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Anshuka stars for Khar Gymkhana

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MUMBAI: Khar Gymkhana claimed the women's and girls championships in the 28th YMCA swimming gala at Agripada on Sunday.

They logged 63 points, which was five more than the 58 of BPCL. Otters won the men's and boys championship with 88 points which was way above the 56 tallied by Khar.

Anchoring Khar's success was Anshuka Parwani, who claimed the girls under-12 title.

Parikshit Shetty was the hero for Otters, claiming the men's as well as boys under 14 titles. He created a new meet record and won another gold apart from finishing second in the third event.

Tejaswi Shetty won the women's championship.

The winners of the other titles were:

Men: Parikshit Shetty (Otters). **Boys:** u-14: Parikshit Shetty (Otters); u-12: Min Kwang Shu (ASP); u-10: Dhiren Shetty (ASP); u-8: Anukul Shetty (M. S. Police).

Women: Tejaswi Shetty (JVP). **Girls:** u-14: Bhavna Sharma (BPCL); u-12: Anshuka Parwani (Khar Gym); u-10: Triparna Chakravarty (JVP).

u-8: Ruchi Shah (ASP) and Shreya Nadkarni (BPCL).

On the final day, Anukul Shenoy, Parikshit Shetty and Shreya Nadkarni set two new meet marks and Anshuka Parwani one.

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Parikshit Shetty corners limelight

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OTTERS Club's boy wonder Parikshit Shetty was the star performer on the opening day of the GMAAA swimming championship, being conducted at the MGMO pool, Shivaji Park.

Parikshit set the pool ablaze with a record double in the boys Group III category. He was a cut above the rest while handsomely winning the 50 metres freestyle (0:27.55) and the gruelling 200 metres individual medley (2:27.19).

Six meet records were established on the opening day. Avinash Kriplani (Khar Gym) led from the start to erase Vishal Kapoor's nine-year-old record in the Group II 400m freestyle. Avinash swam splendidly to stop the clock at 4:36.53.

Delna Bhungara (YMCA) obliterated a 16-year-old record in

the girls Group I 100m backstroke. Delna's time of 1:15.55 was over four seconds faster than Sonal Navavati's long standing record.

Sindoor Thakkar (Otters) and Anirudh Dutt (Khar Gym) accounted for the other two records in the 200m individual medley for girls and boys Group I, respectively.

The other notable performers were Tejaswi Shetty (JVP), Anukul Shenoy (MSP), Nimisha Gupta (BPCL) all of whom scored splendid doubles in their respective age groups.

RESULTS

Boys' Group I 400m freestyle: 1 Mayur Mohata (MSP) 4:54.30; 2 Anirudh Dutt (KG), 3 Mayank Bubna (Otters). **100m backstroke:** 1 Anirudh Dutt (KG); 2 Mayank Bubna (Otters), 3 Manmeet (RCF). **200m butterfly:** 1 Mayank Bubna (Otters) 2:50.56. **200m individual medley:** 1 Anirudh Dutt (KG) 2:40.37

(NMR); 2 Mayur Mehta (MSP) 2:49.92 (BMR); 3 Mayank Bubna (Otters).

Boys Group II 100m backstroke: 1 Jay Shah (KG) 1:09.81; 2 Avinash Kriplani (KG), 3 Varun Divgikar (Otters). **50m freestyle:** 1 Parikshit Shetty (Otters) 0:27.55 (NMR); 2 Saurabh Mundra (JVP); 3 Karan Nagpal (KG). **200m butterfly:** 1 Avinash Kriplani (KG) 2:32.27; 2 Varun Divgikar (Otters); Sahil Bhatia (KG). **400m freestyle:** 1 Avinash Kriplani (KG) 4:36.53 (NMR); 2 Varun Divgikar (Otters); 3 Sahil Bhatia (KG).

Boys Group III 200m individual medley: 1 Parikshit Shetty (Otters) 2:27.79 (NMR); 2 Saurabh Mundra (JVP); 3 Karan Nagpal (KG). **4x50m freestyle relay:** 1 Khar Gym (Siddhant Bakhru, Karan Divgikar, Loknath Char, Karan Nagpal) 2:12.65; 2 RCG; 3 GAET.

Boys Group V 50m freestyle: 1 Anukul Shenoy (MSP) 0:35.49; 2 Sushant Divgikar (KG); 3 Shriram

Murali. **50m backstroke:** 1 Anukul Shenoy (MSP) 0:42.21; 2 Shriram Murali (BPCL); 3 Sushant Divgikar (KG).

Boys Group VI 25m freestyle: 1 Niket Mohan (MSP) 0:18.95; 2 Aditya Kamath (GAET); 3 Mihir Shetty.

Girls Group I 100m backstroke: 1 Delna Bhungara (YMCA) 1:15.55 (NMR). **200m butterfly:** 1 Radhika Lakhani (JVP) 2:56.41. **100m backstroke:** 1 Sindoor Thakkar (Otters) 1:18.87 (BMR); 2 Radhika Lakhani (JVP); 3 Sameera Dalvi (MIG). **400m freestyle:** 1 Sindoor Thakkar (Otters) 5:46.91. **200m individual medley:** 1 Sindoor Thakkar (Otters) 2:49.01 (NMR); 2 Radhika Lakhani (JVP) 2:49.15 (BMR).

Girls Group II 100m backstroke: 1 Bhavna Sharma (BPCL) 1:18.17; 2 Rashi Oberoi (Otters); 3 Tejaswi Shetty (JVP). **200m butterfly:** 1 Gayatri Dhumatkar (KG) 2:52.23; 2 Tejaswi Shetty (JVP); 3 Ruma Chemburkar (ASP). **400m**

freestyle: 1 Tejaswi Shetty (JVP) 5:04.72; 2 Bhavna Sharma (BPCL); 3 Gayatri Dhumatkar (KG).

Girls Group III 50m freestyle: 1 Minita Shah (MGMO) 0:32.28; 2 Sapna Desai (ASP); 2 Alefiyah Bharmal (YMCA). **200m individual medley:** 1 Anshuka Parwani (KG) 2:52.87; 2 Minita Shah (MGMO); 3 Sapna Desai (ASP). **4x50m freestyle relay:** 1 BPCL (Priya Sharma, Reema Nadkarni, Gayatri Govindarajan, Vasudha Gudipati).

Girls Group V 50m freestyle: 1 Nimisha Gupta (BPCL); Shreya Nadkarni (BPCL) both timed 0:36.72; 2 Ruchi Shah (ASP); 3 Shazneen Daruwalla (YMCA). **50m backstroke:** 1 Nimisha Gupta (BPCL) 0:45.21; 2 Shazneen Daruwalla (YMCA); 3 Apurva Kulkarni (ASP).

Girls Group VI 25m freestyle: 1 Vijayalakshmi Shanbhag (GAET) 0:21.55; 2 Avani Dave (PM); 3 Ikshu Shah (GSMS).