



Sports Minister to felicitate Para Asian Games medalists

-Para Athletes have won 33 medals at the Incheon Asian Games

- Swimmer Sharath Gayakwad has highest medals tally at the AsianGames

New Delhi, 26th November: Honourable Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Sarbananda Sonowal would felicitate medal winners of the 2014 Asian Para Games at the Dhyan Chand National Stadium on Wednesday.

India won a total of **33 medals including three gold, 14 silver and 16 bronze** in the second edition of the Games in Incheon, Korea. This year's Games also saw **Sharath Gayakwad, Indian Paralympic swimmer**, win 6 medals, thus creating a new record of highest tally of medals by an Indian at the Asian Games, previously held by PT Usha (5 medals at the 1986 Asian Games).

Speaking about the function, Sports Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal said **"Para athletes have been making India proud at the international level and we are determined to give them as much assistance as possible for their efforts and achievements."**

"The government is also looking forward to provide more support to these players as they prepare for the 2016 Para Olympics in Rio," he added.

The three gold medalists– Sharad Kumar, Amit Kumar and Parul Parmar (Women singles badminton)– would receive a cash prize of Rs.20.00 lacs, while the silver and bronze medalists would receive a cash award of Rs.10.00 lacs and Rs.6.00 lacs respectively for individual events.