



Odisha felicitates National Games medalists with cash awards

Bhubaneswar, 25 October, 2022: Sportspersons of Odisha were felicitated with special cash awards for their outstanding performance at the 36 National Games 2022, Gujarat, by the Sports and Youth Services Department. Sports Minister, Tusharkanti Behera and Chairman, Odisha Hockey Promotion Council, Dilip Tirkey, Sports Secretary, R Vineel Krishna presented the awards at a ceremony held at Kalinga Stadium today. Two athletes of Odisha who represented Services namely, Dinesh Kumar (3 Golds in Cycling) and Muna Nayak (1 Silver in Weightlifting) were also felicitated.

As committed by the State Government, the winners of team and individual sports of 36 National Games, Gujarat 2022, received Rs 5 lakh for gold medal, Rs 3 Lakh for Silver and Rs 2 Lakh for Bronze medal.

Total cash award of Rs 3.16 Crore was given out to 100 number of athletes.

Congratulating the medalists, Sports Minister, Tusharkanti Behera said, "It gives me immense delight and pride to felicitate our young winners. Their hard work and dedication is paying off. They have given their best at the National Games and brought glory for their State.

I am confident, from here on, each one of them will surge ahead in the field of sports. We will continue to support them in their journey throughout."

The winners expressed their deepest gratitude to the Odisha Government for supporting them and acknowledging their achievements.

Dilip Tirkey, interacted with the winners and encouraged them to stay focused on their game to achieve greater success in the coming years.

Odisha Womens Rugby team won the Gold medal and were felicitated with Rs 60 lakhs as total team cash prize. Similarly, Kho Kho Women's team were awarded Rs 45 lakh total cash prize for winning Silver. Maximum medals have been won by Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing Athletes.

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