



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

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Director's Message



I am filled with excitement and pride when i look at the recent successes of Indian shooters. The last year in particular has shown great promise, with many people supporting the exceptional performances that have emerged. The support and solidarity that our shooters have been receiving from the Indian government, federation, gun manufacturers, and academies all contribute to this hope. The establishment of a full ecosystem, working together with sponsors and committed support staff, has been important in meeting the demands of our athletes. This teamwork has paid off, as evidenced by our incredible success at the Asian Games. We are certain that this positive momentum will carry us to even greater success at the upcoming Olympics in Paris.

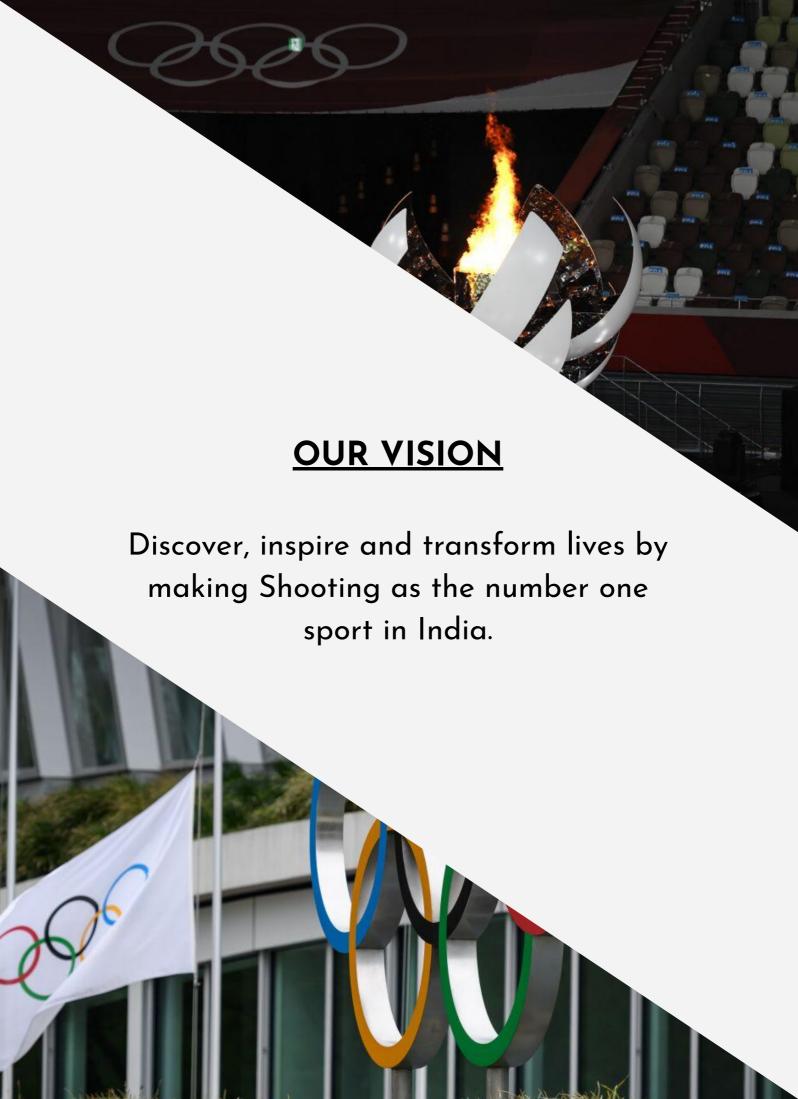
Gagan Narang Founder & Director

Director's Message



I express my heartfelt gratitude to our coaches, dedicated staff, and valued partners for their unwavering support throughout this exceptional year. The team's combined efforts have paid off, and it brings me immense joy to witness the numerous achievements of our foundation's athletes. Their accomplishments have not only made the nation proud but have also set a strong foundation for future success. As we reflect on this remarkable year, I am confident that the hard work and commitment of our athletes, coupled with the continuous support from our team and partners, will make the way for even greater achievements in the upcoming years, with high hopes for a particularly at the Paris Olympics.

Pawankumar Singh Founder & Director





Gagan Narang, Sports Promotion Foundation, set up in 2011 by

2012 London Olympic Medalist,

Khel Ratna Awardee and

Vice President of Indian Olympic Association

Shri. Gagan Narang

&

ISSF Judges Committee Member and
Joint Secretary of National Rifle Association of India

Shri. Pawankumar Singh

to give back to the system.



GNSPF's biggest accomplishment is "Gun For Glory" Shooting Academy, the biggest academy of its kind in Shooting sport in the country.

In 2019, GNSPF was awarded the

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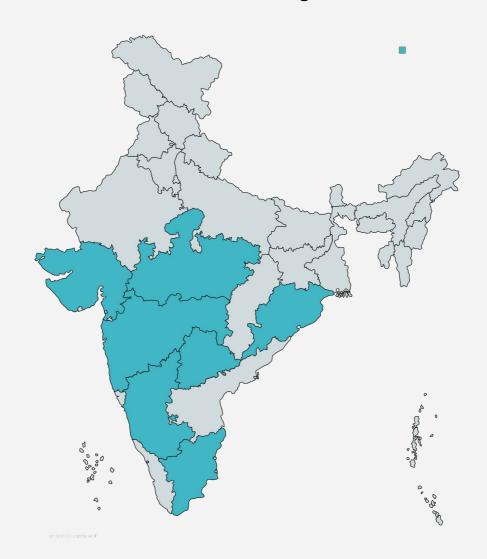
Puraskar Award for

identification and nurturing of

budding talent.



11 Gun For Glory Shooting Academies in 7 States 'And Counting



Maharashtra

- GFG Balewadi, Pune
- GFG Baner, Pune
- GFG Dombivali, Mumbai

Gujarat

GFG Ahmedabad

Telangana

- GFG Gachibowli, Hyderabad
- GFG Habsiguda, Hyderabad
- GFG Trimulgherry, Secunderabad

Madhya Pradesh

GFG Jabalpur

Tamil Nadu

GFG Chennai

Karnataka

GFG Bangalore

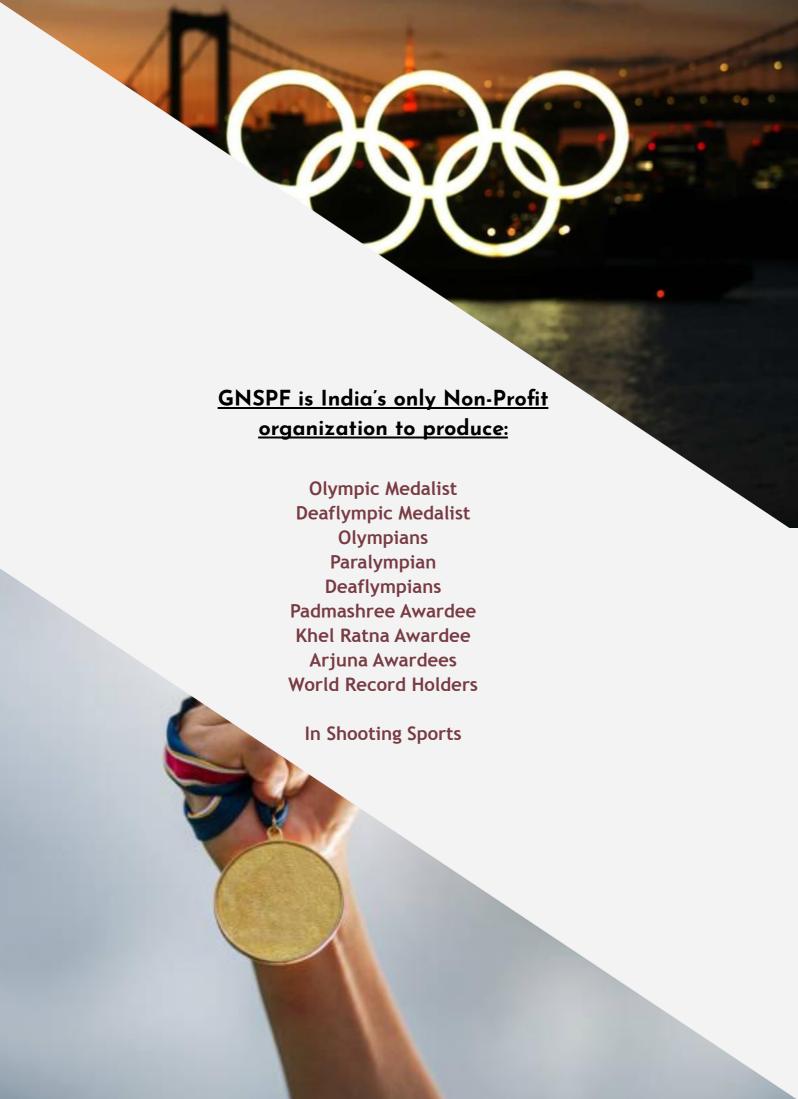
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GFG Bhubaneswar

We take great pride in having all these



	Olympics:	1
•	Deaflympics:	2
•	World Championship:	41
•	World Cup:	60
•	Para Shooting World Cup:	5
•	Asian Games:	9
•	Commonwealth Games:	4
•	South Asian Games:	9
•	Asian Championship:	71
•	Asian Airgun Championship:	50
•	Other International Competitions:	57



2023 Review

2023 was yet again another fantastic year. Once more, our athletes, coaches, team members, and partners significantly played a part in strengthening the foundation's vision.

January

- Selection Trials 1 and 2 kicked off the year 12 foundation's athletes earned spots in multiple rifle and pistol events..
- collaboration with 2. the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA), the Foundation conducted a series of workshops for elite and aspiring shooters on early doping awareness prevention. The workshops also standards the covered and guidelines for these newcomers to Olympic sport.



February

1. This month opened with an exciting news: Foundation Director Mr. Pawan Singh was selected to the seven-member Judges Committee of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) for the third time in a row.

(He is the first Indian to get elected on this most prestigious and important committee of ISSF and had also became the first Indian in Shooting sport to be a jury member at the Tokyo Olympics)



2. The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games were held in Madhya Pradesh. In this edition our athletes won 9 medals in total across rifle and pistol events. Foundation's Director, Shri. Pawan Singh was designated competition manager for the shooting sports in the Games.



4 GOLD 2 SILVER 3 BRONZE

February

3. Another exciting news, Foundation's Director Mr. Gagn Narang elected as member of high level committee set up by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to oversee, support, coordinate and strategize the preparation of Indian sportspersons for the 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games



4. Foundation's **High Performance Training Course** was successfully conducted under Expert Rifle Coach Ms. Neha Chavan at **Gun For Glory shooting academy, Bangalore** from 10th to 22nd February.



February

- 5. **25th National Deaf Senior Sports Championship.** Following is our athlete's performance:
 - 1. Ms. Pranjali Dhumal 10m Air Pistol Women Gold
 - 2. Mr. Dhanush Srikanth 10m Air Rifle Men Silver
- 6. The **ISSF World Cup was held in Cairo, Egypt**, as the year's first international competition. Two of our athletes delivered outstanding performances in the competition.



Rudrankksh Patil

Gold Medals

10m Air Rifle Men

10m Air RIfle Mixed team



R Narmada Nithin

Gold Medal

10m Air RIfle Mixed team

March

1. This year's first Project Leap camp was held in Gun For GLory Shooting Academy, Balewadi, Pune. The camp was held under the expertise of High Performance Rifle Coach Mrs. Anne Grethe Jeppesen [Former Olympian].



2. The first Pistol Project Leap camp of the year was held in Gun For GLory Shooting Academy, Gachibowli, Hyderabad. The camp was held under the expertise of **High Performance Pistol Coach and London Olympic Bronze Medalist Mr. Andrija Zlatic.**





March

3. The foundation announced the **7th** edition of **Project Leap** a full fledged scholarship program for aspiring athletes in sport of Shooting across

India.

4. India hosted the second International Shooting Competition of the year. The ISSF World Cup was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Our athletes performed very well in the competition. Foundation's Director Shri. Pawan Singh was designated competition manager for the shooting sports in the

PROJECT



Rudrankksh Patil

Bronze Medals
10m Air Rifle Men
10m Air RIfle Mixed team



R Narmada Nithin

Bronze Medal 10m Air RIfle Mixed team

In addition, Ramita achieved 3rd Place in qualification and 4th place in the finals of 10m Air Rifle Women

March

5. Shooting requires psychologically strong athletes, and the foundation is aiming to improve athletes' mental performance. To achieve this, we hosted this year's first Sports Psychology Webinar for all of our athletes.

Getting the edge over the competition

Want to know the insights of confident performance?



Sports Psychology Webinar, Hyderabad

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2023

April

1. This month started with **Selection Trials 3 and 4 in Bhopal**. **12** foundation's athletes earned spots in multiple rifle and pistol events..

2. Another proud moment for the foundation occurred in this month when Director, Mr. Gagan Narang conferred with the Honoris Causa, Director of Philosophy (Ph.D) at the 8th Convocation of the Manav Rachna for his invaluable contribution to to the sports field in this country.



Another wonderful moment for the foundation as two of its athletes were awarded the prestigious

Shiv Chhatrapati Award.

The Awardees **Bhakti Khamkar & Abhidnya Patil**





2. The first **Talent Identification campaign** of the year was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in collaboration with Sanskardham Schools. During this campaign, the foundation's coaches and sports science team screened **207** children from three schools.



3. **Peter Sidi** is here!! The former World Champion and 5 times Olympian appointed as new High Performance Rifle Coach of Project Leap. His 10m Air Rifle qualification world record **633.5** stood for almost a decade from 2013.



4. **Bihar State Sports Authority is organising Sports Conclave 2.0** at Gyan Bhawan, Patna on 19th and 20th May to propel Bihar into new heights in the field of sports.

As a tribute to their extraordinary contributions in the field of sports, Directors Gagan Narang, Pawan Singh, and Olymain Elavenil Valarivan were felicitated at the Conclave 2.0.



5. The **3rd edition of Khelo India University Games** were held in Uttar Pradesh. In this edition foundation's athletes won 12 medals in total.



The highlight of the competition took place when our athlete **Mehuli Ghosh** shot a **stunning qualification score of 637** in the 10m Air Rifle Women.

6. The first Rifle camp of the 7th edition of Project Leap was held in Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, Balewadi, Pune. The camp was conducted under the supervision of High Performance Rifle Coach Mr. Peter Sidi.



7. The first Pistol camp of the 7th edition of Project Leap was held in Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, Balewadi, Pune. The camp was conducted under the supervision of Expert Pistol Coach Mr. C.K. Choudhary.



1. The first Junior International Competition of the year were held in this month, the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. Three of the foundation's junior athletes performed very well in this competition.



Dhanush Srikanth

Gold - 10m Air Rifle Men Silver - 10m Air RIfle Men Team



Gautami Bhanot

Gold - 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team **Gold** - 10m Air Rifle Women Team



Swati Chowdhury

Gold - 10m Air Rifle Women Team

2. **Uwe Knapp** joins the team! Coach of Multiple Olympic, Paralympic and World Champion Shooters appointed as new High Performance Pistol Coach.



3. 21st Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship

The foundation's athletes performed very well and won numerous medals in this competition.



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4. The second Pistol camp of the 7th edition of Project Leap was held in Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, Balewadi, Pune. The camp was conducted under the supervision of High Performance Pistol Coach Mr. Uwe Knapp.



5. The organization believes in the importance of yoga and encourages it; so, on the occasion of **International Yoga Day**, it was celebrated across all Gun For Glory Shooting centers.



6. This month ended with **Selection Trials 5 and 6 in Delhi.** 19 foundation's athletes earned spots in multiple rifle and pistol events..

July

Mr. Swaroop Unhalkar, foundation's para shooter, competed in the Osijek
 World Cup and took home two medals.



Swaroop Unhalkar

Gold - 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1/Men Silver - 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1/Mixed Team

2... Foundation's **High Performance Training Course** was successfully conducted under Expert Rifle Coach Mr. Bibaswan Ganguly at Gun For Glory shooting academy, Balewadi, Pune from 17th to 28th July.



July

3. **ISSF Junior World Championship were held in Changwon Korea**. Foundation's athletes performed excellently in the competition.



Maddineni Uma Mahesh

Bronze - 10m Air Rifle Men



Swati Chowdhury

Silver - 10m Air Rifle Women Team



Gautami Bhanot

Gold - 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team **Silver** - 10m Air Rifle Women Team



Dhanush Srikanth

Gold - 10m Air Rifle Men Team

July

4. The **FISU World University Games** took place this year in **Chengdu, China.** This games are staged every two years in a different city, in this games the foundation's athletes performed excellently.



Elavenil Valarivan

Gold - 10m Air Rifle Women

Silver - 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team



Abhidnya Patil

Gold - 10m Air Pistol Women Team



Surya Pratap Singh Banshtu

Bronze- 50m 3 Position Men Team

1. **Manuela Schmermund** joins the team! Four times Paralympic Games Medalist appointed as **High Performance Coach for Para Project Leap.**



3. The first Para Project Leap Camp of the year held in this month at Vijayi Bharat Sports Academy, Sanskardham, Ahmedabad. The camp was conducted under the expertise of High Performance Coach Manuela Schmermund.



3. Wow! Foundation's athlete Mehuli Ghosh shines at ISSF World Championship at Baku, Azerbaijan. The athlete won the bronze medal in 10m Air RIfle Women Category and a Paris Olympic

Quota for India.



Qualification Score: 634.5 | Final Score: 229.8

Mehuli won the 4th Paris Olympic Quota for India.

Watch the final by scanning the QR code



Ramita Jindal
Gold - 10m Air Rifle Women Team

Both mehuli and ramita contributed to women team's gold medal.

4. Our team welcomed Mehuli at the Hyderabad International Airport.



5. The second Rifle camp of the 7th edition of Project Leap was held in Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, Balewadi, Pune. The camp was conducted under the supervision of High Performance Rifle Coach Mr. Peter Sidi.



6. The Chairman of the Sports Authority of Telangana felicitated our athlete Dhanush Srikanth for his remarkable performance in ISSF Junior World Cup and ISSF Junior World Championship.



7. The third Pistol camp of the 7th edition of Project Leap was held in Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, Balewadi, Pune. The camp was conducted under the supervision of Expert Pistol Coach Mr. C.K. Choudhary.



8. The foundation organized a program on awareness of shooting sports at DSK Vishwa in Pune. This program opened up the world of shooting to both children and adults, which was completely free of cost.



September

1. Another **High Performance Training Course** was successfully conducted under Expert Rifle Coach Ms. Bibaswan Ganguly at Royal Sports Shooting Academy, Thane from 1st to 10th September.



2. The foundation organized a **High Performance Training Course** in collaboration with Madurai Rifle Club under Expert Rifle Coach Ms. Bibaswan Ganguly for both 10m and 50m at Madurai Rifle Club at, Madurai from 24th September to 2nd October.





September

3. Foundation's High Performance
Training Course was successfully
conducted under Expert Rifle Coach
Ms. Neha Chavan at Gun For Glory
shooting academy, Bangalore from
12th to 22nd September.



4. Foundation's athlete Melvina
Angeline Jade was felicitated by the
Honorable Chief Minister Shri, M.K.
Stalin and Honorable Sports
Minister Shri. Udhayanidhi Stalin of
Tamil Nadu State for her remarkable
performance at the Khelo India Youth
Games, Madhya Pradesh



GAGANNARANG SPORTS PROMOTIO

September

5. The most awaited sporting games of the year commenced in this month, the 19th edition of Asian Games at Hangzhou, China.

The foundation is proud on,

- Ramita became the first individual medallist of this games with her bronze. She also won the team silver and finished 4th in the mixed team event.
- Rudrankksh Patil and team set a new world record and won the team gold medal.
- Mehul Ghosh clinched the silver team medal.



September





Ramita Jindal

Bronze- 10m Air Rifle Women

Silver - 10m Air Rifle Women Team



Rudrankksh Patil
Gold - 10m Air Rifle Men Team
Team World Record Score - 1893.7



Silver - 10m Air Rifle Women Team

September

6. Elavenil Valarivan, foundation's athlete, added another feather to her cap as she took home the gold medal in the ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Qualification Score: 630.5 | Final Score: 252.2



1. On the occasion of **World Mental Health Day**, the foundation organized a workshop on the importance of mental health for all of our athletes and staff.



2. For all coaches, the foundation has arranged a two-day **Level 1 Sports Science workshop**, recognising the significance and necessity of sports science in the shooting sport. This workshop was conducted by the foundation's sports science team.



3. The third Rifle camp of the 7th edition of Project Leap was held in Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, Gachibowli, Hyderabad. The camp was conducted under the supervision of **High Performance Rifle Coach Mr. Peter Sidi.**



4. The fourth Pistol camp of the 7th edition of Project Leap was held in Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, Gachibowli, Hyderabad. The camp was conducted under the supervision of **High Performance Rifle Coach Mr. Uwe Knapp.**



5. The 15th edition of Asian Championship were held at Changwon, Korea.

The foundation's athletes won whooping 14 medals at the competition.

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7 SILVER 4

BRONZE



Gautami Bhanot

Silver - 10m Air Rifle Women Jr. Silver - 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Jr. Gold - 10m Air Rifle Women Team Jr.



Abhinav Shaw Bronze- 10m Air Rifle Men Jr.



Ramita Jindal

Bronze- 10m Air Rifle Women
Silver - 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
Bronze - 10m Air Rifle Women Team



Maddineni Uma Mahesh Silver- 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Jr.



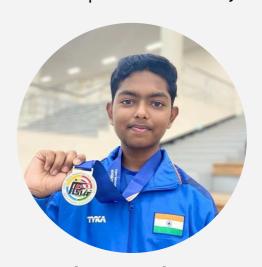
Narean Pranav Gold- 10m Air Rifle Men Youth



Tanish Muralidhar Naidu Silver - 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Jr. Team



Melvina Angelina Jade Silver - 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women Jr. Bronze- 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women Jr. Team



Vedant Waghmare Silver- 50m Rifle 3 Position Men Jr. Team



Ayushi Podder
Silver- 50m Rifle 3 Position Women Team

November

1. The month started with 4th Para National Shooting Championship, New Delhi. The foundation's athletes won 8 medals in total.

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GOLD SILVER BRONZE

2. The 37th edition of **National Games** were organized in Goa. Foundation's athletes won **5** medals in total.

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GOLD BRONZE

- Mehuli Ghosh Gold 10m Air Rifle Women
- Narmada Nithin R Gold 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
- Sri Karthik Sabariraj Gold 10m Air Mixed Team
- Swati Chowdhury Bronze 10m Air Rifle Women
- Gautami Bhanot Bronze 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team

November

1. The most awaited domestic competition of .the year held in this month, The

66th National Shooting Championship Competitions at

New Delhi & Bhopal.

Foundation's athletes showcase an absolutely brilliant performance and won whopping **87** medals in total.



27 GOLD

26 SILVER 34 BRONZE

December

1. The first ever Khelo India Para Games were conducted in Delhi, an outstanding initiative by the Sports Ministry to foster para sports. Foundation's athletes won 2 medals in this Games.



- Swaroop Unhalkar- Gold 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1
- Aakansha- Bronze- Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1

1 1 GOLD BRONZE

2. The second Para Project Leap Camp held in this month at Vijayi Bharat Sports Academy, Sanskardham, Ahmedabad. The camp was conducted under the expertise of **High Performance Coach Manuela Schmermund**.



December

3. The collaboration between the Foundation and Carl Walther GmbH demonstrates collective commitment to enhancing the nation's Olympic success. Taking their mission of producing Olympics medallists ahead, the Foundation and leading guns manufacturer, Walther, announced their support for Paris Games quota winner shooters.

Walther, through the GNSPF, gave high-end rifles to 10m air rifle quota winner Rudrankksh Patil and Mehuli Ghosh along with Paralympics quota hopeful Swaroop Unhalkar at an event..

A gun salute for Paris qualifiers

GNSPF, Carl Walther join forces for Olympic success, present rifles to quota winners

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reparations of Paris Games quota winner shooters got a boost on Tuesday with the Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation (GNSPF) and leading guns manufacturer Walther announcing their support to the sportspersons.

The move is aimed at helping India produce more Olympic medalists. Paris quota winners Rudrankksh Patil and Mehuli Ghosh were presented with rifles on the occasion.

"It is a moment of pride and satisfaction to see a company like Walther living the same dream as us. I have personally used Walther rifles to win medals at every possible level. To see this legendary company coming to support us in our endeavor to help other Indian shooters win medals at the Olympics is truly a big motivation for all of us," London Games bronze medallist shooter Gagan Narang, said.

"Walther always ensures quality and trust. Their rifles are technically superior and technologically advanced, and I wish that the

December

The High end rifle given to athletes is **LG500 itec** which has electronic biometric trigger, stability and response system, walther balance system, accuracy control system, ITEC system bedding, walther visonic match diopter



From Left,

- Mr. Peter Sidi (High Performance Rifle Coach of Project Leap)
- Mr. Rudrankksh Patil (Paris Olympic Quota winner 10m Air Rifle)
- Mr. Gagan Narang (Director, GNSPF)
- Mr. Swaroop Unhalkar (Paralympian)
- Ms. Mehuli Ghosh (Paris Olympic Quota winner 10m Air Rifle)
- Mr. Bernhard Knobel (CEO-Carl Walther GmbH)
- Mr. Drager Bjorn Klaus (Director of Sales Carl Walther GmbH)
- Mr. Pawankumar Singh (Director GNSPF)

A Flagship Programme initiated by Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation



A multi-phased sponsored project designed for selected shooting athletes in collaboration with **Olympic Gold Quest**. The programme's aim is to improve performance in Technical, Physical & Mental aspects of the sport which will ultimately help shooters to take a leap at the National and International level. Project Leap Camp Started in 2017.

180
Athletes
Supported

110+
International
Medals

400+ National Medals

10
Foreign
Coaches

62
Leap
Camps



Approach of the program

- 100% Training Scholarship Program.
- Focused Development in Technical, Physical & Mental Aspects.
- Training imparted by High Performance International Coaches.
- Controlled matches in presence on Leap Coaches(Elite Indian Coaches) & Local Coaches.
- Regular assessment & monitoring sessions by Coaches, S&C, Physiotherapist and Sports Psychologist.
- Individual and Group Coaching Sessions designed with the expertise of Foreign coach and Indian coaches.
- Performance Analysis (SCATT) Equipment support / Barrel testing / Equipment maintenance, camp food & accommodation, Ammunition & Pellet support.
- Focus group for 2024 & 2028 Olympics with integrated Sports Science Programme.
- Monitoring of Athletes, Coaches and Support staff through Athletes Monitoring mobile based software.



Project Leap 2023



15 Rifle Athletes 15 Pistol Athletes

35 National Medals





Khelo India Accredited Institution

Gun for Glory Shooting academy is affiliated by the prestigious Khelo India Scheme. The Khelo India scheme aims to encourage sports for all over the country. It aims at strengthening the sports ecosystem in India by promoting the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports. Further, the major aim of the program is to help Indian sportsperson to reach the pinnacle of world sports focusing at the initial stage a podium finish at the 2028 Olympics.

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Khelo India Athletes at Gun For Glory

GFG Khelo India 2023

23
Rifle
Athletes



10 Pistol Athletes



72 National Medals 36 International Medals

Sports Science at GFG

We at Gun For Glory Shooting Academy, believe athlete development is a holistic process. Which includes many factors like highly accomplished coaches, supportive organization and experienced Sports Science experts. Keeping this in mind Gun for Glory takes Pride in having its own Sport Science unit including highly qualified Sports Physiotherapists, Sport Psychologists, Strength and Conditioning Coaches and Sports Nutritionists.



Gun For Glory Shooting Academy has advanced Sport Science Equipment. The entire sports science unit is vigilant about an athlete's holistic well-being and performance enhancement along with injury prevention.



3 World Championship

Junior World Championship

7 World Cup 4 Junior World Cup

International Achievements

Asian Games 14

Asian Championship

ZPara - World Cup

4 World University Championship 87 66th NSCC

GKhelo India
Youth Games

5 37th National Games

12
Khelo India
University Games

National Achievements

19
21st
KSSC

202

State Championships

8

4th Para National
Shooting
Championship

2

Khelo India Para Games

Our Coaches



Neha Chavan Rifle



Kiran Khandare Rifle



C.K. Choudhary Pistol



Bibaswan Ganguly Rifle



Nishant Nathwani Rifle



Prajakta Hosur Rifle



Jeevan Rai Rifle



Vinod Kanojiya Rifle



Purusottam Panga Rifle

Our Coaches



Sanyukta Gupte Rifle



Manoj Kanojiya Pistol



Shubham Patil Rifle



Kiran Patil Rifle



Sita Sharma Rifle



Ujwala Balkawade Pistol



Pritee Sawant Pistol



Shaifali Rajak Shotgun



Snehasis Banerjee Rifle

Our Coaches



Satyajit Pradhan Pistol



Sarojini Nayak Rifle



Swagata Chakraborty Pistol



Jeel Patel Pistol



Shantanu Bhosale Pistol

Coach's Corner

Meet Mr. Shubham Patil, who began his journey as a rifle shooter at Gun For Glory in 2015 and later began his coaching journey at the academy in 2018. He has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the foundation's objectives.



He used to be a shooter, but now he coaches Mr. Swaroop Unhalkar, a Paralympian shooter of the foundation. Along with him, he went in the Para-Asian Games in Hangzhou, the Para-World Championship in Lima, and three Para World Cups in 2023.











Our Partners

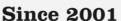




















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