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WJSHJNG YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY RAMNAVAMI, BUDDHA PURNIMA & RAMJAN EJD !

DIPA KARMAKAR CONFERRED WITH PADMA SHRI AWARD 2017

Indian trailblazing gymnast **Dipa Karmakar** on 13th April 2017 (Thursday) received the coveted **Padma Shri Award** from President **Pranab Mukherjee** in the national capital.

Dipa Karmakar, hailing from Agartala, missed the bronze medal by 0.150 points as American gymnast Simone Biles won her third gold medal at the Rio Olympics last year. The 23-year-old had created history when she became the first Indian gymnast to enter the final on her debut at the quadrennial multi-discipline games after finishing eighth in the qualifying round. She had initially come to spotlight after winning a bronze medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, thus becoming the first Indian female gymnast to achieve the feat. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and others applauded gymnast Dipa Karmakar, who

underwent knee surgery recently, as she is assisted by an officer to receive Padma Shri from President Pranab Mukherjee. Dipa's parents Mrs. Gauri and Mr. Dulal Karmakar and her coach Mr. B. S. Nandi were also present during the ceremony.



ART: R. V. LOKHANDE SAI GYMNASTICS COACH TRANSFERRED

Mr. Ramakrishna V. Lokhande SAI Gymnastics Coach, who was posted under SAI Day Boarding Scheme (DBS) at Mukhtangan English School Pune since 1997, is hereby transferred to SAI STC University Complex Aurangabad. Mr. Lokhande joined at his new place of posting on 17th April 2017. He produced National Champions and International gymnasts' i. e. Rucha Divekar and Roma Joglekar from Day Boarding Scheme (DBS) of SAI adopted Mukhtangan English School Pune.

AERO: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS MUMBAI 2017

Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) and Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) jointly conducted FIG International Judges Course in Acrobatic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) at Hotel Orchid Andheri, Mumbai from 3-8th April 2017 which was attended by 15 delegates from Finland (FIN), Greece (GRE), Iran (IRI), Israel (ISR), Portugal (POR) including 7 delegates from India (IND) i. e. Mr. Sumith MR, Mr. Sanjay More, Mr. Ulhas Dhole, Mr. Ajay Sirpotdar, Mr. Jay Pal Reddy, Mr. Pankaj Kunde, and Mr. Ashwin Patil.

The course was conducted by President FIG Technical Committee Acrobatic Gymnastics Ms. Rosi Taeymans (Belgium) and Vice-President FIG Technical Committee Acrobatic Gymnastics Irina Nikitina (Russia) in theory and practical in Acrobatic Gymnastics. The examinations were held in theory as well as practical in Difficulty, Execution, Artistry and Chair of Judges Panel separately. GFI's President Mr. Sudhakar Shetty, Vice-President Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala, Secretary General Mr. Ranjit Vasava and MAGA's President Mr. Sanjay Shete wish the participants all the best for their success. Result is yet to come.



AERO: AEROBIC GYMNASTICS CAMP AT NAIHATI JUVENILE ASSOCIATION, WB

Sports Development and Culture and Indian Aerobic Gymnastics Coaches Association organized an Aerobic Gymnastics Camp for U/17 years boys and girls gymnasts from

different states from 2nd to 8th April 2017 at Naihati Juvenile Association Campus at Naihati, West Bengal under the supervision of FIG International Judges (XIV Cycle 2017-2020) Mr. Y. Ranjan Singh (Manipur), Mr. Siddharth Kadam (Aurangabad, Maharashtra). The camp was attended by 6 Aerobic Gymnasts and 1 coach from Manipur, 6 Aerobic Gymnasts and 1 coach from West Bengal and 4 Aerobic Gymnasts and 1 coach from Maharashtra (Total 16 Gymnasts & 3 Coaches) which was inaugurated by Shri Partha Bhowmick MLA on 2nd April 2017 and initiated by Mr. Samrat Paul in cooperation with Panchanantala New Athletics Club, Youth Mountaineers and Cultural Association, Naihati Institute of Science and Culture and Naihati Juvenile Association Naihati, West Bengal.



ART: SELECTION TRIALS FOR JR. AND SR. ASIAN GYMNASTICS CHAMP, THAILAND 2017

Sports Authority of India (SAI) conducted open selection trials at IG Stadium New Delhi on 17th & 18th April 2017 to select the Indian Gymnastics teams to participate in the 14th Junior and 7th Senior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships at Bangkok, Thailand from 16-21st May 2017 which was attended by 42 men, 23 women, 29 junior boys and 18 junior girls gymnasts from the different states and campers undergoing training in Junior and Senior categories. Gymnastics Federation of India deputed the following FIG International Judges Mr. Deepak Kabra, Mr. Pravin Dhage, Mr. Pawan Bhoir, Mr. B. L. Bayaskar, Mr. Satpal Chhabra, Mr. Sanjay More, Mr. Gaurav Shah in



MAG, while Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre, Ms. Arundhoti Roy and Ms. Akshata Shete (National Judge) in WAG to evaluate the performance of the gymnasts to select the Indian Junior and Senior teams for forthcoming Asian Championships. In absence of the few international judges, the services of other judges' i. e. Ms. Shyamali Mitra (WB), Ms. Sushama Joshi (Delhi) and Mr. Kaushik Ghosh (WB) are taken for the selection trials. Dr. Makrand Joshi was one of the member of the selection committee and also the GFI Observer for the selection trials. The following gymnasts in both categories are selected as given

below as well as the names of the coaches and judges are declared to accompany the teams. Mr. Partho Banerjee Senior Gymnastics Coach is deputed with the team to coordinate training and competition activities during Asian Championships while Mr. Rakesh Chaudhary and Mr. Rajib Saha will accompany the team as physio and masseur respectively.



SN	Names of Sr. Men Gymnasts, Coaches & Judges	Unit	SN	Names of Sr. Women Gymnasts, Coaches & Judges	Unit
1	Aurik Dey	SSCB	1	Pranati Nayak	RLY
2	Rakesh Patra	SSCB	2	Pranati Das	RLY
3	Abhijit Kumar	SSCB	3	B. Aruna Reddy	TEL
4	Ashish Kumar	RLY	4	Dwija Asher	MAH
5	Abhilekh Parashar	RAJ	5	Swastika Ganguli	WB
6	Ashwani Samantray	Coach	6	Meenara Begum	Coach
7	Deepak Kabra	Judge	7	Kalpna Debnath	Judge

SN	Names of Jr. Boys Gymnasts, Coaches & Judges	Unit	SN	Names of Jr. Girls Gymnasts, Coaches & Judges	Unit
1	Agnivesh Pandey	UP	1	Protishtha Samanta	WB
2	Kaushik Kazi	WB	2	Mallika Kulshreshtha	DEL
3	Vaibhav Chaurasia	UP	3	Srishti Manchanda	DEL

4	Md. Anas	UP	4	Priyanka Das Gupta	TRI
5	Omkar Shinde	MH	5	Soham Naik	MH
6	Arvind Yadav	Coach	6	JP Chakraborty	Coach
7	Pravin Dhage	Judge	7	Sanjivini Purnapatre	Judge
8	Inderjit Singh Pabla	Manager			

INDIA-AUSTRALIA SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, paid a state visit to India from 9 to 12 April 2017 at the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The two Prime Ministers agreed to continue to develop opportunities through connecting Australia's global reputation for sports excellence and expertise with India's ambition to improve its sports administration and infrastructure. The

two Prime Ministers were pleased that Australian universities were partnering with the Indian Government to establish an Indian National Sports University. The Prime Ministers welcomed the renewal of the Australia-India MOU on Sports Cooperation, expanding cooperation to include sport sciences, sports governance and integrity, athlete and coach training, and grassroots participation.



Prime Minister Turnbull was also pleased to invite elite Indian sports teams to train in Australia ahead of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast. Union Sports Minister Mr. Vijay Goel, Bharat Ratna & Cricket Legend Mr. Sachin Tendulkar along with Australian Prime Minister Turnbull are seen during the declaration. Later, Mr. Sanjay Shete President Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) was seen with Cricket Legend Mr. Sachin Tendulkar on the occasion.

ART: 54TH REGULAR DIPLOMA COURSE IN GYMNASTICS 2016-17

Ms. Apurva Avinash Shevtekar D/O Shri Avinash Shevtekar from Maharashtra successfully completed the 54th Regular diploma Course in Gymnastics 2016-2017 from SAI Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports Moti Bagh Patiala along with other 14 gymnasts from different states/Units of India i. e. Maharashtra (1), Punjab (2), SSCB (2), Haryana (5), Telangana (1), Andhra Pradesh (1), Madhya Pradesh (1) and Md. Mosfiqur Rehman from Bangladesh. Ms. Apurva Avinash Shevtekar was one of the six girls is third from right in the standing middle row who secured highest marks in the group.



CHIEF COACH DIETER STRUCK GERMANY OF 1982 VISITED INDIA

Mr. Dieter Struck from Germany, who was the Chief Gymnastics Coach at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports Patiala to train the gymnastics probable's during the IX Asian Games held at New Delhi in 1982, recently visited New Delhi on 24th April 2017 after a gap of 35 years to meet the old legendary gymnasts i. e. Mukta Saraf, Sanjivini Chivate, Vidhut Nagarwala, Medha Bapat, Savita Marathe, Kewal Krishan, Anjan Das and coaches i. e. Dr. G. S. Bawa, Dr. Kalpana Debnath, Mr. B. S. Nandi, Mr. J. P. Chakraborty and latest Olympian Dipa Karmakar. Mr. Struck also paid a visit to National Coaching Camp at IG Stadium New Delhi which was in progress in preparation of Junior and Senior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championship held at Bangkok Thailand from 16-21st May 2017. Mr. Struck also met with Padma Shri Dipa Karmakar and her coach Mr. B. S. Nandi (Dronacharya Awardee). Mr. Dieter Struck came all the way from Germany (the then East Germany) to refresh his sweet memories, unforgettable moments and love with Indian Gymnasts and Coaches which he had during training of IX Asian Games Camps at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports Patiala in 1982. Mr. Dieter Struck had a long drive with Mr. Gurminder Singh Mattu National Gymnastics Coach to visit NSNIS Patiala and to refresh his old memories and met many of coaches and gymnasts.



MAHARASHTRA STATE GYMNASTICS JUDGE'S COURSES OF 2017-2020

Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) decided in its Executive Meeting held at Marathwada Sanskrutik Mondal Aurangabad on 9th April 2017 to conduct state gymnastics judge's courses in the different disciplines to train more judges in the month of



May & June 2017 followed by national judge's courses. Accordingly, Parbhani District Gymnastics Association and Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association jointly organized its first State Judge's Course of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) in Aerobic Gymnastics at Prabhavati Vidhyalaya Parbhani from 2-4th May 2017 which was attended by 14 judges from different district of Maharashtra. The Aerobic Judges Course was conducted by FIG International Judges of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) Dr. Makrand Joshi and Mr. Siddharth Kadam. Experts have discussion on 2017-2020 Code of Points in detail and also clarified changed in theory / practical regarding their difficulty values etc.

Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA), Mumbai City

Gymnastics Association and BPCA jointly organized the 2nd State Judge's Course of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) in Rhythmic Gymnastics at Bombay Physical Culture Association, Wadala (Mumbai) from 3-5th May 2017 which was attended by 16 judges from different district of Maharashtra. The Rhythmic Judges Course was conducted by FIG International Judges of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) Ms. Akshata Shete and Ms. Kshipra Joshi with latest Code of Points, amendments and changes in theory and practical and did a successful work of spreading their latest knowledge about Rhythmic Gymnastics to all the judges who attended the course.



Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA), Nanded District Amateur Gymnastics Association and Nanded Gymnastics Club (NGC) Nanded jointly organized the 3rd State Judge's Course of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) in Acrobatic Gymnastics at Guru Govind Singh Stadium Nanded from 26-28th May 2017 which was attended by 28 judges from different district of Maharashtra i. e. Nagpur-3, Nashik-3, Nanded-8, Amravati-4, Yavatmal-2, Kolhapur-3, Aurangabad-2, Mumbai City-1, Parbhani-1 and Hingoli-1. The Acrobatic Gymnastics Judges Course was conducted by FIG International Judge of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) Mr. Sanjay More from Sports Authority of India with latest Code of Points, amendments and changes in theory and practical.



Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) and Thane District Gymnastics Association jointly organized the 5th State Judge's Course of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) in Trampoline Gymnastics at Bhoir Gymkhana Dombivali Thane from 3-5th June 2017 which was attended by 15 judges from different district of Maharashtra. The Trampoline Gymnastics Judges Course was conducted by FIG International Judge of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) Mr. Pawan Bhoir with latest Code of Points, amendments and changes in theory and practical.





Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA), Mumbai City Gymnastics Association and BPCA jointly organized the 4th State Judge's Course of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) in Women Artistic Gymnastics at Bombay Physical Culture Association (BPCA), Wadala (Mumbai) from 31st May to 2nd June 2017 which was attended by 40 judges from different district of Maharashtra. The course was inaugurated by Dr. GV Pargoankar Former Principle College of Physical education Wadala, Director BPCA and Vice President MCGA and concluded on 2nd June 2017 by Dr. Rajendra Shelke Professor BPCA. The Women Artistic Gymnastics Judge Course was conducted by FIG International Judges of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) Mrs. Sanjivini Purnapatre with latest Code of Points, amendments and changes in theory and practical.

Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) and Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association jointly organized the 6th State Judge's Course of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) in Men's Artistic Gymnastics at Marathwada Sanskrutik Mandal Aurangabad from 8-10th June 2017 which was attended by 54 judges from 18 affiliated districts of Maharashtra including Shiv



Chhatrapati Awardees Dr. Vishal Deshpande, Mr. Ranjit Pawar, Mr. Harshad Moghe, Mr. Sagar Kulkarni, Mr. Aditya Joshi, Mr. R. V. Lokhande and many State and National medalists. The course was inaugurated by Dr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA on 8th June 2017 in presence of Advocate Shankarsan Joshi President and Mr. Sagar Kulkarni Secretary ADGA. The Men's Artistic



Gymnastics Judges Course was conducted by FIG International Judge of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) Mr. Pravin Dhage Cat-III with latest Code of Points, amendments and changes in theory and practical. The examination was conducted on 10th June 2017 in theory and practical separately.



MAG: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN MAG HONGKONG 2017

The **Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong** organized the FIG International Judges' Course in Men's Artistic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle 2017-2020 at Hotel Regal Riverside Kowloon Hong Kong from 30th April to 5th May 2017 which was attended by 76 delegates from 20 countries including 7 judges i.



e. Mr. Tejas Patel (Gujrat), Mr. Satpal Chhabra (Haryana), Mr. B. L. Bayaskar (SSCB), Mr. Sanjay More (SAI), Mr. Sujeet Bhawe (SSCB), Mr. Vinay Sawant (Maharashtra) and Mr. Sumit Kharpas (Gujrat) from India. The course was conducted by the designated FIG Experts and organized in accordance with the following FIG rules i. e. MAG Code of Points 2017-2020, FIG General Judges' Rules 2017-2020, FIG

Specific Judges' Rules 2017-2020, FIG Statutes 2017 and FIG Technical Regulations 2017. All the participants were evaluated in theoretical examination, practical examination in difficulty and execution separately. Mr. Bhagwan Bayaskar returned with FIG International Judge's Brevet in Cat-III while other 5 judges Mr. Tejas Patel, Mr. Satpal Chhabra, Mr. Sanjay More, Mr. Sujeet Bhawe and Mr. Vinay Sawant in Cat-IV. Mr. Sumit Kharpas (Gujrat) could not make it.



TRAMPOLINE: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN TRAMPOLINE JAPAN 2017



Japan Gymnastics Association organized FIG International Judges' Course in Trampoline Gymnastics of XIV Cycle 2017-2020 at Hotel Mets Akabane and Japan Institute of Sports Science Tokyo Japan from 8-13th March 2017 which was attended by 30 delegates from 8 countries i. e. China, Honk Kong, Japan, Philippines, Portugal, China Taipei and Vietnam including Mr. Pawan Bhoir from India. The course was conducted by the designated FIG Experts Mr. Liu Xing (China) and Mr. Nikolai Makarov (Russia) and organized in accordance with FIG rules. Mr. Pawan Bhoir completed the course successfully and returned with FIG

Brevet in Trampoline in Category-IV and became the first FIG International Judge till date for Maharashtra and for the country as 3 judges could not make it earlier in the XI Cycle of 2005-2008. He is also FIG International Judge in Men's Artistic Gymnastics (2017-2020).

AERO: NATIONAL AEROBIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP AT BENGALURU 2017

14TH National Aerobic Gymnastics Championship (All Age Groups) will be held at Gopalan Sports Academy Bengaluru Karnataka from 16-18th July 2017 under the aegis of GFI.

RG: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN RG IN SOFIA (BUL) 2017



Bulgaria Gymnastics Association organized FIG International Judges' Course in Rhythmic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle 2017-2020 at Hotel Merinela Sofia Bulgaria from 15-21st February 2017 which was attended by 100 delegates from 23 countries including Ms. Kshipra Joshi and Ms. Alica Joe from India. The course was conducted by the designated FIG Experts Ms. Natalia Kuzmina (RUS) President FIG RG Technical Committee, Ms. Noha Abou Shahana (Egypt) First Vice President FIG RG Technical Committee and Ms. Maria Gigova (Bulgaria) and organized in accordance with FIG rules. Ms. Kshipra Joshi only completed the course successfully and returned with FIG Brevet in Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual and Rhythmic Gymnastics Group in Category-IV respectively. Ms. Kshipra Joshi and Ms. Akshata Shete are the first FIG International Judges in Rhythmic Gymnastics Group till date for Maharashtra and for the country.

RG: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN RG IN TASHKENT (UZB) 2017



Uzbekistan Gymnastics Association organized FIG International Judges' Course in Rhythmic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle 2017-2020 at Hotel International Tashkent Uzbekistan from 5-11th February 2017 which was attended by 81 delegates from 17 countries including Ms. Sadichchha Kulkarni from India. The course was conducted by the designated FIG Experts Ms. Natalia Kuzmina (RUS) President FIG RG Technical Committee, Ms. Maria Gigova (Bulgaria) and Ms. Daniela Delk Chiace (Italy) and organized in accordance with FIG rules. Ms. Sadichchha Kulkarni completed the course successfully and returned with FIG Brevet in Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual in Category-IV. All the participants were evaluated in theoretical examination, practical examination in difficulty and execution separately.

RG: FIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES COURSE IN RG IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA 2017



Malaysia Gymnastics Association

organized FIG International Judges' Course in Rhythmic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle 2017-2020 at Hotel Seri Pacific at Kuala Lumpur Malaysia from 15-21st May 2017 which was attended by 48 delegates from 16 countries i.e. Australia, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Russia, Sammarinese, Taipei China, Uzbekistan, Vietnam including Ms. Surekha Rana, Nidhi Yadav, Ms. Mansi Surve and Ms. Pooja Surve from India. The maximum of 15 judges participated from Malaysia in this course. The course was conducted



by the designated FIG Experts Ms. Natalia Kuzmina (RUS) President FIG RG Technical Committee, Ms. Maria Gigova (Bulgaria) and Ms. Daniela Delk Chiace (Italy) and organized in accordance with FIG rules.

Ms. completed the course successfully and returned with FIG Brevet in Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual in Category-IV. All the participants were evaluated in theoretical examination, practical examination in difficulty and execution separately. Ms. Pooja Surve and Ms. Mansi Surve (both from Maharashtra) returned with FIG International Judge's Brevet in RGI & RGG with Cat-III and Cat-IV respectively while Ms. Surekha Rana of Haryana in RGI with Cat-IV and Ms. Nidhi Yadav (Haryana) could not make it.

SPORTS CONCLAVE ORGANIZED BY RSPB 2017



Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) organized a Sports Conclave to Rejuvenate Indian Sports at Railway Museum New Delhi on 10th May 2017 which was attended by the famous Stake Holder – Strategic Partners i. e. Mr. Abhay Singavai Head Business, Product & Patient Experience Medanta, Mr. Harbhajan Singh Director General Corporate Affairs Honda Motor Cycles & Scooter, Mr. Vivek Kohli Co-Chairman Stage International, Mr. Viren Rasquinha Arjun Awardee & CEO Olympic Gold Quest, Mr. Satyabrata Sheoran Secretary SSCB and Senior Journalist Pradeep Magazine and Sports Legends like Padma Shree Mary Kom Olympic Medalist, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee, Arjun Awardee in Boxing and MP Rajya Sabha, Padma Shree Sushil Kumar 2 times Olympic Medalist, Rajiv Gandhi Khel

Ratna Awardee, Arjun Awardee in Wrestling, Ms. Sakshi Malik Olympic Medalist, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee, Arjun Awardee in Women Wrestling, Padma Shree & Arjun Awardee Baichung Bhutia Legendary Footballer, Mr. B. S. Nandi Dronacharya Awardee in Gymnastics, Sports Journalist Mr. Vikrant Gupta (Aaj Tak) and many more. Padma

Shree Sushil Kumar India's great saint said that

there should be a Lodha committee panel on the pattern like BCCI to bring transparency in the functioning of national sports federations. Five times the World Champion C. Mary Kom said that she had only one boxing coach. After some days, she learned that coach had the title of basketball or football NIS and after that he also got the Dronacharya Award. Mr. B. S. Nandi, Dronacharya Awardee and Coach of Dipa Karmakar said, "There has been no national championships for gymnastics in the last four years in any age group because the two federations in India are claiming to represent India's

gymnastics. Who is responsible for this? We must thankful to Sports Authority of India (SAI) for providing good facilities for the practice as well as for International exposure to keep the Indian Gymnastics alive. Ms. Rekha Yadav Secretary Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) said that although there are many shortcomings but BCCI has created good infrastructure and should be appreciated.

MAGA: 2ND ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING AT KHANDALA MAY 2017



2nd Annual General Body Meeting of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) was held at Rashtriya Mill Mazdur Sangha Khandala on 6th & 7th May 2017 which was attended by 42 delegates from 24 affiliated District units i. e. Aurangabad, Amravati, Ahmednagar, Beed, Dhule, Gondia, Hingoli, Jalna, Jalgaon, Krida Probodhini, Kolhapur, Mumbai City, Nashik, Nanded, Nagpur, Nandurbar, Palghar, Pune, Parbhani, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Solapur, SAI, Thane and Washim. The AGM was chaired by Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA, and Mr. Uttam Latpate Vice-President MAGA, Mr. Makrand Joshi Secretary MAGA Mr. Pawan Bhoir Treasurer MAGA were also on the dais. First of all, Secretary MAGA welcomed the President and other MAGA officials as well as all delegates from 24 district units. MAGA as decided in its Executive meeting to felicitate the dedicated sports persons in the category of Best Coach Award, Best Organizers Award and Best Player Award from this year onwards. So Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA bestowed the Best Coach Award to Mr. Deepak Shirke SAI Gymnastics Coach BEG Pune for his meritorious contributions in Maharashtra Gymnastics followed by another Best Organizer Award to Dr. Tulshi Ram Khadke President Jalgaon District Gymnastics Association. Dr. Khadke works very hard to organize any state gymnastics championship at Jalgaon in a very smooth and befitting manner whether his district players get medal or not. Best player Award was not given as there was no national championships since 2012 onwards. MAGA also honoured Dr. Rajinder Shelke Mumbai City and Dr. Narayan Jadhav

Ahmednagar for procuring the Degree of Ph.D. in the field of Physical Education which will strengthen the organization. President MAGA also felicitated all the FIG International Judges of 14th Cycle 2017-2020 by presenting the bouquet such as Mr. Pravin Dhage (MAG), Mr. Pawan Bhoir (MAG & Trampoline), Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre (WAG), Ms. Akshata Shete, Ms. Kshipra Joshi (RGI & RGG), Ms. Sadichchha Kulkarni (RGI), Dr. Makrand Joshi, Mr. Siddharth Kadam, Mr. Vivek Deshpande (All Aerobic). It is worth to mention that Dr. Makrand Joshi is the only FIG International Judge in Aerobic Gymnastics in the country who holds the office as Secretary of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA). Dr. Makrand Joshi also informed to all the members that Two Chhatrapati Awards in gymnastics will be given one for male and one for female separately each in Cat-I (MAG & WAG) and Cat-II (RG, ACRO, AERO, TRAMP) from current year. Many more subjects were discussed in the meeting which will be covered in the minutes. On 7th May 2017, Mr. Uttam Latpate Vice-President MAGA presided over the Technical Committee meeting and he felicitated the chairpersons of all the technical committees' i. e. Mr. Pravin Dhage (MAG), Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre (WAG), Mrs. Varsha Upadhye (RG), Mr. Jay Pal Reddy (ACRO), Mr. Harshad Kulkarni in absence of Mr. Aditya Joshi (AERO) and Mr. Pawan Bhoir (TRAMP). All the chair persons gave their suggestions and change plan separately for the development of every discipline of gymnastics. Discussion was held for conduct of state championship, judge's courses and amendments if any in Code of Points etc. MAGA asked them to prepare a comprehensive report and submit to MAGA at the earliest to implement in the forthcoming State Championships. Rest of the discussions will elaborately be covered in the minutes and will be circulated in due course of time. Meeting ended with thanks to chair and wished for the better future of gymnastics in the state and as whole in the country.



ART: 7th JR & 14th SR ASIAN ART GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BANGKOK MAY 2017

Indian Gymnastics Contingent consist of 5 men, 5 women, 5 junior boys and 5 junior girls along with their coaches Mr. Ashwani Samantray, Mr. Partho Banerjee, Mr. JP Chakraborty and Ms. Meenara Begum and Mr. Deepak Kabra, Mr. Pravin Dhage, Mr. Pawan Bhoir and Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre (MAG & WAG Judges) with Mr. Inderjit Singh Pabla as Head of the delegation participated in the 7th Senior and 14th Junior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships organized by Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU) in Bangkok, Thailand from 16 to 21 May 2017 which was opened at Nimibtur Gymnasium inside the sprawling Thailand National Stadium Sports Complex on 16th May 2017.



7th Senior and 14th Junior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships have drawn a record number of participating countries and participants, with the Asian Seniors attracted 135 gymnasts from 20 countries i. e. China, India, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Iran, Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan, South Korea,



Malaysia, Philippines, North Korea, Qatar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Chinese-Taipei, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Vietnam and the Asian Juniors 151 gymnasts from 23 countries i. e. China, Japan, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, North Korea, Qatar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Chinese-Taipei, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Vietnam.

Turkmenistan made its debut by participating with two women in the Asian Seniors and five boys and one girl in the Asian Juniors respectively. China began its campaign in the 14th Junior Asian Gymnastics Championships with a bang, sweeping both girls individual with newcomer Chen Yile, who secured an individual high of 55.00 points and the Chinese captured the team championship with an imposing score of 161.10 points followed by runner-up Japan (153.35), which narrowly took the silver over bronze medallist South Korea (153.00) and Indian junior girls were at 11th position with 113.850. In junior boys Japan swept both individual championship with Murayama Kakuta, who secured 80.950 points and Japanese boys captured team championship with 243.300 points followed by silver medal by China with 241.400 points and bronze to Chinese-Taipei with 229.250 and Indian junior boys team was at 9th place with 210.250 points. Vaibhav



Chaurasia of India was placed at 19th place in Individual Championship with 68.400 points. China again started its campaign with big bang in the 7th Senior Asian Gymnastics



Championships sweeping both Individual and Team Championships in men

and women categories. Chinese captured Team Championships gold in men with 264.750 points followed by silver to Korea with 251.700 points, bronze medal to Japan with 250.100 points and India was 7th with 233.750 points while Individual Championship in men went to Xiao Ruoteng of China with 87.800 points. Abhijit Kumar (77.450) and Abhilekh Parashar (75.100) of India were at 12th & 13th position in Individual Championship respectively. China did the same in women section too by lifting Team Championships gold with 165.200 points, followed by silver to North Korea (PRK) with 156.750 points, bronze to Japan with 155.100 points and India was 6th with 136.200 points while Individual Championship went to Liu Tingting of China with 56.800 points. Pranati Nayak (45.900) and B. Aruna

Reddy (43.200) of India were at 14th & 20th position in Individual Championships respectively. First time none of the junior boys and girls could qualify for C-III while in senior women Pranati Nayak qualified in Table Vault at Q-5 with 13.275 points and ranked 4th with 13.300 points. Pranati Nayak also qualified in Beam at Q-8 with 12.500 points and ranked 5th with 12.125 points. B. Aruna Reddy qualified in Table Vault at Q-7 with 13.200 points and ranked 6th with 12.825 points. Rakesh Kumar Patra only in senior men qualified in Rings with 14.00 points and ranked 8th with 13.150 points due to his unstable dismount. Ashish Kumar and Abhijit Kumar also qualified as reserve in Table Vault and High Bar respectively. First time Mr. Deepak Kabra FIG International Judge Cat-II was assigned as D-1 judge in Parallel Bars Final while Ms. Sanjivini Purnapatre FIG International Judge Cat-IV was elevated from Line judge for juniors to Execution Judge in seniors in Asian Championships at Bangkok.

MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

SN	NAME	FX	PH	RR	TV	PB	HB	AA	RANK
1	Abhijit Kumar	13.050	12.950	12.500	12.550	13.000	13.400	77.450	13/74
2	Abhilekh Par	12.600	12.300	11.950	13.300	12.100	12.850	75.100	14/74
3	Aurik Dey	13.250	12.650	6.000	12.000	12.900	12.050	68.850	24/74
4	Rakesh Patra	-	-	14.000	-	12.550	13.050	39.600	51/74
5	Ashish Kumar	13.800	-	-	13.700	-	-	27.500	58/74

WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

SN	NAME	TV	UB	BB	FX	TOTAL	RANK
1	Pranati Nayak	13.200	9.250	12.500	10.950	45.900	16/55
2	B. Aruna Reddy	13.500	8.750	9.500	11.650	43.200	25/55
3	Dwija Asher	12.300	10.300	-	11.100	33.700	40/55
4	Pranati Das	-	10.750	11.050	10.350	32.150	41/55
5	Swastika Ganguli	12.200	-	9.650	-	21.850	47/55

JUNIOR BOYS ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

SN	NAME	FX	PH	RR	TV	PB	HB	AA	RANK
1	Vaibhav C	11.400	10.250	10.550	13.200	11.950	11.050	68.400	25/81
2	Agnivesh P	11.600	3.250	11.400	12.950	12.300	11.250	63.250	33/81
3	Md. Anas	10.800	11.300	-	12.600	11.800	11.150	57.650	38/81
4	Kaushik Kazi	12.100	-	10.450	11.900	9.750	11.100	55.300	42/81
5	Omkar Shinde	-	11.200	11.650	-	-	-	22.850	70/81

JUNIOR GIRLS ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

SN	NAME	TV	UB	BB	FX	TOTAL	RANK
1	Protishtha Samanta	12.150	7.650	10.150	9.750	39.700	33/55
2	Mallika Kulshreshtha	11.800	5.900	8.350	9.800	35.850	38/55
3	Srishti Manchanda	12.050	7.050	6.700	8.250	34.050	44/55
4	Priyanka Dasgupta	12.000	-	8.900	-	20.900	52/55
5	Soham Nayak	-	6.450	-	9.550	16.000	53/55

H OLYMPIAN DIPA KARMAKAR ONOURED WITH SPECIAL STAMP COVER

On Saturday 21st January 2017, the Indian Department of Post unveiled the stamp featuring Dipa Karmakar at two day long district level philatelic exhibition organized in Agartala to honour her achievements in gymnastics at Rio Olympic Games and achieved an historic fourth-place finish. Dipa Karmakar and her coach Bishweshwar Nandi were present at the event. Earlier, she had also scripted history by



becoming the first Indian woman gymnast to bag a bronze at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014. She is being supported by the Go Sports Foundation under the Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme. Karmakar is one of the only five women who have successfully landed the Produnova, which is regarded as the most difficult vault currently performed in women's gymnastics. She also won a bronze medal at the Asian Gymnastics Championships at Hiroshima in 2015 and finished fifth at the 2015 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships at Glasgow, both firsts for her country. So far, the Department of Post has released 19 special issues related to Tripura. In 1972, it had released a special cover on a Tripura-based Volley ball player. Karmakar was the second sports person to get a place in the Indian postal stamp from Tripura. She expressed her gratitude to the postal department for choosing her for their special issue and also expressed her heartiest regard to her coach and people of Tripura for supporting in her long journey to Olympics.

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS JUDGE'S COURSES OF 2017-2020

National Judges Course in Rhythmic Gymnastics of XIV Cycle (2017-2020) was organized by Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) at Rashtriya Mill Mazdur Sangha (RMMS) Parel Mumbai from 9-11th May 2017. The course was attended by 17 judges' i. e. WB-2, Maharashtra-3, Andhra Pradesh-2, Gujrat-4 and Haryana-6 and was conducted by FIG International Judges of 2017-2020 Cycle Ms. Akshata Shete and Ms. Kshipra Joshi as per the 2017-2020 Code of Points in RG as adopted at 14th Cycle FIG Intercontinental/International Judges Course.

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