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Who's Sandeep Singh - Know All About the Hockey Flicker King

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts". If you check the backstory of any successful person, you will find them hitting rock bottom at one point or another in their life. But the reason they could get back on their feet and win the whole world is because they had courage to continue. One such personality who is currently in the news because of his courage to get over the odds and become a successful Hockey Player, is the Ex- Captain of National Hockey Team - Sandeep Singh. Recently, Filmmaker Shaad Ali has made a biographical film based on Sandeep Singh's life called "**Soorma**". Thus, if you are preparing for SSC, Banking or other Government Exam, it is imperative that you are acquainted with such personality. In this article you will get the account of Sandeep Singh's achievements and his inspiring life.

Who is Sandeep Singh?

- **Sandeep Singh** is an **Indian Hockey Player** and Former Captain of Indian National Team. He is in the news because a movie starring Diljit Dosanjh and Taapsee Pannu called 'Soorma', based on his life is being made.
- Currently, he holds a DSP Rank in the Haryana Police.
- He made his debut in the International Hockey in January 2004 and became Captain of Indian National Field Hockey Team in January 2009.
- He is a well-known **Dragflicker** and was said to have the best speed in the world in Drag Flick (speed 145 km/h).

Are you curious about his Early Life?





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- Singh was born on 27th February 1986 in Shahabad, Haryana, at a Sikh (Jatt) family to Gurcharan Singh Bhindar and Daljit Kaur Bhindar.
- He had completed his early Education from Khalsa College (Patiala) and Kurukshetra University.

His Achievements

Sultan Azlan Shah Cup

- Under his captaincy, the Indian team managed to clinch the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in 2009.
- India won the title after a long wait of 13 years.
- He had scored the most goals and won the Man of the Tournament Award.

2012 Summer Olympics

- The Indian Men's National Field Hockey Team qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London after a gap of 8 years.
- The team had a victory over France in the Finals of the Olympic Qualifiers beating them by 8–1.
- Singh starred in the Hockey Finals against France by scoring 5 goals - including a hat-trick (all from penalty corners).
- Singh was the highest scorer of the Olympic Qualifiers Tournament by scoring 16 goals.

Arjuna Award

In 2010, Sandeep Singh was awarded the Arjuna Award for his achievements in the field of Hockey.



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Tragedy in Sandeep Singh's Life

- On 21st August 2006, Sandeep was seriously injured when the service pistol of an Assistant Sub-Inspector, Mohar Singh, accidentally went off and hit his right hip when he was travelling in the Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express.
- Being almost paralyzed, Singh was on wheel chair for two years.
- But with strong will and courage he recovered from his injury and shined again in the World of Hockey.

When did Mr. Singh Retire from Sports?

- Due to a back-Injury Sandeep has retired from the Indian National Team in 2014.
- He is now eager to take up the mentor's role for youngsters wanting to master the art of Drag-flicking.

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