



**Biju Patnaik Award for Sports, Bravery and State Award for Social Service**  
**conferred by Hon'ble Chief Ministe**

**Bhubaneswar, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019:** On the occasion of National Sports Day, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik conferred the prestigious Biju Patnaik Awards for Sports, Bravery and State Award for Social Service for the year 2018. The awards were conferred in 4 categories; Outstanding performance in Sports, Best Contribution to the promotion of Sports and Games, Biju Patnaik Bravery Award and State Award for Social Service. In total 9 awards were given out.

**Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha, Shree Naveen Patnaik,** *Congratulations to all the winners of this prestigious Biju Patnaik Award. Our athletes have been performing well and have won accolades at various competitive platforms throughout the year and it gives me immense pleasure to felicitate them on their achievements. Their commitment and contribution in the field of sports is inspiring to young aspirants and I wish them more laurels in the future.*

*I also encourage emerging talents to stay dedicated and strive hard and to ace highest level competitions. Best wishes to all of you."*

**Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Shri. Tusharkanti Behera,** said, *"I congratulate all the achievers. It is a great moment for us to be felicitating you. You are truly the pride of Odisha. Today, Odisha is recognized in the field of sports, not just for hosting marquee events but also for producing sportspersons who are excelling across sports disciplines and at different sporting competitions.*

*This motivates us to invest in our athletes and empower them by constantly trying to create and provide platforms; be it in coaching or technical facilities, to further their skills.*

*We are also looking at creating new sporting opportunities for children at grass-roots level by integrating sports into education so sports can become an integral part of their lives. "*

*To create a holistic sporting ecosystem across the state, we are investing in developing infrastructure by upgrading our facilities and building new integrated sports complexes and mini stadiums across the State for the same, which will benefit our sportspersons, he added.*

Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Excellence in Sports was awarded to Pramod Bhagat

Biju Patnaik Award for Promotion of Sports and Games was awarded to Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar-

Biju Patnaik Bravery Award was conferred on Shrimati Badra, a school student of Angul district who risked her life and saved her fellow classmate from a fatal train accident.

State Award for Social Service was awarded to 6 following people:

1. Radhakant Tripathi, district Bhadrak and Badri Mishra, district Puri (Central Division)
2. Mahendra Kumar Joshi, district Nuapada and Kamakhya Prasad Majhi, district Koraput (Southern Division)
3. Ram Narayan Dash, district Bolangir and Abdul Rahman Khan, district Keonjhar, (Northern Division)

Besides the above, 138 sportspersons were felicitated with cash awards for excellence in sports for the year 2018.

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