

Press Release

Hosts, Manipur take lifting share lifting honours on KIYG Day 3

Pune, January 11: Manipur maintained their reputation in weightlifting picking two golds, but hosts Maharashtra picked as many to give them a strong competition at the Khelo India Youth Games 2019 at the Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex here on Friday. Between the two states, they accounted for four of the six golds on offer during the day, while Uttar Pradesh and Assam grabbed one each.

Out of the 19 gold medals so far, Maharashtra lead with six gold followed by Mizoram with three, while Orissa, Assam and Manipur have two each. Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh each have won one apiece so far.

On Friday it was Ranjit Chavan and Rupa Mahadev Hangandi who brought glory for Maharashtra in the men's 73 kg junior category and the women's 59kg junior category while L. Sadanand Singh in the men's 73kg youth and S. Bindyarani Devi from womens' 55kg juniors did it for Manipur.

In the women's 55kg youth category, Shristhi from Uttar Pradesh won quite comfortably with a total lift of 157 kg, 70 kg in snatch and 87 kg in clean & jerk. Anai Wangsu from Arunachal Pradesh with a total lift of 141 kg bagged silver, while Bibari Boro from Assam took the bronze with a 138 kg total.

Manipur's S. Bindyarani Devi won the women's 55 kg Juniors gold with a total lift of 179 kg comprising 77 kg in snatch and 103 kg in clean & jerk, It was way ahead of UP's Gauri Pandey who had a total lift of 168 kg for silver and Saloni Singh (165kg) for bronze.

In the men's 73kg youth category, Manipur's L. Sadanand Singh claimed gold by lifting a total of 249 kg, 109 kg in snatch and 140 in clean & jerk. Shiva Chaudhary from Delhi grabbed silver with a total of 243 kg, while Kant Kumar from UP took bronze with a total lift of 235 kg.

In the men's 73kg juniors it was a tough battle between Ranjit Chavan and N. Ajith of Tamil Nadu who were tied in the snatch category with 125 kg lifts each. In the end, Ranjit shaded Ajith by a whisker by lifting 151 kg against the latter's 150 kg in clean & jerk. Ranjit totalled 276 kg while Ajith had 275 kg to his name for the silver. L. Sunderjit Singh from Manipur got bronze with his total of 252 kg.

The women's 59kg youth category saw Assam's Ditimoni Sonowal claim the top spot with a total of 151 kg, while Y. Poornasri from Tamil Nadu (146kg) took silver and V. Sahithi from Telangana lifted 143 kg for the bronze.

Rupa Mahadev from Maharashtra, a silver medalist at the Asian Junior Championship was the big draw in the women's 59kg juniors, but faced a stiff challenge from Mohini Chavan of Haryana.

It was Rupa who emerged the better of the two with a total lift of 186 kg for gold while Mohini with a total of 181 kg had to settle for silver. Sukarna Adak from West Bengal won the bronze lifting a total of 177 kg.

RESULTS:

U-17 Youth Women's 55kg: 1. Shrishti (U.P) 157 kg, 2. Anai Wangsu (ARN) 141 kg, 3. Bibari Boro (ASM) 138 kg.

U-21 Junior Women's 55kg: 1. S. Bindyarani Devi (MAN) 179 kg, 2. Gauri Pandey (U.P) 168 kg, 3. Saloni Singh (U.P) 165 kg.

U-17 Youth Men's 73kg: 1. L. Sadanand Singh (MAN) 249 kg, 2. Shiva Chaudhary (DEL) 243 kg, 3. Kant Kumar (U.P) 235 kg.

U-21 Junior Men's 73kg: 1. Ranjit Chavan (MAH) 276 kg, 2. N Ajith (TND) 275 kg, 3. L. Sunderjit Singh (MAN) 252 kg.

U-17 Youth Women's 59kg: 1. Ditimoni Sonowal (ASM) 151kg, 2. Y. Poornasri (TN) 146kg, 3. V. Sahithi (TEL) 143kg.

U-21 Junior Women's 59kg: 1. Rupa Mahadev Hangandi (MAH) 186kg, 2. Mohini Chavan (HAR) 181kg, 3. Sukarna Adak (W.B) 177kg.