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KRIPLANI IN THE SWIM

Shatters two more records to tally five in two days

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RECORDS are there to be broken, seems to be Avinash Kriplani's simple axiom in life. The 13-year-old swimmer continued his golden streak in the Suman Motel Ltd sponsored Greater Mumbai Amateur Aquatic Association's district championship at the Andheri Sports Complex.

GMAAA swimming

The Khar Gymkhana team member re-wrote the record books twice on Saturday when he clinched the 200 meters free style and in the 100 Mts butterfly, both in the under-13 category.

Earlier, on Friday Kriplani in spite of running a temperature had put into oblivion 100 Mts butterfly, 50 Mts butterfly and 50 Mts back stroke records.

The talented AVM, Juhu student stroked at a blistering pace to eliminate Vishal Kapoor's eight-year-old record in the 200 Mts free-style.

He finished at an incredible time of 2:12.78, while Kapoor's record stood at 2:19.42. Parikshit Shetty of Otters, himself a tough competitor couldn't match Kriplani's pace as he finished a distant second at 2:18.85.

Kriplani also accounted for



Giant strides: Avinash Kriplani

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Kapoor's 100 Mts butterfly record with a convincing victory in 1:08.05 (old record 1:10.17).

The Otters duo of Shetty and Rehan Poncha respectively grabbed the second and third spot with a timing 1:10.61.

The day three of the meet also witnessed Anukul Shenoy emerging on the scene.

The Mulund Swimming Pool's wonder kid attained a

record double in the boys group IV category. Coached by his father Taranath a Padmashree and Arjuna Awardee, Shenoy clocked stupendous timings to win the 25 Mts free style and back stroke in 0:17.63 and 0:21.70 respectively.

BPCL's Bhavana Sharma once again underlined her growing status when she swam a dashing anchor leg to help her team

win the 4 X 50 free style relay, in the girls under-13 category. In doing so she also created a new record time of 2:22.14.

RESULTS: 200 Mts free style boys group III: Avinash Kriplani (Khar Gymkhana), 2:12.78 (New Meet Record); Parikshit Shetty (Otters), 2:18.85; Varun Digvikar (Otters) 2:20.94; **100 Mts butterfly boys group III:** Avinash Kriplani

(KG), 1:08.05 (NMR); Parikshit Shetty (Otters) 1:10.37; Rehan Poncha (Otters) 1:10.61; **25 Mts free style boys group IV:** Anukul Shenoy (MSP), 0:17.63 (NMR); Sagar Patil (KG), 0:18.66; Vedant Ghag (Otters), 0:19.75; **25 Mts back stroke boys Group IV:** Anukul Shenoy (MSP), 0:21.70 (NMR); Sagar Patil (KG) :21.70; Vedant Ghag (Otters), 0:22.55