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Aaron, Poorva, Surabhi maintain winning streak

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Aaron D'Souza has been in some incredible form since his return from a training stint in the US. After a fabulous show at the Asian Age Group Swimming Championship last week, Aaron cruised to a double-gold haul on Tuesday at the All India Inter-university Aquatic Championship in Kolkata.

The Bangalore University swimmer won the 400 metres individual medley with a record time of 04:29.60 seconds. The second and third place went to Jain University swimmers Rehan Poncha (4:48.65) and Gagan AP (4:49.35). D'Souza eclipsed a six-year-old record of 4:59.54 created by Rehan Poncha.

In his pet event—200 me-



File photo of Surabhi Tipre

tres freestyle, D'Souza was spectacular to finish first ahead of compatriot Rohit Havaladar and Gagan AP.

D'Souza clocked 1:52.48 seconds while Havaladar timed 1:55.92 seconds. Gagan finished at 1:56.34.

The 19-year-old degree student from Adarsh College bet-

tered Rohit Havaladar's record of 1:56.68 created in 2008.

Meanwhile, Jain University girls continued their winning streak with Surabhi Tipre and Poorva Shetty grabbing the top honours.

Surabhi won the 800 metres freestyle with a time of 9:37.39 seconds while Poorva

created yet another meet record with her first place finish in 50m breast stroke. Poorva, who won 200 metres breast stroke on day one, clocked 36.39 seconds and also bettered Mini's record of 37.39 created in 2006.

Surabhi too created a new

RESULTS

MEN: 400m IM: 1. Aaron D'Souza (Bangalore University, 04:29.60; OR: 4:59.54, Rehan Poncha, 2005); 2. Rehan Poncha (Jain University, 4:48.65, Bettered meet record); 3. Gagan AP (Jain, 4:49.35, BMR); 50m breaststroke: 1. Jashandeep Singh (Punjab, 31.00); 2. Aditya Roshan (VTU, 31.50); 3. Rehan Poncha (Jain, 31.86); 200m Freestyle: 1. Aaron D'Souza (Bangalore, 1:52.48, NMR, OR: Rohit Havaladar 1:56.68, 2008); 2. Rohit Havaladar (Bangalore, 1:55.92, BMR); 3. Gagan AP (Jain, 1:56.36, BMR).

WOMEN: 800m Freestyle: 1. Surabhi Tipre (Jain University) 9:37.39; 2. Gulnaz Rawoof (Madras University) 9:50.36; 3. Sushaka Prathap (VTU); 400m IM: 1. Pooja R Alva (VTU, 5:25.80, NMR, OR: 5:26.39, Shikha Tandon, 2008); 2. Kshipra Mahajan (RGUHS, 5:32.95); 3. Poorva K Shetty (Jain University, 5:34.59); 50m breaststroke: 1. Poorva Shetty (Jain, 36.39, NMR, OR: 37.39, Mini, 2006); 2. Krunal Bhosley (Bharathi Vidyapeeth, 37.15); 3. Jalaja Shirol (Pune, 39.11); 200m Freestyle: 1. Surabhi Tipre (Jain University, 2:14.10, NMR, OR: 2:14.31, 2004); 2. Kshipra Mahajan (RGUHS, 2:16.45); 3. Gulnaz Rawoof (Madras, 2:17.24).

meet record in the 200 metres freestyle for women with a timing of 2:14.10 seconds. The first year degree student from

Jain University beat Kshipra Mahajan of RGUHS and Gulnaz Rawoof of Madras University to win the race.