a World Cricket Academy (WCA).
- Raj Singh Dungarpur inspired WCA to take the facilities availed by cricket players of the metro cities to the rural places in India.
- Mr Raj Singh Dungarpur believed that real talent lies in the villages and that though there is abundant talent in these areas, there is a lack of proper coaching and guidance for these talented youngsters.
- He also believed in the philosophy that playing one match would give an individual experience equivalent to 50 days of coaching.

'Let's go rural, Sir'

Former BCCI chief Raj Singh has a message for Sharad Pawar



Raj Singh with Sharad Pawar

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PRE-Diwali fireworks are not expected at today's Annual General Meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

But at the end of the day's proceedings, one loyal old hand will have his say. His name: Raj Singh Dungarpur, his stature: former Board president; his experience: 22 Board meetings since 1973 (missed the 83 one). With Sharad Pawar elected unopposed, Dungarpur believes there is more to be done. "I have said this before and I will say this yet again at the end of the meeting that Indian cricket needs to go rural," he told MID-DAY yesterday at the BCCI which will host the meeting.

Only Pawar can

"I will say, 'Sir (Pawar), you have two more years. You can turn the tide.' And I believe Pawar is the only man who can make a difference in this regard simply because he comes from a rural background."

Dungarpur knows his history. "The last millionaire cricketers according to me, were Vijay Merchant and Madhav Apte. The next Tendulkars and Dravids will not come from high rise buildings," he said.

Village talk

"Let me tell you about my experience when I visited a village in Rajasthan a few years ago (while campaigning for the BJP). After the speeches, I visited a home and three boys sat opposite me."

"They recognised my face as they had seen me on television. The first kid had a bat between his legs so I asked him to show me his stance. And he aged Sachin Tendulkar. The second one showed me how he could bowl like Javagal Srinath and the third had an Anil Kumble-like action."

What a feeling

"I went to their ground and saw some sort of a wicket and asked them how they managed to roll



REACH OUT TO THEM! Indian kids enjoying a game of cricket

it. They pointed to a roller owned by the local Public Works Department. The kids rolled it the whole day. When they had their inter-village competition, Sandeep Patil came along with me as chief guest. I asked Sandeep in Marathi, 'wicket kasa ahe?' (how is the pitch). And he said, 'Perfect'. I was touched."

The trick according to Dungarpur is to provide artificial wickets for the villages, which he says costs Rs 25,000 to Rs 30,000 — not much for our affluent Board. "A lot of factors go into pitch preparation and it is scientific. So, we need to simply things by offering artificial surfaces," he said.

One and only

Kapil Dev made for a classic example to drive home his rural focus. "He came from a village. In that World Cup final against West Indies at Lord's in 1983, he took that great catch to dismiss Viv Richards. Leave alone, taking it, only a rural boy would have attempted such a catch. That was Kapil Dev," he said.

'Mature Dilip will be a good chief'



Vengsarkar and Raj Singh

Dilip Vengsarkar, who is tipped to replace Kiran More as chairman of the national selection committee has the support of Raj Singh Dungarpur.

"Dilip is more mature now and will hold his own. He is a frank man and can be direct," he said. Dungarpur and Vengsarkar have enjoyed a player-chairman relationship apart from the fact that Raj Singh was his manager too.

Good student

"Dilip has not got enough credit for his contribution to Indian cricket. He is a good student of the game." Dungarpur narrated a story before the Bangalore Test against New Zealand in 1988.

"He was captain and his room was next to mine. I heard a knock on my door very early in the morning and it turned out to be Dilip. He had come to request me to include W V Raman who he felt would handle Richard Hadlee well. He pleaded when I reminded him that the side was packed with batsmen. But I gave in because I did not want to displease the captain. The other selectors did not agree but I convinced them and Raman was played."

Challenge

According to the former chairman, who first became selector in 1973, Vengsarkar would have to get the best out of his four colleagues. "That is the key. He should look up to them and not down at them," he said.

Breaking New Ground



Some Issues - Facing The Sport

- Cricket is a mega-growth sports-based businesses in India - especially now since the advent of the IPL and 20-twenty cricket, but guidance and frameworks for the enhancement of talent is limited, specially in the rural areas
- Insufficient talent surfaces to the top
- No organization in the country caters to long term development needs for the available talent



New Dimension

- To develop a residential cricket school for the grass roots, which will use unique teaching methods and systems coupled with a minimum standards requirement which develops enhanced skill; all in a unique cricket environment under one roof

Brief Background- International Cricket School



- Thousands of website enquiries for professional training and guidance from all over the world.
- To cater to the growing numbers of cricket aspirants, a fully equipped and affordable academy is the demand of the moment.
- Developing a Residential Cricket School is a step towards providing players with the necessary infrastructure along with scientific and systematic expertise in a unique cricket environment at an affordable price, all under one roof.
- One of a kind - a solely Cricket based “Theme Park”.



Infrastructure



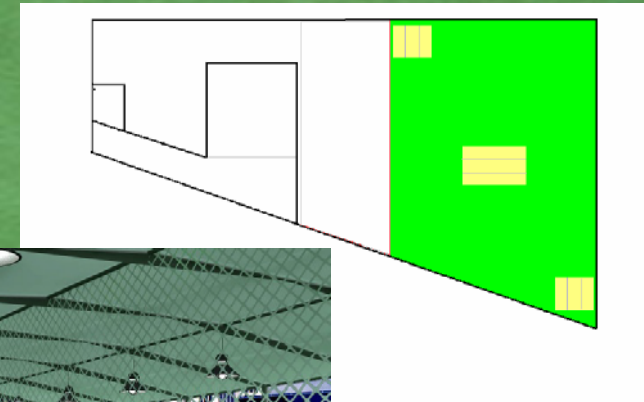
- 20 full centre turf wickets
- 20 sets of practice turf wickets
- Practice cement wickets
- Granite wickets
- Dressing rooms
- A full stadium surrounding the ground
- Indoor academy
- Accommodation facilities
- Swimming pool
- Gymnasium
- Tennis & Badminton courts
- Squash court



A 'Cricket' Theme Park



- A facility where everything will remind you of cricket-
- Cricket library, cricket video archives & picture galleries
- All the facilities including the rooms, restaurants, and even the crockery and cutlery will all be cricket related
- 20 Fully furnished rooms facing the cricket facilities
- Cricket memorabilia
- Cricket museum
- Cricket everywhere



Existing Infrastructure



- 2 Acres land for practice, indoor and residential facilities - Survey No 7
- 5 acres land surrounded by hills leased from Maharashtra Govt
- Ground floor of construction (RCC Work) for restaurant ready
- First floor of construction (RCC Work) for office area ready
- Second floor RCC Structure ready for residential facilities
- Ample drinking water available
- Electricity connection (MSEB) ready



Future Prospects



- Sports school - the objective is to have everything under one facility enabling those who come to learn the game to dedicate themselves to the sport, thereby spending longer hours perfecting their skills, resulting in a better quality sportsman being created for the State and Country.



Who Have We Coached In the Last Ten Years – Test, One Day International Players and Amateurs



1. Mark Chilton - Lancashire
2. Varun Chopra - Essex Academy
3. Jamie Dalrymple - Middlesex
4. Ian Fisher - Gloucestershire
5. James Foster - Essex & England
6. Paul Grayson - Essex & England
7. Mark Hardinges - Gloucestershire
8. Terrence Howes - MCC YC
9. Ben Hutton - Middlesex
10. Will Jefferson - Essex
11. Ed Joyce - Middlesex
12. Sven Koenig - Middlesex
13. Robin Martin-Jenkins - Sussex
14. James Middlebrook - Essex
15. Chris Peplow - Middlesex
16. Tim Phillips - Essex
17. Stephen Randall - Nottinghamshire
18. Zoheb Sharif - Essex
19. Anurag Singh - Nottinghamshire
20. Jeremy Snape - Leicestershire & England
21. Stephen Snell - MCC YC
22. Ed Smith - Kent & England
23. Andrew Strauss - Middlesex & England
24. Iain Sutcliffe - Lancashire
25. Philip Weston - Gloucestershire
26. Matt Windows - Gloucestershire
27. James Lowe - Durham
28. Gary Scott - Durham
29. Gary Pratt - Durham
30. Mark Davies - Durham
31. Graeme Bridge - Durham
32. Moneeb Iqbal - Durham
33. David Barrick - Durham
34. Mark Turner - Durham
35. Danny Evans - Durham
36. Graham Onions - Durham
37. Philip Mustard - Durham
38. Ben Harmison - Durham
39. Shaun O'Brien - MCC YC
40. Will Gidman - MCC YC
41. Frederik Klokke - MCC YC
42. Scott Newman - Surrey
43. Richard Clinton - Surrey
44. Michael Yardy - Sussex & England
45. Michael Thornely - Sussex Academy
46. Alex Loudon - Warwickshire & England
47. Ravinder Bopara - Essex
48. Alastair Cook - Essex
49. Mark Pettini - Essex
50. Antonio Pallidino - Essex
51. Ben Scott - Middlesex
52. Chris Whelan - Middlesex
53. Eoin Morgan - Middlesex & Ireland
54. Graeme Swann - ECB National Academy
55. James Hildreth - ECB National Academy
56. Michael Powell - ECB National Academy
57. Paul Franks - Nottinghamshire
58. Kadeer Ali - Gloucestershire
59. James Pearson - Gloucestershire
60. Chris Read - ECB National Academy
61. Stephen Davies - ECB National Academy
62. Luke Wright - ECB National Academy
63. Gareth Batty - ECB National Academy
64. Joseph Sayers - Yorkshire
65. Richard Pyrah - Yorkshire
66. Gerard Brophy - Yorkshire
67. Andrew Gale - Yorkshire
68. Matthew Wood - Yorkshire
69. Anthony McGrath - Yorkshire & England
70. Mark Lawson - Yorkshire
71. Richard Dawson - Yorkshire & England
72. Sam Spurrway - Somerset
73. Wes Durston - Somerset
74. Matthew Wood - Somerset
75. Carl Hopkinson - Sussex
76. Michael Gould - Sussex
77. Ben Brown - Sussex
78. Michael Pedersen - MCC YC
79. Lee Hodgson - MCC YC
80. Richard Young - MCC YC
81. James Benning - Surrey
82. Chris Thompson - Surrey
83. Simon King - Surrey
84. Kyle Coetzer - Durham
85. Ben Harmison - Durham
86. Uzair Mohammed - Durham
87. Ryan ten Doeschate - Essex & Holland
88. Andy Flower - Essex & Zimbabwe
89. Jim Troughton - Warwickshire & England
90. Graham Napier - Essex

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| 92. Jimmy Adams - Hampshire | 120. Mark Lawson - ECB Development Squad |
| 93. Michael Carberry - Hampshire | 121. Ollie Rayner - ECB Development Squad |
| 94. Benny Howell - Hampshire | 122. Tom Winslade - ECB Development Squad |
| 95. Liam Dawson - Hampshire | 123. Sachin Vajja - ECB Development Squad |
| 96. Will Smith - Nottinghamshire | 124. Moeen Ali - ECB Development Squad |
| 97. Mohammad Akram - Surrey | 125. Shaftab Khalid - ECB Development Squad |
| 98. Jon Batty - Surrey | 126. Vikram Banerjee - ECB Development Squad |
| 99. Martin Bicknell - Surrey | 127. Neil Edwards - Somerset |
| 100. Ali Brown - Surrey | 128. Arul Suppiah - Somerset |
| 101. Mark Butcher - Surrey | 129. Michael Brown - Hampshire |
| 102. Rikki Clarke - Surrey | 130. Jigar Naik - Leicestershire |
| 103. Jade Dernbach - Surrey | 131. Darren Stevens - Kent |
| 104. Nayan Doshi - Surrey | 132. James Tredwell - Kent |
| 105. Rory Hamilton-Brown - Surrey | 133. Chris Murtagh - Surrey |
| 106. Azhar Mahmood - Surrey | 134. Arun Harinath - Surrey |
| 107. Tim Murtagh - Surrey | 135. Chris Schofield - Surrey |
| 108. Jimmy Ormond - Surrey | 136. Simon King - Surrey |
| 109. Mark Ramprakash - Surrey | 137. Chris Nash - Sussex |
| 110. Neil Saker - Surrey | 138. Gordon Muchall - Durham |
| 111. Ian Salisbury - Surrey | 139. Jonathan Trott - Warwickshire |
| 112. Stewart Walters - Surrey | 140. Ian Westwood - Warwickshire |
| 113. Ant Botha - Derbyshire | 141. Bhavik Patel - Warwickshire |
| 114. Chris Taylor - Derbyshire | 142. Greg Thompson - Ireland |
| 115. Graeme Welch - Derbyshire | 143. Umair Mohammed - Scotland |
| 116. Hassan Adnan - Derbyshire | 144. Marc Rosenberg - Leicestershire |
| 117. Greg Smith - Derbyshire | 145. Samit Patel - Nottinghamshire |
| 118. Jake Needham - Derbyshire | 146. Rob Ferley - Nottinghamshire |
| 119. Steve Stubbings - Derbyshire | |

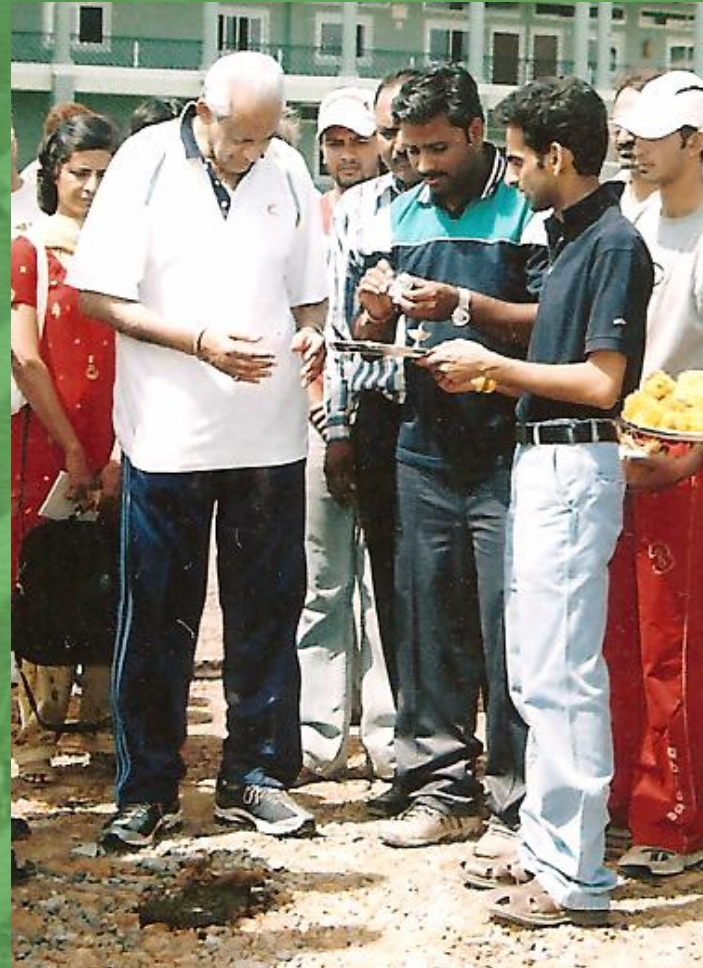
RSD at WCA, Indore



Leading the way to the ground



Penning down his invaluable thoughts



Bhoomipujan on the wicket

RSD At WCA, Amravati



Some press releases



Lighting a million lights in the hearts

Accepting a token of appreciation



He was at his best amongst children



Zubin coaching Yuvraj Singh



Zubin imparting coaching at DAV school ground, Chandigarh

Zubin demonstrating footwork to Yuvraj



WCA- Coaching



WCA imparting cricket tips to boys in Varanasi, UP



A tough day of coaching with Darren Berry, RR



Legendary Sachin Tendulkar with WCA boys



N Hirwani teaching the art of Spin to WCA boys

WCA - Coaching



Sunbeam School, Varanasi



Cricketing coaching, Akbarpur, UP



Learning Equipment,
Bowling Hoops



Youth Cricket Development camp,
BG, Mumbai



YCD Camp, Bombay Gym, Mumbai



Cambridge County boys in
Mumbai

WCA Projects



Coach Development Program



Legendary coach, Hanumant Singh



WCA, Atlanta, USA



Press Conference, Cricket Star, season 2



Cricket Coaching at Bombay Gym



With Ajay Jadeja, Cricket Star



Tendulkar & WCA Alumni, R Boppara

WCA Projects



ZB with Kaif



ZB with Asnodkar



Monty with Gus Logie and Mr Patil



Getting practical tips from Gus Logie



With
Darren
Lehmann
at
Deccan
Chargers
trials

Charity begins at Home!!



Donating Kits in Jamaica



Sports Development Programmes being conducted in schools across Arvi, Maharashtra, (India)



WCA Cricket Learning Centre being inaugurated in Chandrapur, Maharashtra (India)

WCA Cricket Learning Centre debrief session in progress at the BN College in Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh (India)



Lending a 'Helping Hand'!



- This Residential School is a tribute to Mr Raj Singh Dungarpur as well as all those who believe in providing world class infrastructure to all who play the sport and particularly to those who cannot afford the same.
- The cost of this state of the art project is estimated to be Rupees Three Crores/ Thirty Millions.
- If you want to be a part of this project which will bring accessible sporting infrastructure and coaching to the masses we would like for you to join hands with us towards this goal
- We would be delighted if you could lend a helping hand in anyway possible which would assist us in creating this coaching infrastructure for all those who aspire to play sport.



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