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Athletes of Jain University feted

BANGALORE: Olympian A.P. Gagan and Paralympian Sharath Gayakwad were among a host of athlete students honoured by Jain University on the occasion of its annual sports awards function here on Monday.

Gagan, the only Indian swimmer at the 2012 Olympics, was rewarded with Rs. 1,35,000 for his achievements in the past year, while Gayakwad was presented with a cheque for Rs. 1,00,000.

"I have been granted not only financial help but everything I have asked for," said Gagan, an MBA student at the University. Gayakwad, a BA student who recorded personal bests in all his events at London, said: "I cannot imagine having

achieved all this without the support of the University."

The awardees included golfers Khalin Joshi, Syed Saqib Ahmed and Trishul Chinnappa, shuttler Poorvisha S. Ram, and the University's cricket and tennis teams. Performances in inter-university, national and international events were recognized.

R. Chenraj Jain, president, Jain University Trust, hoped the institution would produce an Olympic gold-medallist in the near future. U.V. Shankar, the Director of Sports, noted that while Jain University stood among the top ten in the country in terms of sporting achievement, the target this year was to find a place in the

first three.

The list of awardees (read as athlete, cash awarded):

Swimming: A.P. Gagan (Rs.1,35,000), Sharath Gayakwad (1,00,000), Surabhi Tipre (48,000), Fariha Zaman (38,000), Rehan Poncha (36,000), Poorva Shetye (24,000), Lekha Kamath (5000); **Golf:** Khalin Joshi (5000), Syed Saqib Ahmed (5000), Trishul Chinnappa (5000); **Chess:** Ashwin Jayaram (5000); **Badminton:** Poorvisha S. Ram (10,000); **Teams:** Cricket (48,000), Tennis (Men-30,000, Women-16,000).

Adhoksh sizzles

Adhoksh Hegde starred with a stellar double century to help Vidya Shilp Academy register a thumping innings victory in the Dell-KSCA under-16 inter-