

Name: Sachin Jha, DOB: 16/03/2000, Position: Goalkeeper, Father's Name- Ravindra Jha,

Birthplace: New Delhi Domicile: Bihar

Strength: Communication & Shot-Stopping

Achievements: Selected for India U-19 Camp and selected by Modern School Barakhamba on full Scholarship

Milestone: Selected for India U-19 Camp

School: Modern School, Barakhamba Road

Sachin was selected by Sudeva's scouting team during the Grassroots and youth trial conducted in 2015. He is part of Sudeva's foundation batch and since the inception of Sudeva's Residential football School in May 2016, He has been given the facility of Boarding, Lodging, Training and Schooling. As part of our commitment towards striking a balance between sports and academics, we are also providing regular tuition to the child.

Sachin started playing football at the age of 12. It was at his school playground that he discovered his undying love for the game and his ability to be effective at the same. Gradually he became aware of his flair for the game when people around him starting recognizing his talent. Like every traditional Indian family, his family was not very supportive of the fact that he wanted to choose football as a career path. Also, with a low family income the game just seemed to them as distraction for the kid and a luxury that they were unable to afford. However, a shift in their attitude was looming in due course of time. At the age of 13, Sachin played his first Nationals. Not only was he the 1<sup>st</sup> goalkeeper of the squad but he was also the captain of the team. In many ways this was a changing point in his journey as his parents and family started taking his passion and talent seriously. Even though the acceptance within the family increased, Sachin's parents were still skeptical with regard to choosing the right platform to give the much needed direction to their child's passion. Their search and skepticism came to an end when Sachin was selected by Sudeva.

After coming to Sudeva, his passion is being streamlined into his profession. Though the journey has smoothened up a bit and it has a direction now, it is far from being easy. Sachin's father is a labourer with an annual income of 1,20,000. The financial crunch is so acute that every time Sachin has to purchase football boots or new gloves the same becomes a cause of much concern. One of the proudest moments in Sachin and his parent's life has been, when he was selected by Modern School Barakhamba on complete scholarship. The selection happened after Modern School Barakhamba showed interest in selecting players from Sudeva.

Currently, he plays as the 1<sup>st</sup> Goalkeeper in Sudeva's U-18 I-League team. In a short span of two years, Sachin has been part of the winning squad of Abdul Quddos Cup. In 2016-17 U-16 youth I-League, Sudeva FC remained undefeated in the Delhi Zone and qualified for the national round

of I-League, not only was he an integral part of this squad he was also instrumental in making Sudeva win some critical matches. At this young age he has played the Senior Division of Delhi League.

His favourite player and idol in life is Iker Casillas.

We at Sudeva are happy to have him with us and are committed towards giving quality education and sports training to each kid that we select. Through a proactive and robust scouting system we select kids from different parts of the country and give them a platform that will lead to their overall development.

Sudeva is an organization which was started in 2014 by two young entrepreneurs, **Mr. Anuj Gupta** (Solicitor in England) and **Mr. Vijay Hakari** (Environmentalist) sharing a common passion for raising the standards of football training in the country. The organization runs grassroots programs for potential talent, starting from the age of 9 years, right up to the senior level. Along with running a residential academy, we are a 2<sup>nd</sup> Division I-League club having teams in all I-league categories.

**Our organization is section 12A, 80G and CSR compliant.**

