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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

## KIYG: 3<sup>rd</sup> KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES AT GUWAHATI 2020

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2020 got a grand start on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 evening as a colourful cultural opening ceremony enthralled over 25,000 spectators at Indira Gandhi Stadium Guwahati apart from millions other television viewers which were continued till 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. As many as 6,800 athletes from 37 states and union Territories celebrated the spirit of one India who will compete across 20 sports disciplines. Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijju along with Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the Games at the glitz-filled opening ceremony. The event was marked by wholesome entertainment and a high-tech laser show. The audience was left stunned by the innovativeness and creativity during the opening ceremony which was added the impressive full moon appearing overhead a special touch to the memorable opening ceremony evening. A dual celebration for Sprint Queen Hima Das as Government of Assam named her as Torch bearer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Khelo India Youth Games 2020



who turned 20 years on 9<sup>th</sup> January just one before the opening of the games. In an outstanding show of solidarity, athletes from the Seven North-Eastern States joined Ace Champion Athlete of Assam Hima Das in the final torch relay who then lit the symbolic Games flame to declare the games open. Each and every segment was scrupulously planned on the theme 'Unity in Diversity'. The Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions were started on 9<sup>th</sup> January at Bhogeshwari Phuknani Indoor stadium Dispur Assam and came to a rousing end in the Khelo India Youth Games on 14<sup>th</sup> January





2020 with Maharashtra barely pipping Uttar Pradesh in the final stretch and taking the mantle of champions in the sport. Led by Maharashtra elastic girls, 14-year-old Asmi Badade (4 gold, 1 silver) and 20-year-old Aditee Dandekar (3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze), the state scooped up 41 medals out of the 62 on offer, including 10 gold, 12 silver and 19 bronze medals to outclass the field. In a clear show of ascendancy over the last four days, Maharashtra's gymnasts sparkled in all four categories, taking 5 gold in the U/17 Girls, 1 in the U/17 Boys, 3 in the U/21 Girls and 1 in the U/21 Boys. Uttar Pradesh made an impressive charge on the final day but had to settle for 8 gold and the second position; they obviously lacked in depth, managing only 4 silver and 6 bronze in the overall tally. Fourteen-year-old Jatin Kanojia (Boys U/17) was their standout performer, with four gold and one silver. Tripura's Priyanka Dasgupta was a one-woman army, winning the state's all 4 gold medals that gave them the third position on the table. Delhi (3G, 2S, 3B), Jammu & Kashmir (2G, 3S), West Bengal (2G, 2S, and 1B) and Karnataka (2G, 1S) were the other top performers in the competition. Hosts Assam too did well, bringing home two silver and one bronze. On the final day, Aditee Dandekar did the star turn for Maharashtra, adding one gold each in Hoop and Clubs; she got one silver in Ball and one bronze in Ribbon too to push her state past UP. She had won the Rhythmic Individual All-around gold too, to underline her supremacy in the Girls U/21 category. Maharashtra's Shreyas Chaudhary (1 gold), Ananya Aniruddha (1 silver, 1 bronze), Richa Sagar Chordia (2 bronze), Omkar Shinde (1 bronze) were also among the medals. Maharashtra participated in 19 games and sports out of 20 and remain on the top of the overall medal tally with 256 medals i. e. 78 G-77 S-101 B leaving Haryana far behind with 200 medals i. e. 68 G- 60 S- 72 B and



became  
consecutively  
2<sup>nd</sup> time overall

Champion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Khelo India Youth Games held at Guwahati Assam in 2020.



**Detailed results are as under**  
**Boys under 17 Years Artistic Gymnastics**

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Ind	Jatin Kr Kanojia-UP-68.90	Tushar Kalyan-DEL-67.50	Saref-UP-66.95
FX	Jatin Kr Kanojia-UP-12.50	Dhruv Bhatia-GUJ-12.50	Megh Roy-MH-11.70
PH	Manas Mankavale-MH-10.65	Jatin Kr Kanojia-UP-10.55	Harikrishan JS-KER-10.35
RR	Tushar Kalyan-DEL-11.30	Deepak Saini-RAJ-11.20	Jatin Kr Kanojia-UP-11.10
Vault	Jagdish Barik-ORI-12.00	Megh Roy-MH-11.40	Eer-DEL-11.25
PB	Jatin Kr Kanojia-UP-12.30	Omkar Dhanawade-MH-11.25	Aryan Nahate-MH-11.15
HB	Jatin Kr Kanojia-UP-11.50	Jagdish Barik-ORI-11.45	Mangesh Kumar-UP-11.25

**Girls under 17 Years Artistic Gymnastics**

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Ind	Priyanka Dasgupta-TRI-42.60	Siddhi Hattekar-MH-41.90	P Surabhi Prasanna-TEL-39.85
Vault	Priyanka Dasgupta-TRI-12.83	P Surabhi Prasanna-TEL-12.00	Siddhi Hattekar-MH-12.00
UB	Paridhi Jain-DEL-8.85	Tamanna Sharma-PUN-8.15	Saloni Dadarkar-MH-8.05
BB	Priyanka Dasgupta-TRI-11.25	P Surabhi Prasanna-TEL-10.90	Eshitaa Rewale-MH-10.90
FX	Priyanka Dasgupta-TRI-10.35	Sneha Barai-WB-9.10	Sanika Attarde-MH-9.05

**Girls under 17 Years Rhythmic Gymnastics**

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Ind	Asmi Bodade-MH-43.80	Shreya Bhangale-MH-40.80	Upasa Talukdar-ASM-34.25
Rope	Asmi Bodade-MH-12.10	Shreya Bhangale-MH-11.10	Upasa Talukdar-ASM-8.50
Ball	Asmi Bodade-MH-14.10	Upasa Talukdar-ASM-12.50	Shreya Bhangale-MH-12.35
Clubs	Shreya Bhangale-MH-13.00	Asmi Bodade-MH-12.95	Nitya Jain-DEL-8.15
Ribbon	Asmi Bodade-MH-12.05	Maitreyi Selukar-MH-9.80	Suranjana Pandit-WB-8.65

**Boys under 21 Years Artistic Gymnastics**

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Ind	Gaurav Kumar-UP-72.30	Omkar Shinde-MH-68.70	Ankur Sharma-UP-67.55
FX	Amruth Mudrabet-Kar-12.45	Gaurav Kumar-UP-12.15	Anas Ali Shaikh-MH-12.10
PH	Ganesh Aryal-Har-12.00	Omkar Shinde-MH-11.00	Aryan Sharma-Pun-10.95
RR	Swatish-Ker-12.35	Sandeep Pal-UP-11.95	P. Suryadev-Tel-11.70
Vault	Ankur Sharma-UP-12.80	Samudra Das-ASM-12.20	Anas Ali Shaikh-MH-12.00
PB	Gaurav Kumar-UP-12.35	Sahil Yadav-Har-11.30	Raj Yadav-UP-11.20
HB	Shreeyas Chaudhary-MH-12.15	Gaurav Kumar-UP-11.95	Omkar Shinde-MH-11.75

**Girls under 21 Years Artistic Gymnastics**

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Ind	Ritu Das-WB-44.10	Srishti Manchanda-Del-42.40	Vaidehi Dewoolkar-MH-41.40
Vault	Sri Varshinee-KAR-12.025	Ritu Das-WB-11.725	Srishti Manchanda-DEL-11.35
UB	Ritu Das-WB-10.30	Vaidehi Dewoolkar-MH-8.25	Purva Kirve-MH-8.10
BB	KM Karishma-UP-10.10	Srishti Manchanda-DEL-10.00	Anushka Pawar-MH-9.85
FX	Srishti Manchanda-DEL-11.90	Sri Varshinee-KAR-10.30	KM Karishma-UP-10.30



## Girls under 21 Years Rhythmic Gymnastics

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Ind	Aditee Dandekar-MH-52.95	Bavleen Kaur-J & K-50.45	Richa Chordia-MH-47.00
Hoop	Aditee Dandekar-MH-14.30	Bavleen Kaur-J & K-14.25	Richa Chordia-MH-13.70
Ball	Bavleen Kaur-J & K-14.95	Aditee Dandekar-MH-13.25	Richa Chordia-MH-13.10
Clubs	Aditee Dandekar-MH-15.15	Bavleen Kaur-J & K-15.05	Ananya Anirudda-MH-12.70
Ribbon	Bavleen Kaur-J & K-14.45	Ananya Anirudda-MH-11.65	Aditee Dandekar-MH-11.65

## ART: 54<sup>th</sup> JR & SR STATE ART GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP AT DOMBIVALI

*Gymnastics Association Thane, Shravan Sports Academy and Bhoir Gymkhana jointly organized 54<sup>th</sup> Junior & Senior Maharashtra State Artistic Gymnastics Championship at Shravan Sports Indoor Stadium Dombivali on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 under the aegis of both the factions of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) after a gap of five years for the betterment of state gymnasts. The championship was organized in a very much organized way with cooperation by the officials of both the factions of MAGA.*

*186 gymnast's i. e. MAG (SR)-48, MAG (JR)-52, WAG (SR)-40 and WAG (JR)-46, 20 coaches, 10 managers and 40 volunteers participated from Akola, Aurangabad, Amravati, Hingoli, Krida Prabodhini, Latur, Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Nashik, Nanded, Pune, Pimpri & Chinchwad, Parbhani, Sports Authority of India, Thane, Wardha and Washim. The championship started with junior girls followed by junior Boys in the morning session while senior girls and*

*senior boys competition was held in the afternoon session in presence of Mr. Sanjay Shete, Mr. Uttam Latpate, Dr. Makrand Joshi, Adv. Shankarsan Joshi, Mr. Pawan Bhoir, Dr. Sagar Kulkarni, Mr. R. N. Mangla, Mr. Pravin Dhage, Mr.*

*Jagdish Shirke, Mr. Deepak Shinde, Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre, Mr. M. Chemburkar, Ms. Savita Marathe, Mr. Ajit Shinde, Mr. Mandar Mhatre, Mr. Deepak Surve and many more officials. The*



championship was a grand success with the cooperation and support of each and every one



who were involved directly or indirectly. The medals were awarded to the winners by guests present during the closing ceremony. Selected teams for Junior will take part in the 55<sup>th</sup> Junior National Championship at Prayagraj from 29-31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 while seniors will participate in 55<sup>th</sup> Sr. National Gymnastics Championship at Hyderabad from 28-31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Pawan Bhoir Treasurer MAGA.

#### Boys Junior under 17 Years Artistic Gymnastics

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Team	Thane-315.80	Mumbai City-305.73	Krida Prabodhini-285.10
Ind	Manesh Gadhav-Thane-65.10	Harsh Dhumale-KP-64.75	Chaitanya Des-M City-64.68
FX	Harsh Dhumale-KP-11.45	Omkar Dhanawad-KP-11.45	Megh Roy-M Sub-11.40
PH	Manesh Gadhav-Thane-10.55	Harsh Dhumale-KP-9.80	Atharva Temkar-Thane-9.75
RR	Chaitanya Des-M City-11.28	Himanshu M-Thane-11.10	Megh Roy-M Sub-11.00
Vault	Harsh Dhumale-KP-11.88	Omkar Dhanawad-KP-11.40	Shreyas Mandlik-Thane-11.15
PB	Prasad Sangale-Nashik-11.65	Parth Ghugare-KP-11.60	Atharva Temkar-Thane-11.6
HB	Shreeyas Phaltan-Pune-10.45	Manesh Gadhav-Thane/ Chaitanya Des-M City-10.4	X

#### Girls' Junior under 15 Years Artistic Gymnastics

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Team	Thane-192.75	Mumbai Suburb-187.15	Mumbai City-181.15
Ind	Soham Naik-Thane-40.40	Sanika Attarde-Thane-39.65	Saloni Dadarkar-M Sub-39.35
Vault	Vedangi Khaire-M City-12.1	Riya Kelkar-Pune-11.80	Sanika Attarde-Thane-11.40
UB	Srushti Bhavsar-Thane-8.25	Abha Parab-M Sub-8.15	Soham Naik-Thane-8.10
BB	Chaira Albert-M City-10.25	Abha Parab-M Sub-10.10	Yashika Poojary-M Sub-10.00
FX	Sanika Attarde-Thane-11.0	Srushti Bhavsar-Thane-10.60	Riya Kelkar-Pune-10.30

#### Boys Seniors Artistic Gymnastics

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Team	Mumbai City-307.40	Thane-298.75	Mumbai Suburb-284.95
Ind	Omkar Shine-Thane-68.75	Shreyas Chaudhary-Thane-65.95	Phulchand Karad-Latur-65.1
FX	Anas Ali Shaikh-M Sub-11.75	Phulchand Karad-Latur-11.50	Omkar Shine-Thane-10.85
PH	Omkar Shine-Thane-11.80	Phulchand Karad-Latur-11.40	Sarthak Sankhla-Nashik-10.65
RR	Danish Shaikh-M City-11.65	Shreyas Chaudhary-Thane-11.60	Ganesh Navale-KP-11.40
Vault	Anas Ali Shaikh-M Sub-12.1	Ganesh Navale-KP-11.60	Rushikesh Lukar-P/C-11.50
PB	Omkar Shine-Thane-12.45	Ganesh Navale-KP-11.80	Ajay Pagare-SAI-11.65
HB	Shreyas Chaudh-Thane-11.35	Omkar Shine-Thane-10.70	Ganesh Navale-KP-10.40



### Girls Seniors Artistic Gymnastics

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Team	Mumbai Suburb-190.55	Thane-169.05	Krida Prabodhini-126.35
Ind	Shradha Talekar-KP-42.55	Siddhi Hattekar-SAI-40.85	Vaidehi Dewoolkar-M Sub-40.10
Vault	Shradha Talekar-KP-11.85	Vaidehi Dewoolkar-M Sub-11.82	Eshita Rewale-M Sub-11.72
UB	Shradha Talekar-KP-9.50	Purva Kirve-Thane-8.50	Siddhi Hattekar-SAI-8.25
BB	Siddhi Hattekar-SAI-10.90	Riddhi Hattekar-SAI-10.90	Shradha Talekar-KP-10.75
FX	Siddhi Hattekar-SAI-10.70	Riddhi Hattekar-SAI-10.65	Purva Kirve-Thane-10.20

### AGU: DR. MAKARAND JOSHI ATTENDED AGU TC MEETING AT DOHA

Dr. Makrand Joshi Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee & FIG International Judge attended the Technical Committee meeting of Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU) at Hotel Westin Doha Qatar on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 along with Mr. Deepak Kabra in MAG, Ms. Akshata Shete in RG, Mr. N. Shashi in Gymnastics for all and Mr. Sumith in Acrobatic Gymnastics. The meeting was very useful and the discussion held regarding promotion of all disciplines of Gymnastics across Asian Countries. Mr. Sudhir Mital President Gymnastics Federation of India also attended the Technical Committee meeting which was conducted separately for all the gymnastics disciplines. Dr. Makrand Joshi is appointed as Secretary Technical Committee of Asian Aerobic Gymnastics.



### KIYG: STATE SPORTS MINISTER VISITED KIYG COACHING CAMP AT PUNE

Directorate of Sports & Youth Services Maharashtra State conducted a 10 day coaching camp at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Pune from 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for 19 games and sports out of 20 KIYG 2020 including gymnastics to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Khelo India Youth Games held at Guwahati Assam from 9-22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. Ms. Aditi Tatkare State Sports Minister visited the gymnastics camp at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Pune on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to see the progress of the performance before the departure of the team to Guwahati. The Maharashtra Sports Minister was welcomed by Commissioner Directorate of Sports & Youth Services Maharashtra State and Coaches. She personally met all the gymnasts and coaches and congratulations for the successful performance in the games.



## KIYG: UNION SPORTS MINISTER VISITED SAI EASTERN CENTRE KOLKATA

Union Sports Minister Shri Kiran Rijju had a short visit to Sports Authority of India Eastern Centre at Kolkata on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. He was welcomed by Dr. R. K. Pathania SAI Gymnastics Coach on behalf of the coaches and sports persons on his arrival at the centre. He had the discussion with authorities regarding the available sports facilities at the centre and met all the coaches and athletes of the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE). Later, he addressed all the sports persons, coaches and administrators in the seminar hall and briefly explained about the latest schemes by which sports persons can be benefitted.



## 87<sup>th</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF LATE DALIP SINGH CELEBRATED AGARTALA



*Gymnastics Fraternity of Tripura* celebrated 86<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Father of Gymnastics of Tripura Late Dalip Singh at NSRCC centre Agartala on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, which was joined by his yester-years gymnastics disciples, Mrs. Sarda Singh daughter of Late Dalip Singh, Officials of Tripura Gymnastics Association Mr. Rajib Bhattacharya, Mr. Kamal Saha, Mr. Saraju Chakraborty, Mr. Manik Saha and many other government and other dignitaries to pay their tributes to this great Gymnastics Coach who was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1934 at Village Bewal, Dist. Mahendergarh in the state of Haryana. He joined Indian Army and represented services gymnastics team in the 9<sup>th</sup> National Gymnastics Championships at Jhansi in 1963 and secured All-around Individual Championship. Late Dalip Singh also represented India under cultural exchange programme in Indo-USSR gymnastics meet held at Patiala, Delhi & Kolkata in 1961 and in Tashkent in USSR in 1962 and later appointed as a coach of B. S. Nandi in VIII Asian Games at Bangkok, Thailand in 1978. He passed the 1<sup>st</sup> Adhoc Course in Gymnastics with distinction from National Institute of Sports Patiala in 1961 along with the top gymnasts of India of 1960's. He joined National Institute of India as a coach and was posted at Tripura in 1964. Late Dalip Singh was the founder of Tripura Gymnastics Association in 1964 with its first President Shri Manik Ganguli. He is the man who introduced gymnastics in Tripura and brought the sports revolution by making gymnastics as priority sports. Later, he left NIS and then joined as Chief Coach of Tripura under Directorate of Education, Government of Tripura and worked untiringly for the upliftment and promotion of gymnastics in the state of Tripura till 1987. Late Dalip Singh was elected as General Secretary of Gymnastics Federation of India in 1976 and continued till 1980. He produced unlimited legendary gymnasts from Tripura such as Bharat Kishore Debburman, Radha Raman Das,





Nitya Nand Dey, Mantu Debnath, B. S. Nandi, Kalpana Debnath, Debu Dham Chaudhary, Ratan Debnath, Balram Shil, Madhusudan Saha, Tapas Deb, Bijin Saha, Lopa Mudra Ghosh, Soma Nandi, Niyati Debnath, Monika Debnath, Kalyani Saha, Kaberi Debburman, Rathindra Roy, Gaurang Paul, Sanjit Das with his utmost efforts & dedication throughout his life who represented India in World Championships, Asian Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and winners of India's highest Sports Award "Arjun" in different years. Later, his disciple B. S. Nandi was honored with Dronacharya Award and Padma Shri Dr. Dipa Karmakar Olympian with Arjun Award and Rajib Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Tripura is only such a tiny state which is known for gymnastics who produced 3 Arjun Awardees, 1 Dronacharya Awardee and 1 Rajib Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee. Late Dalip Singh is known as Father of Gymnastics in Tripura who worked for the development of Gymnastics in the State of Tripura from 1964 to 1987. He left for his heavenly abode on 16<sup>th</sup> October 1987 at Agartala, Tripura. He will be forever remaining as a guiding light to the Indian Gymnastics community as well as to Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI).

### ART: SECRETARY GFI INAUGURATED DOUBLE FLEX AT KOLKATA

Dr. Shanti Kumar Singh Secretary General Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) was welcomed by Mr. JP Chakraborty by presenting the flower bouquet on behalf of the Sarathi club and then Dr. Shanti Kumar Singh inaugurated 12 X 12 M Double Flex floor arena at Uttarpara Sarathi Club District Howrah West Bengal during 70<sup>th</sup> Senior West Bengal State Artistic Gymnastics Championship (Men & Women) on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 by lighting the sacred lamp in presence of Mr. Dilip Banerjee Vice President West Bengal Gymnastics Association, Mr. Pranob Bose Secretary West Bengal Gymnastics Association, Mr. Ramanuj Mukherjee President Bengal Olympic Association (BOA), Mr. Ananat Bhattacharya President Sarathi Club Howrah, Mr. Sankar Das Chaudhary Secretary Hooghly Gymnastics Association, Mr. Joy Prakash Chakraborty, Officials of Sarathi Club and hundreds of gymnasts across West Bengal State. West Bengal Senior Men's & Women's Gymnastics teams were selected from the above state championship to participate in the 56<sup>th</sup> Senior National Artistic Gymnastics Championship to be held at Hyderabad Telangana from 27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.





ART: 55<sup>th</sup> JR. NATIONAL ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP AT PRAYAGRAJ

Uttar Pradesh Gymnastics Association organized 55<sup>th</sup> Junior National Artistic Gymnastics Championship at Khelgaon Public School Prayagraj from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India. Approximately 239 gymnasts (126 MAG & 113 WAG), 50 coaches, 25 managers and 60 technical official from 24 affiliated state unit's i. e. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujrat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Tripura, Tamilnadu, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal participated in the captioned championship. The championship was supposed to be inaugurated by Honorable Deputy Chief Minister Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya but due to unavoidable reasons honorable Deputy CM could not come and the championship was then inaugurated by Dr. Shanti Kumar Singh Secretary General Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 by lighting the sacred lamp in presence of Dr. U. K. Mishra Organizing Chairman, Mr. Anil Mishra Organizing Secretary, Mr. R. C. Srivastava Director Khelgaon Public School, Mr. Deepak Kumar, Mr. M. Balraj, Mr. Pramod Kumar, Mr. R. N. Mangla, Mr. Rohit Jaiswal Competition Director, Mr. Devesh Kumar Competition Manager, Mr. Alok Ranjan Arena Manager, Mr. Mayank Srivastava Technical Head, Mr. Vivek Mishra, GFI Officials and Dr. Shanti Kumar Singh declared the championship open. The championship was began with all the ten apparatus for boys & girls with C-1







simultaneously. The presence of Mr. Mayank Srivastava in the competition was a great inspiration to all of us as well as to all the young budding gymnasts of the country. All the GFI council members from all the affiliated state units assembled at KPS Prayagraj on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 under the chairmanship of GFI President Mr. Sudhir Mital IAS, Dr. Shanti Kumar Singh General Secretary and Mr. Kaushik

Bidiwala Treasurer to discuss the future plans of development of gymnastics in the country and many other issues for the better future of the gymnasts. The above championship also witnessed the Birthday celebration of Dr. U. K. Mishra Chairman and Founder of the Khelgaon Public School Prayagraj on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 which is also known as Gymnastics Day. Maharashtra contingent of 14 junior gymnast's i. e. Manesh Gadhwe, Harsh Dhumale, Chaitanya Deshmukh, Himanshu Mhatre, Atharva Temkar, Shreyas Mandlik, Omkar Dhanawade in boys, Soham Naik, Sanika Attarde, Saloni Dadarkar, Vedangi Khaire, Shrushti Bhavsar, Riya Kelkar, and Abha Parab in girls participated in 55<sup>th</sup> Junior National Artistic Gymnastics Championship at Prayagraj with their Coaches Mr. M. Babhulkar and Mr. Nand Kishore Tawade and Mr. Mayur Kurhade as manager.



### Results Junior Boys (Maharashtra)

Name	FX	PH	RR	Vault	PB	HB	AA	Rank
1. Manesh Gadhwe	11.45	10.95	11.95	10.15	11.15	10.80	66.45	
2. Chaitanya Deshmukh	10.80	9.90	11.55	11.30	11.30	10.15	65.00	
3. Harsh Dhumale	11.30	10.20	10.80	11.35	11.10	10.15	64.90	
4. Shreyas Mandlik	11.30	10.70	11.30	10.60	11.35	9.50	64.75	
5. Atharva Temkar	10.40	10.40	10.45	10.90	11.35	10.70	64.20	
6. Himanshu Mhatre	10.25	10.15	11.20	-	11.55	10.65	53.80	
7. Omkar Dhanawade	-	-	-	12.30	-	-	12.30	
Team	55.30	52.40	56.80	56.50	56.70	52.50	330.10	2 <sup>nd</sup>



### Results Junior Girls (Maharashtra)

Name	Vault	UB	BB	FX	AA	Rank
1. Soham Naik	11.65	8.30	9.10	10.20	39.25	
2. Sanika Attarde	9.70	7.95	10.30	10.35	38.30	
3. Vedangi Khaire	11.40	7.75	8.50	9.85	37.50	
4. Saloni Dadarkar	11.60	8.00	7.95	9.25	36.80	
5. Shrushti Bhavsar	1.005	7.30	9.90	9.10	36.35	
6. Riya Kelkar	11.35	0.00	10.60	10.10	32.05	
7. Abha Parab	0.00	7.95	0.00	0.00	7.95	
Team	56.05	39.95	48.40	49.75	194.15	7 <sup>th</sup>

### Boys Junior under 17 Years Artistic Gymnastics

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Team	Uttar Pradesh-347.45	Maharashtra-330.10	West Bengal-318.70
Ind	Ankur Sharma-UP-69.60	Vishal P. Jadhav-Tel-67.25	Tushar Kalyan-Del-67.00
FX	Md. Rafey-UP-12.15	Ankur Sharma-UP-12.10	Tushar Kalyan-Del-11.55
PH	Hari Krishnan-Ker-11.85	Vishal P. Jadhav-Tel-11.55	Manesh Gadhve-MH-10.95
RR	Ankur Sharma-UP-11.90	Manesh Gadhve-MH-11.25	Pritam Adhikari-WB-11.05
Vault	Vishal P. Jadhav-Tel-12.25	Ankur Sharma-UP-11.98	Md. Rafey-UP-11.88
PB	Jatin Kr. Kanojia-UP-12.05	Himanshu Mhatre-MH-11.75	Rhythm Sharma-Del-11.65
HB	Jatin Kr. Kanojia-UP-11.60	Dipesh Lashtin-MP-11.60	Ankur Sharma-UP-11.20

### Girls' Junior under 15 Years Artistic Gymnastics

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Team	Maharashtra-194.15	West Bengal-189.05	Uttar Pradesh-184.25
Ind	Priyanka Dasgupta-Tri-41.65	P. Surabhi Prasanna-Tel-40.00	Sneha Barai-WB-39.35
Vault	Priyanka Dasgupta-Tri-12.4	Sukhnoor Preet Kaur-Pun-11.6	Vedangi Khaire-MH-11.55
UB	Tamanna Sharma-Pun-8.30	Soham Naik-Thane-8.25	Ayushi Sharma-UP-8.15
BB	Sneha Barai-WB-11.10	P. Surabhi Prasanna-Tel-11.0	Riya Kelkar-Pune-10.60
FX	Yashashwita Rawat-Del-11.05	Sukhnoor Preet Kaur-Pun-10.55	Soham Naik-Thane-10.30

### AERO: SELECTION TRIALS IN AEROBIC GYMNASTICS AT PRAYAGRAJ, UP



#### Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)

conducted open selection trials at Khelgaon Public School Prayagraj Uttar Pradesh on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 to select the Indian Aerobic

Gymnastics teams to participate in 9<sup>th</sup> FIG Aerobic Gymnastics World Age Group Championship at Baku, (AZE) from 8-10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 16<sup>th</sup> FIG Aerobic Gymnastics World Championship at Baku, (AZE) from 14-16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in all the categories. 70 gymnasts



from 9 state units i.e. SSCB, J & K, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, West Bengal, Gujarat, Goa and Maharashtra. The performances of the above gymnasts were evaluated by Expert Judges i.e. Mr. Sunil Chhetri, Mr. Y. Ranjan, Mr. Samrat Paul, Mr. Shashank Bidiwala, Mr. Vashu Bidiwala, Mr. Nilesh Joshi, Mr. Siddharth Kadam, Ms. Veena, Ms. Mini Chhabra and Mr. Harshad Kulkarni.

### ACRO: SELECTION TRIALS IN ACRO GYMNASTICS AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Gymnastics Association Kerala conducted open selection trials at LNCPE Thiruvanthapuram Kerala on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) to select the Indian Acrobatic Gymnastics teams to participate in 11<sup>th</sup> FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Age Group Championship at Geneva, Switzerland from 18-26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 27<sup>th</sup> FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championship (Senior) at Geneva, Switzerland from 29-31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 in all the categories. About 53 gymnasts from Maharashtra, Delhi, Haryana, Kerala, SSCB and Chandigarh participated in the above mentioned Acrobatic Gymnastics Trials. GFI deputed following judges for the smooth conduct of selection of Indian Acrobatic Gymnastics Teams for World Championships i.e. Palika



Krishnarjundu, Arti Chauhan, Nikita, Priyanka Parmar, Naveen Kumar, Madhulata, Akash Deep, Guru Prasad, Jithu VS, Anil Rajendran TR, Christopher Rajan N, Harsh T, Tensubam Singh, Sanjay Kave, Arup Das, Avijit Debnath, Biswrup Sarkar, Dr. Takdir Singh Kundu, Ashish Sawant, Pravin Shinde, Yogesh Pawar, Sanjay Hirode and Rahul Sasane. Mr. Sumith MR was the In-charge of the trials.

### SPORTS: MYAS ANNOUNCES MONTHLY PENSIONS FOR SPORTSPERSONS 2020



The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) is implementing "Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons" scheme who are Indian citizens and won medals in Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, World Championships, World Cups in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines and Paralympic Games are also eligible for the lifelong monthly pension after they attain the age of 30 years or retire from active sports, whichever is later. At present 627 Sportspersons are getting lifelong monthly pension ranging from 12,000/- to 20,000/- under the scheme. The Ministry is also implementing the "Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund (PDUNWFS) for Sportspersons, which caters to Sportspersons of yesteryears now living in indigent

conditions and for medical treatment of the Sportspersons. These schemes are equally applicable to disabled and physically impacted Sportspersons. This information was given by Shri Kiran Rijju



Minister for State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## AWARDS: SHRI SHIV CHHATRAPATI AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19

The Selection Committee of Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Awards 2018-19 had its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Mantralaya Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Honorable Sports Minister Shri Sunil Kedar which was attended by State Sports Minister Ms. Aditi Tatkare, Upper Chief Secretary School Education & Sports, Commissioner Sports & Youth Services



Maharashtra State Shri Om Prakash Bakoriya, Ms. Anjali Vedpathak Padmashree Awardee, Mr. Murlikant Petkar Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee, Shri Bala Saheb Landge President Maharashtra Olympic Association, Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA, Mr. Rajaram Ghag Representative Para Olympic Association and few other special guests to finalize the list of sportspersons for Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Awards 2018-19 as well as medal winners of 3<sup>rd</sup> Khelo India 2020. In the meeting, President MAGA also placed the plan for the development of gymnastics in the state which



includes the provision of imported equipment, services of foreign coaches, international competition exposure and coaching camps to improve their performance. Later, Maharashtra Sports Minister Shri Sunil Kedar announced the names of 48 sportspersons i. e. (23 sportsmen and 25 sportswomen), and 5 Best Coaches in different sports disciplines for Shiv Chhatrapati State

Sports Awards, Mr. Pandharinath Pathare Wrestling Coach from Pune for Shiv Chhatrapati Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to above, Sports Minister also declared the names of the Shiv Chhatrapati Awards in the 4 Adventure category and 5 Para athletes which carries a cash prize of Rs. One lakh, a blazer, a statute and a scroll of honour. Sportspersons from the Maharashtra State, who participated in 3<sup>rd</sup> Khelo India Youth Games at Guwahati Assam in January 2020 and won medals, will also be felicitated along with their coaches and managers. In the discipline of Gymnastics, Mr. Gaurav Avinash Jogdand for Best Player in Aerobic Gymnastics, Ms. Aditee Ajit Dandekar Best Player in Rhythmic Gymnastics and Ms. Shravani Ajit Raut Best player in Artistic Gymnastics were selected for Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Award for 2018-19. Honorable Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Uddhav Thackrey conferred Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Lifetime Achievement Award, Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Awards for Best Coach & Best Sportspersons, Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Adventure Award and Para Athletes Awards to the winners in a glittering



ceremony held at Gate Way of India South Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. Sports Minister Mr. Sunil Kedar, State Guardian Minister Mr. Aslam Shaikh, State Tourism Minister Mr. Aditya Thackrey, Deputy Sports Minister Ms. Aditee Tatkare, Mr. Sanjay Raut MP, Mr. Rahul Narvekar MLA, Mr. Ramesh Sippy Director Films and Mr. Om Prakash Bakoriya IAS Commissioner Sports & Youth Services were present on the dais.

**Gaurav Avinash Jogdand** an Aurangabad's Aerobic Gymnastics star player was conferred with Maharashtra's most prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Award for best player 2018-19 by Honorable Chief Minister Shri Uddhav Thackrey and Sports Minister Shri Sunil Kedar at Gate of India South Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. Gaurav Jogdand is a passionate gymnast who always had big ambitions with hard working attitude even though his father is a simply a rickshaw driver. Gaurav in his 7<sup>th</sup> standard joined gymnastics at Maharashtra Sanskrutik Mondal Aurangabad and started his career with Mallakhamb and later turned to Aerobic Gymnastics. His father always supported and motivated him at all the stages of his career. Gaurav was trained under Dr. Makrand Joshi, Mr. Siddharth Kadam and Mr. Anand Thorat. He also kept his focus on his studies too. Gaurav Jogdand represented India in World Age Group Aerobic Gymnastics Championship at Sofia Bulgaria in June 2012 and now preparing for World Championship n Aerobic Gymnastics which is to be held at Azerbaijan Baku from 14-16<sup>th</sup> May 2020. He is now a pride of Aurangabad police and always has a fierce competition with Services Team.



**Shravani Ajit Raut (21)** a graduate in commerce from Vaze Kelkar College Thane was conferred with Maharashtra's most prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Award for best player 2018-19 in Artistic Gymnastics by Honorable Chief Minister Shri Uddhav Thackrey and Sports Minister Shri Sunil Kedar at Gate of India South Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. Shravani Raut represented Maharashtra in National Gymnastics Championships and became National Champion eight times and was runner's up for six times and was captain for Maharashtra team for 12 times. She also won silver medal in 35<sup>th</sup> National Games held at Thiruvananthapuram Kerala in 2015. Shravani won 160 medals in different championships which includes 110 gold, 35 silver and 15 bronze medals. She represented India in 12<sup>th</sup> Junior Asian Gymnastics Championship at Bangkok in 2012 and was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in All-around Championship. Shravani also participated in





Commonwealth Invitational Gymnastics Championship at Scotland in 2014. Shravani Raut was honored at different occasions with Thane Zilla Krida Puruskar, Dombivali Ratna Puruskar, Adarsh Dombivalikar Krida Puruskar and KDMC Krida Puruskar. Shravani Raut felt a great pride to be a 5<sup>th</sup> Shiv Chhatrapati Award winner from Bhoir Gymkhana where she learnt gymnastics.

**PRGA Golden Girl Aditee Dandekar** was conferred with Maharashtra's most prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Award for best player 2018-19 in Rhythmic Gymnastics by Honorable Chief Minister Shri Uddhav Thackrey and Sports Minister Shri Sunil Kedar at Gate of India South Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. She was the All-around Individual Champion in Rhythmic Gymnastics consecutively 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the Khelo India Youth Games at Guwahati in 2020 and earlier at Pune in 2019. Aditee was also declared the All-around Individual Champion in 24<sup>th</sup> Senior National RG Championship at Hyderabad Telangana in March 2018. She has the honour to represent India in 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Asian Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships at Tashkent (Uzbekistan) in 2016, at Kualalumpur (Malaysia) in May 2019 and at Pattaya (Thailand) in June 2019 respectively. She also participated in the 36<sup>th</sup> World Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship at Sofia, Bulgaria in September 2018. Aditee Dandekar is trained at Premier Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy Mumbai (PRGA) under the guidance of Mrs. Varsha Upadhye.



**KIYS: MAHA SPORTSPERSONS, COACHES AND MANAGERS OF KIYS FELICITATED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Khelo India Youth Games were held at Guwahati Assam from 8-22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 in which Maharashtra's 590 sportspersons participated in 19 games and sports out of 20 and remain on the top of the overall medal tally second time at Guwahati with 256 medals i. e. 78 Gold-77 Silver-101 Bronze in which Maharashtra's Gymnasts scooped up 41 medals out of the 62 on offer, including 10 gold, 12 silver and 19 bronze medals to outclass the field. In a clear show of ascendancy over the duration, Maharashtra's gymnasts sparkled in all four categories, taking 5 gold in the U/17 Girls, 1 gold in the U/17 Boys, 3 gold in the U/21 Girls and 1 gold in the U/21 Boys in MAG, WAG and Rhythmic Gymnastics a lone. Accordingly, Government of Maharashtra allocated Rs. 3.25 Crore for the winners of 3<sup>rd</sup> Khelo India Youth Games, who brought the laurel to the State. Honorable Sports Minister Shri Sunil Kedar, State Tourism Minister Mr.



Aditya Thackrey, Deputy Sports Minister Ms. Aditee Tatkare felicitated all the 256 medal winners in all the 19 games and sports and their 131 coaches and managers including 20 Gymnasts, 6 Gymnastics Coaches' i. e. Mr. R. V. Lokhande, Mr. Yogesh Shirke, Mrs. Tanuja Gadave, Ms. Madhura Tambe, Mr. M. Babhulkar, Mr. Sanjog Dhole and 4 Managers i. e. Mr. Sanjay Gadave, Mr. Sachin Mandavkar, Mr. Purushottam Darwankar and Mr. Pravin Dhage at Gate Way of India South Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 along with Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Awards 2018-19. Rs. 1 lakh to all the gold medal winners, Rs.75 thousand to silver medal winners and Rs. 50 lakh to the winner of bronze medal were given during the ceremony.

### RG: AAMHI UDYOGINI PRATISHTHAN FELICITATED VARSHA UPADHYE

Chief Coach Varsha Upadhye was felicitated with the "Aamhi Udyogini Vishesh Gaurav Puruskar 2020" by "Aamhi Udyogini Pratishthan" for her achievements and efforts in the field of Rhythmic Gymnastics on the occasion of International Women Week. Being an Internationally acclaimed coach, she has been training and coaching young girls who have become National Champions and medalists, State Shiv Chhatrapati Awardees and International players. She was felicitated by Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India for her hard work and perseverance as a sports coach and a young entrepreneur on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.



### AERO: FIG ACADEMY LEVEL-II IN AEROBIC GYMNASTICS AT HANOI

Dr. Aditya Joshi Principal Cambridge International School Aurangabad and President Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association has successfully completed FIG Academy Level-II in Aerobic Gymnastics which was organized by Vietnam Gymnastics Federation at Hanoi from 13-20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. About 20 coaches from Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam attended Level-II academy at Hanoi. The Level-II Academy was open to those coaches who had successfully completed Level-I Academy in Aerobic Gymnastics with at least 60% in 2018 or earlier. Dr. Aditya Joshi represented India in 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> World Championships in Aerobic Gymnastics at Sofia Bulgaria in 2004 and at Nanjing China in 2006 respectively. Government of Maharashtra also bestowed the State's Prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati Awards in the year of 2006 for his glorious performance in India and abroad.





## ART: GYMNASTICS BABY LEAGUE CARNIVAL 2020 AT PUNE

1<sup>st</sup> *Gymnastics Baby League Carnival* was organized by Directorate of Sports & Youth Services Maharashtra State at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Pune on 1<sup>st</sup> March in which 376 young budding gymnasts (Boys & Girls) of 8 years and 10 years of age participated from different clubs of Pune i. e. Shri Ganesh Vyayam Mandir, SCIO, SSOE, Elite Sports Club, Play logy Sports Club, Elite Fitness Academy, Aerflemo Sports Club, Little Gymnastics Club, Fit Youth Gymnastics Academy, Maharashtra Mondal Mukund Nagar, Maharashtra Mondal Tilak Nagar, Vibgyor School NIBM, Flames School of Dance, Elixir Gymnastics Centre, Lakshya Sports Academy, Academy of Gymnastics Education, Sports Authority of India, Shri Bhairavnath Krida Sankul, Olympism Gymnastics Club, Shivaji Uday Mondal, Gymnastics Central, RP Gymnastics Club, SSEF, ISST, Alacrity Gymnastics, Life Gymnastics Centre, Hi-Flyers Gymnastics Academy,



Gymnastics Kids Gymkhana, Scholar Sports Education & Foundation, Rose Kids School, 629 Gymnastics Club, Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex and many Individuals. Gymnastics Carnival was inaugurated by Shri Om Prakash Bakoria IAS Commissioner Sports & Youth Services Maharashtra State Pune on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 with an aim to tap the young gymnasts. Gymnastics League competition was started at 10:00 AM with all the four groups simultaneously in Floor Exercises only and the performance in the Baby League was evaluated by Mr. Pavanraj Patil, Mr. Harshad Moghe,





Mr. Pranjal Verma, Mr. Pawan Bambhure, Mr. Ganesh Navale, Mr. Subham Bhalekar, Mr. Rushikesh Lukkar in Boys section while Ms. Akshata Shete, Shradha Talekar, Ms. Sharwari Kulkarni, Ms. Vaishnavi Bijwe, Ms. Tanya Kulkarni, Ms. Pooja Patki, Ms. Arusha, Ms. Snehal Bhagwat and Ms. Andrea Francis in girls section. All the participants were awarded gold, silver & bronze medals to encourage them as well as to their clubs for further improvement



and work hard for the development of gymnastics at the grass root level. Mr. Sudhir Mital IAS President Gymnastics federation of India was the Chief Guest in the Gymnastics Baby League Carnival along with Mr. Sanjay Shete President Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) and Mr. Mital was felicitated by Mr. Om Prakash Bakoria IAS Commissioner Sports & Youth Services. Mr. Sudhir Mital, Mr. Sanjay Shete, Mr. Om Prakash Bakoria and Mrs. Preeti Bakoria presented medals and certificates to the winners during the closing ceremony in the evening on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Team Championship's Gold medal was awarded to Maharashtra Mondal Tilak Nagar, Silver to Scholar Sports Education & Foundation and bronze medal to Academy of Gymnastics Education in girls category while gold medal to Elite Fitness Academy, silver to Olympism Gymnastics Club and bronze medal to Gymnastics Central in boys category.

## KIUG: KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES ODISHA 2020

First Khelo India University Games 2020 were jointly organized by Government of Odisha and Union Ministry of Sports & Youth Services at Bhubaneshwar from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 in which about 3500 sports- persons from 150 Universities participated in 17 sports disciplines i. e. Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Basketball, Badminton, Fencing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Rugby, Swimming, Table-Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling and Weight-lifting. Union Minister of State for Sports and Youth Services (I/C) Shri Kiren Rijju declared the Khelo India University Games an event of National Importance at the launch ceremony. Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated First Khelo India University Games through video conferencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. These games will be the rich source of medal prospects for the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Youth Olympic Games and many more International Championships and an initiative of Government of India to provide a platform to young athletes to showcase their talent in sports. Many new





records were set up and many of the records are broken in these Khelo India University Games. As many as 64 Universities claimed at least one gold medal while 113 Universities went home with one medal after 10 days Competition. The closing ceremony was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 which was attended by a host of dignitaries led by Odisha Chief Minister Shri



Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister of State for Sports and Youth Services (I/C) Shri Kiren Rijju, IOA President Shri Narindra Batra, Odisha Sports Minister Shri Tushar Kanti Behera and Secretary General AIU Shri Pankaj Mittal. Shri Naveen Patnaik said in his address that these games will help young athletes in achieving great heights for the country in International circuit while Shri Kiren Rijju said that all participants gave their best and many of them have shown great potential. Our aim is to organize the Khelo India University Games regularly. Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, Union Sports Minister Shri Kiren Rijju awarded the trophies to the winners. Punjab University Chandigarh was on the top of medal tally at KIUG 2020 with 46 medals including 17 gold, 19 silver, 10 bronze medals followed by Savitribai Phule Pune University at second position with 37 medals including 17 gold, 11 silver, 9 bronze medals and Punjabi University Patiala at third position with 33 medals including 13 gold, 6 silver and 14 bronze medals.

## ART: 49<sup>th</sup> ALL INDIA INTER-RAILWAY CHAMPIONSHIP AT AGRA

North Central Railway organized 49<sup>th</sup> All India Inter-Railway Gymnastics Championship for Men & Women at Eklavya Indoor Stadium Agra from 4-6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in which gymnasts from Western Railway, North Central Railway, Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, Northern Railway, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and Metro Railway participated. Aditya Singh Rana of North Central Railway was adjudged the Individual Champion with 79.85 points in Men's Category while Pranati Nayak of CLW was the Individual Champion with 47.45 points in Women's category. The gymnasts from North Central Railway dominated the championship and captured the Team Championship in Men's category with 368.55 points of the 49<sup>th</sup> All India Inter-Railway Gymnastics Championship. Ashish Kumar an International Gymnast of NCR also participated and won 2 gold and 1 bronze medal in the championship. There was no Team Championship for Women. The championship was conducted smoothly by Mr. Ratan Debnath



Competition Director for which he was honoured by GM North Central Railway on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Medals and certificates were awarded by Chief Guest Mr. Rajiv Chaudhary GM NCR, Guest of Honor Mr. Sharad Mehta President Sports Department NCR, Mr. M. N. Ojha Chief Commercial Supervisor, Mr. Sushil Kumar Srivastava DRM, Mr. Mudit Chandra ADRM, Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Mrs. Lalita Chaudhary and Mrs. Gauri Srivastava during the closing ceremony held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**All India Inter-Railway Gymnastics Championship for Men & Women Results**

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Team	NCR-368.55	Eastern Railway-348.40	SER-328.85
Ind (M)	Aditya S. Rana-NCR-79.85	Siddharth Verma-NCR-75.95	Satyajit Mondal-SER-74.25
Ind (W)	Pranati Nayal-CLW-47.45	Pranati Das-ER-46.95	Swastika Ganguli-CLW-43.07

**GFI: VISIT OF GFI PRESIDENT MR. SUDHIR MITAL TO PUNE AND MUMBAI**



Mr. Sudhir Mital IAS President GFI, who was the chief guest at Gymnastics Baby League Carnival organized by Directorate of Sports & Youth Service Maharashtra State Pune at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for boys & girls of U/8 and U/10 years of age, left to visit Millennium



School of Gymnastics and Maharashtra Mondal Mukund Nagar along with Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA, Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA, Mr. Mahendra Chemburkar, Dr. Sagar Kulkarni and



Dr. Aditya Joshi. Mr. Mital was welcomed by MD Millennium School of Gymnastics and was introduced with Mr. Ajit Jarande and Ms. Manasi Karmakar at their gymnasium and Mrs. Savita Marathe and Mr. Deepak Kulkarni at Maharashtra Mondal Mukund Nagar. Mr. Mital met the young budding gymnasts at both Centres and had inter-action with gymnasts about their training and the facilities available at the centre. In the evening at 8:00 pm, Mr. Sudhir Mital had a meeting with MAGA officials





at hotel Lemon Tree Pune and discussed on various issues for the development of gymnastics in all the states as well as in the country. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, Mr. Sudhir Mital President GFI along with Mr. Sanjay Shete and Mr. M. Chemburkar also visited Bhoir Gymkhana at Shravan Sports Academy at Dombivali, BPCA at Wadala, PRGA at Kalina and Probodhan Thackrey Sports Academy at Vile Parle and had few words of exchange with young gymnasts. He also witnessed the beautiful demonstration of Rhythmic Gymnastics at PRGA Kalina. Mr. Mital was also introduced with Mr. Pawan Bhoir, Ms. Varsha Upadhye, Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre, Ms. Kshipra Joshi, Ms. Sadichchha Kulkarni, Mr. Dada Shinde, Dr. Rajendra Shelke and Mr. Ajay Mapuskar during his visit at different academies in Mumbai.

#### ART: AIIU GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP AT GNDU AMRITSAR 2019-20

##### All India Inter University Gymnastics Championship (Men)

was organized by Guru Nanak Dev University at GNDU's Indoor Gymnasium at Amritsar from 14-16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in which 232 gymnasts from 75 Universities participated.

Competition No-1 was started on 14<sup>th</sup> March with three apparatus i.e. FX, PH and Rings on first day and next three apparatus i.e. Vault, PB and HB were conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020. All the activities including Gymnastics Championship was to stop due to the order of Government of Punjab regarding spread of Corona Virus. GNDU authorities took the decision to postpone the women championship till further orders which was scheduled from 18-20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and Men's championship was stopped after completion of Competition No-1. All the medals were decided on the basis of Competition No-1.

Accordingly, Team Championship's gold medal was won by GNDU Amritsar with 362.40 points, silver medal by Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra with 308.60 points and bronze medal won by Punjabi University Patiala with 298.50. Krishna Kumar of GNDU won gold medal in Individual Championship with 73.70 points followed by silver medal by Arun Kumar Yadav of GNDU with 72.20 and Bronze medal won by Ujwal Naidu of Bengaluru University with 72.18 points. Medals were awarded to the winners by Dr. Sukhdev Singh Director of Sports GNDU, Dr. Kanwar Mandeep Singh Assistant Director GNDU and other dignitaries present during the ceremony.



#### ART/RG: POSTPONEMENT OF ART & RG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a preventive measure due to the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) in the country, Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) decided to postpone its 25<sup>th</sup> Senior & Junior Rhythmic and 56<sup>th</sup> Senior National Artistic (Men & Women) Gymnastics Championship till further orders which were scheduled

to be held at Bengaluru Karnataka from 24-26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and at Hyderabad Telangana from 27-31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 respectively. Inconvenience caused is highly regretted.

## TOISA: TIMES OF INDIA SPORTS AWARDS 2019

*When the National Anthem is played as honour and tribute to a sporting triumph, we get swamped by emotions. The sports persons are real heroes, who give us these special moments to cherish. The Times of India Sports Award is the tribute to Indian sports persons. This award is the endeavour to honour the past, celebrate the present and nurture the future in Indian sports. The 4<sup>th</sup> Times of India Sports Awards (TOISA) 2019 was celebrated in New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. World champion shuttler PV Sindhu was named Sportsperson of the Year at the fourth Times of India Sports Awards (TOISA) 2019 in New Delhi. Rio Olympic silver medallist Sindhu, who won the world championship gold at Basel, Switzerland, last year also bagged the Unbreakable Spirit of Sports award. Sindhu bagged a hat-trick of awards when she was named as the Badminton Player of the Year in female category, while B Sai Praneeth got the recognition among male shuttlers.*

*Former India football captain Bhaichung Bhutia was given the Lifetime Achievement award, while Hockey Legend and three-time Olympic gold medallist Balbir Singh Senior was honoured with the Icon of the Century award (Top Left) by Honorable Sports Minister. National badminton coach Pulella Gopichand won the Mentor of the Year award, while former shooter Jaspal Rana*

*was recognized as the Coach of the Year. India's first world championship silver medallist pugilist Amit Phanghal won the recognition among male boxers while Lovlina Borgohain bagged the award*





among female boxers. TOISA SPORTS AWARDS 2019's other awards to Deepika Kumari and Abhishek Verma in Archery, Tajinder Pal Singh Toor and Dutee Chand in Athletics, Sai Praneeth and PV Sindhu in Badminton, Saurabh Kothari in Billiards, R. Praggnanandhaa in Chess, Rohit Sharma in Cricket, Sunil Chhetri in Football, Harmanpreet Singh and Rani Rampal in Hockey, Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker in Shooting, Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa in Squash, Manika Batra in Table Tennis, Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat in Wrestling, Saikhom Mirabai Chanu and Satish Sivalingam in Weight-lifting while Manasi Joshi and Pramod Bhagat in Para Sports.



## 6TH DERVAN YOUTH GAMES 2020

6<sup>th</sup> edition of Dervan Youth Games (Artistic, Rhythmic and Aerobic Gymnastics) was successfully organized by SVJST's Charities Trust, Dervan with the technical support of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association during 9-10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 in which around 90 players and 25 officials/coaches participated from all over Maharashtra. The Dervan Youth Games



was inaugurated by Ms. Madhura Tambe (Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee), Dr. Atul Biniwale (International Badminton Player) and Shreekant Paradkar (Sports Coordinator) with the authorities of trust on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

The championship was includes under 10 and 12 age group for artistic gymnastics, under 8, 10 and 12 age group for rhythmic gymnastics and under 11 and 14 age group for aerobic gymnastics.

The above competition coordinated by Mr. R. N. Mangla (Competition Director), Mrs. Sanjivani Purnapatre and Mr. Sachin Mandavkar (Technical officials for artistic gymnastics), Ms. Madhura Tambe and Ms. Riya Wadkar (Technical officials for rhythmic gymnastics) and Prof. Nilesh Joshi, Mr. Dipak Upasani and Mr. Shuddhodhan Dipke (Technical officials for aerobic gymnastics).



### Results (Rhythmic Gymnastics)

Under 10 Apparatus	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Free Hand	Meera Abhyankar	Ritika Ingalgaoonkar	Arundhati Kulkarni
Hoop	Meera Abhyankar	Arundhati Kulkarni	Hrucha Setiya
Mix	Hrucha Setiya	Kanchana Ambedkar	Trisha Jannu
All Around	Meera Abhyankar	Arundhati Kulkarni	Hrucha Setiya
Under 10 All Around	Vrushali Gadgil	Vidhani Pethkar	Shreya Rastogi

### Results (Aerobic Gymnastics) Under-11

Category	Name of Gymnast	Medal	Team
Individual Women	Sachi Vishal Ingle	Gold	Jalgaon
	Anvi Atul Patil	Silver	Pimpri Chinchwad
	Akanksha Prashant Divekar	Bronze	Nashik
Individual Men	Kaivalya Sandip Joshi	Gold	Jalgaon
	Deven Atul Achale	Silver	Nashik
	Arnav Rajendra Sonaje	Bronze	Nashik
Mixed Pair	Anushka Jayant Chaudhari Kaivalya Sandip Joshi	Gold	Jalgaon
	Akanksha Prashant Divekar	Silver	Nashik
	Deven ATul Achale		
	Anandi Amol Sawai Ishan Bhushan Patil	Bronze	Nashik

### Results (Aerobic Gymnastics) Under-14

Category	Name of Gymnast	Medal	Team
Individual Women	Nidhi AJit Asabe	Gold	Pimpri Chinchwad
	Anushka Harshal Lunawat	Silver	Pimpri Chinchwad
	Nancy Ajaykumar Baroliya Vaishnavi Pravin Rane	Bronze	Nashik
Individual Men	Aditya Yogesh Kabra	Gold	Thane
	Panini Neeraj Deo	Silver	Jalgaon
	Vivek Pravin Kolhe	Bronze	Jalgaon
Mixed Pair	Nancy Ajaykumar Baroliya Aditya Yogesh Kabra	Gold	Thane

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