

MAHARASHTRA AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

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AWARDS: FELICITATION (गौरव सोहळा) OF MAHARASHTRA'S SPORTS DIGNITARIES

Shri Sanjay Shete President BPES and MAGA organized felicitation function to Honour Shri Pradip Gandhe Former International Badminton player & Major Dhyanchand Award Winner 2020, Shri Vijay Santan Deputy Director Sports & Youth Affairs Government of Maharashtra and Newly Elected Secretary General of School Games Federation of India and other Sports Dignitaries of Maharashtra at Bhartiya Kreedha Mandir, Wadala Mumbai on 3rd April 2021 which was attended by representatives of 23 State Sports Associations such as Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Badminton, Basketball, Canoeing & Kayaking, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kurash Sports, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing, Rugby, Shooting, Swimming, Triathlon, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Weight-Lifting, Wrestling and Wushu.

Shri Sanjay Shete President BPES honoured Shri Pradip Gandhe Former International Badminton player & Major Dhyanchand Award winner 2020, Shri Vijay Santan Deputy Director Sports & Youth Affairs Government of Maharashtra and Newly Elected Secretary General of School Games Federation of India (SGFI), Shri Namdev Shirgaonkar Joint Secretary Indian Olympic Association (IOA) & Vice-President Maharashtra Olympic Association (MOA), Shri Adile Sumariwala President Athletics Federation of India & VP MOA, Shri Dhananjay Bhosle Treasurer MOA & President Maharashtra Judo Association, Shri Jay Kavli President Maharashtra Boxing Association & VP MOA, Shri Kaka Pawar Arjun Awardee & Olympian (Wrestling), Shri N. B. Mote Former Deputy



Director Sport & Youth Affairs Government of Maharashtra. Shri Sanjay Shete donated a cheque of Rs. One Lakh to Shri Kaka Pawar for the development and promotion of wrestlers, those who are training at his wrestling academy. Shri Sanjay Shete and Dr. Pargaonkar Principal BPES were also felicitated by Shri Adile Sumariwala on behalf of all Sports Association's representatives for their contributions towards sports field.



MAGA: 6th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAGA VIA ZOOM APP FOR 2020-21



6th Annual General Meeting of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) was held on Zoom App on 27th June 2021 at 11.00 am due to Covid-19 Pandemic which was attended by 42 delegates of 24 affiliated District units. The participant district / units were Aurangabad, Akola, Amravati, Beed, Buldana, Gondia, Hingoli, Jalna, Jalgaon, Krida Probodhini, Latur, Mumbai City, Nashik, Nagpur, Nandurbar, Nanded, Palghar, Pune, Parbhani, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Raigarh, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Thane, and Washim. The AGM was chaired by Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA. Mr. Uttam Latpate Vice-President MAGA, Dr. Makarand Joshi Secretary



MAGA, Dr. Madhuri Chendke Vice President MAGA, Mr. Pavan Bhoir Treasurer MAGA, Mr. Vedant Mundhe, Mr. Jaipal Reddy, Mr. Vijay Bhandare, Mr. Mayuresh Ekbote, Mr. Mukund Bhoir, Mr. Kumar Shirwadkar, Mr. Mukesh Tundalayath, Mr. Rahul Sasane, Mr. D. D.

Shinde, Ms. Asha Zunje, Mr. Akshay Sonawane, Mr. Gokul Das Gore, Mr. Deepak Upasani, Mr. Khushal Sharma, Mr. Atul Fadake, Mr. Yogesh Shirke, Mr. R. V. Lokhande, Ms. Kavita Patil, Mr. Sanjay Hirode, Ms. Sumiti Jumbhelkar, Mr. Pradip





Latpate, Mr. Prasad Single, Mr. Sandeep Joshi, Prof. Nilesh Joshi, Mr. Vinayak Vaze, Dr. Tarak Das, Mr. Ganesh Thakare, Mr. Sagar Kulkarni, Adv. Shankarsan Joshi, Mr. Rahul Pahurkar, Mr. Harshal Mogre, Mr. Purushottam Darwankar, Ms. Ujjwala Damase, Mr. Rajendra Banmare, Mr. Anil Sahare, Mr. Darshan Tarale, and Mr. R. N. Mangla were present in the meeting. First of all, Secretary MAGA welcomed the President, Vice President and other MAGA officials as well as all delegates from 24 district units. All the 42 members were introduced to the house who attended the AGM and one minute silence was observed to pay respect to the departed souls of Shri Jadish Shirke, Shri Deepak Surve, Shri Kailash Nilakh, Mother of Dr. Sagar Kulkarni and Shri Ajeet Jarande, Shri Dilip Ojha and Shri Hari Om Savita during the year. Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA welcomed all the members and launched MAGA's Annual Report 2020-21 which was sent to all the district units online and physical copy will also be given to them in any of the coming state championship. The Annual Report 2020-21 is also sent Maharashtra Olympic Association and Gymnastics Federation of India. Mr. Sanjay Shete gave the permission to start the discussions on the agenda provided.

1. The minutes of the last AGM minutes held on 11.10.2020 were read and approved by the present members.
2. Dr. Makarand Joshi informed that the Auditors fee which was increase in the last AGM to Rs. 20,000/- pm is reduced to Rs. 15,000/- pm due to Covid-19 Pandemic. All members agreed unanimously and passed by the house.
3. Mr. Pavan Bhoir Treasurer MAGA presented the Financial Audited Report for the year 2020-21 and tentative budget for 2021-22 for Rs. 21,77,500/- was also presented in detail which was passed unanimously by the members. Mr. Sanjay Shete complimented with special thanks to Mr. Pavan Bhoir for presentation of budget in a befitting manner which was only possible by him.
4. Dr. Makarand Joshi proposed to conduct a workshop for judges in the days to come with the help of Technical Committees of MAG & WAG to prepare a Code of Points for under 10 boys and girls for Level-I for 7 years, Level-II for 8 years & Level-III for 9 years. The Medals will be awarded on the basis of percentages like 70-80% Bronze Medal, 81-90% Silver Medal and 90% and above Gold Medal. This exercise will help to create a strong base among the young gymnasts. Tentative Workshop may be conducted on trial basis on or before 10th July 2021.
5. Dr. Makarand Joshi congratulated the MAGA member's i. e. Ms. Akshata Shete AGU member in RG Technical Committee, Dr. Makarand Joshi AGU member in Aerobic Technical Committee, Mr. R. N. Mangla in Scoring Committee, Ms. Varsha Upadhye in Selection Committee, Mr. Ajeet Jarande in ACTC Committee and Mr. Pavan Bhoir in Trampoline Technical Committee, who are inducted by GFI in the different

Technical Committees. Later, he proposed the Vote of Thanks and meeting ended with the permission of the chair and wished for the better future of gymnastics in the state and as whole in the country.

MAGA: VIRTUAL MEETING OF MAGA's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 30TH MAY 2021

The Executive Meeting of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association was held online on Zoom App on 30th May 2021 at 11.30 am which was presided by Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA and attended by Mr.

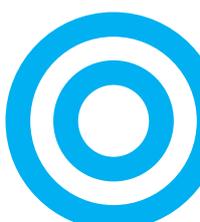


Uttam Latpate Sr. Vice-president MAGA, Dr. Madhuri Chendke Vice-president MAGA, Dr. Makarand Joshi General Secretary MAGA, Advocate Shankarshan Joshi, Mr. Pawan Bhoir Treasurer MAGA, Dr. Sagar Kulkarni, Mr. Deepak Upasani (Nashik), Mr. Mayuresh Ekbote (Pune), Mr. Vinayak Vaze (Beed), Mr. Jai Pal Reddy (Nanded), Mr. Bala Saheb Mundhe (Washim), , Mr. R. N. Mangla (Pune), Mr. Mukesh Tundalay (Akola), Ms. Ujjwala Damase (Palghar), Mr. Anil Sahane (Gondia), Mr. Prakash G. Bhairao (Gondiya), Mr. Pravin Patil (Jalgaon), Asst. Prof, Nilesh Joshi (Jalgaon), Mr. Umesh Pandhare (Chandrapur) and Mr.



Rajendra Banmare (Wardha) attended the virtual meeting. Dr. Makarand Joshi General Secretary MAGA welcomed the members than Mr. Sanjay Shete President MAGA welcomed all the members and asked to General Secretary to start the meeting as per Agenda. First of all, he requested all the members to observe 2 minutes silence to pay respect to

the departed souls of Mr. Dhanjay Damale, Mr. Kailasj Neelakh, Mrs. Shaila Kulkarni mother of Mr. Sagar Kulkarni, Mr. Anil Moghe, Mrs. Jarande - mother of Mr. Ajit Jarande, Mr. Jagdish Rajeshirke and Mr. Deepak Surve, which was a great loss to the Maharashtra Gymnastics. Dr. Makarand Joshi read the minutes of the last meeting held on 7th February 2021 and confirmed by the present members. He informed the house that all the State Championships in different categories were allotted for the year 2020-21 but could not be conducted due to Covid-19 lockdown throughout state. General Secretary proposed to organize the level wise competition for boys & girls below 10 years and suggested to formulate a new code of points level wise by the Technical Committee. Mr. Pawan Bhoir Treasurer MAGA explained the 2020-21 budget which was passed unanimously and proposed the New Budget of Rs. 21,77, 500/- for the year 2021-22. A meeting of technical committee was conducted a few weeks before to select a Maharashtra Contingent to participate in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Haryana from 21-30th November 2021. It was also decided to conduct the next AGM Virtually on



Sunday i. e. 27th June 2021 at 11.00 am. Executive Committee Meeting was concluded with the Vote of thanks by Mr. Sanjay Shete President Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA).

RG: FIRST EVER ONLINE RG GYMNASTIVAL COMPETITION AT MUMBAI



Mrs. Varsha Upadhye's Premier Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy organized its first ever online Rhythmic Gymnastics competition known as Gymnastival for the age groups Of U/8, U/10, U/12, U/16 and Above 16 years and levels at Mumbai on 5th & 6th June 2021. The idea is to provide a platform to the young gymnasts to show



their skills online during the Covid-19 Pandemic. PRGA conducted online competition on 5th June 2021 for the age groups of U/8, U/10, and U/12 while competition for U/16 and Above 16



was held on 6th June 2021 in which around 100 PRGA gymnasts of all age group participated. PRGA invited Mrs. Meenara Begum SAI Gymnastics Coach (Retired), Coach of Indian

Gymnastics teams, State Awardee Chandigarh and Krida Guru Awardee Government of West Bengal as a Chief Guest for first ever online Rhythmic Gymnastics competition in the evening at 7.00 pm which was attended by more than 100 RG coaches and RG gymnasts. Mrs. Meenara Begum is the Coach of Pranati Nayak who won the Bronze medal in 8th Senior Asian Gymnastics Championship at Mongolia in June 2019 and



now will be representing India in XXXII Tokyo Olympic Games 2021 which is to be held from 23rd July 2021 onwards. Mrs. Sanjivani Purnapatre welcomed and introduced Mrs. Meenara Begum with the coaches and all the gymnasts of PRGA and followed by the inter-action by the way of question & answer session. Mrs. Varsha Upadhye, Mrs. Sanjivani Purnapatre, Ms. Sadichchha Kulkarni, Akshata Shete, Kshipra Joshi, Ms. Radhika Dharap, Ms. Adeete Dandekar, Ms. Disha Nidre and many more young gymnasts started asking questions to know more about the chief guest as a gymnast, as a coach and her training schedules. Mrs. Meenara Begum replied everyone's questions and clarified their eagerness to become a champion gymnasts. She also encouraged and motivated the young gymnasts through her answers. The performance of all age groups were evaluated by PRGA Judges Ms. Aditee Dandekar, Ms.

Disha Nidre, Janhavi Vartak, Ms. Radhika Dharap, Ms. Nirja Chavan, Ms. Vaibhavi Bapat and Guest Judges like Ms. Jashandeep Kaur, Ms. Gundlapally Meghana Reddy, Ms. Akshata Shete-Jadhav, Ms. Anita and Ms. Himani Gaikwad. Mrs. Sanjivani Purnapatre and Ms. Kshipra Joshi were the Technical Experts & Jury members while Ms. Sadichcha Kulkarni was the Competition Director. First ever online RG Competition was a grand success by the whole hearted efforts of Team PRGA. All the coaches and gymnasts congratulated Mrs. Meenara Begum and Pranati Nayak for participation in the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games which is one of the greatest achievement after the Legendary Gymnast Dipa Karmakar.

ART: FIRST EVER ONLINE ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS COMPETITION AT THANE



First Time Artistic Gymnastics Premier League (GPL) is conducted successfully on 5th & 6th June 2021 by Gymnastics Coaching Centre Dakshamz and Gymnastics

Sevabhavi Sanstha at Saraswati Krida Sankul District Thane. 4 teams' i. e. High Flippers, Balance Brigade, Twist Stars and Flexible Charms consist of

8-9 National, State and Upcoming Gymnasts of 6-17 years of age participated in the competition. Each team was supported with two coaches and one manager from parents group. Nation's Pride Ms. Pranati Nayak was the Chief Guest in the competition who won Bronze medal in 8th Senior Asian Gymnastics Championship held Mongolia in 2019 and recently qualified for the XXXII Olympic Games to be held at Tokyo (Japan) from 23rd July 2021.

Honourable Shri Om Prakash Bakoriya Commissioner Maharashtra State Sports, Dr. Makarand Joshi General Secretary MAGA, Shri Sudhir More Deputy Director Pune, Shri Sanjay Mahadik Deputy Director Mumbai Division, Shri Surendra Dighe Trustee Saraswati Krida Sankul, Ms. Snehal Salunke DSO Thane

District, Ms. Varsha Upadhye, Ms. Sanjivani Purnapatre, Mr. Manoj Rana, Mr. Ramkrishna Lokhande and Mr. R. N. Mangla SAI Gymnastics Coach were present on the opening day of the competition. All the four teams along with their parents presented a fabulous cultural and traditional showcase of Punjab, Rajasthan, Kerala, and West Bengal on the opening ceremony which was followed by competition on 5th June 2021 at 3.00 pm. All the participants performed from their home keeping coordination along with their teams. Two men and two women judges evaluated the performances of the gymnasts online. First





Prospects. Ms. Vandita Raval International Gymnast also shared her training schedules and journey to reach up to International Competitions with practice experience with Dipa Karmakar, Aruna Reddy and Roma Joglekar during the National Coaching Camps and the proper



coaching guidance of Mr. Harish Parab, Mr. B. S. Nandi, Mr. Sanjog dhole, Mr. R. V. Lokhande. An exciting aerobic demonstration was given by Aurangabad District Gymnastics Association and Heaven Sports Club Pimri-Chinchwad at the end of the function. Dr. Makarand Joshi proposed the Vote of Thanks and gave a call to assemble at one platform to achieve success in Mission Olympic and

hoped to see Maharashtra Gymnasts in future Olympics. Thanks to all the delegates. The Olympic motto is the hendiatis Citius, Altius, Fortius, which is Latin for "faster, higher, and stronger".

ART: PRANATI NAYAK QUALIFIES FOR TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020-21

Indian Gymnast Pranati Nayak (6.4.1995), who had claimed a bronze medal in Vault with 13.384 at the 8th Sr. Asian Gymnastics Championship held at Mongolia from 19-22nd June 2019, has qualified officially on 27th June 2021 to compete at the XXXII Tokyo Olympics 2021 after qualifying Asian Continental quota following cancellation of the 9th Senior Asian Gymnastics Championship which was scheduled to be held from 29th May - 1st June 2021 in Hangzhou China due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Pranati Nayak scored a total of 45.350 with 13.350 in Vault, 9.650 in Uneven Bars, 11.050 in Beam 11.300 in Floor and clinches a bronze medal in Vault final at Ulaanbaatar Mongolia which came to her rescue to find herself in the midst of the Indian Contingent for Tokyo Olympics. Pranati Nayak, also hoped to qualify for Tokyo Olympics by producing a good show at 49th World Championship at Stuttgart Germany from 4-13th October 2019 with a total of 45.832 after scoring 14.200 in Vault, 10.566 in Bars, 9.933 in Beam and 11.133 in Floor. Pranati blossomed under SAI Chief Gymnastics Coach Ms. Meenara Begum's tutelage and quickly established herself in Indian Gymnastics. Her bronze medal in Mongolia not



only brought her National Recognition but also made her a second ever Indian Woman Gymnast to represent India at Tokyo Olympic Games 2021 after Dipa Karmakar who represented India in 2016 Rio Olympic Games and stunned the World of Gymnastics by securing 4th place in Vault.

Hailing from a Village Karkai Tehsil Pingla District West Medinipur, Pranati Nayak comes from a very humble background. She started gymnastics at the age of 6 years in 2001 in her village Karkai District West Medinipur. Later she was selected in SAI Scheme and joined Sports Authority of India's Hostel at SAI Eastern Centre Kolkata in 2003 and had training under Ms. Meenara Begum SAI Chief Gymnastics Coach, who not only took Pranati Nayak under her wings but also took care of all her financial needs in Kolkata. While supporting her was tough for Nayak family due to financial background, Ms. Meenara Begum took care of everything, from her stay, to food, to pocket money and all her miscellaneous expenses during last 16 years of training from 2003-2019 at SAI Eastern Centre Kolkata till 2019. Presently, she is undergoing training with SAI Gymnastics Coach Mr. Lakhan Manohar Sharma at SAI Kolkata after the retirement of Ms. Meenara Begum.

Pranati Nayak (26) represented West Bengal in 18th & 19th Sub-Junior National Gymnastics Championship at Chandigarh in 2004, at Mumbai in 2005 and won 4 gold and 2 silver medals. She again participated in 21st Sub-Junior National Championship at Khelgaon Allahabad in 2007 and had a tough fight in Individual Championship with Rucha Divekar of Maharashtra and could win 2nd Best Gymnast Title while Rucha Divekar won the Individual Championship but Pranati Nayak won gold medals in Team Championship, Table Vault, Uneven Bars, Beam and Floor.



Pranati Nayak represented West Bengal in 49th Junior National Gymnastics Championship at Cuttack in 2009 and won gold in Table Vault & in Team while bronze medal in Individual Championship and she won gold in Team, UB, BB, silver in Individual Championship and bronze medal in Table Vault and Floor in 50th Junior National Championship at Jaipur in 2010. She also participated in 51st Junior National Championship at Bangalore in 2011 where she won silver medal in team Championship and Floor while bronze medal in Table Vault.

Pranati Nayak represented West Bengal in 52nd Senior National Gymnastics Championship at Rai (Haryana) in 2012 and became 2nd Best Gymnast with silver medal in TV, BB and gold medal in UB, FX and in Team Championship. She participated in 9th Federation Cup at Agra in 2012 and won 3 gold and 2 silver medals. She represented West Bengal



in 34th National Games at Ranchi in 2011 and represented Madhya Pradesh in 35th National Games at Trivandrum Kerala in 2015 and won 5 silver and 1 bronze medal in both the National Games. Pranati Nayak joined Indian Railways in 2016 and participated in 55th Senior National Championship at Gurugram in 2016 and won gold in U. Bars, silver in Balance Beam & Table Vault. Later, she became All-around Individual Champion in 57th Sr. National Championship at Pune in 2019 with gold in Table Vault, Beam, silver medal in Team, Uneven Bars and bronze medal in Floor. She participated in All Inter-Railway Gymnastics Championships since 2016 till date and won many medals in different events and in team Championships.

Pranati Nayak is a National Champion and International Gymnast represented country in 4th Children of Asia at Yakutsk Russia 2008, 11th Junior Asian Championship at Chiba Japan in 2010, XX Commonwealth Games at Glasgow in 2014, XXI Commonwealth games at Gold Coast in 2018, XVII Asian Games at Incheon in 2014, XVIII Asian Games at Indonesia in 2018, 45th World



Championship at Nanning, China in 2014, 47th World Championship at Montreal Canada in 2017, 49th World Championship at Stuttgart Germany in 2019 and 7th Sr. Asian Championship at Bangkok in 2017. She participated in FIG World Cup at Melbourne Australia in 2018. **Ms. Pranati Nayak represented Nation in 8th Senior Asian Gymnastics Championship at Mongolia in 2019 and won the First Ever Bronze Medal in Table Vault and she became the first women gymnast from West Bengal to win any International medal.**

Pranati Nayak is conferred the most Prestigious “Kreeda Samman Award” 2015 by Honourable Chief Minister Of West Bengal Ms. Mamata Banerjee for her fabulous performance in India and abroad. She won about 39 Gold, 30 Silver, 15 Bronze medals in India and 1 Bronze medal in the 8th Senior Asian Gymnastics Championship at Mongolia in 2019. President and members of MAGA congratulate to Pranati’s tough journey to XXXII Tokyo Olympic 2021.

RG: AMERICAN ASSO. OF 7 SISTER STATES OF N. EAST FELICITATED UPASANA

Ms. Upasha Talukdar (14) is the first Rhythmic Gymnast from Guwahati Assam one of the Seven Sister State of North Eastern Region. She is the pride of North East and was one of the youngest RG gymnast, who participated in 3rd Khelo India Youth Games held at Guwahati in January 2020. She proved her metal in its first debut by displaying wonderful performance and bagged 1 silver in Ball, 1 bronze medal in Rope and ranked 5th in Individual Championship for her Host State Assam with her elegance and

graceful movements. An US based International organization known as Friends of Assam and Seven Sisters (FASS) has felicitated her with a citation and a cash prize of \$ 2500 for her exceptional performance in the field of Rhythmic Gymnastics as well as for her further higher training and improvement in performance so that she can participate in future International Competitions. She started Rhythmic Gymnastics at the age of 8 years without any RG Expert Coach in Assam or even in entire North East and without any proper infrastructure. She utilized the digital media and many virtual coaches to train her and one of them was Ms. Olyesa, a 16 year old Rhythmic Gymnast from Russia who helped her to make her first routine via Skype. Upasha U/10 from Assam also participated first time in 24th Sub-junior and Junior National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship at Mohali in 2018 and won Gold in Free Hand Exercises.



ART: 2021 GK US CLASSIC COMPETITION AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



The **2021 U.S. Classic**, known as the 2021 GK U.S. Classic Competition is the 37th edition of the [U.S. Classic](#) gymnastics tournament. The competition was held in senior section on May 21–22, 2021, at the [Indiana Convention Center](#) in [Indianapolis](#), Indiana. The U.S. Classic is known for having a highly competitive field featuring many top gymnasts. Recent events have featured all five members of the

Final Five, the 2016 Rio Olympic team gold medalists and many more Olympic and World Championships medalists. Reigning World champion Simone Biles of World Champions Centre returned to competition for the first time in more than a year in a half at the Indiana Convention Centre in Indianapolis. The four-time Olympic gold medalist edged teammate Jordan Chiles of World Champions Centre in successful defence of her 2019 GK U.S. Classic all-around title. Along the way, Biles debuted the long-anticipated Yurchenko double pike vault, becoming the World's first woman to land the high-difficulty skill in competition. While Biles' 16.100 on vault led all competitors,



My Kayla Skinner of Desert Lights Gymnastics claimed the apparatus title by showing two separate vaults averaging 14.675. Biles posted high scores on balance beam (14.850) and floor exercise (14.250). Kayla DiCello of Hill's Gymnastics, who finished third in the all-around, topped the field on uneven bars with a score of 14.600. Ava Siegfeldt of World

Class Gymnastics became the final senior gymnast to qualify to the all-around at the upcoming US Gymnastics Championships, earning a 52.700. Simone Biles performed the 5 new elements which are

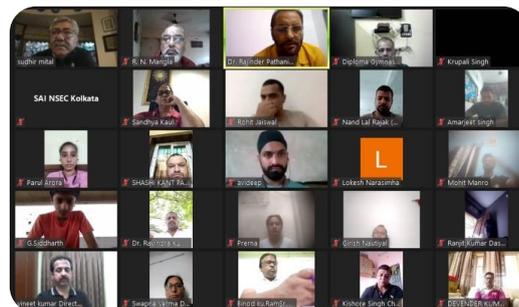
named as Biles during 2017-21 such as double twisting double tuck salto dismount on Beam, Yurchenko ¹/₂ on entry, forward layout salto with two twists and yurchenko double pike on vault, double layout half out and triple twisting double tucked salto on floor.

Final Results Senior Gymnasts

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ind	Simone Biles -WCG-58.400	Jordan Chiles -WCG-57.100	Kayla DiCello -H.Gym-56.100
Vault	MyKayla Skinner -DLG-14.700	N/A	N/A
U. Bars	Kayla DiCello -H.Gym-14.600	Jordan Chiles -WCG-14.150	Skye Blakely -WOGA-14.050
Beam	Simone Biles -WCG-14.850	Leanne Wong -GAGE-14.450	Kara Eaker -GAGE-14.100
Floor	Simone Biles -WCG-14.250	Jordan Chiles -WCG-13.950	Kayla DiCello -H.Gym-13.850

TRAMP: TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS BY DMRITI VLADIMIR POLIAROUGH (USA)

Sports Authority of India Eastern Centre Kolkata and Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) jointly conducted online Trampoline Gymnastics Seminar under Coaches Knowledge Upgradation Programme for SAI Gymnastics Coaches,



Diploma Gymnastics Trainees and all other Gymnastics lovers across the country from 16-20th June 2021 which was attended by about 200 delegates every day (On an average). Mrs. Krupali Patel Arjun Awardee & Coordinator of the programme, welcomed the delegated and requested Dr. R. K. Pathania In-Charge Operation SAI Kolkata to introduced all the dignitaries' i. e. Ms. Rachana Govil Executive Director, Mr. Vineet Kumar Regional Director In-charge SAI Kolkata, Mr. Sudhir Mital IAS President GFI, Dr. Kalyan Chaudhary In-charge Academics SAI Kolkata and the main Speaker Trampoline Expert Mr. Dmrity Vladimir Poliaroush Vice-President FIG Trampoline Technical Committee & FIG Coaching Academy Cat-III from USA. Mr. Dmitri Vladimir Poliaroush (born September 20, 1970) is a Belarusian [gymnastics](#) coach and former competitive [trampolinist](#). Mr. Sudhir Mital spoke that GFI is indebted to SAI Kolkata for their initiatives for holding such seminars to enhance and a great help to update the coaches' knowledge in Trampoline. Mr. Vineet Kumar Regional Director In-charge SAI Kolkata thanked Mr. Dmrity Vladimir Poliaroush for accepting India's invitation to deliver such an interesting discussion on Trampoline. Mrs. Krupali Patel Arjun Awardee introduced Mr. Poliaroush with his achievements that he is a six-time [World Champion](#), seven-time European Champion, and twenty-time World Cup winner. He competed at the [2000 Olympic Games](#) at Sydney and [2004 Olympic Games](#) at Athens, finishing fifth and fourth

respectively. He was the first man to perform a “Double Full In – Double Full Out” on trampoline and the skill is named after him. Mr. Dmitri Vladimir Poliaroush explained and discussed regarding History of Trampoline Gymnastics, Trampoline Statistics, Code of Points, Terminology, Difficulties, Progression of skill, saltos with & without twists, multiple saltos/twists, Routines and Executions. He explained and emphasize more on Terminology and progression on Day-2. He answered all the questions with good explanation and informed that to be a good Trampoline Gymnast, one has to train himself or herself for at least 5-8 hours in a day or 48 hours per week in 3 sessions including ground training. Mr. Dmitri very well explained Execution and its deduction and gave more emphasis to improve execution to achieve higher score. He hoped that India will improve in Trampoline and qualify for Olympics in coming future. Mrs. Susmita R. Jyotsi RD SAI Mumbai was the Chief Guest on



the closing day i. e. 20.6.2021 and hoped that all the coaches would be more benefitted from Mr.



Dmitri’s Trampoline lectures, experiences and Trampoline will flourish more & more in India. Dr. R. K. Pathania Proposed the Vote of Thanks to the Mrs. Susmita R. Jyotsi Chief Guest, Mr. Dmitri Vladimir Poliaroush, Dr. G. S. Bawa, Mr. R. N. Mangla, Mr. Nirbhaya Singh, Mrs. Krupali Singh Patel Arjun Awardee, Mr. Surjit Singh, Mr. Ashok Mishra, Dr. P. Ravindra, all participants and special thanks to Mr. Sudhir Mital IAS President GFI for his support in conduct of Trampoline Seminar in India in collaboration with Sports Authority of India Eastern Centre Kolkata.

ART: THE GREATEST UZB GYMNAST ENTERED IN THE GUINNESS RECORDS BOOK



Oksana Aleksandrovna Chusovitina (Russian: born 19 June 1975) is an Olympic gymnast who has competed for the Soviet Union, Uzbekistan, and Germany. Chusovitina's career as an elite gymnast has spanned more than a quarter century. She has been performing since 1987 and won the USSR Junior Nationals in

1988 at the age of 13 and began competing at the international level in 1989, before many of her current rivals were even born. She is the only female gymnast ever to compete in seven Olympic Games, and is one of only two female gymnasts to compete at the Olympics under three different national teams: the Unified Team in 1992; Uzbekistan in 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2016; and



Germany in 2008 and 2012. Chusovitina has also competed in 16 World Championships, four Asian Games and three Goodwill Games. Chusovitina holds the record for the most individual World Championships medals on a single event (nine, on the vault) and having world ranking-1 in vault. She set a record as the oldest gymnast to ever compete at the Olympic Games at the age of 41 and 2 months and the only gymnast ever to compete in seven consecutive Olympiads, surpassing the record of six that she set in 2012 with [Yordan Yovchev](#) of Bulgaria. Oksana Chusovitina competed at the [2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships](#) at Stuttgart Germany and qualified for her eighth Olympic Games to be held at Tokyo from 23rd July - 8th August 2021 and will compete in Tokyo Olympics at the age of 46 years. Oksana Chusovitina from Uzbekistan won gold medal at the FIG World Gymnastics Cup 2021 and entered her name into the Guinness book of records. Salute to the Greatest Uzbekistan Gymnast Oksana Chusovitina and her medal records in major tournaments.

SN	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Olympic Games	1	1	0	2
2	World Championships	3	4	4	11
3	World Cup Final	1	0	1	2
4	Asian Games	2	4	2	8
5	Asian Championships	0	3	1	5
6	European Championships	1	2	1	3
7	Islamic Solidarity Games	1	0	0	1
8	Total	9	14	9	

Oksana Aleksandrovna Chusovitina participated 13 times in World Artistic Gymnastics Championships and won nine medals in vault alone including 1 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals.

SN	Year	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	1991	World Championship Indianapolis	-	1	-
2	1992	World Championship Paris	-	-	1
3	1993	World Championship Birmingham	-	-	1
4	2001	World Championship Ghent	-	1	-
5	2002	World Championship Debrecen	-	-	1
6	2003	World Championship Anaheim	1	-	-
7	2005	World Championship Melbourne	-	1	-
8	2006	World Championship Aarhus	-	-	1
9	2011	World Championship Tokyo	-	1	-
10		Total	1	4	4

OLYMPICS: INDIA'S OFFICIAL KIT FOR TOKYO OLYMPICS UNVEILED



Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a review meeting on Thursday (3rd June 2021) over the preparation of athletes for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics which will be held in just a few weeks in Japan's capital. Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Kiren Rijju said the PM has appealed to the people that the entire nation has to cheer for our athletes. The

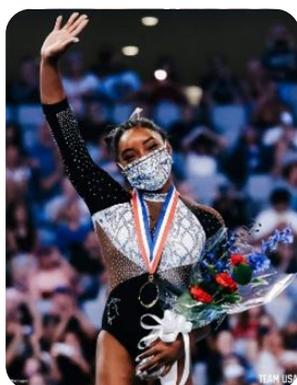
Olympic kits were unveiled by the Union Sports Minister after the crucial review meeting with PM Modi. Sports Minister Kiren Rijju further remarked that the launch of the official kits could have been done at a grander scale but it had to be curtailed down due to the prevailing COVID-19 situation. He thanked the team for organizing the launch event and also the players who will be participating at the Tokyo Olympics during the testing times. The Indian contingent for the upcoming [Tokyo Olympics](#) 2021 is expected to be

around 190 including athletes, contingent officials and support staff. So far, 100 athletes have qualified for the Tokyo Games, including 56 men and 44 women. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) expects another 25 to 35 to make the cut for the Games, which will open on July 23, 2021. The IOA chief said that all the



athletes who have qualified for the Olympics have received the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine except for a few who have recently contracted the virus. He requested Sports Minister Kiren Rijju to ensure that all the Indian athletes are fully vaccinated before they head to Tokyo. The official kits are sponsored by Li Ning while the official ceremonial kits are sponsored by Raymond. IOA Secretary General Rajiv Mehta said that four sets of official kits will be given to each athlete participating in Tokyo Olympic Games. Six Olympic-bound athletes, including Neeraj Chopra, Bajrang Punia, Ravi Dahiya, Sumit Malik and Seema Bisla and Chief-de-Mission of the Indian contingent Mr. B P Baishya and his Deputy Mr. Prem Chand Verma were also present in the unveiling function. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has dropped Chinese sportswear maker Li-Ning as its official kit partner citing the sentiments of the people of the country on 9th June 2021 and Our athletes, coaches and support staff will wear unbranded apparel at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021 which were unveiled by Honorable Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports six days ago on 3rd June 2021.

ART: SIMONE IS THE FIRST WOMAN TO WIN SEVEN U.S CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES



Simone Arianne Biles (born March 14, 1997) dominated the U.S. Gymnastics Championship on 6th June 2021 and made history by winning her [seventh national all-around gold medal](#) at the Senior Women's Competition at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, Texas. With this win, she became the first woman to win seven straight titles at the U.S. Gymnast Championship in history. Biles now ties with gymnast Alfred Jochim for the most titles by an American.

The five-time Olympic medallist put on a stunning performances that landed her a score of 119.650. Biles won gold in the vault, balance beam, floor, and all-around categories. Simone Biles has won every US All-around Individual Championship since 2013. [Sunisa "Suni" Lee](#) received second place with a score of 114.950, and Jordan Chiles finished third with a score of 114.450. Biles hopes to continue her reign at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics as she aims to [win back-to-back Olympic titles](#). Simone Arianne Biles (24) is an American [Artistic Gymnast](#) with a combined total of 30 Olympic and World Championship medals. Biles is the [most decorated American Gymnast](#) and the World's third most decorated gymnast, behind Belarus' [Vitaly Scherbo](#) (33 medals) and Russia's [Larisa Latynina](#) (32 medals). At the [2016 Summer Olympics](#) in [Rio de Janeiro](#), Biles won individual gold medals in all-around, [vault](#) and [floor](#); bronze in balance beam; and gold as part of the United States team, dubbed the "[Final Five](#)".



Biles is a five-time [World](#) all-around champion (2013–2015, 2018–19), five-time World floor exercise champion (2013–2015, 2018–19), three-time World balance beam champion (2014–15, 2019), two-time World vault champion (2018–19), a seven-time [United States national](#) all-around champion (2013–2016, 2018–19, 2021), and a member of the gold medal-winning American teams at the [2014](#), [2015](#), [2018](#), and [2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships](#). Additionally, she is a three-time World silver medallist (2013 and 2014 on vault, 2018 on uneven bars) and a three-time World bronze medallist (2015 on vault, 2013 and 2018 on balance beam).

IOC: INDIA'S P. V. SINDHU FOR IOC'S BELIEVE IN SPORTS CAMPAIGN

[World Badminton Federation \(BWF\)](#) has been appointed India's Ace Shuttler P. V. Sindhu (26) as the athlete ambassador for the Prestigious International Olympic Committee's (IOC) 'Believe in Sport' campaign leading up to Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 aimed at preventing competition manipulations. BWF bestowed this great



honour of athlete ambassador for IOC's "Believe in Sport" campaign at the World stage. Over the course of her career, P. V. Sindhu has won medals at multiple tournaments including [Olympics](#) and on the [BWF circuit](#) including a gold medal at the [2019 World Championships](#) at [Basel, Switzerland](#). She is the first Indian to become the Badminton World Champion and the first Indian woman to earn an Olympic silver medal at 2016 Rio Olympic. She has won a silver medal each at the [2018 Commonwealth Games](#) and [2018 Asian Games](#), and two bronze medals at the [Uber Cup](#). She rose to a career high World ranking of No. 2 in April 2017.

KIYG: SPORTS MINISTRY SANCTIONS RS. 20.67 CR TO HOST KHELO INDIA GAMES

The Sports Ministry has sanctioned Rs. 20.67 crores for Haryana to host the 4th [Khelo India Youth Games](#) (KIYG) scheduled to be held from 21st - 30th November 2021 at Panchkula, Shshabad Markanda, Ambala in Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi in 25 sports disciplines including five indigenous games i. e. Mallakhamb, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Kalaripayattu and Yogasana for the first time in this edition of Khelo India Youth Games. The Government's flagship event, an under-18 years national-level multi-discipline sports extravaganza is a fantastic platform for young and aspiring athletes to showcase their talent. The whole purpose of the Khelo India Games to create and strengthen the sporting ecosystem of the country and to identify and nurture talent for podium finishers in major international competitions including Olympics. The sportspersons from BRICS Countries i. e. Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa will also take part in the Fourth Edition of Khelo India Youth Games for the First Time. The first edition of the event was held in New Delhi in 2018 under the banner of Khelo India School Games. Thereafter, it was renamed as the Khelo India Youth Games. Maharashtra and Guwahati hosted the 2019 and 2020 editions respectively.



CAIMS: SPORTS MINISTER KIREN RIJJU LAUNCHES CENTRALISED ATHLETE INJURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijju on 11th June 2021 launched an ambitious Centralized Athlete Injury Management System (CAIMS) virtually which aims to provide world class

inputs on prevention, diagnosis, high quality treatment and rehabilitation to athletes on time and maintain records for mapping their injury via an Online Athlete Management System. The core committee of CAIMS includes eminent top of the line experts such as Dr. SKS Marya, Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, Dr. BV Srinivas and Shrikant Iyengar.



This system, to be run by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in collaboration with the leading medical experts of the country, will be applied initially to the developmental group of athletes for the 2024 Paris Olympics and will broaden to others later on. Shri Kiren Rijiju said that I have seen athletes whose careers have been damaged or shortened due to lack of timely and proper treatment of even common injuries. For some



injuries, treatment is not available in our country and athletes will have to go abroad. So, this is a humble beginning to address such injuries. I hope this initiative will lead to a system where we will have a professional way of managing injury of athletes. This is a centralized platform where we will have a common and uniform injury and rehabilitation management system. He further said that sports science in India is still in a nascent state and need improvement and want to be a sporting powerhouse to have a world class injury management. We will need upgradation and improvisation in many things and that is how we will learn to make this a success."

Indian Olympic Association President Shri Narinder Batra lauded the Sports Ministry and the Sports Authority of India for the initiative. He said that a lack of communication between athletes and medical provider's leads to devastating injuries to athletes, hinders their recovery and leads to re-injury and that affects their career.



Speaking about the importance of the initiative, Secretary (Sports) Shri Ravi Mittal said "Sports has become very competitive and when our athletes compete to their maximum to win medals they sometimes get injured. It is imperative to treat these injuries at a right time and in the right way to ensure that our athletes are in the best of health and form. CAIMS is expected to revolutionize the way athlete injuries are managed and treated. It will have the following four structures: Athlete Wellness Cell, On-Field Sports Medicine

Experts, National Resource Referral Teams and a Central Core Team.

Dr. SKS Marya, Chairman of the Central Core Team, hailed CAIMS and said that it will go a long way towards overcoming the geographical barriers in treating athlete injuries. "India is a huge country and our aim is to reduce the geographical and administrative barriers in the management of injuries of athletes. The event was attended by Shri Ravi Mittal Sports Secretary, Shri Sandip Pradhan Director General SAI, Shri Rajiv Mehta Secretary General IOA, renowned orthopaedic surgeons like Dr. SKS Marya, Dr. Anant Joshi and Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala.

DSU: K. MALLESWARI APPOINTED AS FIRST VC OF DELHI SPORTS UNIVERSITY

India's First Woman Olympic Medal Winner Padmashri Karnam Malleswari was appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of Delhi Sports University on (Tuesday) 22nd June 2021 by the Delhi Government while Lt. Governor Delhi is the Chancellor of Delhi Sports University Delhi. Padmashri Karnam Malleswari is the first Indian woman weightlifter, who won first ever Olympic Bronze medal. She created history at the XXVII Olympics Games at Sydney in 2000 by lifting 110 kilogram in snatch and 130 kilogram in clean and jerk categories. The Delhi Assembly had passed a bill in 2019 to set up a Delhi Sports University (DSU) in West Delhi's Mundka, which will offer graduation, post-graduation and doctorate degrees in cricket, football, and hockey among other sports and will make India proud in the World of Sports. The women who lifted the Nation in Olympics Karnam Malleswari hails from Voosavanipeta in Amadalavalasa Mandal of Srikakulam. She started her weight-lifting career at Maruti Yuvajana Vyayama Mandali. She began undergoing training in weightlifting when she was 12 years under SAAP coach Neelamsetti Appanna. She won several international medals, including two gold and two silver in World Championship in 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996. Mrs. Malleswari's record still remains intact as no woman from India won a medal in weightlifting at Olympics. She was honoured with Arjun Award in 1994 and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1999. She is also a recipient of Padma Shri Award in 1999. Earlier Dr. Jatin Soni from Gymnastics was appointed as First Founder Vice-Chancellor of Swarnim Gujrat Sports University Gandhinagar Gujrat in 2012 and continued till 2019.



MOS: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSPERSONS BY SPORTS MINISTRY



Recently, Shri Kiren Rijiju Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports announced that any Sportsperson who have won medals in National Level Games or have participated in International Sports Events and living under financial distress can approach the Sports Ministry for financial assistance. A good step by the Government for the welfare of Indian needy sportspersons.

OLYMPICS: MIRAITOWA & SOMEITY, THE MASCOT OF TOKYO OLYMPIC 2020



Mascots are used to welcome visitors to a sporting event and to enhance the excitement of children and adult fans alike. They make the games memorable, even long after they have

concluded. The Olympics are no different, and they too have official mascots. Meet Miraitowa and Someity, the mascots for the [2020 Olympic and Para llympic Games](#) in Tokyo, Japan.



Miraitowa (Blue) is the [official mascot](#) of the [2020 Summer Olympics](#), and Someity (Pink) is the [official mascot](#) of the [2020 Summer Paralympics](#). Both events are scheduled to be held in [Tokyo, Japan](#), in 2021. Miraitowa is named after the Japanese words mirai means "future" and towa means "eternity" representing the wish that Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will lead to a future of everlasting hope in the hearts of everyone around the World. Someity is named after [someiyoshino](#), a type of cherry blossom. Someity's name also echoes the English phrase "so mighty". It has large anime eyes and accents reminiscent of the [sakura cherry blossom](#). It is sometimes depicted in a wheelchair.

OBITUARY: SHAILA SRINIWAS KULKARNI IS NO MORE

Mrs. Shaila Srinivas Kulkarni, the mother of Dr. Sagar Kulkarni Lecturer MSM's College of Physical Education Aurangabad and Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee, has left for her heavenly abode due to Corona-19 at 10.30 pm on Friday, 16th April 2021 at the age of 67 years. She was a tough woman with strong will power, positive attitude. She loves

to do hard work voluntarily in Maharashtra State Gymnastics Championships organized by Aurangabad



District Gymnastics Association (ADGA) during Late Dada Sudhir Joshi tenure from 1985-1990. She along with other group of parents used to look after catering services to all the participating State or SAI Gymnasts, Coaches and Officials with full love and affection. She was very much fascinated to grab the opportunities to serve in different type of activities to help the organizers during State Championships. Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) is very sad by untimely demise of Mrs. Shaila Srinivas Kulkarni respected mother of Dr. Sagar Kulkarni and pays their heartfelt condolences to the departed soul and also pray to Almighty to give enough strength to withstand the grief and sorrow of the great loss to the bereaved family!!!

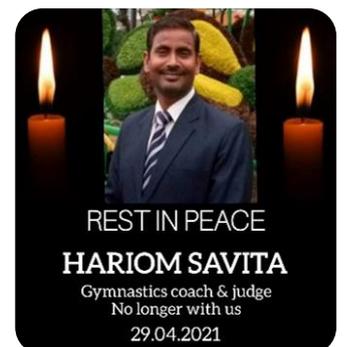
OBITUARY: HARIOM SAVITA GYMNASTICS COACH & JUDGE IS NO MORE

Shri Hariom Savita (48)
Gymnastics Coach and
National Gymnastics Judge is

passed away early in the morning of 29th April 2021 due to Corona-19. He was my very good friend and always working hard for the Gymnastics. Late Shri Hariom



Savita was the back bone of Gymnastics development in Agra and whole heartedly dedicated especially for School Games Gymnastics. He was very cordial, helpful to all and knows how to connect with the people by heart. He was the man who used to provide opportunities to the upcoming gymnasts to participate in the SGFI National School Gymnastics Championships. There was no SGFI National School Gymnastics Championships without the presence of Late Shri Hariom Savita. He has evaluated the performances as judge in every pattern of Gymnastics Championships such as Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior National Gymnastics Championships, SGFI National Championships, Khelo India Youth Games, CBSE Nationals, All India Inter-University Championships, All India Police Gymnastics Championships and every selection trials conducted for International Championships in India. Late Shri Hariom Savita Secretary Agra District Gymnastics Association organized the First Foundation Day of Gymnastics Federation of India at Eklavya Sports Stadium Agra on 17th February 2013 after 62 years under the aegis of GFI in which Mr. Sham Lal Khullar (Olympian 1956), Mr. Trilok Singh (Olympian 1964), Mr. Jayant Mondal son of 1964 Olympian Late Debashish Mondal, Mr. Sarbir Singh (National Champion 1962), Mr. Ram Niwas (National Champion 1970), Mr. Dilip Das (Krida Guu), Mr. D. K. Rathore Dronacharya Awardee, Miss. Anju



Dua Arjun Awardee, Mr. Nirbhaya Singh, Mrs. Sephali Maulik, Mr. J. P. Chakraborty, Mr. Pravin Sharma (All CWG-2010 Coaches), Mrs. Archana Tewari the daughter of Late Ram Nayak Tewari (My Gymnastics Guru), Mr. R. L. Verma (FIG International Judge), Mr. B. L. Bayaskar (FIG International Judge), Mr. Shekher Bector, Mr. Sarfraz Ahmed, Ms. Pooja Chauhan, Mr. Kan Singh Rathore (Former General Secretary GFI) and Mr. P. Prabhu were invited and these Gymnastics Legends were honoured by UP Gymnastics Association under his leadership. He provided the great opportunity to the young gymnasts of Agra to meet the India's Great Gymnastics Legends. It's a great loss to the Agra Gymnastics at Eklavya Sports Stadium Agra and Gymnastics Fraternity in India. He will always be remembered by all of us. Heartfelt condolences to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family. May his devine soul rest in Peace!!!

ART: RAJASTHAN'S GYMNASTICS COACH DASH K. RATHORE PASSED AWAY

Former Gymnast, Gymnastics Coach and Secretary of Bhilwada District Gymnastics Association Ms. Dashrath (Tia) Kanwar Rathod passed away on 10th May 2021 in the evening due to heart attack and low BP who is survived by her husband Mr. Vinay Kumar (Navy) and a 9 year old daughter Anokhi. Another tragic unbelievable incident happened that her mother Smt. Lakshmi Devi Rathod died a week ago on 1st May 2012 after battling with Corona Pandemic and Her father Shri Abhay Singh Rathod also left for his heavenly abode on 11th May 2021 in the morning, who could not bear this untimely shock. Ms. Dashrath was a strong pillar of Gymnastics and working tirelessly for the development of gymnastics in Rajasthan. Late Dashrath Kanwar Rathore completed her Regular Diploma Course in Gymnastics from SAI Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports Patiala in 2006-2007 and officiated as judge in Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior National Gymnastics Championships. She was a Technical Official in XIX Commonwealth Games held at New Delhi in 2010. President and members of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) express their heartfelt condolences to all the departed souls and pray to Almighty to give enough strength to bear this grief to the bereaved family and Humble Tribute!!! Om Shanti...



Shri Jagdish Rajeshirke State Gymnastics Coach passed away on 25th May 2021 at the age of 61 years and is survived by his wife and 2 daughters. He was born and brought up in Ujjain and represented Madhya Pradesh in SGFI Nationals, All India Inter-University and National Gymnastics Championships from 1978 onwards. He participated from MP in Nationals at Mumbai in 1978, Surat in 1979 and Jabalpur in 1983-84. He passed out Diploma in Gymnastics from National Institute of Sports Patiala in 1983-84 along with Mr. B. S. Nandi, Mr. R. L. Verma, Mr. Rathindra Roy, Late Suraj Khandelwal, Mr.



Rabishankar Mitra, Ms. Sandhya, Ms. Sampa Saini, Ms. Smriti Sharma and many more. He joined as State Gymnastics Coach at Solapur under Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports Maharashtra State in 1985. He was a very good administrator and organizer, who conducted State Women Championship with grand success at Solapur in Maharashtra. Thereafter, he



was posted at Thane, Mumbai, Dhulia, Ratnagiri and Raigarh and trained many gymnasts who later represented in the national championships during his postings at different districts of Maharashtra. Late Shri Jagdish Rajeshirke was very helpful to provide free gymnastics equipment to clubs and district association through District Sports Office. He was also very instrumental in developing Acrobatic Gymnastics in Maharashtra in addition to Artistic Gymnastics and was having vast knowledge in constructing gymnastics equipment and foam pit. He also trained many gymnasts in Ujjain (MP) and always helping technical support to the Ujjain District Gymnastics Association in the development of gymnastics in Ujjain. He retired on 31st August 2018 as Taluka Sports Officer (TSO) from Ratnagiri.

Presently, he was working as Sports Officer in Bhiwandi Municipality Corporation after retirement. Great loss to the Maharashtra Gymnastics as well as to Ujjain District Gymnastics Association and will always be remembered for his contributions in the field of Gymnastics. President and all

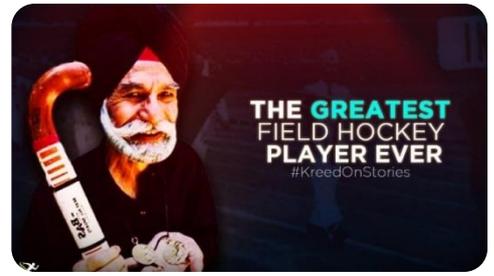


members of MAGA convey their heartfelt condolences to the departed soul and strength to bear untimely grief to the bereaved family. Humble Tribute!!! Om Shanti!

SPORTS: A TRIBUTE TO GREATEST HOCKEY LEGEND BALBIR SINGH SENIOR

In a tribute ceremony, the Mohali International Hockey stadium will be named after three-time Olympic gold medal-winning hockey legend late Balbir Singh Sr. who had passed away on May 25, 2020. Balbir

Singh Senior (31 December 1923 – 25 May 2020) was an Indian [hockey](#) player. He was a three-time [Olympic](#) gold medallist, having played a key role in India's wins in [London \(1948\)](#), [Helsinki \(1952\)](#) (as vice-captain), and [Melbourne \(1956\)](#) (as captain) Olympics. He is regarded as one of the greatest hockey players of all time, a modern-day [Dhyan Chand](#), a



legend of the sport, and is widely regarded as the Sport's greatest ever centre-forward. His Olympic record for most goals scored by an individual in an Olympic men's hockey final remains unbeaten. Singh set this record when he scored five goals in India's 6-1 victory over the Netherlands in the gold medal game of the 1952 Olympic Games. He was often called Balbir Singh Senior to distinguish him from other Indian hockey players named [Balbir Singh](#). This is a great inspiration to the future



hockey generation that a stadium is named after a Great Hockey Legends Balbir Singh Senior. Earlier National Stadium is named after Hockey Wizard Major Dhyan Chand who is regarded as the greatest in the history of the sport and known for his extraordinary goal-scoring feats. India under his leadership won three [Olympic gold medals](#) in 1928, 1932 and 1936, during an era where India

dominated field hockey. He scored 570 goals in 185 matches from 1926-1949. The Karni Singh Shooting Range is named after Maharaja of Bikaner Karni Singh at Delhi. Dr. Karni Singh was the first Indian to compete at [five Olympic Games](#), which he did from 1960 to 1980, missing the Games of 1976, representing India at clay pigeon shooting at Summer Olympics in Rome 1960, Tokyo 1964 (Captain), Mexico 1968, Munich 1972 and Moscow 1980.

OBITUARY: DEEPAK SURVE PRESIDENT BDGA IS NO MORE



Shri Deepak Surve (56) left for his heavenly abode on 29th May 2021 untimely after struggling a month long illness. He was a soft spoken, humble and cooperative human with all and especially with gymnastics community. He started his early gymnastics training at Shri Smarth Vyayam Mandir at Dadar and later continued at Mulund Gymkhana Mumbai. Late Shri Deepak Surve was a good gymnast who represented Maharashtra State in

many National Gymnastics Championships in 1990's along with Dr. Makarand Joshi, Dr. Sagar Kulkarni, Mr. Sanjog Dole, Mr. R. V. Lokhande and many more and also represented Mumbai University in All India Inter University Gymnastics Championships. He passed out Certificate Course in



Gymnastics from SAI Eastern Centre Kolkata and produced many National Gymnasts like Ms. Lalita Mehata, Mr. Harish Muliya who were later honoured with Shri Shiv Chhatrpati Award by Government of Maharashtra. He also accompanied Maharashtra Gymnastics Contingent as a coach or manager in National Games at Bengaluru in 1997, Manipur in 1999, Punjab in 2001 and Hyderabad in 2002 etc. Late Shri Deepak Surve was very fond of the photography and their collections whenever accompany the Maharashtra teams in National Games or Championships. He whole heartedly developed, established and flourished Gymnastics and Mallakhamb at Mulund Gymkhana Mulund. He was a good organizer, administrator, ever smiling and a gem of a person for gymnastics. He conducted many state championships and other invitational competitions at Mulund Gymkhana successfully. Late Shri Deepak Surve was the President of Mumbai Sub-Urban District Gymnastics Association for many years and worked for the maximum participation of its gymnasts in the championships. Great Loss to the BDGA and Maharashtra State and will always be remembered for his contributions in Maharashtra Gymnastics. President and all the members of MAGA pray to Almighty to give shelter to the departed soul and enough strength to bear the irreparable loss. Humble Tribute and Salute to a Gymnast, Coach and Great Administrator!!! Om Shanti.!

SPORTS: NOIDA SHOOTING RANGE NAMED AFTER CHANDRO TOMAR



As a mark of respect to women power, the shooting range at Noida stadium will now be named after Ms. Chandro Tomar (10.1.1932) an eminent shooter, a symbol of strength and women's empowerment which is within the line of UP Government Mission Shakti Campaign. Ms. Chandro Tomar popularly known as "Shooter Dadi", who was from Johri Village District Bagpat UP, picked up the gun first time when she was 60 years and won more than 30 National Championship awards. She fought against all odds and stood with her determination and will power to rise to fame both in country and abroad from 1999 onwards. This will be the first shooting range to be named after a woman sharpshooter in the country. India has another shooting range at New Delhi named after Maharaja of Bikaner Dr. Karni Singh. She died on 30th April 2021 at the age of 89 years following Covid-19 related complications. A shooting range after her name is a fitting Tribute to her achievements.

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