

## Ajai Appachu

Ajai took to horses and equestrian events in 1995. He started his winning streak in competitive riding in 1996 when he was adjudged the best rider in the zonal championships at Calcutta.

Since then, there's been no looking back... Best Rider at the Tollygunj Horse Show (1997-98), Junior National Champion at Chennai (1998), represented India at South Africa where the team won a Gold and three Bronzes. Participated in all the events – dressage, show jumping and cross country - as part of the senior Indian Team at the Eventing Championships in Australia (Sep 1999). Team Gold in show jumping at the Junior International (1999). Represented India for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in the International Tent Pegging meet (2000) and won the Gold in the Lance and Silver in the Team Sword events.

- Won the FEI World dressage challenge held at Embassy International Riding School in 2008.
- Ajai Qualified for the Asian Games in China in 2010.

Ajai Appachu qualified as 3 Day Eventer,

(A discipline where the rider and horse are tested over 3 days in all the main Equestrian disciplines: Dressage on the 1st day, Cross Country Jumping in the 2nd day, and finally Show Jumping on the 3rd day)

- Won the Individual Gold (1.30 Mt) at the KRA Cup, Seoul, South Korea. Also, won the Team Silver for Jumping in 2011.
- Won the FEI World Jumping challenge Category A held in Meerut in 2011.
- Placed second in the FEI World Jumping Challenge Category B held in Meerut in 2011.
- Placed third in the FEI World Challenge Dressage Medium category in 2011.
- Placed second in the NEC Grade 1 jumping (1.40 Mt) in 2012 (Held in Delhi)
- Won the Grade 2 six Bar in the National Equestrian Championship 2012 at a clear 1.65 Mts.
- Placed second in the Grade 2 Jumping in the National Equestrian Championship 2012 (1.30 Mts)
- Represented India (Zone 9) in the FEI WORLD JUMPING CHALLENGE FINAL held in Venezuela, 2012.