



Name	Punit Bisht
DOB	15/06/1986
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Wicket-Keeper
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Punit Bisht is a record-breaking first-class player who has graced the Ranji Trophy circuit for over a decade. Since his debut in 2006, the diminutive wicket-keeper batter has played almost 250 matches across the three domestic formats. He boasts neigh on 450 dismissals and 7,500 runs with 13 centuries, including highest scores of 223\* (vs Baroda in 2011/12), 343 (vs Sikkim in 2018/19), and 250 (vs Arunachal in 2019/20).

The former was a special innings – when Bisht walked in at number 7 to bat, Delhi were reeling at 74 for 5. He shared a brilliant partnership with Mithun Manhas and ended with 223 runs from 290 balls – an innings that featured 30 fours and 2 sixes. His triple ton became the highest Ranji Trophy score from a designated wicket-keeper – his 343 against Sikkim included 53 fours and a solitary six, scored from only 332 balls, helping his Meghayla side to a mammoth 826/7. His latter double (250) was scored from only 267 balls, in the final Ranji outing last summer against Arunachal Pradesh.

Prior to his maiden double ton, Bisht was already a prominent keeper/bat on the domestic circuit. In 2009/10, his breath-through season in the Ranji Trophy (543 runs at 67.87) drew IPL attention and he was rewarded with a contract with the Delhi Daredevils for the 2012 edition. He also earned an outing for North Zone in the Duldeep Trophy.

Unfortunately, he failed to gain higher honours, and, after a long association with Delhi, including 63 Ranji matches, 2,081 runs at 27.74, he moved clubs in 2016/17, to take on a leadership role at J&K (Jammu & Kashmir). He was an integral performer for J&K, averaging well over 30, including 42.42 with his fifth first-class century (115) in 2017/18, before his move to Nagaland.

The talented keeper/bat has since moved to provincial side, Meghalaya, with whom he joined in 2018/19 and has enjoyed tremendous success.

In 2018/19, Bisht struck two centuries amongst 502 runs at 71.71 to finish third on the run-charts - behind Indian stars Abhinav Mukund (560 runs) and Gautam Gambhir (518 runs). He then churned out the runs in the Ranji Trophy, to include huge centuries against Uttarakhand (154) and his record-breaking 343 against Sikkim amongst his 892 runs at 89.20.

An in-form Bisht then set sail for the UK and his run-spree continued, topping the Northern Premier League run charts for Garstang Cricket Club amongst his full-season tally of 1,600 runs at 53.33 with 6 centuries.

Bisht returned to India and his run-scoring trend continued with 2 further Ranji Trophy centuries, including his 250 against Arunachal Pradesh amongst 976 runs at 69.71.

He was set to return to Garstang for 2020 before COVID struck, and due to return again in 2021, but has now decided to make it third time lucky in 2022.

## Overseas Statistics

Team(Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Garstang (2019)	36	34	4	1600	134	53.33	127.2	530	25	3/22	21.20

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