

## FOREWORD

Statistics Play a very important role in every sphere of active Sports Particularly in Swimming, where the Performance is measured by time. Local, National as well as the International level results are immense wealth of information which would profitably be used by Swimmers, Coaches, Officials Statistician, press and the public at large to measure ones performance to compare with others and to plan for the future etc.

Keeping in view its usefulness in various facts a humble but unique efforts have been made in the **44th issue** of this booklet which contains all the important local level, National level and International level Championships upto date records such as Asian Swimming, Asian Games, Commonwealth, European, Olympic and world. It is hoped that this booklet will be quite useful Particularly to Swimmers, Coaches etc. Who prepare the Swimmers for various Championships. It is hoped that tremendous and continuous task in gathering the requisite information will bear fruit and satisfaction.

Statistical Bulletin is very close to my heart as for 35 years it was my beloved father, V.K. Pahuja, who had taken up the responsibility of bringing forth this priceless statistical bulletin for swimming professionals, amateurs and enthusiasts alike. **With the passing away of my father on the 19th of October 2015**, I have taken up the onus of keeping his dream alive of continuing this invaluable statistical bulletin. Not only was he **the father of swimming statistics in india**, he was also a great sportsperson himself excelling in various fields. During his school days, he played at the national level in Football, Swimming and Water Polo. He represented India in 1973 Indo-Sri Lanka Aquatic meet held in Trivandrum (Kerala). He was the first batch NIS (1963) qualified coach of our country and the first Indian to qualify as an International Water Polo Referee in 1980. He got a chance refer in the 4th World Championship at Ecuador-1980, Asian Game Delhi 1982, Water Junior Water Polo Tournament at Barcelona, Spain 1983, and Asian Swimming Championship at South Korea-1984. He was one of the renowned swimming technical official of our country in swimming and waterpolo.

As a tribute to his selfless service to the sport of swimming and country henceforth from 36<sup>th</sup> issue **onwards the statistical bulletin is known as ‘V. K. Pahuja Statistical bulletin’**.

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