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Fariha, Poorva, Rohit create new meet records

Jain University bag three gold medals, while Bangalore University clinch two gold on opening day of the All-India Inter-university Aquatics Championship

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Jain and Bangalore University swimmers began their campaign on a great note in the All-India Inter-university Aquatics Championship. Jain swimmers won three gold, while BU won two on opening day here at the Subhas Srobar Swimming Pool.

In the 200 metres breaststroke for women, Jain University's Poorva Shetty created a new meet record with a timing of 2:47.00 seconds. She beat team-mate Surabhi Tipre, who finished second, and Krunal Bhosle of Bharati Vidyapeeth to win the race.

Fariha Zaman, also of Jain University, bagged gold in 200m backstroke and a silver in 50m butterfly for her team.

In the 200m race, she finished with a time of 2:34.62 to create a new meet record. In the 50m butterfly, she finished behind Pooja R Alva of Visveswaraya Technological University (VTU) to win the silver, while Kshipra Mahajan of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences finished third.

In the 200m backstroke for men, Bangalore University's Rohit Havaldar finished ahead of Aaron D'Souza and Rehan Poncha to win the gold. The post graduate student from Presidency College clocked 2:08.93 to eclipse the old meet record of 2:09.50 to win the race.

D'Souza of Bangalore University, meanwhile, made amends to his loss in 200m backstroke with a gold in the



50m butterfly event for men. He clocked 26.37 seconds while Poncha of Jain University won a silver clocking 26.60 and Havaldar took home the bronze medal with a time of 26.96 seconds.

In one of the most sensational races of the day, Jain University's Gagan AP outwitted Punjab University's Jasdeep Singh to win the 200m breaststroke event for men. He clocked 02:26.4 seconds to win the race ahead of Singh and Aditya Roshan of VTU.

RESULTS

MEN: 200m breaststroke: 1. Gagan AP (Jain University); 2. Jasdeep Singh (Punjab); 3. Aditya Roshan (VTU, Belgaum) **200m**

backstroke: 1. Rohit Havaldar (Bangalore University, 2:08.93, NMR, OR: 2:09.50); 2. Aaron D'Souza (Bangalore University, 2:10.27); Rehan Poncha (Jain University, 2:11.40). **50m**

butterfly: 1. Aaron D'Souza (Bangalore University, 26.37); 2. Rehan Poncha (Jain University, 26.60); 3. Rohit Havaldar (Bangalore, 26.96) **4x100m medley relay:** 1. VTU; 2. Anna University; 3. Punjab University

WOMEN: 200m breaststroke: 1. Poorva Shetty (Jain University, 2:47.00, NMR); 2. Surabhi Tipre (Jain University); 3. Krunal Bhosle (Bharati Vidyapeeth).

200 backstroke: 1. Fariha Zaman (Jain University, 2:34.62, NMR); Kshipra Mahajan (RGUHS); 3. Tanvi Doddannavar (Rani Chennamma). **50m butterfly:** 1. Pooja Alva (VTU); 2. Fariha Zaman (Jain); 3. Kshipra (RGUHS).