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## Fencer on the prowl

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**Bangalore:** Nishreyas M V has already struck silver and bronze and is now 'digging' hard for gold. His persistence is bound to pay off in the near future as he has been relentless in its pursuit.

Son of Venkateshappa and Vijayalakshamma, this fencing champion is a student of Jain University, whom he has represented with great pride and distinction in a number of events.

A sports buff, who is also interested in reading books and watching movies, 23-year-old Nishreyas puts in long hours of work with his coaches to try and perfect his art.

Be it epee or sabre, Nishreyas is adept at the sport and has won a number of awards. He began at an early age and represented the state junior team in the junior nationals in Hosur in 2009.

He soon graduated to the senior ranks with his exploits. He has been part of the senior state team at every senior national championship since 2010 and also the Federation Cup in 2013.

### STAR OF THE WEEK

Nishreyas has not neglected his studies and has shown his talent at the college and university level. This has given him added exposure and experience. He has represented both Bangalore and Jain university at the all-India championships and has invariably picked up a medal. He has played a crucial role in the state team as one of the key players and has put Karnataka among the top eight in the country.

Surely, a promising fencer is on the prowl. Watch out.