

Press Release

Maharashtra dominate lifting arena as national marks tumble at Khelo India Youth Games

Pune, Jan. 9: Maharashtra dominated the first day of the weightlifting competitions at the Khelo India Youth Games 2019, winning three of the four gold medals on offer at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex here on Wednesday.

The hosts added a silver and a bronze as well to their tally while Odisha picked up one gold and one silver medal. Tamil Nadu ended the day with one silver through famed lifter Satish Sivalingam's young cousin T Madhavan and a bronze, Arunachal Pradesh had two bronze medals and Chattisgarh clinched one silver.

Records tumbled during the day. Maharashtra's Shubham Kolekar, who won the National Youth championship a fortnight ago in December, improved his own clean and jerk record by 1kg, lifting 139kg after ensuring the he would walk home with the 55kg junior gold ahead of Muna Nayak (Odisha). The Sangli-based lifter was confidence personified as he asserted his supremacy.

In the men's U-17 55kg category Maharashtra's Abhishek Mahajan dominated proceedings to claim the gold, followed by Subhash Lahre (Chattisgarh) and Golom Tinku (Arunachal Pradesh).

In the men's U-17 49kg category, Bhaktaram Desti (Odisha) improved his own mark in clean & jerk from 104kg to 105kg here winning the gold enroute. Tamil Nadu youngsters T. Madhavan and K. Guru Kannan took the other medals.

Earlier, Soumya Dalvi and Arati Tatgunti from Maharashtra won the gold and silver medals respectively in the women's U-17 40kg category, while Sandiya Gungli from Arnachal Pradesh took the bronze medal.

Soumya surpassed her own record of 49kg in the snatch event set in the National Championship in Nagpur in December last by lifting 51kg. She then added a second record with a total of 111kg to better her mark of 109kg set at Nagpur.

RESULTS:

Men's Junior (U-21) 55kg: 1. Shubham Kolekar (MAH) 236kg, 2. Muna Nayak (ORS) 230kg, 3. Prashant Koli (MAH) 225kg.

Men's Youth (U-17) 49kg: 1. Bhaktaram Desti (ORS) 186kg, 2. T Madhavan (TN) 172kg, 3. K Guru Kannan (TN) 165kg.

Women's Youth (U-17) 40kg: 1. Soumya Dalvi (MAH) 111kg, 2. Arati Tatgunti (MAH) 100kg, 3. Sandiya Gungli (ARN) 95kg.

Men's Youth (U-17) 55kg: 1. Abhishek Mahajan (MAH) 211kg, 2. Subhash Lahre (Chattisgarh) 205kg, 3. Golom Tinku (ARN) 201kg.

