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Poorvisha, Revathi win Ekalavya

CM Siddaramaiah To Give Away Sports Awards In Bengaluru Tomorrow

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Udupi: Noted badminton player Poorvisha S Ram, India international basketball player Rajesh Uppar and para swimmer Revathi Nayak are among those chosen for the 2016 Ekalavya awards. Veteran athletics coach VR Beedu has been listed for the lifetime achievement award.

Announcing the winners here on Monday, Sports Minister Pramod Madhwaraj said they will be given

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away by chief minister Siddaramaiah on March 7 at the Guru Nanak Bhavan in Bengaluru.

Swimming coach MR Mohite too has been selected for the lifetime achievement award.

While the Ekalavya award winners will get a cash award of Rs 2 lakh, the lifetime achievement award carries a purse of Rs 1.5 lakh.

Among the other winners of Ekalavya award are talented high jumper Harshith S, upcoming shooter Mayur D Bhanu and promising swimmer Malavika Vishwanath.



FINE SHOW: Badminton player Poorvisha S Ram is among the Ekalavya award winners

The minister also announced the nine winners of Karnataka Kreedha Ratna (Rs 1 lakh) given to rural sports and also a new award — Kar-

nataka Kreedha Poshak — to honour organizations that promote sports in the state. Among the ten winners are Alva's Education Trust, Moodbidri,

JSW Sports, Ballari and Jain University, Bengaluru. The award carries a prize money of Rs 5 lakh.

The minister also announced the state NSS awards to the top performing universities and volunteers.

The winners: Ekalavya awards: Harshith S (athletics), Rajesh Prakash Uppar (basketball), Poorvisha S Ram (badminton), Renuka Dhandin (cycling), Mayur D Bhanu (shooting), Karthik A (volleyball), Malavika Vishwanath (swimming), Keerthana TK (rowing), Ayyappa MB (hockey), Suresh Hegde (kabaddi), Gurusaraj (weightlifting), Sudeep B Katti (wrestling), Revathi Nayak M (para swimming). **Lifetime Achievement Award:** VR Beedu (athletics), MR Mohite (swimming).

Karnataka Kreedha Ratna: Sayyad Fatheshaiah H Bheperi (atya patya), Yashaswini KJ (ball badminton), Shekar Waali (stone ball lifting), Yuvaraj Jain (kambala), Muneer Bhasha (kho-kho), Sugunasagar H Vadrade (mullakamba), Sobhiya S (throwball), Athmasree HS (mud wrestling), Dhansh Babu (roller skating).

Karnataka Kreedha Poshak Award 2017-18: Brahmavar Sports Club, Udupi; Kambala Protection and Training Academy, Udupi; Alva's Education Trust, Moodbidri; Jain University, Bengaluru; JSW Ballari; Kyathanahalli Kreedha Okotta, Mandya; Krida Uthajana Hagu Abhivrudhi Sahakara, Belagavi; Kandeerava Kesari Mattapathi Sports and Educational Society, Bagalkot; Krishna Theersa Raitha Sangha, Bagalkot; Sri Adichunchanagiri Education Trust, Mandya.