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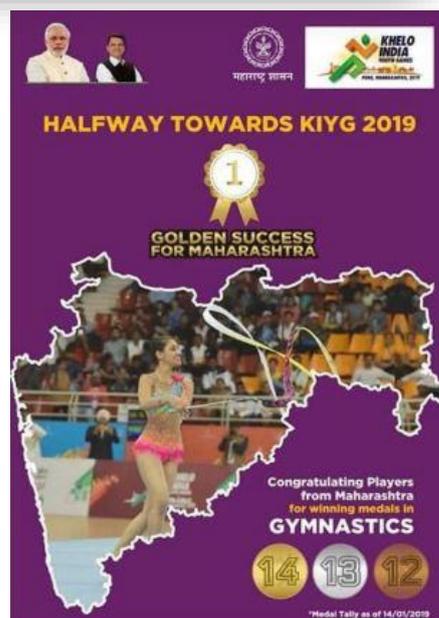
Wishing you all a very happy Holi & 69th Republic day 2019

KIYG: 2ND KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES, PUNE 2019

2nd Khelo India Youth Games 2019 took a flying start on 9th January 2019 at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune, which were previously called as Khelo India School Games, in presence of host of Sports Personalities' Hockey Olympians Gurbux Singh and Ajit Pal Singh, Badminton Legend P. Gopi Chand, Olympian Shooter Gagan Narang, Olympian Female Gymnast Dipa Karmakar, Legendary Gymnast Ashish Kumar, Dronacharya Awardee B. S. Nandi and Legendary Women footballer Bem Bem Devi including double Olympic medalist wrestler Sushil Kumar and more than 100 Shiv Chhatrapati Awardees Sports persons of last 3 years. Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and Union Sports Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore received the virtual torch along with Shri Vinod Tawade Sports



Minister Government of Maharashtra, Mr. Rahul Bhatnagar Secretary Sports Government of India, Mrs. Neelam Kapoor DG SAI, and Mr. Sandeep Pradhan DDG SAI before joined athletes in taking pledge as the Games were declared open at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Balewadi Pune. Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's message was read out by Shri Rahul Bhatnagar Secretary Sports Government of India and displayed on the occasion. Union Sports Minister Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore announced in his opening address that the talented players identified in priority sports disciplines at various levels by the High-Powered Committee will be provided annual financial assistance of INR 5 lakh per annum for 8 years. The opening ceremony saw some breathtaking performances by various artiste groups. Depictions of numerous **"Mother-and-Daughter"** combinations in all the 18 sports from across the country, were part of the spectacle show in the opening ceremony at 2nd Khelo India Youth Games 2019 while the legendary Indian tradition of 'teacher-and-student', referred to as the **'Guru-Shishya Parampara'** was celebrated in grand style last year. Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis also declared in his opening



inspiring address that First Sports University will also be opened at Aurangabad in the days to come for the development of the sports in Maharashtra and as a whole in the country.

1st Khelo India School Games, which are a part of the Khelo India programme, were held at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium from 31st January to 8th February, 2018 in New Delhi in which athletes Under-17 were invited to participate across 16 disciplines i. e. Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Shooting, Swimming, Volleyball, Weightlifting, and Wrestling. 2nd Khelo India Youth Games is also the part of Khelo India programme, which was introduced to revive sports culture in India at the grass-root level under two age categories i.e. U/17 and U/21 by building a strong framework for all sports played in our country and transform India into a Global Sporting Powerhouse and establish a Great Sporting Nation. Around 9,000 athletes, coaches, technical officials, managers and volunteers in 18 sports disciplines i. e. Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, and Wrestling including 165 talented gymnasts i. e. 29 boys in Men's Artistic Gymnastics, 25 girls in Women's Artistic Gymnastics and 20 girls in Rhythmic Gymnastics in the age groups of U/17 and 42 boys in Men's Artistic Gymnastics, 29 girls in Women's Artistic Gymnastics and 20 girls in Rhythmic Gymnastics in the newly introduced age groups of U/21 years in this edition, which were selected by the High Power Committee from All India Inter University Gymnastics Championship held at Chandigarh from 13-19th November 2018 and 64th National School Games held at Agartala (Tripura) from 15-20th December 2018, participated in the 2nd Khelo India Youth Games at Pune. 62 Technical Officials were invited to conduct of the Gymnastics Competitions at 2nd Khelo India Youth Games. Dr. G. S. Bawa was the Competition Manager while Mr. Pravin Dhage, Ms. Kalpana Debnath and Ms. Krupali Singh were Technical Coordinators in MAG, WAG and Rhythmic



Gymnastics. Mr. D. K. Rathore Dronacharya Awardee and Mrs. Sandhya Kaul were appointed as members of Talent Selection Committee. All the Technical Officials observed 2 minutes silence to pay respect to the departed soul of Shri Sudarshan Kaushal a senior gymnastics coach of Haryana before the start of the competition on 8th January 2019. Maharashtra was on the top of the medal tally with 39 medals including 14 Gold, 13 Silver and 12 Bronze Medals in gymnastics and won the 1st position with Golden Trophies in the both age groups of U/17 and U/21 years at 2nd Khelo India Youth Games 2019. Aditee Dandekar, the golden girl with 3 gold medals in RG, was on the top of the podium with her fabulous performance which was greatly applauded by the audience while Meghana Gundlapally of Telangana and Mehak Preet of Delhi were amazing during the 2nd edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2019. Arik Dey with 3 gold and 2 silver and Omkar Shinde with 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal also contributed in the overall championship with their difficulty and graceful execution for Maharashtra while West Bengal's Gymnasts Bidisha Gayen and Swastika Ganguli in WAG U/21 outclass the Maharashtra women gymnasts and became the Individual Champions. Bavleen Kaur of J & K was the best in the age group of U/17 years in RG but Krisha Chheda and Shreya Bhangale of Maharashtra gave a tough fight by displaying their amazing performances & unmatched choreography. Maharashtra's Twin sisters from Aurangabad Riddhi Hattekar, Siddhi Hattekar displayed splendid performance with their

graceful execution and contributed in the Maharashtra's Overall Championship along with Soham Naik, Shreyash Mandlik and Manesh Gadhave in the age category of U/17 years. **Congratulations** Maharashtra's Gymnasts, Coaches, Managers, Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) and Directorate of Sports & Youth Services Government of Maharashtra.

Important dignitaries' i. e. Shri Ram Shankar Shinde Honorable minister for Public Health, Agriculture, Horticulture, Marketing & Tourism, Government of Maharashtra, Ms. Pankaja Munde Honorable Minister for Rural Development, Women & Child Welfare and State Guardian Minister for Latur and Beed Districts in Government of Maharashtra, Shri Rahul Bhatnagar Secretary Sports, Ms. Neelam Kapoor Director General SAI, Shri



Sandeep Pradhan DDG SAI, Mr. Narendra Sopal Joint Director Sports & Youth Services Government of Maharashtra, Shri Bala Saheb Landge President Maharashtra Olympic Association (MOA), Ms. Rachana Govil Executive Director SAI Lucknow, Ms. Sushmita Jyotsi Director SAI RC Kandivali, Mr. Rajinder Singh Director SAI Bhopal, Dr. Jatin Soni Vice-Chancellor Swarnim Sports University Gandhinagar Gujrat, Mr. Mrinal Das Deputy Director Government of Tripura, Mr. MS Tyagi General Secretary Kho-Kho Federation of India, Mr. Paramjit Sharma Asian Gold medalist in Weight-lifting, Mrs. Megha Kulkarni (MLA), Ms. Rani Dwedi Representative of Chief Minister Government of Maharashtra, Ms. Anita Kalamkar Nagar Sevika, Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA, Mr. A. K. Bansal Head of KITD, Mr. H. S. Negi Project Officer Khelo India, Mr. Rakesh Singh Project Officer Teams, Dr. Rajinder Pathania Project Officer SAI, Mr. Satish Bagal Project Officer SAI, Mr. Riyaz Bhati Vice-president Gymnastics Federation of India, Mr. Kanhaiya Lal Gujar Assistant Secretary School Games Federation of India, Mr. M. Shinoj International Gymnast, Mr. Inderjit Singh Pabla Project Officer SAI and many more dignitaries visited gymnastics competition during the 2nd Khelo India Youth Games Pune 2019 from 8-13th January 2019 and awarded medals to the winners. Mrs. Neelam Kapoor Director General Sports Authority of India, Shri Rahul Bhatnagar Secretary Sports Government of India, Mrs. Sushmita Jyotsi Director Regional Centre Kandivali and Mr. Riyaz Bhati Vice-president Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) are seen in the above picture. It is worth to mention Special Thanks with Great Regards to **Shri Moreshwar Dharnidhar Gurjar (84)**, the Father of Maharashtra Gymnastics and **“Dadaji Konddeo Awardee 1991-92”**, who was also one of the architect to establish Krida Prabodhini at Pune and later in the whole Maharashtra, visited Gymnastics Competitions at 2nd Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) Pune on 8th & 9th January 2019 and his presence inspired all the participating gymnasts, coaches as well as organizers. **Maharashtra’s Biggest 772 Sportspersons Contingent** i. e. Boys U/17-196, Girls U/17-202, Boys U/21-187 and Girls U/21-187 participated in 18 sports disciplines at the **2nd Khelo India Youth Games Pune 2019** and shown its might by winning 228 medals including 85 Gold, 62 Silver and 81 Bronze medals and remains on the top of the medal tally in all Games & Sports on the



concluding day while Haryana was at 2nd position with 178 medals and Delhi was at third position with 136 medals. Maharashtra’s 85 gold medals include the contribution of Swimming-18, Gymnastics-14,



Athletics-13, Weight-lifting-9, Boxing-9, Kho-Kho-4, Wrestling-4, Table Tennis-3, Judo-3, Tennis-3, Archery-2, Badminton-2 and Shooting-1. Maharashtra Sportspersons and officials received the Glittering Golden Trophy from Shri Prakash Javadekar Union Minister of HRD Government of India and Shri Vinod Tawade Minister of Sports & Youth Services Government of Maharashtra amidst loud cheers at closing ceremony at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Pune on 20th January 2019. 2nd Khelo India Youth Games 2019 concluded with immense pleasure and great satisfaction.

ART: NATIONAL COACHING CAMP FOR SUB-JUNIOR & JUNIOR GYMNASTS-2019

National Coaching Camp for Sub-Junior and Junior Gymnasts was conducted by Sports Authority of India at SAI National Institute of Sports Patiala in Boys & Girls Artistic Gymnastics from 21st January to 17th February 2019 (28 days) for sub-juniors while from 21st January to 10th February 2019 (21 days) for juniors for 12 boys & 12 girls in both age groups vide administrative sanction No. 301 dated 7th Jan 2019.



Sub-Junior Boys & Girls U/17 Years

SN	VENUE	DISCIPLINE	GYMNASTS	NAME OF THE COACHES
01	SAI NSNIS Patiala	MAG (12)	Parnav Mishra, Pranav Kushwaha, Shivang Gupta, Manas Mankaule, Siddharth Konde, Sagar Ghosh, Aryan Davande, Md. Sahar, Roshan Yadav, Jatin Kushwaha, Subhodeep Patra, Sumit Yadav	Mr. Nirbhaya Singh I/C Mr. Chandra Kant Rao Mr. Ram Milan Mr. Lakhan Sharma
02	SAI NSNIS Patiala	WAG (12)	Arthita Dey, Riya Kelkar, Sanika Attarde, Ayushi Sharma, Rujul Ghodke, Saloni Dadarkar, Yashashwita Rawat, Mitali, Piyasa Kundu, Akshiti Mishra, Abha Parab, Adita Mondal	Mr. Nirbhaya Singh I/C Ms. Suparna Das Ms. Manavi Bhandari

Junior Boys & Girls U/21 Years

SN	VENUE	DISCIPLINE	GYMNASTS	NAME OF THE COACHES
01	SAI NSNIS Patiala	MAG (12)	Tushar Kalyan, Tapan Mohanty, Jatin Kumar, Jagdish Barik, Ankur Sharma, Saref, Divyanshu Prajapati, Manesh Gadhve, Shreyash Mandlik, Vishal Jadhav, Vivek Parihar, Abhijit Naskar	Mr. Manoj Rana Mr. Vishal Deep Mr. Gaurang Paul
02	SAI NSNIS Patiala	WAG (12)	Purva Kirve, Priyanka Dasgupta, Soham Naik, Mayuri Aeer, Siddhi Hattekar, Anushka Nath, Protishtha Samanta, Srishti	Dr. Kalpana Debnath Ms. Tumpa Debnath Mr. M. Babhulkar

Manchanda, Sneha Barai,
Garima Sharma, Ashifa Ali,
Riddhi Hattekar

Note: Mr. Nirbhaya Singh was the Coach In-charge for both the age groups in the above camps.

ART: 53RD JR. & SR. MH STATE ART GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP PUNE 2018-19

53rd Jr. & Sr. Maharashtra State Artistic Gymnastics Championship was jointly organized by Maharashtra Amateur



Gymnastics Association and Life Gymnastics Centre Pune at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Mahalunge Balewadi Pune on 26th and 27th January 2019 in which 158 gymnasts, 17 coaches, 13 managers and 40 international and national judges participated from 17 affiliated districts i. e. Aurangabad, Chandrapur, Dhule, Jalna, Jalgaon, Krida Prabodhini, Latur, Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Nagpur, Nanded, Nashik, Palghar, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune, Thane and Sports Authority of India (SAI). The championship was inaugurated by Shri Sadashiv Rao Khade President Pimpri-Chinchwad Navnagar Vikas Pradhikaran, Former President BJP Pimpri-Chinchwad City, Former Member Education Board Pimpri-Chinchwad Corporation on 26th January 2019 in presence of Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA, Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA, Mr. Pawan Bhoir Treasurer MAGA, Mr. Sanjay Mangodekar President PCMC Gymnastics Association, Mr. Vivek Jagtap Organizing Committee Chairman, Mr. R. N. Mangla Organizing Committee Secretary, Mr. Neeraj Verma, Mr. Mayuresh Ekbote, Mr. Mangesh Kale, Mr. Deepak Sunariya, Mr. Harish Parab, Mr. Jai Pal Reddy, Ms. Ujjwala Damase, Mr. Bala Saheb Munde, Mr. Ajit Jarande International Gymnast, Ms. Vandita Raval International Gymnast, Ms. Rucha Divekar International Gymnast, Ms. Dwija Asher International Gymnast, Mr. Sanjay More FIG International Judge (MAG), Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre FIG International Judge (WAG), Ms. Akshata Shete FIG International Judge (RG) & National Judge (WAG), Mr. R. V. Lokhande (Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee), Mr. Pravin Dhage FIG International Judge & Technical Coordinator of the Championship,



Mr. Yogesh Shirke Competition Manager and Mr. Sanjog Dhole Competition Director. Chief Guest was felicitated by Mr. Vivek Jagtap Organizing President while Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA by Mr. Mangesh Kale and Dr. Makrand Joshi by Mr. Pravin Dhage. Chief Guest addressed the Sports Loving Gathering along with participants and inspired them to do their best in the competition. He also reminded about the Olympic performance of Ms. Dipa Karmakar and declared the 53rd Jr. & Sr. Maharashtra State Artistic Gymnastics

Championship open. Organizing Committee members presented Khelo India Mementos to the Chief Guest and President MAGA as a token of love and remembrance. After the inauguration, the competition started and observed very minutely the performances of



the junior gymnasts like Biplab Sarkar, Rajib Biswas, Subham Karmakar, Manesh Gadhave, Shreyash Phaltankar, Soham Naik, Siddhi Hattekar, Riddhi Hattekar, Purva Kirve, Eshita Rewale, Saloni Dadarkar, Vedangi Khaire while senior gymnasts i. e. Shradha Talekar, Vaidehi Dawoolkar, Dwija Asher, Shravani Raut, Mansi Deshmukh, Neha Dandekar, Bhaskar Das, Adesh Bhosle, Omkar Shinde, Anas Ali Shaikh, Shreyash Chaudhary, Ful Chand Karad and Himanshu Gabhane who displayed the beauty of gymnastics elements of increased difficulty with perfect execution that took them to podium of victory which is the greatest moment in their life on the podium with medal. A team of Mr. Rakesh Takke, Mrs. Kalpana Takke, Mrs. Anjali Bhagwat and Mrs. Madhura Bhutkar introduced the computerized scoring system voluntarily in this championship for the first time which felicitated the faster deliberation of results and was appreciated by all as a future asset of the association. Mr. Rajendra Singh Owner of Suyog Builders Pune and Mr. Anurag Khemka Palm World Pune were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor in the closing ceremony which held on 27th January 2019 at 6.00 pm. Mr. Vivek Jagtap, Dr. Makrand Joshi, Mr. Pawan Bhoir, Mr. Sanjog Dhole and Mr. R. N. Mangla were also present on the Dais. He distributed the medals and certificates to the winners and blessed the participants for further higher achievements. Lastly, the vote of thanks were proposed by Mr. Yogesh Shirke, the Competition Manager. Team Championships won by SAI-316.900 in Senior Boys, Mumbai Suburbs-200.250 in Senior Girls, Thane-307.950 in Junior Boys and Thane-201.550 in Junior Girls while Individual championships are won by Omkar Shinde-Thane-72.300 in Senior Boys. Shradha Talekar-KP Pune-43.250 in Senior Girls, Biplab Sarkar-SAI-69.450 in Junior Boys and Soham Naik-Thane-43.700 in Junior Girls.



KIYG: KHELO INDIA 2019 MEDAL WINNERS FELICITATED

2nd Khelo India Youth Games were organized jointly by Union Sports Ministry Government of India and Directorate Sports & Youth Services Government of Maharashtra at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Mahalunge Pune from 9-20th January 2019 in which **Maharashtra's Biggest 772 Sportspersons Contingent** i. e. Boys U/17-196, Girls U/17-202, Boys U/21-187 and Girls U/21-187 participated in 18 sports disciplines and won 228 medals including 85 Gold, 62 Silver and 81 Bronze medals and remains



on the top of the medal tally in all Games & Sports in both the age categories. Shri Vinod Tawade State Sports Minister felicitated all the medal winners in a grand function held at Mahila Vikas Mondal Sarang Building near Secretariat Mumbai on 31st January 2019 with a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh to Gold medal, 75 thousands to Silver medal and 50 thousands to Bronze medal winners as announced by Shri Devendra Fadnavis Honorable Chief Minister Government of Maharashtra to encourage the sportspersons to do better in the International Tournaments. Mrs. Vandana Krishna Upper Chief Secretary, Mr. Rajendra Pawar Deputy Secretary, Mr. Sunil Kendrekar Commissioner Directorate Sports & Youth Services Government of Maharashtra, Mr. Narendra Sopal Joint Director Directorate Sports & Youth Services, Mr. N. B. Mote Deputy Director Directorate Sports & Youth Services were present in the Grand Sports Celebration.

AERO: 15th AEROBIC GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, NAGPUR 2018-19

Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA), The Achievers Gymnastics Academy and Gymnastics Association Nagpur jointly hosted 15th Aerobic Gymnastics National Championship 2018-19 at Gaikwad-Patil International School, Dongar Gaon Wardha Road Nagpur from 9-11th February 2019 under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) in the age categories of Sub-Junior (U/11), Junior-I (U/14), Junior-II (U/17) and Senior (18 years & above) in Individual Men, Individual Women, Mixed Pair, Trio, Group and Aero Dance which is newly included in this championship. The championship was inaugurated by Shri Sandeepji Joshi President Maharashtra State Small Industries Development Corporation on 10th February 2019 and lamp lightened by Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA, in presence of Shri Nagoji Ganar MLC Teacher's Council, Shri Anilji Sole MLA, Shri Pravinji Datke Ex-Mayor, Ms. Nilimatai Bawane President Dharampeth Mahila Multi-State Cooperative Society Nagpur, Krida Maharshi Shri Hemant Dongaonkar, Dr. Mohanji Gaikwad-Patil Chairman Gaikwad-Patil International School Nagpur, Shri Mohanji Mate Ex-MLA, Dr. Shrikantji Warankar Secretary Vidarbha Olympic Association, Mrs. Sabih Chaurasia Director-Principal Gaikwad-Patil International School, Shri Rajuji Kunde President Achiever's Gymnastics Academy, Mr. Riyaz Bhati Vice-president GFI, Shri Kaushik Bidiwala Vice-president GFI, Mr. Uttam Latpate Senior Vice-president MAGA, Mr. Purushottam Darwankar Organizing



Secretary, Dr. Aditya Joshi Competition Director and many more local dignitaries. More than 250 gymnasts, coaches, managers, Judges and volunteers from Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Gujrat, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, SSCB, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal participated in the 15th edition of the championship. Maharashtra's 49 Aerobic Gymnasts i. e. 10 in sub-juniors, 12 each in junior-I & II and 15 in seniors had their training camp at Shri Hanuman

Vyayam Prasarak Mondal (HVPM) Amravati from 6-8th February 2019 under the guidance of their coaches

Mr. Prasenjit Debnath, Mr. Harshal Mogre and Manager Mr. Manish Thatekar for the further improvement and fine tuning in their performance and later participated in the 15th Aerobic Gymnastics National Championship at Nagpur along with Mr. Nilesh Joshi and Mr. Sandeep Latpate as Judges. Maharashtra topped the medal tally with 17 medals i. e. 9 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze followed by Gujrat with 2 gold, 8 silver and 3 bronze, SSCB with 3 gold medals only, Manipur with 2 gold medals, Goa with 1 gold, West Bengal with 3 silver and 6 bronze medals, Karnataka with 2 silver and 2 bronze medals while Uttar Pradesh could grab only 1 bronze medal in the 15th Aerobic Gymnastics National Championship. Maharashtra was the gold medalist in the three age categories i. e. Sub-junior, junior, senior and received the overall Championship's Trophy. The certificates and medals were awarded by Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA, Shri Hemant Dongaonkar, Mr. Riyaz Bhati, Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala, Mr. Uttam Latpate, Mr. Sudhir Nandanbar, Mr. Dilip Gachiwale, Mr. Mallikarjun Prasanna,



Mrs. Gita Gaikwad and Mrs. Nilima Bawane to the winners during closing ceremony on 11th February 2019.

Medal Tally at 15th Aerobic Gymnastics National Championship, Nagpur Maharashtra

RANK	NAME OF THE STATE	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL	TOTAL
1	Maharashtra	9	4	4	17
2	Gujrat	2	8	3	13
3	Services (SSCB)	3	-	-	03
4	Manipur	2	-	-	02
5	Goa	1	-	-	01
6	West Bengal	-	3	6	09
7	Karnataka	-	2	2	04
8	Uttar Pradesh	-	-	1	01
9	Total Medals	17	17	16	50

KIYG: KHELO INDIA ASSESSMENT CAMP IG STADIUM NEW DELHI 2019

Sports Authority of India (SAI) conducted an Assessment Coaching Camp for under 14 years boys and girls in MAG, WAG and RG at IG Stadium New Delhi from 15th - 24th February 2019 for the shortlisted gymnasts from



64th National School Games held at Agartala Tripura from 15-20th December 2018 for the final selection under the Khelo India Scheme vide SAI KITD letter dated 7th February 2019 by a Selection Committee led by Dr. R. K. Pathania Project Officer (Gymnastics). Trials of these campers in battery of tests and performance were held on 19th & 20th February 2019 to have the final selection in MAG, WAG & RG for Khelo India Scheme.

Sub-Junior Boys & Girls U/14 Years

SN	VENUE	DISCIPLINE	GYMNASTS FROM	NAME OF THE COACHES
01	IG Stadium New Delhi	MAG (26) Absent-4	AP (1), CBSE (4), Delhi (3), Gujrat (1), Haryana (2), Manipur (1), MAH (3), Odisha (1), Punjab (3), Telangana (1), Tripura (3), West Bengal (3)	Dr. G. S. Bawa I/C Mr. Vishal Deep Mr. Sanjay Gadhave Mr. Navin Saini
02	IG Stadium New Delhi	WAG (25) Absent-8	CBSE (2), Delhi (3), Gujrat (5), Haryana (3), Odisha (2), Punjab (1), Telangana (1), Tripura (4), Uttar Pradesh (3), WB (1)	Ms. Raj Durian Ms. Sushama Joshi Ms. Sapana Verma
03	IG Stadium New Delhi	RG (30)	Assam (1), CBSE (1), Delhi (6), Haryana (4), J & K (5), Karnataka (1), Maharashtra (6), Punjab (4), West Bengal (2)	Ms. Krupali Singh Ms. Neetu Bala Ms. Pooja Surve Ms. Jasbir Babra

ART: FIG ACADEMY LEVEL-I FOR MAG & WAG AT VADODARA, INDIA 2019

Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) conducted FIG Academy Level-I in Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) and Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) at C. A. Patel Learning Institute Mota Fofaliya Vadodara Gujrat (India) from 17th to 24th February 2019 which was attended by 55 coaches' i. e. 2 in MAG from Doha, Qatar, 29 in MAG and 24 in WAG from India. This was the first time ever that FIG Academy Level-I in MAG and WAG



was conducted in India. Main attraction of the academy was International gymnasts, who represented India in World Championships, World Cups,

Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and Asian Championships such as **Mr. Rakesh Kumar Patra, Mr. Abhijit Shinde, Mr. Raja Roy, Ms. Tumpa Debnath and Ms. Rakhi Debnath.**

The main objectives of the course are to exchange experiences in coaching learning Men's & women's Artistic Gymnastics, to enhance cooperation, communication and good relationship between coaches from different countries of Asian Continent. This



is an initiative by the Federation of International Gymnastics (FIG) to help coaches around the world to understand skills and their techniques. FIG Academy Level-I was the 77th edition in India is led by FIG Expert Mr. Derick Scholtz from South Africa and head coach of South African Gymnastics Team, Mr. Kevin James from Australia and an International Gymnastics Coach and Ms. Eva Szloboda from Hungary, who is an international medalist in Aerobic gymnastics coach and choreographer to many Hungarian gymnasts. 77th edition of



the FIG Academy Level-I came to close on 24th February 2019 and certificates were distributed to the successful gymnastics coaches by Mr. Karan Chautala Working President GFI, Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala Vice-President GFI, Mr. Ranjit Vasava Secretary GFI, Dr. Jatin Soni Vice Chancellor Swarnim Sports University Gujrat, FIG Experts Mr. Derick Scholtz from South Africa, Mr. Kevin James from Australia, Ms. Eva Szloboda from Hungary and Mr. Chhotubhai Patel Trustee of C. A. Patel Learning Institute Mota Fofalia Vadodara, India.

AGU: INDIAN AGU TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR CYCLE 2019-2022

Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU) named five new technical committee members for the cycle 2019-2022 from India in different categories of gymnastics in its 20th congress held at Qatar Doha in December 2018 such as Dr. Makrand Joshi in Aerobic Gymnastics, Mr. Narayan Shashi in Gymnastics for All, Ms. Akshata Shete in Rhythmic Gymnastics, Mr. Sumith MR in Acrobatic Gymnastics and Mr. Deepak Kabra in Men's Artistic Gymnastics.

Aurangabad's Dr. Makrand Sudhir Joshi a double Shiv Chhatrapati awardee has been nominated as new Technical Committee Member by Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU) for his outstanding contributions in the field of Aerobic Gymnastics for the cycle 2019-2022. He has officiated in World Aerobics Gymnastics Championships at Bulgaria in 2004, Nanjing China in 2006, Mexico in 2014, Sofia in 2017, Incheon South Korea in 2016, World Series & International Youth Championship at Thailand in 2006, 2nd Asian Indoor Games at Macau in 2007, 3rd Asian Indoor Games at Hanoi Vietnam in 2009, 1st Asian Aerobic Championships at Bangkok in 2009, 2nd Asian Aerobic Championships at Hochiminh Vietnam in 2010 and 6th Asian Aerobic Championships at Ulaanbaatar Mongolia in 2017 . He was also the Manager of Indian Gymnastics contingent at XXI Commonwealth Games at Gold Coast in 2018 and office-bearers of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI), Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association and Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association and added one more feather in his cap as Technical Committee Member in Aerobic Gymnastics in AGU.



Ms. Akshata Shete from India is one of the qualified FIG International Judge Cat-II in Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual (RGI) for the 14th cycle (2017-2020) who is now named as Technical Committee Member of AGU in Rhythmic Gymnastics for the cycle 2019-2022. Ms. Akshata Shete earlier acted as RGI Judge in various international championships since 2017 i. e. 9th Senior & 15th Junior Asian RG Championship held at Astana, Kazakhstan in June 2017, XXI Commonwealth Games Gold Coast Queensland Australia in April 2018, 10th Sr. & 16th Jr. Asian RG Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in April-May 2018 which was the qualification for 2018 Youth Olympic Games held at Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2018, FIG RG World Challenge Cup at Minsk Belarus in August 2018 as youngest D-1 Judge and 36th World RG Gymnastics Championship at Sofia Bulgaria in September 2018.



Mr. Sumith Mohan Rajeshwari is Commerce graduate, MBA in Sports Management who is now nominated as new Technical Committee Member of AGU in Acrobatic Gymnastics for the cycle 2019-2022. **Junior Commissioned Officer** Mr. Sumith M. Rajeshwari is posted at Bengaluru as Acrobatic Gymnastics Coach in Indian Army. He represented State of Kerala in Junior & Senior National Artistic Gymnastics Championship from 1991-2003 and was National Champion in Acrobatic Gymnastics in the category of Men's Group in 2005. He is the only qualified FIG International Judge Cat-IV in Acrobatics in India and was the course leader of National Judges Courses in Acrobatics since 2007. He was also the Competition Director in Acrobatic Gymnastics National Championships in 2012, 2013 & 2018. Mr. Sumith MR was the Technical Judge in 10th Acrobatic Gymnastics Asian Championship at Almaty Kazakhstan in September 2017 and Artistic Judge in the First International Invitational Acrobatic Cup at Tashkent Uzbekistan in November 2017. Mr. Sumith was the Head Coach of Indian Army's Acrobatic Gymnastics Teams since 2006 where Men's Pair and Men's Group are the champion constantly for last 12 years in National Championships. He was also the Head Coach of Indian Acrobatic Team in 10th Acrobatic Gymnastics Asian Championship at Almaty Kazakhstan and first time won 3 Bronze medals in Men's Group, Mixed Pair and Team Championship with incredible performance.



Mr. Narayan Shashi is an Arts graduate, qualified gymnastics coach from NIS Patiala. He was FIG International Judge in Aerobic for XI Cycle (2005-2008) and XI Cycle (2009-12). He was also Technical Committee Member in Aerobic Gymnastic of GFI and Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU) for 2009-2016 and now he is again named as new Technical Committee Member in Gymnastics for All in AGU for 2019-22. Mr. Shashi participated in All India Inter-University Championships at Amritsar in February 1985 and December 1985 and Manipur in December 1996 also in Senior National Gymnastics Championships at Cuttack in 1987, Delhi in 1988 and Kottayam in 1989. Mr. N. Shashi was the coach of the Indian team at World Aerobic Gymnastics Champion Nanjing in 2005 and World Cup Series & International Youth Aerobic Championship at Bangkok in 2006 where its team won 1 silver & 2 bronze medals. He officiated as Artistic & Execution judge in 2nd Asian Indoor Games at Macau in 2007, AGU Superior Judge at 1st & 4th Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championship at Bangkok in 2009 and at South Korea in 2014 and also as AGU Superior Judge at 3rd Asian Indoor Games at Indonesia in 2012.



Mr. Deepak Kabra is a Chartered Accountant and working as manager in Corporate Finance Department of Reliance Industries Limited. He represented Gujrat in National Gymnastics Championships including National Games at Guwahati in 2006. He is a FIG International Judge Cat-II in Men's Artistic Gymnastics and Women Artistic Gymnastics under 14th Cycle (2017-20) and now named as new Technical Committee Member in Men's Artistic Gymnastics in AGU for 2019-22. Mr. Kabra officiated as Judge at the following competitions i. e. XIX CWG at Delhi in 2010, XXI CWG at Gold Coast in 2018, Arab Games at Doha, Qatar in 2011, Olympic Hopes Cup at Czechoslovakia



in 2012, 2nd & 3rd Youth Olympic Games at Nanjing in 2014 & Argentina in 2018, XVII Asian Games at Incheon, Korea in 2014, 46th & 47th FIG World Artistic Championships at Glasgow in 2015 & Montreal in 2017, World Cups at Doha in 2016, Melbourne in 2018, Mersin Turkey in 2018 & Cottbus Germany in 2018, Doha 2019, World Universiade at Taipei in 2017 and Junior & Senior Asia Gymnastics Championship at Bangkok in 2017. Mr. Kabra helped Gymnastics Federation of India to organize an AGU Common Training Camp for Aerobic Gymnastics Coaches at Balewadi Sports Complex, Pune in December 2012 and FIG International Judges Course in MAG at Mumbai in April 2013. He recently successfully completed FIG Level-I Academy in MAG from Mota Fofalia Gujrat in February 2019. He developed an **Excel Based Scoring System** and successfully implemented the same at various National Championships and also at 35th National Games 2015 at Kerala. Mr. Deepak Kabra was honoured with Junior Jay Deep Singh Ji Award by the Government of Gujarat for outstanding sportsperson of the year in 2006-07 in Gymnastics.

AWARDS: SHRI SHIV CHHATRAPATI AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018

On 13th February 2019, Maharashtra State School Education, Sports & Youth Services Minister Shri Vinod Tawade announced the most prestigious 80 Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar 2017-18 in the categories of Jeevan Gaurav Puruskar (1), Jijamata Puruskar (2), Shiv Chhatrapati Best Coach Puruskar (13), Shiv Chhatrapati



Best Player Puruskar Men (31) and Women (26), Shiv Chhatrapati Eklavya Puruskar for Handicapped Men (6) and Women (3), Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Courage (1) and Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Associations (7) which carries a cash prize of Rs. One lakh, a blazer, a statute and a scroll of honour. **Dr. Sagar Kulkarni Best Coach in Artistic Gymnastics, Mr. Ameya Joshi for Best Coach in Aerobic Gymnastics, Mr. Sagar Sawant Best Player in Artistic Gymnastics (Details not available) and Ms. Disha Nidre Best player in Rhythmic Gymnastics were selected for Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for 2017-18.** His Excellency Shri C. Vidya Sagar Rao Governor of Maharashtra conferred Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Jeevan Gaurav Puruskar, Shiv Chhatrapati Kreedha Jijamata Puruskar and Shiv Chhatrapati Kreedha Courageous Puruskar to the winners in a function held at Gate Way of India on 17th February 2019 at 5.00 PM which was presided over by State School Education, Sports & Youth Services Minister Shri Vinod Tawade. Shri Subhas Desai Minister of Industry & Guardian Minister Mumbai City, Shri Vishwanath Mahadeshwar Mayor Mumbai Suburbs, Shri Arvind Sawant MP, Shri Rahul Narvekar MLC, Shri Raj Purohit MLA, Shri Narendra Sopal Joint Director Sports & Youth Services and Mrs. Vandana Krishna IAS Upper Chief Secretary State School Education and Sports Department Government of Maharashtra were also present on the dais. Shri Vinod Tawade State Sports Minister honored the winners of Shiv Chhatrapati Best Coach Puruskar, Shiv Chhatrapati Best Player Puruskar, Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Eklavya Puruskar for Handicapped and Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Associations while vote of thanks were proposed by Mrs. Vandana Krishna IAS Upper Chief Secretary State School Education and Sports Department.

Mr. Ameya Shamsunder Joshi works as Deputy Managing Director in a private company at Aurangabad. Mr. Ameya Joshi started gymnastics in 1990 and won first gold medal in State Championship in 1992. He

represented Maharashtra in Aerobic Gymnastics first time in 43rd Senior National at Kakinada WB in 2003 under the guidance of Professor Sudhir Joshi and won 3 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals in different National Aerobic Gymnastics Championships. Mr. Ameya Joshi represented India in World Aerobic Gymnastics Championships at Bulgaria in 2004, 1st Asian Indoor Games at Thailand in 2005, World Aerobic Gymnastics Championship in Nanjing China in 2006, World Series & International Youth Championship at Thailand in 2006, 2nd Asian Indoor Games at Macau in 2007, Suzuki Cup at Japan in 2008 and Hitherto Cup at London in 2009. Mr. Joshi received the Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Best player in 2006-07. Mr. Joshi started working as a Gymnastics Coach since 2008. Mr.



Ameya Joshi was the coach of Indian team in 3rd Asian Gymnastics Championship at Indonesia in 2012 where his students Ayushi Alva and Atharva Nimbalkar won bronze medals. Mr. Ameya Joshi's students Vandika Joshi won the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Awards for the year 2014-15 while Mayur Borhade and Isha Mahajan for the year 2016-17. Mr. Ameya's disciples Isha Mahajan, Ayushi Alva & Revati Malshetwar won bronze medal in 2nd Asian Aerobic Championship at Vietnam in 2010. Now Mr. Ameya Shamsunder Joshi is honoured with Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Best Coach for the year 2017-18 by Government of Maharashtra.

Mr. Sagar Srinivas Kulkarni works as Assistant Professor at Marathwada Sanskrutik Mondal's College of Physical Education at Aurangabad since 2011. Mr. Sagar Srinivas Kulkarni has also been honored with Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Best Coach for the year 2017-18 for his contributions in gymnastics which he dedicated to Honorable Late Sudhir Dada Joshi. He did his B. Ped and M. Ped in 2002 & 2009 respectively from Marathwada Sanskrutik Mondal's College of Physical Education at Aurangabad. He started gymnastics in 1986 under Dr. Makrand Joshi and gives credit for his success to his mentor and Coach Dr. Makrand Joshi. He was selected in one of the schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in gymnastics and trained under SAI Gymnastics Coaches Late Maqbool Ali and Mr. Deepak Shirke from 1988-1994 at Sanjivini Vidyalaya Panchgani than under Mr. H.



A. Parashetti at Pravara Public School Pravara Nagar from 1994-1996. He represented Maharashtra 25 times in various National Gymnastics Championships in different age groups from 1988-2001 including National Games at Bengaluru in 1997 & Imphal in 1999 and won many medals. Later, Mr. Kulkarni worked as Gymnastics Coach under Dr. Makrand Joshi at Marathwada Sanskrutik Mondal's College of Physical Education Aurangabad from 1996-2002 and at Gyan Prabodhini Pune from 2002-2009 where he produced state level gymnasts like Subham Bhalekar, Ashish Bhalekar, Sumit Takle, Digvijay Kate, Yash Katta etc. Mr. Sagar Srinivas Kulkarni also produced Suraj Taksande represented India in 14th World Aerobic Gymnastics Championship at Incheon in 2016. His disciple's i. e. Atharva Joshi, Sripada Haral and Sudanva Borde participated in 6th Asian Aerobic Championship at Ulaanbaatar Mongolia in 2017 and showed his capabilities of unique techniques in teaching gymnastics while working at Marathwada's College of Physical Education Aurangabad. He earlier worked as Director of Physical Education in Sant Sewata Maligramin Mahavidyalaya at Phulambri Aurangabad from 2009-2011 and presently is one of the Executive Member of Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association (ADGA).

Disha Dhananjay Nidre (21) from Mumbai is an International Rhythmic Gymnast trained by Mrs. Varsha Upadhye at Shri Samarth Vyayam Mandir Shivaji Park Mumbai. Disha Nidre represented India in RG in 5th Children of Asia at Yakutsk (Russia) in 2012, World School Gymnastics Championship at Brasillia in 2013, Asian Championship at Tashkent in 2016 and at Malaysia in 2018, FIG BSB Bank World Challenge Cup at Minsk, Belarus in 2018 and 36th FIG World RG Championship at Sofia Bulgaria in 2018. She won 174 Gold, 85 Silver and 20 Bronze medals at her credit in National Championships and National Games since 2007. Government of Maharashtra bestowed the prestigious Shiv



Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Best Player in Rhythmic Gymnastics for her valuable contributions in RG for Maharashtra and as whole to the country.

Sagar Sawant with Shri. Suhas Pathare (former treasurer of MAGA) is an Artistic Gymnastics player. Government of Maharashtra bestowed the prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati State Kreedha Puruskar for Best Player in Artistic Gymnastics for his valuable contributions in MAG for Maharashtra and as whole to the country.



ART: 48TH ALL INDIA INTER-RAILWAY GYM CHAMPIONSHIP KOLKATA 2019

48th All India Inter-Railway Gymnastics Championship was conducted by Eastern Railway at Sports Authority of India's Gymnasium Salt Lake on 21st & 22nd February 2019 in which all the units of Indian Railways participated. Eastern Railway won the Team Championship with 361.250 points followed by North Central Railway with 358.300 points and South Eastern Railway with 338.400 points. This is the 4th consecutively win of Eastern Railway in the Team Championship. All-around Individual Championship's gold medal in Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) is won by Anubhav Mondal of Eastern Railway with 77.200 points, silver medal won by Siddharth Verma of North Central Railway with 76.150 points and bronze medal is won by Satyajit Mondal of South Eastern Railway with 75.400 points. In Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG), Pranati Nayak of CLW won gold medal with 49.025 points, Pranati Das of ER won Silver Medal with 46.100 points while Mandira Hazra Chaudhary of ER



won bronze medal with 44.325 points in All-around Individual Championship. **Shri Gyan Singh Senior Sports Officer** of Indian Railways was given a grand farewell by all the Indian Railway's Gymnasts (Old & New), Coaches and Managers during the championship at SAI Kolkata for his contributions in Indian Railway and Indian Gymnastics who is retiring in the month of July 2019. Shri Gyan Singh was the National Wrestling Champion 1986-89, Chief Coach WFI 2003-2007, Chief Coach Indian Railways Wrestling team 2004-2013 and represented India in Wrestling in 1st Asian Championship in Jalandhar in 1979, 2nd in Lahore in 1981, 4th in Mumbai in 1987, IX Asian Games 1982 in New Delhi, X Asian Games 1986 in Seoul South Korea, XXIII Olympic Games 1984 in Los Angeles USA, Coach of Indian Wrestling teams in Asian Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games and a winner of **Dhyan Chand Life Time Achievement Award 2008**. He was also Treasurer of Gymnastics Federation of India.

ART: BARBIE HONOURS DIPA KARMAKAR OLYMPIAN 2016

Barbie is a fashion doll manufactured by the American toy company **Mattel, Inc.** which was launched in March 1959. American Company honoured 20 Women Heroes across 18 different countries on the occasion of its 60th Birthday Anniversary and International Women Day on 8th March 2019 than ever before in an effort to be Barbie Role Model to inspire the next generation of girls which also included **India's First Female Gymnast Padmashree Dr. Dipa Karmakar Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna & Arjun Awardee** who represented India in the Rio Olympics 2016 and ranked 4th in the Table Vault. Company's campaign includes women from 18 to 85 years of age to celebrate their unique achievements and capabilities from different fields of Models, Journalist and Social Activist in addition to Sports Women. Barbie, always has evolved over the years to choose real women with their stories, careers, ambitions and inspirational messages that helped to inspire more girls around the globe. Other Women honoured by Barbie in addition to Dipa Karmakar Gymnast (India) are Naomi Osaka Tennis (Japan), Tetsuko Kuroyanagi Actress (Japan), Kristina Vogel Cyclist (Germany), Melodi Robinson Sports Journalist (New Zealand), Karla Wheelock Mountaineer (Mexico), Tessa Virtue Ice Dancer (Canada), Maya Gabeira Wave Surfer (Brazil), Lyasan Utiasheva Rhythmic Gymnast & Socialist (Russia), Nicola Adams OBE Boxer (British), Gülse Birsal Actress (Turkey), Mariana Costa Checa Businesswoman (Peru), Iwona Blecharczyk Trucking Girl (Poland), Ibtihaj Muhammad Fencer (USA), Yara Shahidi Actress, Activist (USA), Adwoa Aboah Fashion Model (British), Chen Man Visual Artist (China), Eleni Antoniadou Fighting Organ Trafficking Greece), Lisa Azuelos Film Director & Producer (French) and Ita Buttrose Journalist (Australia).



RG: 1ST INDIAN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CUP, HYDERABAD 2019

First National Championship in Rhythmic Gymnastics was hosted by Gymnastics Federation of India at Kottayam (Kerala) from 25-28th January 1989. Since then for the first time after 30 years history of Rhythmic Gymnastics in the country, the city of Hyderabad (Telangana) hosted the first ever international tournament the **Indian Rhythmic Gymnastics Cup 2019** for International RG Clubs at Gachibowli Indoor Stadium on 16 and 17th February 2019 under the aegis of Gundlapally Krida Foundation in which 65 gymnasts participated from India and abroad including 15 gymnasts from foreign countries like Italy, Germany, Slovenia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. 1st Indian Rhythmic Gymnastics Cup at Hyderabad is a great step in field of beautiful Olympic RG Sport which inspired the young budding RG gymnasts of our country as well as the young gymnasts from Hyderabad who got the live glimpse of International standard to take up this sports. The Indian RG Gymnasts in different categories were



from PRGA & BPCA from Mumbai, Alacrity Sports School, Heaven Sports Development & Research Centre and Koya Fitness Academy from Pune, HVPM from Amravati, Gymin Sports from Hyderabad, Prabhjot Bajwa RG Club from Chandigarh, and Sports Promotion Association Jayanagar from Karnataka. In seniors Ana Marie from Sri Lanka and Meghana Gundlapally from India both competed in XXI CWG Gold Coast 2018 along with Khelo India's winners Aditee Dandekar and Richa Chordia, Soman Ananya, Krisha Chheda, Radhika Dharap, Khushi Jain from India, Lara Elisa from Italy, Jia Wen, Iman Alisha, Weng Qin M Wong & Joe EE from Malaysia, Tara Dragas from Slovenia, P. Piyada, Navita, Chonthichakon from Thailand, were the main attraction in the First Indian Rhythmic Gymnastics Cup 2019 at Hyderabad, India.

The tournament was conducted in the age categories of sub-junior U/10 & U/12, junior U/12-15 and senior above 15 years. Sub-junior U/10 Gymnasts performed with Free Hand Exercise and two apparatus of their choice (Hoop, Ball, Rope, Clubs and Ribbon) and Sub-junior U/12 Gymnasts performed with three apparatus of their choice (Hoop, Ball, Rope, Clubs and Ribbon), and winners of each apparatus in Sub-junior U/10 & U/12 were awarded gold, silver & bronze medal with Pasterelli RG Apparatus. Junior gymnasts U/12-15 performed three events i. e Ball, Rope and Clubs while senior performed in four events (Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon) and winners of each apparatus in Junior & Seniors were awarded gold, silver & bronze medal with a cash prize of Euro 200, 150 and 100. Shri B. Venkatesham IAS Secretary Government of Telangana, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture inaugurated the First Indian RG Cup 2019 by lighting the lamp in presence of Mr. A. Venkateshwar Reddy Chairman Sports Authority of Telangana, Mr. Guvvala Balraju MLA Achampet, Mahabubnagar, Mr. G. Manohar Kamath Sports Promotion Association Bengaluru, Mr. Riyaz Bhati and Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala Vice-presidents GFI, Ms. Lala Yusifova Coach from Azerbaijan and Ms. Varsha Upadhye. The renowned Ms. Spela Dragas Alenka from Italy an International judge and coach conducted a 45 minutes session for the Rhythmic Gymnastics coaches before the start of the tournament for the latest updates regarding Rhythmic Gymnastics. Ten member panel of judges led by Olympic judge Spela Dragas from Italy determines the winners. Spela Dragas was the Programme Director who is having 20 years coaching experience in



Rhythmic Gymnastics, trained Italian

elite gymnast like Alexandra Agiurgiuculese and acted as judge in European Championships, World Cup Series, World Championships and Olympic Games. Indian Rhythmic Gymnasts i. e. Meghana Gundlapally of Gymin Sports won three bronze medals in All-around Individual Championship (AA) with 51.45, Hoop with 13.20 and Clubs with 12.70 points while Aditee Dandekar of Premier Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy won one bronze medal in her favorite event Ribbon with 11.30

points. Prizes to the winners were given by Mr. Riyaz Bhati and Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala Vice-Presidents GFI, Ms. Lala Yusifova Coach from Azerbaijan, Ms. Spela Dragas Alenka from Italy, Ms. Kok Mong Lin from Malaysia, Ms. Varsha Upadhye, Ms. Akshata Shete, Ms. Kshipra Joshi and many other dignitaries during the closing ceremony held on 17th February 2019. Mr. Gundlapally Ramalingam Reddy and his Associates of Gundlapally Kreedha Foundation and Sponsors worked very hard to make this inaugural International Event in Rhythmic Gymnastics at Hyderabad in India a grand success.



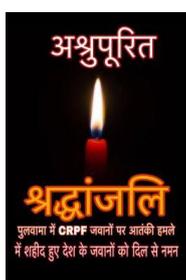
ART: FIG INDIVIDUAL APPARATUS WORLD CUP COTTBUS, GERMANY 2018

Indian contingent consists of Dipa Karmakar, B. Aruna Reddy in WAG, Ashish Kumar and Rakesh Kumar Patra in MAG along with their coaches Mr. B. S. Nandi (Dronacharya Awardee) in WAG, Mr. Manoj Rana and Mr. B. L. Bayaskar in MAG participated in FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup at Cottbus, Germany from 22-25th November 2018 along with Dr. R. K. Pathania (Project Officer, Gymnastics) as Head of the Delegation (HOD). On the first day, Dipa Karmakar qualified on Table Vault with an average score of 14.100 points at 6th place out of 15 gymnasts but B Aruna Reddy scored 13.000 points on Table Vault and suffered a knee injury to end her campaign in disappointment at the Cottbus World Cup. The young Tripura girl Dipa Karmakar won an amazing Bronze medal on Table Vault with an average score of 14.3.16 points in a very tough final on the third day of the championship, who had an injury marred campaign at Asian Games 2018. FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup was the part of an eight event qualifying system for 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games under which gymnasts will make the cut based on top three scores. Earlier, Dipa also won a Gold medal in Table Vault at FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey in July 2018 for her first medal after returning to action following a long layoff of 2 years. Ashish Kumar scored 13.200 points in Floor Exercises with not a good execution and was placed 24th out of 37 gymnasts and scored 12.866 points in Table Vault with a ranking of 23rd out of 27 gymnasts. Rakesh Kumar Patra also performed one of the best routine scored 14.000 points on Rings and placed 14th out of 29 gymnasts on the first day of the competition and scored 13.033 points on Parallel Bars with a ranking of 16th out of 29 gymnasts on the second day



of the FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup at Cottbus, Germany. Mr. Deepak Kabra FIG International MAG Judge Cat-II was present at the FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup at Cottbus, Germany for evaluation.

INDIAN ARMY: DEEP CONDOLENCES TO GYMNAST AKASH & CRPF MARTYRS



Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) & the Gymnastics Fraternity of India Expresses its Deep Condolences to the families of Gymnast Akash Bagade who left for his heavenly abode on 2nd March 2019 and Martyred 44 CRPF soldiers who sacrificed their lives on 14th February 2019 in **Worst-Ever Pulwama Terror Attack in Jammu-Kashmir** to save its beloved country and Prayer for the speedy recovery of the injured Jawans. The Brave soldiers gave their Tomorrow for our Today.

ART: SELECTION TRIALS FOR FIG IND APPARATUS WORLD CUP AT DOHA 2019

Sports Authority of India (SAI) approved the participation of Dipa Karmakar and her personal coach Mr. B. S. Nandi (Dronacharya Awardee) in FIG Individual Apparatus World Cups at Baku, Azerbaijan and Doha, Qatar from 14-17th March 2019 and 20-23rd March 2019 respectively. SAI also conducted open selection trials in Men's Artistic Gymnastics at IG Stadium New Delhi on 11th March 2019 for World Cup Doha to select two gymnasts to compete in Floor Exercises and Table Vault events. 6 gymnasts' i. e. Ashish Kumar, Ujwal Naidu, Kaushik Kazi, Yogeshwar Singh, Debang Dey and Deep Roy Chaudhary participated in the trials whose performance on Floor and Table Vault was evaluated by Mr. Pawan Bhoir, Mr. Satpal Chhabra, Mr. Nirbhaya Singh, Mr. Mandar Mhatre, Mr. Parminder Sharma, Mr. Jaideep Sharma, Mr. Vishal Deep, Mr. Surjit Singh and Mr. R. N. Mangla. Dr. G. S. Bawa coordinated the above mentioned selection trials for World Cup Doha. Ujwal Naidu (Karnataka) in Floor and Yogeshwar Singh (SSCB) in Table Vault are selected to participate in World Cup to be held at Doha Qatar from 20-23rd March 2019.



ART: FIG INDIVIDUAL APPARATUS WORLD CUP AT BAKU, AZARBIJAN 2019

FIG Artistic Individual Apparatus World Cup AGF Trophy hosted by Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation at Baku from 14-17th March 2019. Dipa Karmakar along with her personal coach Mr. B. S. Nandi participated in the above World Cup which is qualifying for Olympic Games 2020. Approximately, 120 men and 50 women from 41 countries participated in FIG World Cup at Baku, Azerbaijan. In the tournament, the traditional "AGF Trophy" will be presented to the gymnasts who received the Highest Execution Score. On 14th March 2019, India's Dipa Karmakar performed her first vault Hand Front 540 for the first time and scored 14.466 points

while she scored 14.133 points in her Tsukahara 720 as second vault in her qualification rounds and qualified for the finals at 3rd place with an average score of 14.299 point. Jade Carey USA was first with 15.700 points followed by Moreno Alexa from Mexico with 14.533 points in the qualifying round. On 17th March 2019 in the Finals, Indian Ace Gymnast Dipa Karmakar attempted her first vault with a fall and had a knee injury due to undesired landing. She finished last after deciding not to take her second attempt and finished her campaign in the Baku World Cup. Dipa's injury also forced her to withdraw from the Doha World Cup starting from 20th March 2019 and will return to India for rehabilitation. The top-ranked gymnast on each individual event at the conclusion of the FIG World Cup Series, qualifies for the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020. A gymnast's three best performance at different World Cup events counts towards their final ranking.



Women's Artistic Gymnastics C-I (Dipa Karmakar Qualify for Finals in TV at Baku World Cup)

SN	NAME	TV	Rank
1	Dipa Karmakar	14.466+14.133=14.299	3/16

Women's Artistic Gymnastics (C-III)

SN	NAME	TV	Rank
1	Dipa Karmakar	13.133+injured	8/8

ART: FIG INDIVIDUAL APPARATUS WORLD CUP AT DOHA, QATAR 2019

12th FIG Artistic Individual Apparatus World Cup was hosted by Qatar Gymnastics Federation at Doha from 20-23rd March 2019. Indian Gymnastics Contingent consists of Ujwal C. Naidu and Yogeshwar Singh along with SAI Gymnastics coach Mr. R. V. Lokhande and SSCB Coach Mr. Sandeepan CK participated in the Doha World Cup 2019 which was also one of the qualifying event for Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Both the Indian gymnast participated in Floor Exercises and Table Vault. Mr. Riyaz Bhati was the Head of the Indian Gymnastics Delegation. 46 countries including India sent their men gymnast's i. e. FX-(46), PH-(43), RR-(29), TV-(36), PB-(31), HB-(34) and women gymnast's i. e. TV-(26), UB-(26), BB-(31) and FX-(30) in 12th FIG Artistic Individual Apparatus World Cup at Doha to show their mettle to qualify for the Olympic Games Tokyo . Indian gymnasts Yogeshwar Singh and Ujwal C Naidu could not qualify in any of the events in which they took part. Dipa Karmakar was unlucky who could not come in this World Cup at Doha due to knee injury occurred in the World Cup at Baku, Azerbaijan 2019. Mr. Deepak Kabra FIG International MAG Judge Cat-II was also present in this World Cup Doha for the evaluation of the performances of the gymnasts.



Men's Artistic Gymnastics C-I at Doha (No Men Gymnast Qualify for Finals)

SN	NAME	FX	RANK	TV	Rank
1	Yogeshwar Singh	11.100	43/46	12.833+14.000=13.416	30/36
2	Ujwal C. Naidu	10.633	44/46	13.800+12.866=13.333	31/36

TRAMP: ASIAN GYMNASTICS UNION'S COMMON TRAINING CAMP IN TRAMPOLINE

Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) hosted Asian Gymnastics Union's Common Training Camp for 29 Trampoline Coaches and 10 Gymnasts from seven countries i. e. Afghanistan, Iran, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Vietnam and Yemen in addition to India at Shree C. A. Patel Learning Academy Mota Fofalia, Vadodara Gujrat (India) from 13-17th March 2019 under the FIG Expert Ms. Tatiana Shuiska from Ukraine. She is having a Vast Judging Experience of 25 years and a FIG Technical member since 2000. The course was attended by Sanjay Kumar, G. Natraj, Garv Vohra, Jithu VS, Ranjit Pawar, Pradeep Latpate, Pawan Bhoir, Rahul Pahurkar, Krushna Ghotekar, Mohsin Khan, Prashant Bundel, Deepak Karki, Sathish Saravanan and Somen Das from **India**, Ghulam Maroof Sultani & Sayed Hussain Hussaini from **Afghanistan**, Sadeghiastani Hai & Hoshyari Naser from **Iran**, Prakash Tandukar & Kabinraj Shrestha from **Nepal**, T. M. Karunanayake & M. A. Thushara Indika from **Sri Lanka**, Nien-Kuan Tung, Chih-Jen Liao & Yun-Hsin Kuo from **Taipei**, Xuan Do Kieu & Thanh Tong Nguyen from **Vietnam**, Ebrahim Al-Abdali & Ahmed Hadar Al- Masaabi from **Yemen**. 10 gymnasts for training also attended the above course i. e. Adarsh Bhoir, Shirang Lokhande, Rahi Pakhale, Manu Murali, Rahul Singh Negi, SK Malik Basha from **India**, Rajabikalkenari from **Iran**, AAD Seshan Senura from **Sri Lanka**, Tsung-Ying Tsai from **Taipei** and Tang Nhon Hau To from **Vietnam**. Main Objectives of



AGU's Common Training Camp are to exchange experiences in coaching learning in Trampoline Gymnastics and to enhance cooperation, communication and a good relationship between coaches and gymnasts within Asian Continent. The closing ceremony was held on 17th March 2019 in presence of FIG Expert Ms. Tatiana Shuiska, Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala Vice-president GFI, Mr. Ranjit Vasava General Secretary GFI, Mr. Dilip Sarvaiya, Mr. Himanshu Dave and Mr. Chhotubhai Patel Trustee of C. A. Patel Learning Institute Mota Fofalia Vadodara, India. Certificates were also distributed to all the successful participants by FIG Expert Ms. Tatiana Shuiska from Ukraine and others.

ART/RG/AERO: 5TH DERVAN YOUTH GAMES AT DERVAN MARCH 2019

5th Dervan Youth Games 2019 in 18 sports disciplines including Artistic, Aerobic and Rhythmic Gymnastics were organized by Shree Vithalrao Joshi Charities Trust Sports Academy at a village Dervan Taluka Chiplun District Ratnagiri in Konkan from 16-23rd March 2019 in a beautifully available sports infrastructure. Gymnastics was held on 19th & 20th March 2019 which was inaugurated by Chief Guest & one of the Trustee Member Shri Swapnil Kekre. Approximately, 75 gymnasts from Sports Authority of India Pune, Bhoir Gymkhana Thane, Shree Samarth Vyayam Mandir Dadar, Sangmitra Club Pune, Aeroly Mumbai City, Shree Sant Gajanan Maharaj Gymnastics Academy Shegaon, Perfect Gymnastics Club Nashik, and Heaven Sports Club Pimpri-Chinchwad participated in Artistic, Rhythmic and Aerobic Gymnastics competitions. Artistic Gymnastics Competitions were held on 19th March while Aerobic and Rhythmic Gymnastics Competitions were held on 20th March 2019. Shatakshi Takke of SAI Pune and Neel Kale of Aeroly Mumbai City in the age groups of 12 years while Manas Ghodekar of Bhoir Gymkhana Thane in the age group of 14 years and Samiksha Jadhav of Om Samarth Vyayam Mandir Dadar in the age group of 10 years were declared as All Round Champions in their respective age groups. Honourable Shree Ashok R. Joshi the main trustee of the SVJCT organisation visited the competition on 19th March 2019 who appreciated the performances of all the participants especially of Shatakshi Takke and encouraged Shatakshi to improve her performance for the further achievements. Certificates and cash prize of Rs. 1500, 1200 & 1000 were awarded to these winners by Shree Swapnil Kekre, Shree Vivek Saraswate, Shri R. N. Mangla, Mrs. Sanjivini Purnapatre, Mrs. Meghana Kale, Mr. Rahul Pahurkar, Mr. Deepak Upasani, Mr. Suddodhan Dipake, Mr. Vivek Deshpande, Mr. Rugved Joshi, Mr. Mihir Khelokar, Mr. Kaushik Wadekar, Mr. Subham Giri, Ms. Richa Chordia, Mrs. Kalpana Takke, Mr. Harshad Kulkarni and other distinguished guests. Results are as under



Events	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Fourth Place
Ind AA G-U/10 Artistic Gym	Samiksha Jadhav - Dadar-24.43	Rutuja Bhatkande -Dadar-24.31	Hassya Mungekar- Bhoir Gym-18.64	Sanskruti Jadhav - SAI Pune -11.87
Ind AA G-U/12 Artistic Gym	Shatakshi Takke - SAI Pune-28.45	Arya Rane - Dadar-9.66	Pradnya Dhamal -SAI Pune-8.10	Jayeta Keni - Bhoir Gym -7.53
Ind AA B-U/12 Artistic Gym	Neel Kale – Thane-43.20	Arya Gore - S. Pune-36.00	Aditya Hinge – Bhoir Gym-34.10	Aryan Shelar- 32.30
Ind AA B-U/14 Artistic Gym	Manas Ghodekar - Bhoir Gym-31.80	Varad Sawant - Bhoir Gym-31.50	Bhargava Deshpande - Pune-28.60	Sahil Margaje – SAI Pune-27.70

WORLD GAMES: 15TH SPECIAL OLYMPIC WORLD GAMES ABU DHABI UAE 2019

15th Special Olympic World Summer Games were held at Abu Dhabi, UAE from 14-21st March 2019 in which 7500 athletes, 3000 coaches, 20,000 volunteers from 190 countries took part to win medals in 24 sport. The Motto of the Special Olympic World Summer Games 2019 was to “Meet the Determined”. Indian contingent of 284 athletes, 73 coaches along with 16 officials created history by clinching 368 medals, including 85 gold, 154 silver & 129 bronze medals at 15th Special



Olympics World Summer Games at Abu Dhabi, UAE which was a record haul for the country and also topped the medal tally in the games. India participated in the above World Games for the 9th time. Medals were won across 14 out of 24 sports i. e. athletics, golf, volleyball, aquatics, cycling, judo, powerlifting, table tennis, roller skating, badminton, basketball traditional, handball traditional and football 7-side female. A total of 885 Indian athletes have been participated in previous Eight World Olympic Summer Games and Five World Winter Games between 1987 and 2017 and have won 359 gold, 353 silver and 423 bronze medals in the Eight World Olympic Summer and Five World Olympic Winter Games bringing a combined count to 1135 Medals.

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