



## ICONS FROM THE WORLD OF SPORTS

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The title says it all; in this book the stories of the 'brightest stars' from the Indian sports scene are brought before the footlights. All ten of them are still active today. Several of them have an enormous international impact, like Sachin TENDULKAR, who is one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket; Leander PAES

(bronze medallist in lawntennis in Atlanta 1996) and who with his co-player Mahesh BHUPATI, won both Grand Slam titles of *Roland Garros* and *Wimbledon* in 1999; fieldhockeyplayer Dhanray PILLAY, female shooter Anjali Vedpathak BHAGWAT, who made it to the Olympic finals in Sydney in 2000; Viswanathan ANAND the chess-player and grandmaster in this game; and finally Karnam MALLESWARI, the first woman who won an Olympic medal for India in Sydney in 2000 in the sport of weightlifting.