

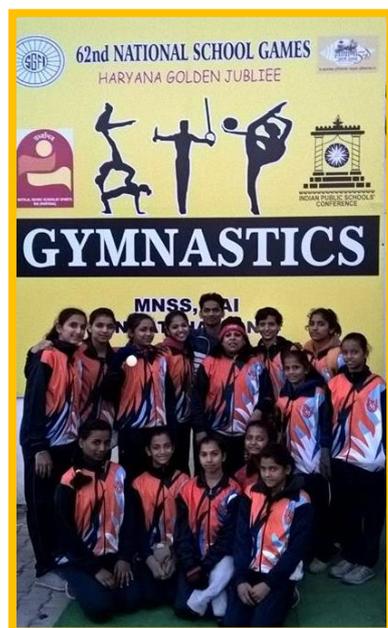
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Wishing You All Happy 68th Republic Day 2017

62ND SGFI NATIONAL IN GYMNASTICS AT MNSS RAI (SONIPAT), HARYANA 2017

A Strong Contingent of Maharashtra Schools participated in the 62nd National School Games in Gymnastics which was hosted by IPSC organization at Motilal Nehru School of Sports (MNSS) Rai, Sonipat (Haryana) from 6-10th January 2017. Arjun Awardee Sunita Sharma Joint Director Sports Department of Haryana was the chief guest and Ms. Krupali Patel Singh Arjun Awardee and the old student of the same school was the guest of honour. Mrs. Bharti Arora IPS IG Vigilance Bureau and Director MNSS Rai welcomed 1300 delegated including players, coaches and managers from 29 states and wished them all the best to show their metal in the competition.



Chief Guest Ms. Sunita Sharma also blessed all the participants for the excellent performance during the championship and declared the championship open in presence of Mrs. Bharti Arora IPS IG Vigilance and Director MNSS Rai, Ms. Krupali Singh Patel, Vice Principal MNSS Rai, Mr. K. S. Murthy Observer SGFI, Mr. Nirbhaya Singh, Dr. T. S. Kundu, Mr. R. N. Mangla, Mr. Manoj Rana Competition Director and many more distinguished guests on the dais on 6th January 2017 at 11.00 AM. Maharashtra Schools Team was placed first in the medal tally with 65 medals i. e. 26 gold, 15 silver, 24 bronze, second was West Bengal with 26 medals i. e. 9 gold, 7 silver, 10 bronze while third was Haryana with 19 medals i. e. 7 gold, 5 silver and 7 bronze medals in all the disciplines i. e. Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics and Acrobatic Gymnastics. The closing ceremony was held on 10th January at 4.00 PM where Mrs. Bharti Arora IPS IG Vigilance Bureau and



Director MNSS Rai welcomed the chief guest Dr. B. K. Sinha Special Director General of Police State Vigilance Bureau and other guests i. e. Mr. Sanjay Saraswat Regional Director SAI North Centre, Ch. Devilal Sports Complex Sonipat, Mr. Paras Ram DSO Gurugram and Mr. Kan Singh Rathore Former Secretary General GFI. Dr. B. K. Sinha distributed the prizes to the winners followed by a grand cultural programmes organized by the school students. Maharashtra medals are as under:

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Rhythmic Gymnastics	16	1	12	29
Men's Artistic Gymnastics	5	5	6	16
Women's Artistic Gymnastics	4	7	4	15
Acrobatic Gymnastics	1	2	2	5
TOTAL	26	15	24	65

WAG: QATAR HOSTS FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE (WAG)

Qatar Gymnastics Federation

hosted the FIG International WAG Judges Course at Doha from 14-20th January 2017 which was inaugurated by Mr. Ali Ahmed Al Hitmi, President of Qatar Gymnastics Federation (centre). 43 judges from Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Tunisia, Singapore, China, India,



North Korea, Hungary and hosts Qatar participated in the FIG International Judges Course including 5 WAG judges from India i. e. Ms. Arundhoti Roy, Dr. Malika Sharma, Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre, Dr. Kalpana Debnath and Mr. Deepak Kabra. Many of the International judges will renew their category while few of them will be the new entrants in this a week long programme. Experts from FIG including Women's Technical Committee (WTC) Chairperson Donatella Sacchi, WTC member Liubov Andrianova, Helena Diaz, Radi Zinal, and QGF Technical Director Anis Saoud attended the event. Doha is also getting ready to host the Artistic World Championships 2018 under the leadership of its president Mr. Ali Ahmed Al Hitmi to popularize this sports in Qatar as well as successful completion of the 2018 World Championship. Dr. Kalpana Debnath, Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre and Mr. Deepak Kabra out of five from India passed the WAG Judges Course successfully in the category-IV.

SPORTS MINISTRY NAMES EIGHT MEMBERS TASK FORCE



L to R: Abhinav Bindra, Pulella Gopichand and Viren Rasquinha in task force for Olympics

India's Sports Ministry constituted a task force to prepare a detailed plan for the next three Olympic Games. Sports Minister Vijay Goel informed that PM Narendra Modi has approved the eight members committee which includes India's lone gold medallist Abhinav Bindra, National Badminton Coach Pulella Gopi Chand, former India Hockey Captain Viren Rasquinha, Hockey Coach S. Baldev Singh, Sandeep Pradhan DG Sports Authority of Gujrat, Times Group on line editor Rajesh Kalra, Om Pathak from School Sports Promotion Foundation, and Prof. G. L. Khanna of faculty of Applied Sciences, Manav Archana International University (Faridabad). The tenure of the committee will be for three months or until the time it submits its report and may also invite other specific experts. The task force will suggest a comprehensive plan of action regarding India's participation in next three Olympic Games to be held in 2020, 2024 and 2028, which will include short-term, medium-term and long-term measures for effective results.

ALL INDIA INTER-UNIVERSITY GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP, CHANDIGARH 2017

Punjab University Chandigarh organized All India Inter University Gymnastics Championship at Indoor Hall University Campus Chandigarh from 1-5th February 2017 which was attended by 504 gymnasts from 67 universities in Men's and Women's Artistic gymnastics, 120 sportspersons from 28 universities in Men's Pole Mallakhamb while 80 sportswomen from 23 universities in Women Rope Mallakhamb under the dynamic guidance of Dr. Parminder Singh Ahluwalia Organizing Secretary & Director of Physical Education & Sports. The championship was inaugurated by Shri Naunihal Singh IPS (SP Law & Order Chandigarh) on 1st February 2017 at 11 AM in presence of Dr. Parminder Singh Ahluwalia, Mr. D. K. Rathore Dronacharya Awardee & Guest of Honour, Mr. Rupinder Singh Deputy Director Sports Punjab, Sardar Balwinder Singh Asian Games Gold Medallist in Athletics, Mrs. Sunita Sharma Joint Director Haryana Sports Department & Arjun Awardee, Mrs. Krupali Patel Singh Arjun Awardee, Dr. R. K. Pathania AIU Observer, Dr. Rakesh Malik Deputy Director Punjab University, Mr. Kulbhushan Sharma Director Competition, Mr. Nirbhaya Singh Technical Advisor, Mr. Rajesh Kumar 5 times National Champion, Dr. Bhupinder Bhandari, Mr. R. N. Mangla and Mr. Rajinder Sharma (Baboo) the back bone of the competition who left no stone unturned to make this championship a grand success later, Shri Naunihal Singh IPS declared the championship open. The competition was held on the international equipment (Gymnova) and the performance was also evaluated by Former International Judges i. e. Mr. R. L. Verma, Mr. Satpal Chhabra, Mr. Parminder Sharma, Mrs. Neetu Bala along with many other National judges in MAG, WAG & RG. Mallakhamb competitions were conducted by Mr. Ramesh Indoliya President Mallakhamb Federation of India and Mr. Uday Deshpande an eminent personality in Mallakhamb. Shri K. J. Singh Lt. General (Retired) was the chief guest during the closing ceremony which was held on 5th February 2017 at 3 PM. Dr. Parminder Singh Ahluwalia welcomed the chief guest Shri K. J. Singh and other dignitaries on the Dias. Shri K. J. Singh blessed the participants, congratulated the winners and inspired the other participants to be on victory stand next time. He also distributed the medals to the winners on different events. Punjab University was top on the medal tally with 23 medals i. e. 10 gold, 8 silver, 5 bronze followed by Kurukshetra University with 5 medals i. e. 4 gold, 1 silver, and Osmania University with 3 gold and 2 bronze medals, University of Kolkata with 7 medals i. e. 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals, University of Mumbai with 7 medals i. e. 1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals in MAG, WAG and RG while SP Pune could win only 1 bronze medal in Rhythmic Gymnastics.



PADMA AWARDS 2017

Padma Awards one of the highest civilian awards of the country are conferred in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri in the various fields i. e. art, social work, public affairs, science & engineering, trade & industry, medicine. Literature and education, sports and civil service etc. These awards are conferred by President of India at a ceremonial function which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan in March / April every year. President of India has approved conferment of 89 Padma Awards for 2017 which comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 7 Padma Bhushan and 75 Padma Shri awardees. 19 of the awardees are women, 5 are NRIs or PIOs, 6 posthumous awardees and 8 Padma Shri awards for Sports Personalities which are Virat Kohli-Cricket, Sekhar Niac-Captain Blind Cricket Team, Vikasa Gowda-Athletics, Deepa Malik-Para Athletics, Dipa Karmakar-Gymnastics, P. R. Shreejesh-Hockey, Mariyappan Thangavelu-Para Athletics and Sakshi Malik-Wrestling. Now, Dipa Karmakar has become the most decorated award winner in gymnastics in the country. She is bestowed with Padma Shri, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Arjun Award.



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ART: KHELO INDIA HYDRABAD 2017

Sports Authority of Telangana organized the 1st Khelo India Badminton, Gymnastics, Basketball and Lawn Tennis National Championship at GMCB Sports Complex Gachibowli Hyderabad (Telangana) from 11-16th February 2017. Approximately 80 gymnasts (boys & girls) from 10 states i. e. West Bengal, Tripura, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Gujrat, Punjab, Haryana, Tamilnadu and Kerala participated in the discipline of Gymnastics under this group in the age group of



under 14 years and under 17 years with a maximum two boys and two girls in each category from one state. Gymnastics competition was held on Table Vault and Floor Exercises in both the categories. West Bengal top the medal tally with 2 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals, followed by Tripura with 2 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze, Telangana with 2 gold and 3 silver medals, UP with 2 golds, Delhi with 1 silver and 1 bronze, Gujrat with 1 silver while Punjab with 1 bronze medal. The national championships under Khelo India are conducted during January – February this year in 21 disciplines in six groups – 1. Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Wushu in Nellore, 2. Weightlifting, Boxing and Table Tennis in Guwahati, 3. Athletics Handball and Hockey in Gandhinagar, 4. Taekwondo, Volleyball and Football in Chennai, 5. Badminton, Gymnastics, Basketball and Lawn Tennis in Hyderabad, 6. Archery and Judo in Jaipur, While Delhi leg competitions in Swimming, Wrestling and Cycling events organized by Sports Authority of India for both for boys and girls Under-14 and Under-17 categories and Delhi Games were inaugurated by Union Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel on 15th January 2017 and wrestling competitions (freestyle) for cadet group under 14 years to 16 years both boys and girls were held on 20 and 21 January 2017 at SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex New Delhi.

BOYS U/14	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
TV	Madhuvan-TEL-12.35	Abhiram-TEL-10.90	Rahul Das-TRI-10.82
FX	Madhuvan-TEL-13.34	Veer-DEL-13.20	Krishna-PUN-12.57
GIRLS U/14	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
TV	Debolina G-WB-12.69	Pratishtha-WB-12.42	Priyanka-TRI-12.19
FX	Debolina G-WB-13.34	Priyanka-TRI-13.30	Pratishtha-WB-13.10

BOYS U/17	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
TV	Agnivesh-UP-11.40	Harshvardhan-TEL-11.34	Kaushik-WB-11.14
FX	Agnivesh-UP-12.67	Harshvardhan-TEL-12.57	Ankit-DEL-12.50

GIRLS U/17	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
TV	Ashmita Paul-TRI-12.85	Pragati-GUJ-11.38	Bidisha-WB-11.22
FX	Ashmita Paul-TRI-12.20	Pooja-WB-11.97	Bidisha-WB-11.50

FELICITATION TO DIPKA BY NORTH EAST PARLIAMENTARIANS

Felicitation function was organized by the Member of Parliaments from Eight Sister States of North East at North Block and the Hon'ble State Minister of Home Mr. Kiran Rijju to honour the Olympians from North East in Rio 2016 including 5 sports persons from Manipur and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee, Arjun Awardee and Padamshree Dipka Karmakar on 28th February 2017. Dipka Karmakar made the whole country proud by performing Produnova Vault successfully in the Rio Olympic Games 2016 and clinched fourth place. Dipka Karmakar (Tripura) is only the gymnast in the country who is decorated with maximum sporting and 4th highest civilian awards for her splendid performance in all the International Tournaments i. e. Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cups, Asian Games, Asian Championships, SAARC Championship and Commonwealth Games.



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Odisha State Gymnastics Championship was held at Puri Indoor Stadium Puri (Odisha) on 11th & 12th March 2017.

WEST BENGAL SPORTS AWARDS 2017



After a hard work of many decades, Sports and Youth Affairs Department Government of West Bengal recognized their metal of performances. Sports Loving Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee felicitated outstanding sporting personalities and legends with Lifetime Achievement, "Banglar Gaurav", "Krira Guru" and "Khel Samman", awards for 40 sportspersons in different sports disciplines in a glittering function at the Netaji Indoor Stadium Kolkata on 20th February 2017. Dipa Karmakar, who made all of us proud with her stunning performance in the Rio Olympics 2016, was also present as a special guest with her coach Mr. B. S. Nandi along with other sporting legends namely Mr. Sayed Naimuddin (Olympian Football), Mr. Akhtar Ali (Tennis), Mr. Naresh Kumar (Tennis), Mr. Gurbax Singh (Olympian Hockey), Mr. Samar Banerjee, Mr. Chunni Goswami (both Olympians Football) and many distinguished guests on the Dias. Padamshree Dipa Karmakar received a special award for her outstanding performance in last year's Rio Olympics. Chief minister Mamata Banerjee said that although Dipa hails from Tripura, the gymnast can unhesitatingly approach the Bengal Government if she needs any help. Dipa's coach Bisheswar Nandi has been invited by the chief minister to set up a gymnastic academy in the state for many talented gymnasts in Kolkata and in the Northeast overall. Chief Minister felicitated Mr. Shambhu Nath Saha with prestigious Banglar Gaurav 2017 who was National Champion and represented India in IX Asian Games at New Delhi in 1982. Mr. Jainarayan Das hails from small village Singur of Hooghly District was bestowed with Krira Guru Award 2017 for his contributions in field of gymnastics and one of the authority in Acrobatic Gymnastics. Mr. Jainarayan Das was the coach of Indian Acrobatic Gymnastics team who participated in the FIG World Cup Coimbra Portugal in October 2004 and ranked fourth. Mr. Das also produced one of the best gymnast late Jyotsna Das who also represented India in IX Asian Games at New Delhi in 1982. Ms. Pranati Das and Ms. Payal Bhattacharya were also conferred with the Khel Samman Award 2017 for their splendid performances in the XX Commonwealth Games Glasgow Scotland 2014, XVII Asian Games Incheon Korea 2014, 45th World Championships Nanning China 2014, Invitational Commonwealth Gymnastics Championship Perthshire Scotland 2014 and 6th Senior Asian Gymnastics Championship Hiroshima Japan 2015. Ms. Pranati Das and Ms. Payal Bhattacharya could achieve these prestigious awards because of the hard work and dedicated training of their coach Mr. J. P Chakraborty SAI Gymnastics Coach (Now Retired). Presently, Ms. Pranati Das and Ms. Payal Bhattacharya are attending the National Coaching Camp at IG Stadium New Delhi from 14th February to 14th March 2017 along with their coach Mr. Joy Prakash Chakraborty.

ART: NATIONAL COACHING CAMPS FOR MEN & WOMEN, NEW DELHI 2017

National Coaching Camp was conducted at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium New Delhi by Sports Authority of India for Men & Women in Artistic Gymnastics from 14th February to 14th March 2017 for 17 MAG, 8 WAG, and 7 Indian Coaches in preparation of 7th Senior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championship to be held at Thailand from 16-21st May 2017 and other



international competitions scheduled in 2017 vide administrative sanction 192/2016 dated 7.2.2017. These gymnasts are selected on the basis of the selection trial held IG Stadium New Delhi on 27th November 2016, All India Police Games held at Kolkata from 3-5th January 2017 and All India Inter Railway held at Ujjain from 19-21st January 2017. 9 from SSCB, 4 from Railways, 1 each from Rajasthan, CISF, BSF and CRPF in MAG while 3 each from Railways and West Bengal and 1 each from Tripura and Maharashtra in WAG. The above camp is further extended till 19th May 2017 vide administrative sanction 215/2016 dated 24th March 2017.

SN	VENUE	DISCIPLINE	GYMNASTS	NAME OF THE COACHES
01	IG Indoor Stadium, New Delhi	MAG (17)	Rakesh Patra, Ashish Kr, Yogeshwar, Dhan Bahadur, Arik Dey, Someshwar, Chandan Pathak, Abhijit Kr, Abhilekh, Anand Pathare, Md. Bobby, Mayank, Anuj Rathi, Nikhil Bhatt, Partho, Sunder & Pratip Das	Dr. G. S. Bawa I/C Coach Mr. Partho Banerjee Mr. Ashwani Samantray Mr. Manoj Rana
02	IG Indoor Stadium, New Delhi	WAG (8)	Dipa Karmakar, Dwija Asher , Pranati Das, Pranati Nayak, Payal, Swastika Ganguli, Mandira and Sushmita Halder	Mr. B. S. Nandi Mr. JP Chakraborty Ms. Meenara Begum

10TH WORLD GAMES 2017 AT WROCLAW, POLAND



The World Games 2017, the multi sports event will be held at Wroclaw City in Poland for the first time from 20-30th July 2017, comprising 27 sports disciplines i. e. Orienteering, Boules, Fist ball, Ju-jitsu, Canoe polo, Karate, Korfball, Bowling, Lacrosse, Flying disc, Archery, Muaythai, Water Ski and Wakeboard, Beach Handball, Fin Swimming, Tug of War, Lifesaving, Billiards (carom, snooker, pool), Sport Gymnastics (sport aerobic, trampoline jumping, tumbling), Air sports (parachuting, para motoring, acrobatics), Roller sports (track sprints, street sprints, figure skating), Squash, Sumo, Dance sport, Powerlifting, Football and Sport climbing and 4 Invitational Sports Disciplines such as Speedway, American football, Kick Boxing and Indoor rowing. 10th World Games 2017 at Wroclaw will also be organized in partner cities of Trzebnica, Świdnica and Jelcz-Laskowice. World Games 2017 in Poland returned to Europe after 2005 World Games at Duisburg, Germany. World Games are organized every four years in the year immediately following the Olympics. The 1st World Games were held at Santa Clara, California in 1981 followed by London, UK in 1985, Karlsruhe, West Germany in 1989, The Hague, Holland in 1993, Lahti, Finland in 1997, Akita, Japan in 2001, Duisburg, Germany in 2005, Kaohsiung, China in 2009 and recently at Cali, Columbia in 2013.

THE TIMES OF INDIA SPORTS AWARD-2017 (TOISA)



The Times of India Sports Award is the tribute to Indian sports persons. This award is the endeavor to honor the past, celebrate the present and nurture the future in Indian sports. The Times of India celebrates the

journey of Indian Sports Heroes with Mahindra Scorpio Times of India Sports Award which was held at JW Marriot Mumbai on March 20, 2017. In 2016, the Indian woman athlete dominated like perhaps never before. PV Sindhu and Sakshi Malik's medals at the Rio Olympics; the heart-winning Dipa Karmakar's near-miss at the same Games; Deepa Malik's awe-inspiring silver at the Paralympics; the unheralded Aditi Ashok's breakthrough season in women's golf; and Sania Mirza remaining No 1 in the WTA doubles rankings for 84 consecutive weeks - truly, it was these six women who put the Indian sport in the limelight. Dipa Karmakar, the queen of hearts at her maiden Olympics - in which she became India's first gymnast at the Summer Games in 52 years - the 22-year-old qualified for the table vault final and finished fourth in the vault final with a score of 15.006 - well past her previous best - and missed a bronze medal by just 0.150 points. Dipa was at third place after her second attempt at the Produnova but slipped to fourth after the final contestant, American Simone Biles, put in an outstanding performance to win gold with a score of 15.966. Soon after she returned to India, Dipa was awarded the Khel Ratna and her coach Bishweshwar Nandi the Dronacharya Award. Nadia Comaneci the Romanian great, who clinched as many as nine Olympic medals, including five gold, in a fabled career and scored 10 out of 10 in the 1976 Montreal Olympics, was the Chief Mentor of TOISA Awards 2017. Nadia presented the Inspiration of the Year Award to Dipa Karmakar for her fabulous performance at Rio Olympics, while the unsung Nandi is the man responsible for the emergence of Dipa Karmakar, was also awarded as Best Coach of the year in Gymnastics. The following sports persons are the winners of the TOISA Awards 2017 as mentioned below in different categories of awards.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

P. V. Sindhu (Badminton), Sania Mirza (Tennis), Atanu Das (Archery), Lalita Babar (Athletics), Pankaj Advani (Billiards), Vikas Krishan (Boxing), Harika Dronavalli (Chess), Jeje Lalpekhlu (Football), Anirban Lahiri (Golf)

INSPIRATION OF THE YEAR

Dipa Karmakar (Gymnastics), hockey, Rupinder Pal Singh Rag-flick and India's Drag-flick specialist, Ajay Thakur (Kabaddi), R. Ashwin (Cricket), Dattu Bhokanal (Rowing), Abhinav Bindra (shooting), Dipika Pallikal Karthik (squash), Sakshi Malik 9 wrestling)

EMERGING PLAYER / COACH

Aditi Ashok (Golf), P. Gopichand (Mentor) and Bishweshwar Nandi (Mentor), Paralympians: Javelin Thrower Devendra Jhajharia, Shot Putter Deepa Malik, High Jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu and Varun Bhati.

TOISA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



AJIT PAL SINGH, who has the distinction of being the only Indian captain to lift the World Cup, is a part of that rich legacy of Indian sport. Ajit Pal Singh represented the country in three Olympics from 1968 through 1976, winning bronze medals in his first two Games. He was often selected for the Asian XI and World XI and was considered the world's best centre half of his times. In an international career of nearly 11 years, he was often selected for the Asian XI and World XI and was considered the world's best centre half of his times. After his playing career ended in 1980, Singh assumed various roles as selector, observer and coach and for his outstanding contribution to Indian hockey, he was conferred the Arjun Award in 1970 and the Padma Shri in 1992.

RG: SAVITRI SAMMAN AWARD 2017

Ms. Varsha Upadhye Premier Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy (PRGA) is awarded SAVITRI SAMMAN AWARD



2017 for her valuable contributions in the field of Rhythmic Gymnastics in the State of Maharashtra from last 15 years and as a whole in the country. The Award was presented by Maharashtra 1 News Channel at Freedom Fighter Veer Savarkar Hall, Dadar Mumbai on 6th March 2017 on account of Women's Day. Prestigious Savitri Samman Award was instituted in 2016 for the first time for the work done by women in different fields. Ms. Varsha Upadhye has produced many National Champions and International Gymnasts in Rhythmic Gymnastics (All Age Groups) who represented the country in the International Circuit like World RG Championships, World Cups, Junior & Senior Asian Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, and Commonwealth Games etc. MAGA feels proud and congratulate you for the grand achievements and to add another feather in your cap. Savitribai was the first female teacher of the first women's school in India and opened a school for Untouchable girls in 1852.

Savitribai had taken women's education and their liberation from the cultural patterns of the male-dominated society as mission of her life. She worked towards tackling some of the then major social problems including women's liberation, widow remarriages and removal of untouchability. She worked very hard to abolish discrimination and unfair treatment of people based on caste, religion and gender. Savitri Samman Award is dedicated to Savitribai Jyotibharao Phule to strengthen the Indian Women of today.

AERO: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN AEROBIC GYMNASTICS MUMBAI 2017

Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) and Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) jointly conducted FIG International Judges Course in Aerobic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) at Hotel Orchid Andheri, Mumbai from 3-9th March 2017 which was attended by 28 delegates from China, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Cambodia, Iran, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam and 10 delegates i. e. Dr. Makrand Joshi, Mr. Y. Ranjan Singh, Mr. Vivek Deshpande, Mr. Siddharth Kadam, Ms. Neel Kamal Sharma, Mr. Samrat Paul, Mr. Vipul Sharma, Mr. Anoop Gurung, Mr. Ameya Joshi and Mr. Sunil Chhetri from India. The course was conducted by President FIG Technical Committee Aerobic Gymnastics Ms. Mireille Ganzin (France), Mr. Chris (UK) and President Asian Technical Committee Ms. Yagi Kitagawa Tammy (Japan) in theory and practical in Aerobic Gymnastics. The examinations were held in theory as well as practical examinations in Difficulty, Execution, Artistry and Chair of Judges Panel separately. Gymnastics Federation of India's President Mr. Sudhakar Shetty, Vice-president Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala, Mr. Ranjit Vasava Secretary and MAGA's President Mr. Sanjay Shete wish the participants all the best for their success.



Dr. Makrand Joshi, Mr. Y. Ranjan Singh, Mr. Vivek Deshpande, Mr. Siddharth Kadam, Mr. Anoop Gurung, Mr. Ameya Joshi and Mr. Sunil Chhetri returned with Cat-IV valid till 2020.

ART: NATIONAL COACHING CAMPS FOR JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS, NEW DELHI 2017

National Coaching Camp

(Extended) is in progress at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium New Delhi by Sports Authority of India for Men & Women in Artistic Gymnastics from 25th March to 19th May 2017 for 8 Junior Boys, 13 Junior Girls and 4 Indian Coaches in preparation of 14th Junior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championship to be held at Thailand from 16-21st May 2017 and other



international competitions scheduled in 2017 vide administrative sanction 215/2016 dated 24th March 2017, which is jointly organized with the Senior National Coaching Camp extended till 19th May 2017. In addition to the camp, there will be open selection trials at IG Stadium New Delhi on 17 & 18th April 2017 to select the Junior & Senior Gymnastics Teams for participation in the Jr. and Sr. Asian Gymnastics Championships vide administrative sanction 214/2016 dated 23rd March 2017.

SN	VENUE	DISCIPLINE	GYMNASTS	NAME OF THE COACHES
01	IG Indoor Stadium, New Delhi	MAG (0)	Gaurav Kumar, Deepak Rawat, Abhishek Singha, Agnivesh Pandey, Di Roy Chaudhary, Aryan Sharma, Bhaskar Das, Md. Raffey	Mr. Arvind Yadav Mr. Praveen Sharma
02	IG Indoor Stadium, New Delhi	WAG (13)	Vedaihi Dewoolkar, Purva Kirve, Ashmita Paul, Mukta Joshi, Bidisha Gayen, Srishti Manchanda, Protishtha Samanta, Preeti Sen, Priyanka, Debolina Gope, Rama Sane, Mallika Kulshreshtha, Pooja Chaudhary	Dr. Kalpana Debnath Mr. M. Babhulkar

RG: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES' COURSES IN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS



Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation conducted First FIG International Judges' Course in Rhythmic Gymnastics in Baku from January 26-30, 2017 which was attended by 58 judges from 17 countries including Akshata Shete, Sadichcha Kulkarni and Kshipra Joshi from India. FIG representative Younis Lebre addressed the gathering and welcomed the participants and also wished success to judges. Noha Abushabana Vice President of FIG Technical Committee told that we are starting to prepare a new generation of judges for the entire cycle of the 2020 Olympics and want to make sure that the judges have sufficient skills, knowledge and understanding of the new set of rules, as significant changes have been made in favour of the gymnasts. Sadichcha Kulkarni and Kshipra Joshi from India successfully secured the FIG Brevet in Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual (RGI) in Cat-IV while Akshata Shete clinched double FIG Brevet in Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual (RGI) and Rhythmic Gymnastics Group (RGG) in Cat-III and Cat-IV respectively.

ART: DIPA KARMAKAR UNDERGOES KNEE SURGERY

Star Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar, who recently got injured during practice, underwent an Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) surgery in Mumbai on 2nd April 2017 and will not be able to participate in 7th



Senior Asian Gymnastics Championship to be held at Thailand scheduled from May 18. The 23-year-old is reportedly being attended by renowned Dr. Anant Joshi, who has treated Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar in the past. She had first come into the spotlight after winning a bronze medal at the 2014 CWG in Glasgow. Recently, she is awarded **Padma Shri** one of the highest civilian awards of the country.

ACRO: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS MUMBAI 2017

Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) and Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) jointly will conduct FIG International Judges Course in Acrobatic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) at Mumbai from 3-8th April 2017.

Stay Positive In A Negative Situation

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