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Jain University crowned champions

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Jain University won their maiden overall championship title in the All India Inter-university Swimming Championship that concluded at the Subhas Sarobar Swimming Pool here on Friday. The team, comprising star swimmers Rehan Poncha, Gagan AP, Sharath Gayakwad, Surabhi Tipre, Fariha Zaman and Poorva Shetye outshined Bangalore University to amass 143 points and claim the top honours.

After gaining the deemed university status, this is the first time Jain University swimmers have won the crown. "We are a new university and to win beating big names like BU, VTU, Pune University and Madras University is a great feat for us. Our swimmers put up a commendable fight and this is a

great start for us," exclaimed Shankar UV, director of sports, Jain University. "This result will help the sports department get more support from the university management in terms of getting our sportsmen trained abroad or even get cash prize and free post graduation seats for deserving sportsmen," he added.

Though Jain University took home the championship, the final day belonged to Bangalore University's Aaron D'Souza who bagged two gold medals with new meet records. He beat Rehan Poncha in the 200 metres butterfly event to etch a new record of 02:02.75 seconds. He bettered the previous record of 02:09.20 held by Poncha. In the 100 metres freestyle, he was a no-match to the others in the fray as he won the event with over two body-length lead.

He finished on 0:51.80 seconds to erase Rohit Havaladar's three-year-old record of 0:53.32. Havaladar of Bangalore University took the silver while Ashwin Menon of VTU won the bronze. "I am happy with my performances, especially since I did not get a break between my events to rest," stated D'Souza. "Backstroke is not my forte, but my timings have improved significantly. I might consider participating in the backstroke events more often," added the Bangalore lad who ended his campaign with 10 gold, one silver and two bronze.

In the 1500 metres for men, Gagan AP won the first place with record time of 16:26.41. He bettered his own mark of 17:02.34 created in 2009. Surabhi Tipre too broke the meet record in 100 metres breast stroke with a time of 1:19.66 seconds.

RESULTS

MEN

1500m freestyle: 1. Gagan AP (Jain University, 16:26.41, NMR; OR: 17:02.34, Gagan, 2009); 2. Rohit Havaladar (Bangalore University, 17:15.11); 3. Aaron D'Souza (BU, 17:23.92).

200m butterfly: 1. Aaron D'Souza (BU, 2:02.75, NMR; Old: 2:09.20, Rehan Poncha, 2007); 2. Rehan Poncha (JU, 2:04.45, Bettered Meet Record); 3. CG Gautham (Madras University, 2:15.63).

100m breaststroke: 1. Jashandeep Singh (Punjab, 1:07.09); 2. Gagan AP (JU, 1:09.96); Aditya Roshan (VTU, 1:10.17).

100m freestyle: Aaron D'Souza

(BU, 51.80, NMR; OR: 53.32, Rohit Havaladar, 2008); 2. Rohit Havaladar (BU, 54.77); 3. Ashwin Menon (VTU, 55.91).

WOMEN

200m butterfly: 1. Pooja R Alva (VTU, 2:30.12, NMR, OR: 2:30.85, Tejaswini, 2007); 2. Susakha Pratap (VTU, 2:34.66); 3. Tanvi D (Rani Chennamma, Belgaum, 2:40.67).

100m breaststroke: 1. Surabhi Tipre (JU, 1:19.66, NMR; OR: 1:21.37, Tejaswini, 2008); 2. Poorva Shetye (JU, 1:20.66, Bettered Meet Record); 3. Krunal Bhosle (Bharatiya Vidya Peeth, 1:21.37, Equalled Meet Record).

100m freestyle: 1. Kshipra Mahajan (RGUHS, 1:01.84); 2. Surabhi Tipre (JU, 1:02.37); 3.

Fariha Zaman (JU, 1:02.78).

WATERPOLO: Men:

Final: Kolkata bt Guru Nanak Dev 17-11; **Third-place match:** Kerala bt Calicut 8-6.

DIVING: Women:

3m springboard: 1. Karishma Mohite (BU, 141.70 points); 2. Sareen Rasika (Sholapur, 120.30); 3. Balaka K (Jadhavpur, 116.90).

1m springboard: 1. Karishma Mohite

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Overall: Jain University: 143 points.

Men: 1. Bangalore University-74 points; 2. Jain University-42 points

Women: 1. Jain University: 101 points; 2. VTU 48 points



Overall champions Jain University with the trophy on the final day of the All-India Inter-university Aquatic Championship in Kolkata on Friday

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