

Press Release

Delhi dominate the KIYG judo mat; win three of the six gold

Pune, Jan. 10: Delhi judokas proved unstoppable, winning three of the six gold at stake on the opening day of the event in the Khelo India Youth Games 2019 here on Thursday. Delhi won three gold, one silver and two bronze for a total of six medals.

On a day that saw action confined to the Under-17s, the other three gold were shared by Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat.

Delhi began their top-podium finish in the girl's section when Manini Singh bagged the Below-44kgs. In an all-Delhi final against Muskan Manini won by an Ippon.

Later, Navika fought off the stiff challenge of Kabi Doyon (Arunachal Pradesh) by a 2-1 Waza-ari count. In the boy's section, Kunal Vats (Below-60kgs) turned the tables on the well-built Money Sharma (Punjab) by an Ippon.

At the end of the day Delhi had three gold, one silver and two bronze and topped the day with six medals in their kitty. Haryana was second best with four medals (one gold, two silver, one bronze).

Gujarat judoka Sonal Bhupat won a marathon in the girls Below-40kg event. Pitted against Priya (Haryana), Sonal needed the 'Golden Score' to take the top spot. Having shared honours after the mandatory four minutes, Sonal had to battle for another five-odd minutes and win by an Ippon.

Sohan Singh of Mathura helped Uttar Pradesh open their gold account, winning his Below-50kgs bout against fancied Harish (Haryana) by an Ippon.

In the Below-55kgs category, Yeshvir Singh (Haryana) topped against Abhishek (Punjab) by an Ippon. The bout also saw Maharashtra's Pratham Gurav claim bronze to help the hosts open their account in the discipline. Pratham, a APB Hinduja College student, is a four-time national champion and the medal was his first at the games.

Results

U-17 Girls:

Below-40kgs, Final: Sonal Bhupat (Guj) bt Priya (Har) by an Ippon.

Bronze: Bindu (Pun) & Debanjali Nath (Trp)

Below-44kgs, Final: Manini Singh (Dli) bt Muskan (Dli) by an Ippon.

Bronze: Mansi (Har) & Pooja Yadav (UP)

Below-48kgs, Final: Navika (Dli) bt Kabi Doyon (Arunachal) by 2-1 Waza-ari; **Bronze:** Mahima Dikshi Sailor (Guj) & Zonunsangi (Miz)

U-17 Boys:

Below-50kgs, Final: Sohan Singh (UP) bt Harish (Har) – by an Ippon

Bronze: Khomdan Wang (Arunachal) & Keshorjit Haobijam (Manipur)

Below-55kgs, Final: Yeshvir Singh (Har) bt Abhishek (Pun) – by an Ippon

Bronze: Pratham Gurav (Mah) & Rahul Verma (UP)

Below-60kgs, Final: Kunal Vats (Dli) bt Money Sharma (Pun) – by an Ippon;

Bronze: Shauryaveer Gill (Dli) & Harsh Tokas (Dli)