

## GoSports Foundation conducts Athletes' Conclave 2017

GoSports Foundation, our NGO partners for the Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme, conducted the 2nd edition of the Athletes' Conclave in Bangalore on 15th and 16th December. This year's edition saw 70 of India's top elite and emerging athletes come together under a single roof for knowledge building sessions on various aspects to make them better sportspersons. The event saw experts touching upon important topics surrounding nutrition, post career management, sport science, anti-doping, along with athletes hearing the experiences of the foundation's advisory board members Abhinav Bindra and Rahul Dravid.

The Conclave saw India's only Olympic Individual Gold medallist Abhinav Bindra speaking about the Olympic dream, the preparation it takes to make it to the Olympics and the medal winning feeling. The event also featured a chat with former Indian cricket Captain and foundation advisory board member Rahul Dravid, who spoke about playing sport with passion and integrity and making the most of the opportunities afforded to athletes.

10 out of the 20 athletes under the Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme to which we are Partners, attended the conclave this year. The remaining 10 could not make it due to ongoing training and competition commitments. The following list of athletes attended the conclave: -

- 1) Sameer Verma- Badminton
- 2) B Sai Praneeth- Badminton
- 3) Dushyant Chauhan- Rowing
- 4) Dipa Karmakar- Gymnastics
- 5) Supriya Mondal- Swimming
- 6) Swapna Barman- Heptathlon and High Jump
- 7) Sathyan G- Table Tennis
- 8) Saurav- Taekwondo
- 9) M.R. Poovamma- Athletics
- 10) KojumTaba- Weightlifting



## Sports Awards Nite 2017

The annual GoSports Foundation Sports Awards Nite 2017 was held on 15th December, 2017, to recognise and reward performances of the foundation's athletes over the year that has been. The event also saw a first-time panel of India's Olympic and Paralympic gold medallists coming together for a conversation as part of the 'Gold Standard Panel of Indian Sport'.

As part of the event, our Managing Director, Mr. Rabindra Srikantan, felicitated Power lifter Rajinder Singh Rahelu with the Enabler of the Year award. He also gave out the award for Most Improved Performer of the Year to Mr. Shallaz Kumar, who collected it on behalf of his younger brother para-high jumper Sharad Kumar.



Kidambi Srikanth, Bhavani Devi and Swapna Barman were conferred respectively with the Athlete of Year (Olympic Sports), Spotlight of the Year and Against all Odds awards. All the above athletes are supported under the Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme which we are associated with as well.

Mr. Srikantan was also recognised by Advisory Board Member of the Foundation Rahul Dravid for his immense support to the foundation through the Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme. We at ASM Technologies are proud of this association and are looking forward to the performances of the programme athletes ahead of an immensely crucial year in the sporting calendar.

