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Fariha Zaman smashes Shikha Tandon's record

While Aaron D'Souza got the better of Rehan Poncha to take gold in 100 metres butterfly event; Surabhi, Gagan better meet records

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Jain University swimmers smashed three records while Aaron D'Souza continued to sizzle at the ongoing All India Inter-university Aquatic Championship being held at the Subhash Sarobar Swimming Pool here on Wednesday.

D'Souza eclipsed the old record held by Rehan Poncha in the 100 metres butterfly event for men. The trainee at Basavangudi Aquatic Centre (BAC) in Bangalore clocked 0:56.30 seconds to win the race ahead of Jain University's Poncha, who put up a sensational fight. It was only in the last ten metres that D'Souza pulled ahead and came up with a strong finish. Poncha touched at 0:56.72 seconds.

In the 400 metres freestyle for men, long distance swimmer Gagan AP from Jain University bagged gold with a record time of 4:09.79 seconds. He had to ward off



File photo of Gagan AP

tough competition put up by Bangalore University swimmers Rohit Havaladar and D'Souza who finished second and third respectively.

In the women's category, Jain University swimmers kept their winning streak going with Surabhi Tipre claiming the top honours in 400 metres freestyle while Fariha Zaman swam a sensational

race to erase six-year-old record held by Olympian Shikha Tandon in the 50m back stroke. Zaman, a final year degree student from Jain University, clocked 0:31.70 to create a new meet record in her pet event. The earlier record was 0:32.40 held by Tandon which was created in Thiruvananthapuram.

Tipre too eclipsed the record

in her gold-medal winning feat. She timed 4:36.75 to win the race without breaking a sweat. Surabhi's competitors were a no-match to the Bangalore girl who is riding on supreme form. She finished more than ten seconds ahead of RGUHS (Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences) swimmer Kshipra Mahajan who finished third while VTU

(Visweswaraya Technological University) swimmer Sushaka Pratap finished second with a time of 4:44.27.

RESULTS

100m Butterfly: 1. Aaron D'Souza (Bangalore University) 0:56.30 (NMR); 2. Rehan Poncha (Jain University) 0:56.72; 3. N Aravind (Anna University)

0:59.92; 50m Back Stroke: 1. Aaron D'souza (Bangalore University) 0:27.54; 2. Rohith Havaladar (Bangalore University) 0:28.15; 3. Rehan Poncha (Jain University) 0:28.23; 400m Freestyle: 1. Gagan AP (Jain University) 4:09.79 (NMR); 2. Rohith Havaladar (Bangalore University) 4:11.48; 3. Aaron D'Souza (Bangalore University) 4:20.24; 4x200m Freestyle Relay: 1. Punjab University 8:48.30; 2. Delhi University 8:48.36; 3. VTU 8:49.01

50m Back Stroke: 1. Fariha Zaman (Jain University) 0:31.70 (NMR); 2. Tanvi Daddanvar (Rani Channamma) 0:33.97; 3. Priyanka Yadavibdu Gorakhpur 0:34.08

100m Butterfly: 1. Pooja Alva (VTU) 1:06.47; 2. Fariha Zaman (Jain University) 1:09.65; 3. Kshipra Mahajan 1:10.28; 400m Freestyle: 1. Surabhi Tipre (Jain University) 4:36.75 (NMR); 2. Sushaka Pratap (VTU) 4:44.27; 3. Kshipra Mahajan (RGUHS) 4:48.33; 4x200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Jain University 9:56.46; 2. VTU 10:10.37; 3. Calicut University 10:11.97