

**Unveiling of Statue of Maharaja Dr. Karni Singhji of Bikaner by  
Her Excellency Smt. Margaret Alva, the Governor of Rajasthan**



Her Excellency the Governor of Rajasthan, Smt. Margaret Alva unveiled the statue of Late Maharaja Dr. Karni Singhji of Bikaner on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Dr. Karni Singhji Stadium. The Maharaja Ganga Singhji Trust had commissioned the statue for the stadium and had requested the Her Excellency the Governor of Rajasthan to unveil the same.

In her speech the Governor said, “Karni Singh Sahib was a great shooter and a suave politician. When I was Minister for Sports I had a lot of opportunities to interact with him also to help in wherever could with making his favourite sport clay pigeon shooting easier for him and other young people. As a member of parliament he represented his area for 25 years. He had represented India in clay pigeon shooting in the Olympics and was awarded Arjuna Award in 1962. Dr. Karni Singhji laid shooting infrastructure by importing machines. He improved training facilities. Shooters still train on machines he had imported. We need to learn from his contributions to sports.”

The Chairperson of the Maharaja Ganga Singhji Trust, Princess Rajyashree Kumari in her thanks address said, “ We already owe you a debt of thanks for helping us in the naming Tughlakabad shooting ranges in the name of my father, the Dr. Karni Singh shooting range in Delhi, which is a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated the majority of his life to shooting and sports. I hope that with the installation of this statue it will inspire young sportsmen and women of Bikaner to achieve their sporting goals in life not only in shooting but in other disciplines as well”