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Wishing you all a very happy Ganesh Utsav!!!

AER: AGU'S COMMON TRAINING CAMP IN AEROBIC AT KAZAKHSTAN 2018

Gymnastics Association of Kazakhstan under Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU) Development Project organized a Common Training Camp for Aerobic Gymnastics Coaches (AERO) from 2-6th July 2018 at Sports School Ayagoz in Almaty, Kazakhstan. AGU will support in this event the maximum size of the following delegation i. e. 2 Coaches and 1 Gymnast (Age between 11 – 15 years) Total: 3 persons per



Federation. 22 coaches from 7 countries i. e. Hong-Kong-3, Iran-3, Kazakhstan-6, Mongolia-3, Sri Lanka-2, Uzbekistan-3 and India-2 participated in AGU's Common Training camp which was taken by FIG Expert Mr. D' Silva Bogachev from Bulgaria. Mr. Nilesh Joshi, and Mr. Balbir Singh participated from India in the above course. The main objectives of the course are to exchange experiences in coaching learning in Aerobic Gymnastics, to enhance cooperation, communication and good relationship between coaches and gymnasts from different countries of Asian Continent. The above group photograph is taken with the President and Secretary of Gymnastics Association of Kazakhstan.

AER: AEROBIC GYMNASTICS CAMP AT SHEGAON, BULDANA 2018

Aerobic Gymnastics Training Cum Coaching Workshop for 3 days was organized by Sant Gajanan Maharaj Gymnastics Academy at Shegaon District Buldana from 3-5th July 2018 which was attended by 4 coaches and 8 gymnasts. The Aerobic Code of Points session was also taken up during the 3 days above mentioned workshop which was delivered by the course expert Mr. Siddharth Mahendra Kadam FIG International Judge, Coach and International Medalist in Aerobic Gymnastics. The camp was organized by Mr. Rahul Pahurkar NIS Coach and supported by Mr. Shrikant Patil Director Shri Gajanan Maharaj Engineering College Shegaon, Mr. Gunwant Bayaskar Physical Director GMEC Shegaon and motivated by Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA. Mr. Shrikant Patil Director Shri Gajanan Maharaj Engineering College Shegaon felicitated Mr. Siddharth Kadam during the closing ceremony for his splendid work in presence of Mr. Gunwant Bayaskar Physical Director Shri Gajanan Maharaj Engineering College Shegaon and Mr. Rahul Pahurkar NIS Coach.



MAGA: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAGA JULY 2018

Executive Committee Meeting of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) was held on 8th July 2018 at 11.30 AM at Maharashtra Sanskrutik Mondal (MSM) Khadkeshwar, Aurangabad under the chairmanship of Shri Uttam Latpate Senior Vice President MAGA. The meeting was attended by Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary General MAGA, Advocate Shankarsan Joshi, Mr. R. N. Mangla, Mr. Sagar Kulkarni, and Mr. Sunil Chaudhary but Shri Sanjay Shete President Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) could not attend the meeting due to pre-appointments. The committee discussed on many subjects as per agenda including confirmation of the last executive committee meeting's minutes which was held at Aurangabad on 29.04.2018 as well as the final calendar for State Championships for the year 2018-19 in the disciplines of MAG, WAG, RG, Acrobatics, Aerobics and Trampoline and Tumbling Gymnastics. Executive Committee also discussed about the organization of Junior and Senior National Championships in Artistic Gymnastics for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19.



ART: FIG WOLRD CHALENGE CUP AT MERSIN TURKEY 2018

Padmashree Dr. Dipa Karmakar with her coach Mr. B. S. Nandi Dronacharya Awardee and Rakesh Kumar Patra with his Coach Mr. Ashwani Samantray participated in FIG World Challenge Cup at Mersin Turkey from 6-8th July 2018. Dr. **Dipa Karmakar**, the only Indian gymnast to make a World and Olympic final, made a successful comeback after nearly two years due to an injury by winning the gold medal on Women's Table Vault. India's premier gymnast Karmakar (24), suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament after the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, where she placed a historic fourth on Vault. In FIG World Challenge Cup Mersin (Turkey), she opted not to attempt the risky handspring double-front she competed in Rio, instead performing a McIntosh (handspring layout front full) and double-twisting Tsukahara with an improved average of 14.150 points and clinched gold medal. This is Dipa's First Ever Gold Medal in FIG World Challenge Cup. Another amazing performance given by India's Most Experience Gymnast Rakesh Kumar Patra, who finished at



4th place on Rings consecutively two times in two FIG World Cups at Melbourne in February 2018 with 13.733 points and at Mersin (Turkey) in July 2018 with 13.650 points while he was 6th on Parallel Bars with 14.000 points. Both Dipa and Rakesh have been included in the 10-member gymnastics team for the upcoming XVIII Asian Games at Jakarta-Palembang Indonesia 2018. Mr. Deepak Kabra (Judge, WAG) and Mr. Pawan Bhoir (Judge, MAG) also accompanied the World Cup bound Indian team to Mersin (Turkey). Total 54 men & women gymnasts from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, England, Finland, Ireland, India, Iran, Jordan, Netherland, Romania, Turkey, and Uzbekistan in MAG while Azerbaijan (3), Chile (1), Croatia (4), India (1), Indonesia (1), Turkey (3), and Uzbekistan (1) in WAG participated in the 2018 Mersin World Cup. Dipa has brightened the name of state of Tripura by winning the gold medal at Mersin World Challenge Cup and Government is likely to name her as **Tripura's Brand Ambassador** which will encourage the youth of the state.



Men's & Women's Artistic Gymnastics (C-I)

SN	NAME	TV	BB	RR	PB	HB	Rank
1	Dipa Karmakar	13.400 Rank-1	11.850 Rank-3	-	-	-	-
2	Rakesh Kr. Patra	-	-	13.800 Rank-5	13.600 Rank-6	11.900 Rank-9	-

Men's & Women's Artistic Gymnastics (C-III)

SN	NAME	TV	BB	RR	PB	HB	Rank
1	Dipa Karmakar	14.150 Rank-1	13.100 Rank-4	-	-	-	-
2	Rakesh Kr. Patra	-	-	13.650 Rank-4	14.000 Rank-6	- NQ	-

ART: PM NARENDRA MODI CONGRATULATED DIPA KARMAKAR



Narendra Modi ✓

@narendramodi

GFI:

India is proud of @DipaKarmakar!
Congratulations to her on winning a well-deserved Gold in the vault event at the FIG World Challenge Cup in Mersin, Turkey. This win is a prime example of her tenacity and never-say-die attitude.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF GFI AT GURGAON 2018

Annual General Body Meeting of Gymnastics Federation of India at Vits Mango Blossom Gurgaon Haryana on 21st July 2018 which was chaired by Mr. Riyaz Bhati Vice-president of GFI and attended by Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala Vice-president GFI, Mr. Ranjit Vasava General Secretary GFI, Mr. Gyan Singh Treasurer GFI, Dr. Makrand Joshi Executive Member GFI and other members of the state units. Mr. B. S. Nandi Dronacharya Awardee and Dr. Dipa Karmakar Olympian were the special invitees in the AGM. Mr. Riyaz Bhati Vice-president announced the name of Mr. Karan Chautala from Haryana as Working President of Gymnastics Federation of India due to the busy schedule of Mr. Sudhakar Shetti President GFI. Mr. Karan Chautala New Working President GFI felicitated Padmashree Dr. Dipa Karmakar (Arjun Awardee) with the FIG Pin of the World Class Gymnast which is very rare in the World of Gymnastics. Later, Dr. Makrand Joshi presented MAGA's Annual Report and the MAGA's Quarterly News Bulletin for the year 2017-18 to Mr. Karan Chautala Working President of GFI.



KITD: KHELO INDIA SELECTION TRIALS IN GYMNASTICS 2018

Sports Authority of India (KITD-Division)

proposed to conduct the selection trials in gymnastics at IG Stadium New Delhi on 26th July, SAI Hyderabad on 30th July, Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Pune on 31st July and at Sports Authority of India Kolkata on 8th August 2018 to short list the remaining gymnasts for SAI Khelo India Academy which is going to be established at IG stadium New Delhi. Accordingly, Mr. R. N. Mangla



Coordinator Khelo India Selection Trials (KIST) conducted the selection trials in Gymnastics for boys & girls U/14 & U/17 at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune on 31st July 2018 in presence of Mrs. Susmita R. Jyotsi Director SAI Regional Centre Mumbai, Mrs. Sandhya Kaul Member Talent Screening Committee (TSC) and Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association. 105 gymnasts i. e. Boys U/14 – 26, Boys U/17 – 37, Girls U/14 – 26 and Girls U/17 – 16 were registered. The competition for boys U/14 and girls U/14 was started at 10.00 am and completed by 3.30 pm followed by competition for boys U/17 and girls U/17 at 4.00 pm after the lunch break which was completed by 9.30 pm with 2 panels of gymnastics judges in Men's Artistic Gymnastics and Women's Artistic Gymnastics each against the approved of 6 judges in MAG & WAG each. It was very difficult to complete the competition of all the 4 age groups with the approved judges of 6 each. So 22 judges including 5 FIG International Judges Mr. Pravin Dhage, Mr. R. L. Verma, Mr. Pawan Bhoir, Mr. Sanjay More and Mrs. Sanjivini Purnapatre were invited for evaluation of the performances of 105 registered gymnasts who participated in Khelo India Selection Trials held at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune on 31st July 2018. FIG Code of Points for juniors was applied in the above trials as followed in the 1st Khelo India National Gymnastics Championship held at Delhi from 31st January to 8th February 2018 to maintain the similar pattern of evaluation in the trials.

AERO: INTERNATIONAL AEROBIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP ARIZONA USA

India's Anikete Chakraborty in Men's Individual, Esha, Yurika and Divyashree in Women's Trio participated in **2018** International Aerobic Championship in Arizona, USA from 1-2nd August 2018. Anikete Chakraborty won bronze medals with 18.450 points in the above mentioned Championship on 2nd August 2018 in Men's Individual category in the age group 2 while Esha, Yurika and Divyashree won the bronze medal in Women's Trio category. The event was conducted by the Association of National Aerobic Championships (ANAC), which is the sanctioning body of International Aerobic Championship and International Youth Aerobic Championship. In addition to above Mixed Pairs, Group and Aero Dance were also conducted.



AERO: DR. MAKRAND JOSHI CONFERRED BEST COACH AWARD 2017-18

Physical Education Foundation of India hosted the 3rd PEFI Awards ceremonies at Pragati Maidan New Delhi during Sports India 2018 on 10th August 2018 in which Shri Manoj Tewari President Delhi BJP was the Chief Guest, President of BJP Kisan Morcha and MP Virender Singh Bist was the Special Guest while Founder President of PEFI and Former Union Minister Dr. Sanjay Paswan presided over the function. Awards were given in four categories in the name of Dr. P. M. Joseph, Dr. G. P. Gautam, Dr. Ajmer Singh and Komal and VK Pahuja. Dr. Makrand Shrikrishan Joshi of Maharashtra received the Prestigious ***Dr. Ajmer Singh Lifetime Achievement Award for Best Coach** from BJP MP Manoj Tewari in presence of Dr. A. K. Uppal Ex Vice-Chancellor LNIPE, IOA Treasurer Mr. Anandeshwar Pande and eminent personalities in the field of Physical Education during 3rd PEFI 2018 for his



Excellence contributions to the Nation in the field of Physical Education, Artistic and Aerobic Gymnastics as a Coach, International Judge and Administrator. **Dr. Makrand Joshi** two time Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee and International Judge was the manager and turned into a super coach of the Indian Gymnastics team in XXI Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast Australia in 2018. He was also the coach of Indian Aerobic Team at the World Aerobic Gymnastics Championship in 2006 and 2014 and at Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championship in 2009. Dr. Makrand Joshi GFI Executive Member visited IG Stadium at New Delhi on 10th August 2018 to meet Indian Gymnastics teams (men & women) for upcoming 18th Asian Games at



Jakarta-Palembang and congratulated them with warm & good wishes for the competition. ***Dr. Ajmer Singh** was an Indian sprinter who competed in the 1964 Summer Olympics, was a gold medalist in 400m and silver medalist in 200m at the 1966 Asian Games, in Bangkok, and later served as Director of Sports, Punjab University, Chandigarh. He graduated from Government College, Malerkotla, and later did his Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.E.) from Laxmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior. This was followed by M.A. from Punjab University, Chandigarh, and finally, he also did his Ph.D. from Punjab University Chandigarh. Dr. Ajmer Singh was the only First Indian personality with a PhD degree in Physical Education to have been honoured by Government of India with the Arjun Award in 1966. He was a self-made man who came from very humble beginnings and remained a humble person all his life, an able administrator, a great coach and teacher, a passionate mentor, a strict disciplinarian, a warm human being whose heart and the home was always open to others, and a very fine family man. He also remained Vice-Chancellor of Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior and Maulana Abul Kalam Chair and Director Sports, at the Punjab University, Chandigarh. He last breathed in Chandigarh in the morning of 26 January 2010, at the age of 70, and is survived by his wife, two sons and grandchildren.

ART: FELICITATION OF INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL GYMNASTS

Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association and Poornwad Sports & Health Promotion Academy jointly organized a felicitation ceremony on the occasion of Foundation Day of ADGA and Late Sudhir Dada Joshi Lecture Series at Marathwada



Sanskrutik Mondal Aurangabad on 5th August 2018. Shri Chiranjiv Prasad Commissioner of Police Aurangabad felicitated 8 Shiv Chhatrapati Awardees, 8 International Sportspersons and 19 National Medal Winners in presence of Dr. R. K. Pathania SAI Project Officer Khelo India, Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA, Advocate Shankarsan Joshi and Mr. Sagar Kulkarni President & Secretary Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association respectively in a glittering function organized by Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association.

AERO: AEROBIC GYMNASTICS SELECTION TRIALS FOR 1ST ASIA CUP, MONGOLIA

Tamilnadu Gymnastics Association hosted the selection trials in Aerobic Gymnastics at J N Indoor Stadium of Sri Ramachandran University Chennai on 12th August 2018 for boys and girls U/14 & U/17 years under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India. About 70 gymnasts from different part of the country participated in the above trials and 20 gymnasts are selected to represent India in the upcoming First Asia Cup in Aerobic Gymnastics at Ulaanbaatar Mongolia from 14-16th September 2018 in different categories. Aniket Chakraborty (Sports Authority of India), Bhushan Deshmukh (Jalgaon) and Dr. Nilesh Joshi (Jalgaon) as coach from Maharashtra are included in the 20 member Indian Aerobic Gymnastics Team for First Asia Cup. The names of selected gymnasts are as follows:



Individual Men: Abhijit Dhere, Harshil Patil (All U/14), Aniket Chakraborty, Bhushan Deshmukh, Joney Kumar and Dinesh Singh (All U/17),

Individual Women: Ariha Pangambam, Sneha Irengbam (All U/14), T. Mayabati Devi, Saharsha Chhabra and Tanvi Gamit (All U/17),

Trio: Harshil Patil, Vishwa Patil, Subham Rana (All U/14), Nishant Chauhan, Prakruti Shinde and Mehek Shah (All U/17),

Group: Mayengbam Itchangcho, Jitu Singha and Joney Kumar, Shiva Kumar and Sandeep Chand Ramola (All U/17)

AG: 18TH ASIAN GAMES AT JAKARTA-PALEMBANG INDONESIA 2018

Indian Men & Women Gymnastics Contingent consists of Rakesh Kumar Patra, Yogeshwar Singh, Gaurav Kumar, Ashish Kumar, and Siddharth Verma in MAG and Dipa Karmakar, Pranati Das, B. Aruna Reddy, Mandira Hazra Chaudhary and Pranati Nayak in WAG along with their coaches Mr. Ashwani Samantray (MAG) and Mr. B. S. Nandi Dronacharya Awardee (WAG) participated in the 18th Asian Games held at Jakarta-Palembang Indonesia from 18th August to 2nd September 2018. Mr. Deepak Kabra and Mr. Pravin Dhage FIG International Judges from India were also present among MAG Judges in the 18th Asian Games Jakarta-Palembang. Approximately, 12000 sportspersons from 45 countries participated in 2018 Asian Games Indonesia in 40 Sports Disciplines. 139 men and women gymnasts from 24 countries i. e. 78 men gymnasts from 23 countries with 14 full teams and 61 women gymnasts from 16 countries with 12 full teams took part in gymnastics at 18th Asian Games at Indonesia. There will be a C-I which will decide the medal for Individual Championship as well qualification for C-III and C-IV Team Championship where best 8 teams in MAG & WAG will proceed to Team Finals and 3 gymnasts from each team will compete on an apparatus and all 3 scores will be counted for Team Championship. Indian Men's team could not qualified for the team championship due to 9th place in the qualifying round while Indian women team qualified for the Team Championship at 7th place with 144.30 points and finished at 7th place with 138.50 points in the finals (C-IV) i. e. (TV-39.100 + UB-32.400 + BB-32.400 + FX-34.150) and Dipa could not participate in the team championship due to knee injury. Dipa Karmakar's injury did not allow to give her best in Table Vault and failed to qualify but Dipa's compatriots Pranati Nayak with 13.425 and Aruna Reddy with 13.350 made a grade at 6th & 7th place in Table Vault and Aruna finished at 7th place with 12.775 points and Pranati Nayak finished at 8th place with 12.650 points. Dipa qualified in Beam with 12.750 points at 7th place even after knee injury and finished at 5th place with 12.500 points in the finals (C-III). Mr. Karan Chautala Working President of GFI was in Jakarta during Asian Games 2018 and had a Gala Dinner with Indian Gymnastics Men & Women Teams, Coaches



and Judges. Ms. Akshata Shete and Ms. Kshipra Joshi FIG RG International Judges from India also acted as judge during Rhythmic Gymnastics Competitions held at Jakarta on 27th & 28th August 2018.

Men's Artistic Gymnastics (C-I)

SN	NAME	FX	PH	RR	TV	PB	HB	AA	Rank
1	Rakesh Patra	-	-	13.900	-	13.300	-	-	-
2	Yogeshwar Singh	12.450	12.150	12.650	14.150	13.000	11.550	75.950	16/24
3	Ashish Kumar	13.100	9.900	13.050	14.100	12.250	11.900	74.550	19/24
4	Gaurav Kumar	11.950	3.250	13.000	-	13.200	12.250	-	-
5	Siddharth Verma	11.400	12.600	-	13.100	-	12.850	-	-
6	Team	37.500	34.650	39.950	41.350	39.500	37.000	229.950	9/13-NQ

Women's Artistic Gymnastics (C-I)

SN	NAME	TV	UB	BB	FX	AA	Rank
1	Dipa Karmakar	13.450	11.200	12.750	11.300	48.700	13/24
2	B. Aruna Reddy	13.400	11.400	11.850	11.250	47.900	16/24
3	Pranati Das	-	11.000	11.900	11.300	-	-
4	Pranati Nayak	13.500	10.200	-	10.750	-	-
5	Mandira Hazra C	-	-	10.350	-	-	-
6	Team	40.350	33.600	36.500	33.850	144.300	7/11-Q

Women's Artistic Gymnastics (C-III)

SN	NAME	TV	RANK	BB	Rank
1	B. Aruna Reddy	12.125+13.425=12.775	7/8	-	-
2	Pranati Nayak	12.725+12.575=12.650	8/8	-	-
3	Dipa Karmakar	-	-	12.500	5/8

ACRO: 25TH MH STATE ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP, PARBHANI 2018

Parbhani District Gymnastics Association organized 25th Maharashtra State Acrobatic Gymnastics Championship under aegis of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) at District Sports Complex Parbhani from 25-26th August 2018 in the age groups of Juniors (12-18 years) and Seniors (15 years & above) in the events of Men's Pair, Women's Pair, Mix Pair, Women's Group and Men's Group. Approximately 150 gymnasts from Amravati, Aurangabad, Hingoli, Jalna, Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Nagpur, Nanded, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Parbhani, SAI, Thane and Washim participated in the above State Acrobatic Gymnastics Championship. The championship was inaugurated by Dr. Rahul Patil MLA Parbhani in presence of Shri Vijay Jamkar, Mrs. Meenatai Varpudkar Mayor Parbhani, Mr. Uttam Latpate, Shri Kalimuddin Faruki DSO Parbhani, Shri



Gyanoba Munde, Shri Murlidhar Rao Tak, Shri Md. Iqbal, Shri Anand Deshmukh, Shri Gautam Munde, Ms. Chhaya Papatwar, Mr. R. N. Mangla and all the Judges. Shri Uttam Rao Latpate Senior Vice-president MAGA felicitated the Chief Guest Dr. Rahul Patil MLA and other distinguished guests on the dais. Dr. Rahul Patil delivered an inspirational speech and blessed the participants for the grand success in the competition followed by the demonstration of acrobatic gymnastics by the top gymnasts of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and from different districts which attracted the guests and the spectators with their courageous and daring skills. Dr. Aditya Joshi was the Competition Director of the Maharashtra State Acrobatic Gymnastics Championship.



Junior Acrobatic Gymnastics (Combined)

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
TEAM	X	X	X
WP	Rutuja/Anushaka-M. Sub-19.04	Sakshi/Noopur-A'bad-18.00	Himanya/Ishawari-M. City-12.31
MP	Sagar/Siddharth-SAI-23.90	Nikhil/Subham-A'bad-21.77	Siddhant/Ritik-Amra-20.94
MXP	Achal/Subham-M. Sub-23.92	Jay D./Roshani-Amra-19.66	Vaishnavi/Rameshwar-Parb-6.01
TRIO	Akshata/Arna/Rutuja-M. Sub-23.05	Sukhada/Sakshi/Snehal-Amravati-17.92	Akansha/Arpita/Bhumika-Parbhani-5.40
GROUP	Manik/Mohamed Arshad/Prem/Madan -SAI-23.96	Sahil/Yash/Akash/OmDandg-Amravati-15.76	Makrand/Surya/Rutvij/Omkar-Aurangabad-13.90

Senior Acrobatic Gymnastics (Combined)

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
TEAM	Amravati-	Parbhani-	Hingoli-
WP	Sayali/Nidhi-Aurangabad-15.42	Tushali/Prajakta-Amra-15.12	Shravani/Diksha-Parb11.42
MP	Anil/Nagesh-Parbhani-20.86	Akshay/Aniket-Amra-20.79	Uday/Ashwajeet-A'bad-20.02
MXP	Jyoti/Kunal-M. Sub-23.86	Shivani/Tanmay-M. City-22.32	Shruti/Rahul-Amravati-19.06
TRIO	Prachi/Ayushi/Mrunmayi-Nagpur-22.69	Afrin/Neeta/Bhagyashree-Parbhani-10.50	Sh. Gulasbee/Pradnya/Manoj-Hingoli-1.01
GROUP	Manoj/Souvik/Subodeep /Prathmesh-SAI-23.94	Shubham/Pranay/Suraj/Rohit-Amravati-23.10	Totaram/Balaji/Gajanan/Govind-Parbhani-15.33

ACRO: NATIONAL GYMNASTICS JUDGE'S COURSE IN ACROBATICS 2017-2020

National Judges Course in Acrobatic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) was organized by Gymnastics Association of Kerala at Mannam Memorial National Club Thiruvananthapuram Kerala under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) from 29-31st August 2018 which was attended by 45 judges' from different affiliated units of the country. The course was conducted by Mr. Sumith MR FIG International Judge in Acrobatic Gymnastics Cat-IV with latest Code of Points, amendments and changes in theory and practical. This was the first conducted for Acrobatic gymnastics in the XIV Cycle 2017-2020. Mr. Jay Narain Das aged 73 years from West Bengal who is one of the founder of Acrobatic Gymnastics in India also attended the course. 13 judges from different states who qualified on merit were selected for judging panel to evaluate the performance in the 11th Junior & Senior National Acrobatic Gymnastics Championship held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from 1-3rd September 2018. Mr. Sumith, the course expert is with Mr. Pravin Shinde at competition venue.



ACRO: 11TH SR & JR ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, THIRUVANANTHURAM, 1-3RD SEPTEMBER 2018

49 members strong contingent of Maharashtra along with their coaches Mr. Pankaj Kunde, Mr. Sanjay Hirode, Mrs. Ekta Padhye and Mrs. Ujjwala Damse as Head of the delegation participated in the 11th Junior & Senior National Acrobatic Gymnastics Championship which was conducted by Gymnastics Association, Kerala under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) from 1-3rd September 2018 at Jimmy George Indoor Stadium Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.



Mr. Pravin Shinde, Mr. Rajendra Shelke also accompanied the Maharashtra Acrobatics contingent as Judges. A total of 220 gymnasts from 10 states participated in the subject championship at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Beyond the flood situation in Kerala, the Gymnastics Association of Kerala has conducted the championship in an excellent manner. This was the first time in India that the Acrobatic Gymnastics competition was held in International Floor Arena in an Indoor stadium. The championship was inaugurated by Mr. Karan Singh Chautala Working President GFI and Vice-president IOA in presence of Shri CK Harindra Kumar (MLA), Mrs. Padmini Thomas Arun Awardee & Former President of Kerala State Sports Council, Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala FIG Executive Member, Shri S. P. Deepak General Secretary Kerala State Council for Child Welfare, Shri K. Ravanan Secretary Gymnastics Association of Kerala. Mr. Sumith MR from Services was the Director of competition who conducted the championship as per FIG Rules. The junior age group (12-18 years) for combined exercises competitions were held on 1st September while senior competition for Balance, Dynamic and Combined were held on 2nd and 3rd September 2018. Maharashtra won 5 gold and 1 silver medal in junior category while 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medal in senior category in the 11th Junior & Senior National Acrobatic Gymnastics Championship at Kerala. Mr. Karan Singh Chautala Working President GFI and Vice-president IOA announced Rs. 11,000/- for all Team Championship's winners, runners up and third position holders in junior and senior categories. He also announced Rs. 51,000/- to the Gymnastics Association of Kerala for organizing the championship in very befitting manner even in the Kerala's worst flood situation.



Junior Acrobatic Gymnastics (Combined)

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
TEAM	Maharashtra-21.00	West Bengal-19.000	Haryana-16.00
WP	Rutuja/ Anushka-MH-22.230	Debasmita/paramita-WB-21.41	Anjali/Deepika-HAR-17.620
MP	Sagar/Siddharth-MH-22.550	Bishnu/Raj-WB-22.240	Sumit/Anmol-HAR-22.190
MXP	Achal/Subham-MH-23.450	Gopal/Raina-WB-22.590	Manshi/Dhanpal-GUJ-21.910
TRIO	Sibani/Rupsa/Namita-WB-21.85	Akshata/Arna/Rutuja-MH-21.29	Kajal/Gaura/Khushi-HAR-20.59
GROUP	Mainak/Madan/Md. Arshad/Prem Kr-MH-22.800	Anirudha/Rajsekhar/Shib Shankar/Ankrish-WB-22.310	Sagar/Imran/Sandeep/ Sanjeev-HAR-20.293

Senior Acrobatic Gymnastics (Combined)

Event	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
TEAM	Maharashtra-17.00	Haryana-16.00	West Bengal-16.00
WP	Sayali/Nidhi-MH-57.920	Damini/Prachi-HAR-57.160	Darshna/Jalpa-Guj-55.360
MP	Sugata/Bishu Das-SSCB-72.580	Rahul/Mukesh-HAR-68.150	Akshay/Aniket-MH-63.820
MXP	Avijit/Tinku-WB-71.970	Naveen/Ankita-HAR-67.230	Jyoti/Kunal-MH-64.610
TRIO	Rimpa/Rajsree/Sumana-WB-61.89	Ayushi/Mrunmayi/Prachi-MH -60.350	Kajal/Gaura/Khushi-HAR-48.650
GROUP	Siddesh/Prince/Rajilesh/Rushikesh-SSCB-74.010	Manoj/Shouvik/Subodeep/Prathmesh-MH-60.840	Sawan/Nitesh/Rohit/Sameer-HAR-60.290

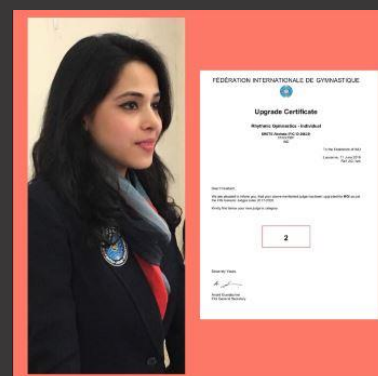
AERO: 19TH MH STATE AEROBIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP AT JALNA 2018

19th Maharashtra State Aerobic Gymnastics Championship (All Age Groups) was organized by Jalna District Gymnastics Association under aegis of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) at District Sports Complex Jalna from 1-2nd September 2018 in the age groups of U/11 (National Development), U/14 (Age Group-I), U/17 (Age Group-II) and Above 18 years (Seniors) in the events of Individual Men, Individual Women, Mix Pair, Trio (3 competitors of any sex) and Group (5 competitors of any sex). Dr. Aditya Joshi was the Competition Director for the subject championship at Jalna. Sports Authority of India won 4 gold and 1 silver medal in the championship. More than 100 Aerobic gymnasts from 15 districts took part in the two days Maharashtra State Aerobic Gymnastics Championship at Jalna. Sohith Sinha of Sports Authority of India (SAI) won silver Medal with 15.25 points in Individual Men of AG-I category and Sohith Sinha, Anish Gayen & Aditya Pandit (SAI) won gold medal with 15.45 points in Trio of AG-I while Aniket Chakraborty also from SAI won gold medal with 19.70 points in Individual Men of AG-II category.



RG: AKSHATA SHETE UPGRADED TO FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGE CATEGORY –II

Ms. Akshata Shete from India was one of the qualified FIG International Judge Cat-III in Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual (RGI) for the 14th cycle (2017-2020) and acted as RGI Judge in various international championships since 2017 i. e. 9th Senior & 15th Junior Asian Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship held at Astana, Kazakhstan from 24-27th June 2017, XXI Commonwealth Games Gold Coast Queensland Australia from 4-15th April 2018, 10th Sr. & 16th Jr. Rhythmic Gymnastics Asian Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 29th April to 3rd May 2018 which was the qualification for 2018 Youth Olympic Games to be held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from 6-18 October 2018, FIG RG World



Challenge Cup at Minsk Belarus from 17-19th August 2018 as youngest D-1 and 36th World RG Gymnastics Championship at Sofia Bulgaria from 10-16th September 2018. According to FIG General Judges Rules 2017-2020 Ms. Akshata Shete is upgraded to Category II for RGI Vide Lausanne Ref. AG / SM dated 11th June 2018.

RG: FIG WORLD CHALLENGE CUP, MINSK BELARUS

3rd BSB Bank FIG World Challenge Cup was held in Minsk Belarus from 17-19 August 2018, where Israel's Linoy Ashram and the Italian group emerged as the All-around champions. More than 200 gymnasts from 45 nations including Aditee Dandekar, Disha Nidre in RGI and Nirija Chavan, Divya Dave, Radhika Dharap, Disha Nidre and Janhavi Vartak from India participated in FIG World Challenge Cup at the Falcon Club in Minsk. Ms. Kshipra Joshi, Ms. Sadichcha Kulkarni as a coach, Mrs. Varsha Upadhye as Head of



Delegation while Ms. Akshata Shete accompanied the Indian RG Team as Judge. The competition in Minsk was the penultimate event of the World

Challenge Cup series before 2018 World Championships, taking place 10-16 September in Sofia, Bulgaria. Russia was the most successful nation in Minsk with eight medals — one in each event and Belarusians won seven medals (1 gold, 1 silver, 5 bronzes). 1988 Olympic champion Marina Lobach (BLR) was on hand to observe and present medals. Ashram, the first Israeli to win a World Championship All-around medal, continued to write history in Minsk. First at the 2018 World Challenge Cup in Guadalajara (ESP), Ashram became the first Rhythmic gymnast to win two World Challenge Cup All-around titles in the same year and is now leading the FIG World Challenge Cup rankings and also set a new high score on Clubs, 20.650, surpassing the 20.050 earned by Dina Averina (RUS) at the 2018 European Championships, the previous high mark since the Code of Points was modified two years ago.

Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual (RGI)

SN	NAME	HOOP	BALL	CLUBS	RIBBON	AA	RANK
1	Aditee Dandekar	7.250	9.150	9.400	8.700	34.500	61/64
2	Disha Nidre	9.500	8.300	8.900	6.950	33.650	62/64

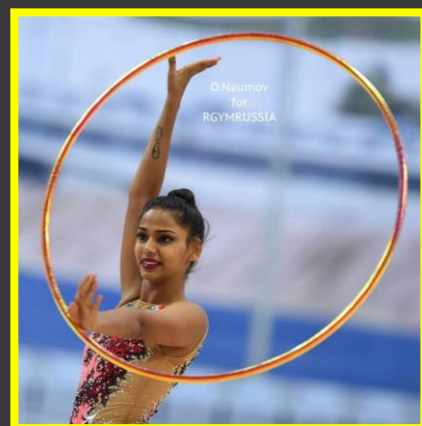
Rhythmic Gymnastics Group (RGG)

SN	NAME	5 Hoops	3 Balls +2 Ropes	AA	RANK
1	Nirija Chavan	10.400	6.750	17.150	24
2	Divya Dave				
3	Radhika Dharap				
4	Disha Nidre				
5	Janhavi Vartak				

RG: FIG CHALLENGE CUPS RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS KAZAN 2018



After the fourth and last FIG World Cup series in Baku from 27-19th April 2018, the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) started its first of four so-called World Challenge Cup of Rhythmic Gymnastics series. This year's first event took place in the Spanish city of Guadalajara from 4-6th May 2018, followed by the second in Portimao (POR) from May 11 - 13, but the third in Berlin at the end of May was cancelled. So in the middle of August followed No. 3 in Minsk (BLR) from 17-19th August 2018 and at the End of August the last World Challenge Cup of the 2018 circuit in Kazan, Russia from 24-26th August 2018. The event at the Kazan Gymnastics Centre, the fourth and final stop of the 2018 Rhythmic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup Series, more than 125 gymnasts from 36 nations including Meghana Gundlapally and Priyanka Kunchetti from India participated which served as a final warm-up for many gymnasts prior to 36th Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Sofia (BUL) scheduled from 10-16th September 2018. Alexandra Soldatova (RUS) and the Italian Group captured the All-around titles via tie-breaks at the 2018 Rhythmic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup in Kazan (RUS), where Dina Averina and the Russian Group swept the apparatus finals. Best of all the gymnasts at the end of FIG Word Challenge Cup Circuit 2018 was Alexandra Soldatova from Russia, followed by the winner in Minsk, Linoy Ashram from Israel.



Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual (RGI)

SN	NAME	HOOP	BALL	CLUBS	RIBBON	AA	RANK
1	Meghana Gundlapally	10.500	11.800	11.050	8.050	41.400	43/45
2	Priyanka Kunchetti	5.550	6.900	4.600	4.450	21.500	45/45

RG: 36TH RG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SOFIA, BULGARIA 2018

36th FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championship was organized by Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation at Arena Armeec Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria from 10-16th September 2018. More than 350 gymnasts from 60 countries including Meghana Gundlapally, Aditee Dandekar in RGI, Nirija Chavan, Disha Nidre, Janhavi Vartak, Radhika Dharap and Divya Dave in RGG from India participated in the 36th FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championship at Sofia, Bulgaria. Ms. Kshipra Joshi, Ms. Sadichchha Kulkarni as coaches, Ms. Akshata Shete as Judge and Ms. Varsha Upadhye as Head of Delegation accompanied the Indian RG Team to Sofia. 2018 FIG RG World Championship will be the First qualification for 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. More than 150 gymnasts competed in the five individual events (All-around, Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon) as well as the team



competition at the Arena Armeec and in the Group competition, 36 countries competed in the three medal events (All-around, 5 Hoops, 3 Balls + 2 Ropes). Indian RG team finished at 36th place with 16.450 points while Russian finished at top with 46.300 points in group finals. The medal-winning nations in the Group All-around competition will qualify as federations to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo and other nations will have further chances to qualify in 2019 and 2020. This is the first competition to award Olympic berths for any of the Gymnastics disciplines for the 2020 Olympic Games, which also includes Artistic Gymnastics and Trampoline.



Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual (RGI)

SN	NAME	HOOP	BALL	CLUBS	RIBBON	AA	RANK
1	Aditee Dandekar	9.300	10.950	9.900	9.650	30.500	112/157
2	Meghana Gundlapally	8.750	11.200	9.950	9.350	30.500	113/157

Note: Best of 3 scores are added

Rhythmic Gymnastics Group (RGG)

SN	NAME	5 Hoops	3 Balls +2 Ropes	AA	RANK
1	Nirija Chavan	D-6.400 E-1.600 Total-8.000	D-6.100 E-2.350 Total-8.450	16.450	36/36
2	Divya Dave				
3	Radhika Dharap				
4	Disha Nidre				
5	Janhavi Vartak				

AERO: 1ST ASIAN CUP IN AEROBIC GYMNASTICS MONGOLIA 14-16 SEPT 2018

Indian Aerobic Gymnastics Contingent of 14 gymnasts i. e. Harshil Patel, Abhijit Dhere, Ariha, Sneha, Vishwa Patil, Subham Rana in AG-1, Aniket Chakraborty, Bhushan Deshmukh, T. Mayabati Devi, Saharsha Chhabra, Bhavyanshu, Prakruti Shinde, Nishant Chauhan, Mahek Shah in AG-2, Mr. Nilesh Joshi, Mr. Sagar Bidiwala as coaches and Mr. Y. Ranjan Singh as judge participated in the 1st AEROBIC GYMNASTICS ASIAN CUP organized by Mongolian Gymnastics Federation from 14th –16th September 2018 at BUYANT UKHAA SPORT PALACE in Ulaanbaatar MONGOLIA which was opened for following categories:



1. AG1: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR.
2. AG2: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD
3. Senior: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD, AS

Qualification for the senior is opened for maximum two units from each Federation thus a participation of two units per category. Accordingly, more than 150 gymnasts from Mongolia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and India participated in the Asian Cup Aerobic Championship at Mongolia. The finals are opened for 1 units per country only. India won 2 silver, 2 bronze medals in Age Group-I while 2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal in Age Group-II.

Age Group-1 (AG-1)

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL	4 TH PLACE
IM	Mongolia-18.450	Mongolia-18.000	Abhijit-Ind-16.450	Harshil-Ind-15.250
TRIO	Mongolia-18.000	Harshil / Vishwa / Subham-Ind-14.242	Sri Lanka-13.142	
IW	Mongolia-18.050	Mongolia-17.850	Ariha-Ind-17.750	Sneha-Ind-16.100
MXP	Mongolia-17.100	Harshil / Vishwa-Ind-13.850		

Age Group-2 (AG-2)

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL	4 TH PLACE
IM	Aniket Chakraborty-Ind-17.167	Bhushan Deshukh-Ind-16.250	Sri Lanka-15.250	Sri Lanka-14.700
TRIO	Mongolia-14.167	Philippines-16.818	Sri Lanka-14.667	India-13.428
IW	Dorothy-Phil-18.700	Mayabati-Ind-17.050	Saharsha-Ind-15.900	Sri Lanka-14.550
MXP	Bhavyanshu/Prakruti-Ind-14.750	Sri Lanka-13.850	Sri Lanka-13.150	

ART: NATIONAL GYMNASTICS JUDGE'S COURSE IN MAG & WAG 2017-2020

National Judges Course in Men's Artistic Gymnastics and Women's Artistic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle (2017- 2020) was organized by Tripura School Sports Board in collaboration with Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports in



Newly constructed Gymnastics Indoor Hall at NSRCC at Agartala, Tripura from 21st -23rd September 2018 under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) which was attended by 42 candidates (men & women) from Agartala only. The course was conducted by FIG International Judges Mr. Deepak Kabra and Ms. Arundhoti Roy in MAG and WAG respectively with latest Code of Points, amendments and changes in

theory and practical. This course was conducted in preparation of forthcoming National School Games in Gymnastics at Agartala in Dec 2018-Jan 2019.

ART: SELECTION TRIALS FOR 2018 DOHA WORLD ART GYM CHAMPIONSHIP

Sports Authority of India conducted the selection trials at IG Stadium New Delhi on 29th & 30th September 2018 to select the Indian teams (men & women) to participate in the 48th World Artistic Gymnastics Championship to be held at Doha Qatar from 25th October to 3rd November 2018. 19 men and 13 women participated in the trials



while Ashish Kumar, Rakesh Kumar Patra, Yogeshwar Singh and ace gymnast Dipa Karmakar did not participated due to their personal reasons. Pranati Nayak also pulled out from the selection trials due to her ankle injury. B. Aruna Reddy participated in the trials and ranked 2nd but Papiya Das who was at 3rd place was selected in the team due to the withdrawal of B. Aruna Reddy due to her higher training abroad. The following gymnasts and coaches were selected for 2018 Doha Worlds but could not participate due to some unknown hitch between Sports Authority of India and Gymnastics Federation of India.

SN	MEN	SN	WOMEN
1	Aditya Singh Rana (RLY)	1	Pranati Das (RLY)
2	Gaurav Kumar (SSCB)	2	Papiya Das (WB)
	COACH		COACH
3	B. L. Bayaskar	3	J. P. Chakraborty
4	Dr. R. K. Pathania (Head of the Delegation)		

The following are the results of the selection trials for men and women held at IG Stadium New Delhi on 29th & 30th September 2018 which were evaluated by Mr. R. L. Verma, Mr. Pawan Bhoir, Mr. Surjit Singh, Mr. Parminder Sharma, Mr. Vishal Deep, Mr. Arvind Kumar and Mr. Jaideep Sharma in Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) while Dr. Kalpana Debnath, Ms. Sharwari Kulkarni, Ms. Raj Durian, Ms. Sushila Chaudhary, Ms. Tumpa Debnath and Ms. Konica Sharma in Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG). The trials were held under the supervision of a selection committee which consists of Executive Director Teams, Dr. Rajinder Pathania, Mr. Kulwinder Singh, Mr. Devender Kumar Rathore (Dronacharya Awardee) and Ms. Krupali Patel Singh (Arjun Awardee) for free and transparent evaluation.

Men's Artistic Gymnastics

NAME	UNIT	FX	PH	RR	TV	PB	HB	AA	Rank
Aditya S Rana	IR	12.566	12.133	12.700	12.966	13.000	12.400	75.765	01/19
Gaurav Kumar	SSCB	12.733	12.166	12.666	12.600	12.233	12.600	74.998	02/19
Abhijit Kumar	SSCB	11.966	12.733	12.133	12.900	12.166	12.633	74.531	03/19
Arik Dey	SSCB	11.600	11.733	11.800	12.433	12.866	12.233	72.665	04/19
Md. Bobby	SSCB	11.700	11.766	12.100	12.266	12.833	11.666	72.331	05/19

Anand Patare	SSCB	12.333	11.200	11.933	12.533	11.533	11.934	71.466	06/19
Saif Tamboli	SSCB	11.500	9.966	12.166	12.100	12.733	12.600	71.065	07/19
Govinda Kalbande	SSCB	11.100	11.300	11.767	12.534	12.000	11.566	70.267	08/19
Siddharth Verma	IR	12.000	11.500	10.966	13.066	10.833	11.666	70.031	09/19
Prem Patil	SSCB	11.033	9.833	11.300	11.267	12.500	10.733	66.666	10/19

Women's Artistic Gymnastics

NAME	UNIT	TV	UB	BB	FX	AA	Rank
Pranati Das	IR	12.400	11.150	11.950	11.450	46.950	01/13
B. Aruna Reddy	TEL	12.800	10.750	11.750	11.600	46.900	02/13
Papiya Das	WB	11.700	7.400	10.550	11.200	40.850	03/13
Mandira Hazra C	IR	12.100	8.650	9.350	10.150	40.250	04/13
Soumyashree D	WB	11.250	8.100	10.150	9.750	39.250	05/13
Bidisha Gayen	WB	11.650	7.900	9.000	8.500	37.050	06/13
Dwija Asher	MH	11.600	9.800	7.050	8.250	36.700	07/13
Swastika Ganguli	WB	12.700	6.900	8.150	8.800	36.550	08/13
Payal Bhatta	IR	11.200	7.750	8.800	8.550	36.300	09/13
Adithi Gandhi	MH	11.650	6.200	8.400	8.300	34.550	10/13

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