

## Press Release

### Bavleen strikes gold for J&K in Gymnastics at KIYG 2019

**Pune, January 9:** Gymnast Bavleen Kaur gave Jammu and Kashmir their first medal of the Khelo India Youth Games 2019 with gold in the women's Under-17 all-round rhythmic gymnastics event on Wednesday.

Bavleen saw off a challenge from Maharashtra's Shreya Bhangale and Krisha Chheda, finishing on a total 43.40. It was her Ribbon and Hoop performances that proved to be decisive as she earned scores of 12.05 and 11.95 respectively.

Bavleen, who turns 16 later this week, will now compete in the individual apparatus events that take place on Thursday and will look to assert her dominance in the rhythmic gymnastics category.

Bavleen picked up here from where she left off at the Khelo India School Games 2018, where she had secured two gold medals besides a silver and bronze. She contributed four in her state's haul of five medals at that event.

Her impressive performances at the Rhythmic Gymnastics Nationals in 2018 played a vital role in Jammu and Kashmir winning the overall championship at that event.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra made the most of home support and added to their medal tally in gymnastics. Shreya Bhangale and Krisha Chheda took silver and bronze behind Bavleen with scores of 39.70 and 37.25 respectively.

Maharashtra have now won four medals in gymnastics with twin sisters Siddhi and Riddhi Hattekar winning medals in the Under-17 artistic gymnastics category on Tuesday.

Results:

**Women's under-17 rhythmic gymnastics all-round:** 1. Bavleen Kaur (Jammu and Kashmir) 43.40 (Ball 9.70, Clubs 9.70, Ribbon 12.05, Hoop 11.95); 2. Shreya Bhangale (Maharashtra) 39.70; 3. Krisha Chheda (Maharashtra) 37.25.