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Friday Conversations with the Olympians

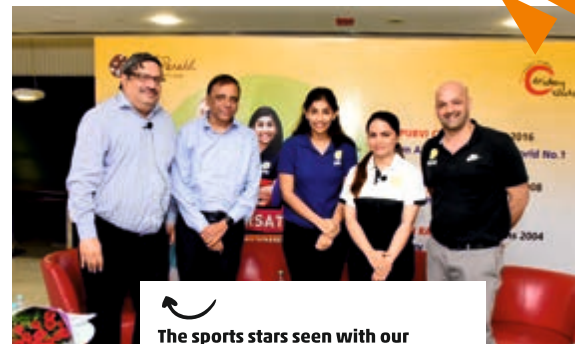
The H T Parekh Foundation and the Friday Club were excited to welcome sports superstars and gold medalist to HDFC house. To kick off this special occasion, the Friday Club organised a fire-side chat, moderated by HDFC's own hockey sensation Conrad D'Souza on September 20, 2019. It was really an insightful and engaging experience to understand what it really means to train, play and represent one's country at the biggest international sporting platform - The Olympics!

The event witnessed three individuals representing different sports - Table Tennis, Hockey and Air Rifle. They were all from Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ), an organisation supported by the H T Parekh Foundation.



Our Chairman, Mr Deepak Parekh presenting a memento to Ms Neha Aggarwal

Neha Aggarwal was the only female Table Tennis player to represent India at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Former World No. 18 in 'Under 18' in the Girls Singles category, and Rajiv Gandhi State Sports awardee 2009.



The sports stars seen with our Executive Director, Mr V S Rangan and Mr Conrad D'Souza (MOEM)



Apurvi Chandela currently Ranked No.1 in the World in Women's 10m Air Rifle. She is a 2014 Commonwealth Games Gold medalist, 2018 Commonwealth Games & Asian Games Bronze medallist and a Rio 2016 Olympian. 2019 has been a brilliant year for Apurvi as she won Gold medals at the 2019 ISSF World Cup in Munich, Delhi & Rio.



Viren Rasquinha was the former Captain of the Indian Hockey Team and is an Arjuna Awardee for Hockey in the year 2005. Viren is also a member of the PMO's Task Force that prepared India's plans for the next three Olympics in 2020, 2024 and 2028.



What stayed with us...

Apurvi and Viren describing what it takes to hit that bull's eye.

"You go into a trance-like state, where you can hear your heartbeat...you can feel every muscle, every twitch, everything slows down and you are aware of everything. Once you shoot, you don't even know what happens; it takes some time to realise that you just hit the bull's eye."

Apurvi will be representing India and is preparing for Tokyo Olympics 2020; and while we are confident she'll bring home the gold - here's wishing her the best! 🏆

Tech Bytes

ISRO releases first illuminated image of Lunar Surface taken by the Chandrayaan-2

On October 17th, 2019 the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) released its first image taken of the moon's surface by the Orbiter High-Resolution Camera (OHRC) payload on-board the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter.

The image was shared via the ISRO's official twitter account and covers a part of the lunar farside located in the northern hemisphere. The OHRC is designed to capture very high spatial resolution images of the Moon's surface.

The Chandrayaan-2 has also begun spectroscopic studies of the lunar surface using its Imaging Infrared Spectrometer (IIRS). The ISRO says that the main objective of the IIRS is to understand the origin and evolution of the Moon from a geological context by mapping lunar surface mineral and volatile compositions using signatures in the reflected solar spectrum.

The Chandrayaan-2 entered orbit of the Moon on August 20th. The Vikram lander separated from the Orbiter on September 2, performing a couple of de-orbit manoeuvres for that week before attempting a soft landing on the moon. However, on September 7th, the lander unfortunately lost contact with the ISRO during the final moments of its landing process.



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