

Press Release

Haryana dominate boxing as Maharashtra race ahead in medal tally at KIYG 2019

Pune, January 19: Haryana reaffirmed their strength in boxing as they added ten more gold to the eight they won a day earlier to take their tally to 18 from the sport at the Khelo India Youth Games. It also cemented their second place on the medals tally as they raced ahead of Delhi, who are in third place.

Hosts Maharashtra picking up gold from virtually every discipline boosted their gold medal tally to 83 gold. Haryana are second with 59 gold, while Delhi have 47.

Apart from 10 gold Haryana also bagged ten gold, eight silver and two bronze medals. However, Maharashtra also put up an impressive performance with four gold medals, one silver and nine bronze medals.

It was Army Sports Institute trainees Barun Singh, Bhavesh Kattimani and Nikhil Dubey who contributed majorly to the Maharashtra gold hunt.

Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh claimed one gold each.

Even though Haryana bagged a lion's share of gold, the defeat of Haryana's Ankit was the big surprise of the day. Haryana were deprived of another gold, as Shashi Chopra of Haryana was unable to fight due to injury and the gold went to Himachal's Vinakshi.

In the 64kg class, the World Youth silver medalist and Asian youth gold medalist Manisha outboxed Punjab's Harpreet Kaur. Manisha was at her best and justified her reputation with a clinical win.

Another upset was registered in the girls' category, when Haryana's national bronze medalist Sapna proved better than World Youth bronze medalist Astha Pahawa (UP) in a close 3-2 fight. Astha banking on her international exposure, displayed a better game in the first round, however as the game progressed Sapna changed her game plan to close range punching. This unsettled Astha and she lost valuable points. Despite trying her best in the third round, she failed to recover from the loss she suffered in the second.

In Boys' 60kg class Harivansh, who has youth national bronze medal, defeated World Youth bronze and Asian Youth bronze medalist Ankit of Haryana 4-1.

Punjab and TN win two gold each in basketball

In basketball Punjab and Tamil Nadu shared honours, winning two gold medals each. The Under-17 section had Punjab stamp their mark, while Tamil Nadu did well to top in the Under-21 section for both Boys and Girls and that also meant dashing Punjab's hopes of winning a treble.

In logging the highest score of the day, Punjab eased past Rajasthan 91-78 for the Boys Under-17 title. Punjab's march was led by Navkaman Singh (28 points), before Rishab Mathur (30 points) pushed the scoring for cut the huge 29-point half time lead to a 13-point final margin.

In the girls U-17 final, Harsimran Dhami led Punjab from the front to down Tamil Nadu 76-71 in a close contest. Harsimran with 45 points in her kitty was the highest scorer among all finalist teams.

The Under-21 section saw Tamil Nadu turn the tables on Punjab to win 70-59 in Boys, while Tamil Nadu beat Karnataka in Girls.

Mizoram boys, Manipur girls, win U-21 football gold

Northeastern neighbours Mizoram Boys and Manipur Girls annexed Under-21 football gold medals recording dramatic identical 4-3 penalty shoot victories in the Khelo India Youth Games.

Mizoram Boys beat Kerala and Manipur Girls beat Tamil Nadu to claim the gold in their respective categorie.

In the Boys Under-17 section final, Karnataka despite dominating the proceedings most of the time, had to wait for the penalty shootout to put it across Punjab 4-2 after the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the regulation time.

In the Girls Under-17 final Jharkhand outpaced Odisha 2-1 to win the Girls U-17 Football title while Manipur ousted Kerala 2-0 to bag the bronze.

Maharashtra grab two gold, as Gujarat, WB take one each in TT

Gujarat clinched the gold in Boys U-21 doubles category, while West Bengal did the same in Girls U-21 girls doubles category, even as Maharashtra continued with its golden run winning gold in the Girls and Boys doubles Uner-17 titles in Table Tennis.

In U-21 boys doubles final, leading the match by two games to one Maharashtra were on way to a win. But Gujarat staged a solid comeback in the third game and went on to win the next two also to upset Maharashtra 3-2. Manush Shah and Ishaan Hingorani (Guj) played brilliantly in the later part of the game defeating Siddesh Pande and Abduquerque Raegan (Mah) 9-11, 10-12, 11-6, 11-5, 11-7.

Prerna and Dev Javia complete golden double in Tennis

In Tennis, Sureshkumar Manish of Tamil Nadu subdued Dhruv Sunish of Maharashtra 6-3, 6-3 in the boys U-21 final, while Prerna Vichare of Maharashtra outlasted Priyanshi Bhandari of Gujarat 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 in the Girls U-17 final. A day earlier Prerna had won the Girls' Doubles and thus completed a double.

Also completing a golden double was Dev Javia, winner of Under-17 singles as he partnered Krish Patel to win the Boys Under-17 double and grab a second gold.

Dhruv, who won the boys' U-21 doubles along with Armaan Bhatia on Friday, was eyeing a second gold in the U-21 singles final, but he was outgunned by Manish, who had lost only seven games en route to the final and had hardly been tested.

Deepika helps Haryana win Girls Under-17 hockey gold

In Hockey, Deepika's twin strike helped Haryana beat Jharkhand 2-1 to win the Under-17 girls hockey competition at the Khelo India Youth Games at the National Defence Academy Complex here on Saturday. The Jharkhand lost the final but won the hearts of the fans with a gutsy fight. Earlier, in the morning, Odisha warded off a determined Punjab challenge to emerge 3-2 winners and claim the bronze.