

Shooters, Wrestlers shine for India in CYG

Shooters and wrestlers led India's medal haul on the fourth day of the Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG), keeping the hosts comfortably perched at the top of the tally at Shree Shiv Chatrapati sports city in Balewadi here.

Both shooting and wrestling fetched India three golds each while another yellow metal came in weightlifting.

India now leads the tally with 28 medals with England far behind at the second spot with 16 medals.

India's gold quest was started by 17-year-old Deepika Patelin in women's 10 metre air pistol event. A science student from Varanasi, Deepika looked confident as she shot 470.2 against her second-placed Singaporean rival's 464.3 points.

'The credit goes to my parents and my coach S.P Bhattacharya,' she said.

Lakshya Bansal fetched another gold in the 25m pistol, logging 567 points, beating nearest rival Canada's Henry Mathew James (547 pts). The bronze went to Bin Alias Mohd Zul Fadzli of Malaysia, who scored 499.

The shooting squad won its third gold of the day through Asher Noria Gusti in the Double Trap. The Hyderabad, coached by World Cup champion Ronjan Sodhi, pocketed 180 points.

India missed out on a perfect four for the day as Rushad Damania settled for a bronze in the Free Rifle prone men's event. England's Huckle James won the gold while Malaysia's Muhammad Zubair took the silver.

In wrestling, Amit Kumar won the gold in the 50kg category, while Jitender added another in the 54kg category. Rahul Aware won the third gold in the men's freestyle.

Weightlifter S. Yamini struck gold in the 58 kg category, lifting 98 Kg in clean and jerk and 80 kg in snatch.

India's swimming sensation, Vir Dhaval Khade won silver in the men's 200m Freestyle. Australian Napoleon Ryan claimed gold, setting a Games record of 1:49:62.

In Athletics, Poovamma Raju took a silver in the 400m. Nachula Rachael of Zambia claimed the gold with a new Games' record of 52.97.

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