



Wekreate Space - Sports Award - Chief Guest



Mrs. Sushmitha Pawar

One of the toughest games to be played ever is Kabaddi. Having originated in our country, Kabaddi has been one sport which India has dominated both in men's and women's categories. This sport being widely played at the rural level has seen many talented players emerging out of our State to represent the National team in South Asian Games, Asian Games and World Cup. One such player to have emerged from our city is Sushmitha Pawar, who was part of the National Women's Team which won the gold medal in the Asian Games held at Incheon in South Korea.

Sushmitha was awarded the Ekalavya award by the State Government at a function held at Mysuru recently.

Sushmitha said it was a proud moment for her to receive such a prestigious award in recognition of her achievements in Kabaddi. Sushmitha, who works with State Police Department in Bengaluru, has won many accolades for her achievements in the sport. She was part of the State Women's Kabaddi team which took part in the Senior National Championship held in 2010, 2011 and 2013. Her consistent performance at the National level earned her a place in the National team which took part in the 2014 Asian Games.

Having inspired by Sports Authority of India (SAI) Kabaddi coach Sridhar to take up Kabaddi, Sushmitha went on to represent in the Junior National Team for the first time and also the State in Amrita League in 2004. Sushmitha, who hails from a poor family, was ably supported by parents Omprakash Rao Pawar and Manjula Bai, residents of N.R. Mohalla, who run a flour mill.

Sushmitha said that her parents borrowed money from her relatives and friends to provide funds for her travel. Having started to play Kabaddi in 2003, Sushmitha says that the Police Department has supported her in all her endeavours. She captained the Karnataka Junior Kabaddi team and was member of the South Zonal and Karnataka Senior team.

Sushmitha also credited her husband Venkatesh for her success. After having achieved her initial goal, Sushmitha aims to take part in the Olympics.



Awardee: Miss Chaithra B

Mysuru girl's journey from humble beginnings to the International Kho Kho Stage

Mysuru: Every sportsperson dreams of donning the blue jersey to represent India at the international level in the sports of their interest. While some realise their dreams, others continue to strive hard. One such sportsperson, who realised her dream, is Mysuru's B. Chaitra, who has been selected to represent the Indian Women's

Kho Kho team at the upcoming World Cup to be held in New Delhi from Jan. 13 to 19.

Chaitra has created history by becoming the first girl from Mysuru district to represent the Indian Women's team at the first ever Kho Kho World Cup. She is also the only player from South India to be selected for national women's team. Her selection has come as a biggest birthday gift as Chaitra



celebrated her birthday on Wednesday (Jan. 8). Having come from a humble background, Chaitra started to play kho kho at her native village Kuruburu in T. Narasipur Taluk. Her dedication towards the sport made her to represent the State and National teams. She was also one of the members of University of Mysore Women's Kho Kho team which won the gold medal at All India Inter-University Kho Kho Championship-2022 held I Chaitra said that it was the biggest achievement of her life till date and added that winning a gold medal in the upcoming Kho Kho World Cup would be a great achievement.

"It is because of my coach K. Manjunath, I have been able to reach this level. I also owe a lot to my parents for encouraging me and instilling confidence," she added. "We had been camping in New Delhi since a month and the team was announced yesterday. As soon as I got to know that I have been named in the team, I was overjoyed," added Chaitra.

It was not easy for Chaitra's family to encourage her in sports as they could not afford to even pay her school fees. However, one of their family friends, noticing her smartness, insisted the parents to admit her to a private school following which Chaitra was admitted to Vidyadarshini School in Kuruburu.

Having inspired by her elder brother B. Chethan, also a kho kho player, Chaitra developed interest towards the game and expressed her willingness to join the coaching classes. It was then she got introduced to Manjunath, a mathematics teacher at Vidyadarshini School, who also conducted kho kho classes. Noticing her potential, Manjunath encouraged her to work hard and as a result Chaitra has now been selected to represent the Indian Women's Kho Kho Team.

Chaitra is currently pursuing her II year B.PEd (Bachelor's in Physical Education) at Sri Shambhulingeshwara College in Pandavapura, Mandya district

Community Service

Rotary Mysore Midtown donated school desks and carried out renovation work at the Government Higher Primary School in Tilaknagar. The project was funded by Rtn.Bhaskar (donated desks worth INR 1L) and Rtn.Veeresh (donated for renovation works worth 25k). The school is more than a century old and is being renovated by the local citizens.



Beautifully renovated by a dedicated team. Rtn Bhaskar and Rtn. Veeresh have been part of this wonderful School renovation team.

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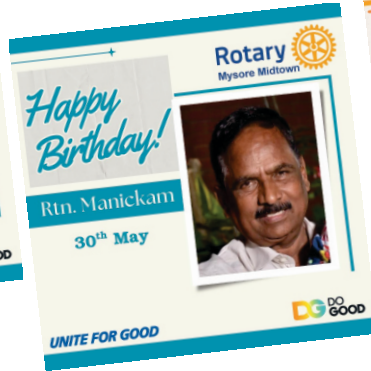
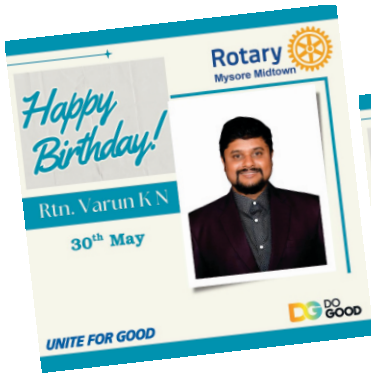
A memory that was etched on April 29th 2026
Life is so fragile
Yet GOD's miracle is in abundance
Count your blessings, they say
Who knows from whom and how it comes your way
Is it true, I asked myself
When I looked around, everyone nodded in affirmation
Resurrection of my life I was told
Probably had they reached me a little late
It would have been difficult to revive

The ambulance drive was for the first time in my life, though I was unconscious at that time
My family and friends stood like a sturdy rock
Doctors and their intervention can't be ever replaced. They became the precious gift
Anything is possible when you have the right people to support you
Many people will walk in and out of life but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart behind
GOD's benevolence is baffling
I am indebted to each one of you who has given me the courage, love and the spirit to pull along
- **Sunanda Patra**

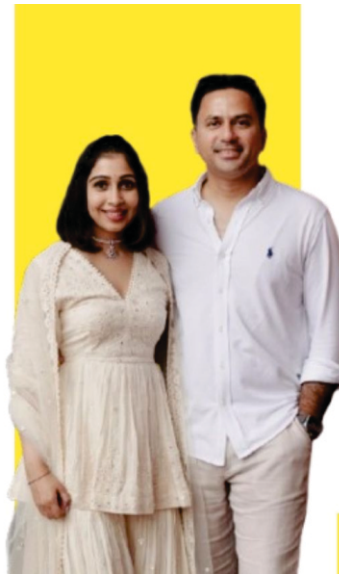


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