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### GFI NEWS

Shri Jaspal Singh Kandhari President-GFI, Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Secretary, Chandigarh Gymnastics Association and Dr. Satpal Kalsi visited the National Coaching Camp of CWG 2010 at National Institute of Sports Patiala on the concluding day i.e. 29th August 2009. Mr. Kandhari had detailed discussion with Gymnastics (Foreign Consultant) Coach, Mr. Vladimir Chertkov, Mr. Nirbhaya Singh, Chief Coach National Camps, Mr. Y. Ram Mohan, Mr. D. K. Rathore and Mr. Ashok Mishra about the development of gymnastics and medal prospect of Indian gymnasts at CWG 2010. He also addressed the gymnasts of Core Group of Probable's and encouraged them to win the medal in CWG 2010, which will be rewarded by the Government of India as well as GFI too.



### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA AT CHANDIGARH

An Emergent Meeting of the General Council of GFI was called on 22nd November 2009 at Chandigarh. All the units, except Tamilnadu, were shown their presence at this Meeting, where the Financial aspects of the GFI, functioning of GFI Offices were discussed & reviewed by the Council apart rigorous discussion on achieving goals set for CWG-2010, i.e. at-least 3-4 medals in Gymnastics.

### MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AT JAIPUR

A Meeting of the Finance Committee-GFI, convened at Jaipur on 12th & 13th December 2009 under chairmanship of Mr. Niranjan Arya, was attended by Mr. M. Balraj (Convener), Mr. Dilip Sarvaiya, Mr. Lalatendu Sahoo & Mr. Sudhish Sharma. The Committee discussed the Accounts matter of GFI, reviewed Final Account & proposed Budget for the Year 2010-11.

### MEETING WITH COMPETITON MANAGER (CWG-2010)

In preparation of CWG-2010, Dr. G S Bawa, Competition Manager (Gymnastics) visited GFI Office on 25th December 2009 and had meeting with the General Secretary-GFI to give final shape to planning & preparation for conducting Test Event, List of SSVs, their training & duties.

### GOOD NEWS FOR INDIAN GYMNASTICS



New hope to win medals to Indian Artistic Gymnastics in Commonwealth Games and high level international competitions. GFI is serious about taking the country's gymnastics to a new level and has called Foreign Consultant Coach, namely, Vladimir Chertkov to oversee the Indian National Teams. "Experienced coaching is our main requirement", Federation Secretary General Mr. Kan Singh Rathore said, and Vladimir has its all, experience and knowledge of two most powerful gymnastics schools in the world Russia & USA. **Mr. Vladimir Chertkov** was born in Russia on May 2, 1958, married having 2 children and Citizen of USA. He possesses Masters Degree in physical education & sports, coaching in artistic gymnastics from Russian State University of Physical Education & Sports, Moscow, Russia. Mr. Chertkov was the Member of Russian Junior Team, University Team, Member of Coaches Staff and Executive Committee USSR and Russian Gymnastics Federations. He was the National Head

Coach Russian Men and Women Junior Teams and coached substantial numbers of National / International Elite gymnasts, medalists and champions at National & International competitions include USA Junior, European Junior, and European Cup & World Cup championships. He is a qualified National and International Judge and is owner of Sports and Gymnastics club in

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USA for last 17 years, President of American Union of Gymnastics. Mr. Chertkov is a distinguished individual to provide leadership and expertise in the field of gymnastics. He has shown exceptional ability and knowledge of Women's and Men's Artistic Gymnastics. Mr. Vladimir is recognized nationally and internationally for accomplishments as both coach and administrator. He is on one-year contract with GFI and imparting training at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune since 11th September 2009 to the Indian Gymnastics Team in preparation of Commonwealth Games to be held at Delhi in October 2010. He is optimistic that Indian gymnasts would fetch medals in the International circuit. Only after two months Vladimir took charge, Indian National Teams (men & women) participated in 2009 World Championships in London. Presentation was above all expectations with big surprise for many. One of the articles said: "Team India is indeed on the rise". Although no Indian gymnast made an event final, but all showed upgraded difficulty and execution. Mr. Vladimir believes *we will surprise one and all. We hope our team will create history in the near future.*

### **RG: 4th SENIOR ASIAN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP, KAZAKHSTAN**

Indian Rhythmic Gymnastics Team consisting of Siddhi Sawant, Nishtha Shah, Keerat Kullar and Prabhjot Bajwa participated in the 4th Asian Senior Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship at Astana, Kazakhstan from 15-18th October 2009. Ms. Krupali Patel Singh, Ms. Varsha Upadhye accompanied the team as coach and judge respectively.

### **ART: 41st WORLD GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP, LONDON**

Indian Men's Artistic Gymnastics Team includes Ashish, Mayank, Aditya Rana, M. Shinoj, Devesh, Partha Mondal and WAG Team of Meenakshi, Tumpa, Dipa and Priti Das participated in the 41st World Artistic Gymnastics Championship at London from 13-18th October 2009. Mr. Vladimir Chertkov Foreign Expert, Mr. Y. Ram Mohan, Mr. Ashok Mishra (Coach, MAG) and Sephali Maulik (Coach, WAG), Ms. Savita Marathe, Dr. Kalpana Debnath (Judge, WAG), Mr. R. L. Verma, Mr. B. L. Bayaskar (Judge, MAG) accompanied the Indian team, while Mr. Kamal Bhandari (Manager, WAG) and Mr. M. Balraj (Manager, MAG). Shri Jaspal Singh Kandhari President GFI was Head of the Delegation. About 395 gymnasts (247 men & 148 women) from 71 countries took part in the above championship. Indian gymnast Partha Mondal & Ashish Kumar secured 9th & 10th place in All Round Individual Championship among the Commonwealth Countries and placed 62nd & 65th among 71 countries at 41st World Gymnastics Championship, London respectively.

### **ART: 35th TULIT PETER MEMORIAL CUP, HUNGARY**

The selection trials for the participation in the 35th Tulit Peter Memorial Cup at Hungary were held at Balewadi Sports Complex, Pune on 8th November 2009 in which 29 gymnasts i.e. UP-10, MH-8, WB-6, Gujrat-2, AP-1 and Haryana-1. took part in the age groups from 1993 to 1998. Nitin Mishra & Someshwar Singh Rana-UP (1993), Vikas Bhatia-UP & Prashant Singh-WB (1994), Saurabh Sharma-UP & Abhijit Shinde-MH (1995), Md. Bobby-UP & Aditya Kadam-MH (1996), Prem Patil-MH & Abhijit Kumar-UP (1997) and Arik Dey-WB & Abhishek Belgaonkar-MH (1998) are selected for the above championship, which is postponed due to unavoidable reasons.

### **AER: 3rd ASIAN INDOOR GAMES HANOI, VIETNAM**

The Indian Aerobic Gymnastics team consists of Siddhartha Kadam (MH), Mayank Jain (J & K) in IM, Manpreet Kaur (J & K), Kartikee Shiradkar (MH) in IW, Manvinder Singh & Manpreet Kaur (J & K) in Mixed Pair, Manvinder Singh, Mayank Jain, Jaskaran Singh (J & K) in Trio participated in the 3rd Asian Indoor Games at Hanoi, Vietnam from 30th October to 8th November 2009 along with Mr. S. P. Singh (Coach), Dr. Makrand Joshi & Mr. N. Shashi as Judges. Indian team got 5th and 6th place in Mixed Pair & Individual Women respectively. Selection trials for Indian Aerobic Team were held at Polo Ground, Patiala on 23rd August 2009.

### **ART/RG: WORLD SCHOOL GAMES AT DOHA 2009, QATAR**

10 CWG 2010 CORE GROUP PROBABLES i.e. Rakesh Patra & Gobind Parmanik (MAG), Rucha Divekar, Dwija Asher, B. Aruna & Dipa Karmakar (WAG), Kshipra Joshi, Sadichcha Kulkarni, Prabhjot Bajwa and Nishtha Shah (RG) participated in the discipline of gymnastics in the World School Games at Doha, Qatar from 7-12 December 2009. Mr. Ajay Shethi (Coach MAG), Ms. Rolly Kasyap (Coach WAG), Ms. Neetu Bala (Coach RG) Ms. Arundhati Roy (Judge WAG) accompanied the team.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS: NATIONAL**

• 14-18 January, 2010	Senior National Gymnastics Championship	Erode, Tamilnadu
• 30 January - 03 February, 2010	20th National (All Age-Group) RG Championships	Jodhpur
• 07-08 February, 2010	6th National Trampoline Gymnastics Championships	Chandigarh
• 14-18 February, 2010	50th National Junior AG Championships	Jaipur
• 24-28 February, 2010	Sub-Jr National Gym Champ	Hydrabad, AP
• 18-23 May, 2010	Trial Games (CWG)	New Delhi

**ACRO/AER: NATIONAL GYMNASTICS JUDGE'S COURSE 2009-2012 (XII FIG CYCLE)**

The Gymnastics Federation of India has been conducting National Judge's Course to improve the judge skill and to qualify with the new Olympic Cycle of FIG (XII CYCLE). The details are as under:

Course	Venue	Period	Organizing unit	Expert	No. Of Participants
1st National Judges Course (Acrobatics)	Panchkula (Haryana)	19-22nd August 2009	Haryana	Mr. Sumith M. R. (SSCB)	27 Men
1st National Judges Course (Aerobics)	Panchkula (Haryana)	22-25th August 2009	Haryana	Dr. Makrand Joshi (Maharashtra)	21 Men
2nd National Judges Course (Aerobics)	Surat (Gujrat)	30 Aug- 02 Sept 2009	Gujrat	Dr. Makrand Joshi (Maharashtra)	09 Men
2nd National Judges Course (Acrobatics)	Sangli (MAH)	19-22nd Nov. 2009	MAH	Mr. Sumith M. R. (SSCB)	27 Men
9th National Judges Course (MAG)	I G Institute of PE, Delhi	28-30th Dec 2009	Delhi	Dr. G. S. Bawa	21 Men
2nd National Judges Course (RG)	I G Institute of PE, Delhi	28-30th Dec 2009	Delhi	Ms. Krupali P Singh	22 Women

**ART/RG: NATIONAL COACHING CAMPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN**



The 4th National Coaching Camps were conducted by Gymnastics Federation of India at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Pune in Men Artistic Gymnastics and in Women Artistic Gymnastics from 11th September to 31st December 2009 and in Rhythmic Gymnastics from 11th September to 10th October 2009 as mentioned below in preparation of Commonwealth Games 2010 at New Delhi, India.

SN	VENUE	DISCIPLINE	GYMNASTS	NAME OF THE COACHES
01	Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune	WAG	23 Gymnasts	Ms. Sephali Moulik Mr. J. P. Chakraborty Mr. R. V. Lokhande
02	Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune	MAG	23 Gymnasts	Mr. Vladimir Chertkov Mr. Nirbhaya Singh Mr. Y. Ram Mohan Mr. D. K. Rathore Mr. Ashok Kr Mishra
03	Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune	RG	12 Gymnasts	Ms. Varsha Upadhye Ms. Krupali Singh
04	SAI NS NIS, Patiala	WAG	01 Gymnast	Dr. Kalpana Debnath

**AER: 10th NATIONAL AEROBIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2009**

Gujrat Gymnastics Association conducted the 10th National Aerobic Gymnastics Championship at Rajkot from 28th October to 1st November 2009. The gold medalists of different age-groups in different events are given below :

EVENTS	SUB-JUNIOR	JUNIOR-I	JUNIOR-II	SENIOR
<b>Individual Men</b>	Aryan Sharma Punjab-12.50	Navjot Singh J & K-13.65	Jeetu Singh UTTRA-14.65	Prasanjit Debnath SSCB-16.50
<b>Individual women</b>	Sayali Dighade MAH-13.00	Isha Mahajan MAH-13.20	Tejpal Kaur J & K-15.00	Manpreet Kaur J & K-16.0
<b>Mixed Pair</b>	Manav & Mehak J & K-12.60	Gaurab/Apoorva MAH-10.00	Sarvesh/Mrugul MAH-13.65	Manvinder/Manpreet J & K-16.05
<b>Trio</b>	-	J & K-11.50	Uttaranchal-13.25	SSCB-16.10
<b>Group</b>	-	-	-	SSCB-14.60



**PRESENJIT WON THREE GOLDS:** Mr. Presenjit Debnath, Aerobic Gymnasts from SSCB participated in the 10th National Aerobic Gymnastics Championship held at Rajkot (Gujrat) from 28th October to 1st November 2009 and won 3 gold Medals in Individual Men, Trio and Group categories in the above championship. He is the first Indian Aerobic Gymnast, who won 3 gold medals in a single National Aerobic Gymnastics Championship till date.

**ART/RG: SELECTION TRIALS OF CORE GROUP PROBABLES CWG 2010**

Selection trials of core group probable CWG 2010 were held at Balewadi Sports Complex Pune on 15-17th December 2009 in MAG, WAG and Rhythmic Gymnastics to evaluate their progress in performance during the National Coaching Camp at Pune as well as to finalize the ranking. 20 probable in MAG, 13 probable in WAG and 10 probable's in Rhythmic Gymnastics participated.

**ACRO/ART/AER: NEWS FROM STATE UNITS 2009-2010**

**SERVICES:** 36TH Inter-Services Gymnastics Championship in MAG, Aerobic and Acrobatic was held at Polo Ground Gymnasium, Patiala from 14-18th September 2009. The results are as follows.

EVENTS	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
IND. CHAMP, MAG	M. Shinoj-IN-83.80	S. Mitra-AR-79.725	P Bhambure-IN-79.150
TEAM CHAMP MAG	Indian Navy-403.075	Army Red-391.275	Indian Air Force-384.70
IND. MEN Aerobics	P. Debnath-Army-17.95	Jodha Singh-Army-17.75	Kamal Pd-Army-17.00
TRIO Aerobics	Army I-19.30	Army II-18.10	Indian Navy-16.65
GROUP Aerobics	Army I-17.15	Indian Air Force-11.10	-
M. PAIR Acrobatics	Army-24.14	-	-
GROUP Acrobatics	Army Red-25.70	Army Green-24.00	Indian Navy-23.35
TUMBLING	A Azhgar -AR-59.20	S Mondal-AR-57.40	Zakiruddin-IN-57.00
TRAMPOLINE	L Singh-A. Red-28.70	K Patil-Army Red-25.50	Binoy Ch-A. Red-22.10

**REMEMBERING THE LEGEND**



Late Debashis Mondal S/O Late Bhupendra Nath Mondal was born on 25.5.1941 at Krishna Nagar District Nadia West Bengal. He joined EME in Indian Army in 1955 after passing his school final examination and started his career in gymnastics under guidance of Army Coaches and Russian Coaches Smolvosky and Senebletz in 1960. He passed

the 1st Adhoc Course in Gymnastics with distinction from National Institute of Sports Patiala in 1961 along with the top gymnasts of India of 1960's Mr. V. B. Pillai, Mr. M. D. Gurjar, Mr. Sham Lal Khullar, Mr. Gandamal Sharma, Mr. Dalip Singh, Mr. Anantram, Mr. Pritam Singh and Mr. Tarlok Singh. Late Debashis Mondal represented India in Indo-USSR Gymnastics Competition at Patiala, Delhi and Kolkata in 1961 and Indo-USSR competition at Tashkent in 1962 and won Gold Medal in Vaulting Horse with 9.60 points. Late Debashis Mondal also won Bronze Medal in All Around Individual Championship at 9th Senior National Gymnastics Championship at Jhansi, UP in 1963 and only gymnast from West Bengal of enormous integrity, energy & talent, whose hard work made him a member of Indian Gymnastics Team which participated in 18th Olympic Games at Tokyo, Japan in 1964. He devoted his whole life in preparing gymnasts in

different districts of West Bengal under WB State Council of Sports after taking voluntary retirement from Indian Army in 1965.

He used to perform various skills on different apparatuses to popularize gymnastics in clubs of different districts as well as to continue the club culture of gymnastics in west Bengal. In 1971, Late Debashis Mondal (Olympian) was performing Reverse Giant Circle on Horizontal Bar during demonstration at Sheorapuli, District Hooghly and students were enjoying his performance with full concentration when suddenly his hands slipped from the bar and hit the head directly on the ground and became unconscious on the spot. He was taken to SSKM Hospital from Tarun Vyayam Sangha of Sheorapuli, where he was demonstrating and declared dead after 5 days treatment on 29th May 1971 at the age of 30. He is survived his wife and two children i. e. Jayant Mondal (4 years) and Sudipta Mondal (4 months). The untimely death of Debashis Mondal at an early age was a great loss to our country as well as to gymnastics fraternity.

We, on behalf of Gymnastics Community and Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI), salute to this great gymnast, who brought glory and laurel to our country.

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