

ROWING NEWS LETTER

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ROWING NEWS FROM ALL OVER BY THE ROWERS FOR THE ROWERS AND ALL ROWING ENTHUSIASTS

RFI in its endeavor to bring in the Rowing and Sports community together started this news letter where by news from far and near could be shared with Rowing enthusiasts and the Rowing Community both in India and overseas. We have a very active Rowing Community Overseas also who have been actively involved in the activity and it would be a wonderful idea to be able to share the happenings allover on a single platform . Finally we intend uploading same on social media sites and the RFI website and Facebook page and share same with all.

As planned a newsletter will be circulated after the completion of every Calendar year quarter and the first one will cover the first 3 months of 2018.

Happy reading and look forward to sharing News from all over in the months to come

Sincerely yours

Girish J Phadnis

Secretary General

Rowing Federation Of India

News From RFI

JANUARY 2018

3rd January - A good start of 2018 when Rowing Federation of India Annual Recognition was renewed as a national Sports Federation by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports ,(MYAS) Government of India for the year 2018

With the concluding of the Sr National Rowing Championships at the Army Rowing Node Pune in December 2017 all was set for the 1st camp to kick off with the probable for the forthcoming ASIAN GAMES in August 2018 . In the 18th ASIAN Games a total of 15 events will be rowed in both Men's & women events . Entries from each NOC will be limited to 11 events . With our coaches working around the clock the best probable will be fielded in the events where our medal prospects would be the highest. We wish all the very best and RFI is extending its full support to the Coaches and Campers

January was an eventful month on the 13th of January IOA President Dr Narendra Batra inducted RFI President Smt Rajlaxmi Singh Deo as Associated Executive Member of the Indian Olympic Association, This was indeed a welcome move and RFI looks forward for more representation in Sports bodies .

Deakin University , Australia have been taking avid interest in the Sports development in India. They conducted a work shop with the collaboration of Australian Sports Commission on Improving Sports Governance in India . The work shops were conducted in Bhopal / 22nd January . Delhi / 23rd January and at Mumbai on the 24th January. The work shop was conducted by Ms Kate Palmer CEO of Australian Sports Commission and Dr Geoff Schoenberg of Deakin University. Was a very informative workshop attended by Various Sports Federations and also the Sports Authority of India . The Director Ms Susmita Jyosti from SAI Maharashtra took active part in the workshop .Self joined the Director SAI and the organizers as a member in the panel discussion which was conducted in the second half of the workshop .

Mr Devraj Singh VP RFI and Mr Mahivir Bhatnager Jt Sec RFI attended the work shop at Bhopal

While at Mumbai Mrs Mrudula Kulkarni Secretary MRA , Sanjay Valvi Jt Sec MRA , Manav Shah MRA ,Secretary General RFI attended the day long workshop held at the TAJ Mumbai .



With Seniors training in full swing the Juniors boys and Girls started their training,. In due course of time teams will be selected for Asian Junior Rowing championships , Youth Olympic Games 2018 and the World Junior Rowing Championships .

As the months roll by the final squad to finally represent the Country will take shape and we will be in a better position to have the names announced .

FEBRUARY 2018

Mrs Susmita Jyotsi Director Sports Authority of India Maharashtra was accompanied by Secretary General RFI and Mr Naren Kothari Chair Umpires Commission on the 3rd of February to visit the campers The Director met all the rowers at the camp and she shared her views interacted with the players and all the coaches . She had a long discussion with the coaches and discussed their requirements , overall she was impressed with the facilities available .

Rowing In Gujarat

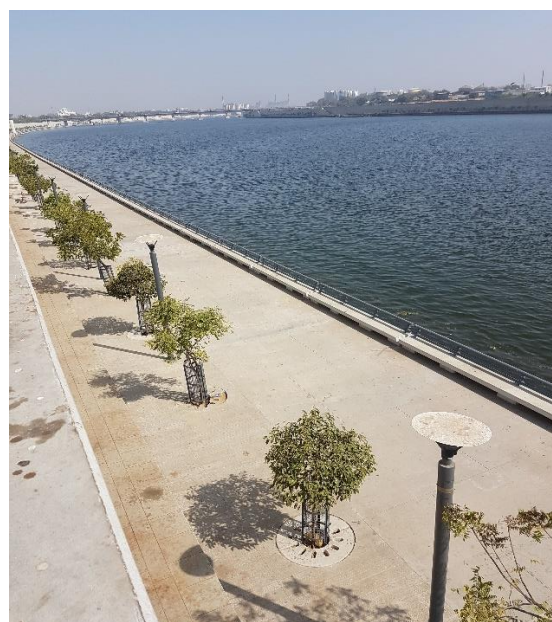
A group of sports enthusiasts wanted to start rowing in the State of Gujarat and Ms Priti Baria took the lead in initiation the process of formation of Gujarat Rowing. She had visited Chennai during the Sub Jr Nationals in 2016 to familiarize herself with Rowing .

It was proposed that a visit to identify and see the rowing venue would be carried out by RFI . Mr Naren Kothari and self along with Local representatives of GR visited the site on Sabarmati River on the 4th of February 2018

As the proposed water front area was on a newly developed "RIVER FRONT " on the Sabarmati River necessary permission would be required from the Municipal Authorities .

Mr Anil Jodhani , Standing Committee Chairman of the Amdavad Municipal Corporation was kind enough to give time and the inspection of the water front on Sabarmati River was carried out along with Gujarat Rowing representative and RFI . The water body has a total length of approx 11 km and the condition was still water as there is a dam built at one end regulating the height . It is an ideal stretch for rowing . A clear distance of approximate 2 km with out any obstruction of cross bridge was identified between Sardar Bridge and Ambedkar Bridge . Area for creating a boat shed easily accessible to the river was also identified .

Rowing in Gujarat has support from the Government as well as the Gujarat Olympic Association . Mr V.D.Nanavati - Vice President IOA and I.D.Nanavati - President GOA were both present during the day in support of Rowing in Gujarat.



Olympians Association of India

The Olympians Association of India (OAI) is a registered non-profit organisation comprised of Indian Olympians, past and present, desirous of serving their community and their country.

The knowledge accumulated by Olympians through their illustrious careers and the wealth of experience gained through competing at the highest levels of international sport is a great resource for our country.

The Olympians Association of India was launched in India in 2017 . The main charter was to assist the Olympians and develop programs to support India Olympians and put efforts to build a strong sports eco system . RFI assisted the Olympians Association to establish contact with our Olympians .

Kasam Khan	2000	Sydney
Indrapal Singh	2000	Sydney
P.T Paulose	2004	Athens
Manjit singh	2008/2012	Beijing / London
Bajrang Lal Thakkar	2008	Beijing
Devandara Khandalwal	2008	Beijing
Swaran Singh	2012	London
Sandeep Kumar	2012	London
Dattu Bhokanal	2016	Rio

BRIDGESTONE World Wide Olympic Partners

20th February a Press Conference was called for to announce the Partnership between BRIDGESTONE world wide and Leading Indian Olympians . Indian Olympic Association Delegates were invited for this Press and launch meet at Mumbai .



Olympians Ms PV Sindhu , Mr Srikant Kidumbi , Ms Lalita Babar and Ms Sakshi Malik were duly felicitated .



IOA was represented by the following

Adille Sumariwala - VP- IOA & President AFI

Namdev Shrigaonkar - Jt Sec IOA & Sec General Modern Pentathlon

Pramod Khanna - Former President Rugby India

Jay Kawali - Sec General Boxing Federation Of India

Dr Malav Shroff - President Asian Yachting Federation & Chair Athlete's

Commission IOA

Ashoke Dulhare - Treasurer Fencing Association

Girish Phadnis - Sec General Rowing Federation of India .

MARCH 2018

Asian Rowing Federation : Jury Nomination

The following FISA umpires from India have been nominated for the various regattas

NAREN KOTHARI - 2018 Asian Rowing Masters Regatta 22 re -23rd June 2018
, Tehran. Asian Games 2018 Indonesia

SANDEEP GUPTA - 2018 Asian Rowing Junior Championship & Rowing Cup 2
Rowing Championships , 26th - 30th June , Chungji Korea .

KRISHNAND HEBLEKAR - 2018 Asian Cup I Rowing Championship 26th - 29th
April Singapore , Asian Games 2018 Indonesia

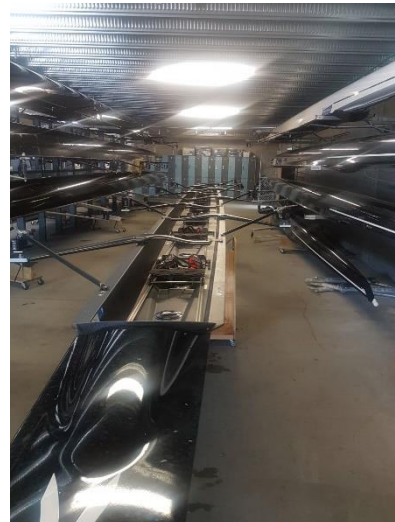
2018 Masters National Rowing Championships

Masters Nationals was conducted at SWSC Chennai from the 8th to the 11th of March 2018

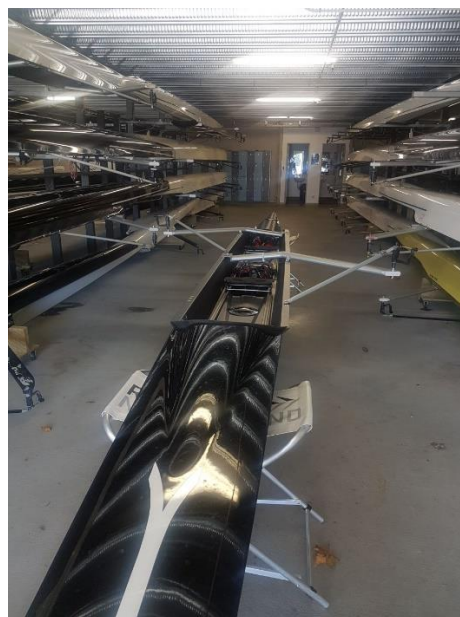
8 states took part in the with over 70 participants . The first on a national level conducted after a gap of a few years .



Visit to Sir Don Rowlands High Performance Center New Zealand



Sec General visited the Sir Don Rowlands High Performance center at the Karapiro Lake in New Zealand and interacted with Gary Hay the NZ women's High Performance Coach .



Upcoming events in the next 3 months

- April 19th New Delhi - IOC President Mr Thomas Bach along with OCA & ANOC President His Excellency Sheikh Al Sabah (Kuwait) will be visiting IOA . All national Sports Federations and Olympic Association Presidents and Secretary General have been invited along with Olympic medalists and for an interactive day .
- 6th to 12th May , 46th All India Invitation School's Regatta 2018 , Lake Club Kolkata
- 13th to 19th May 17th BRC Students Rowing Championship 2018,
- 4th to 10th June , 21st Sub Junior National Rowing Championship , 3rd Interstate Challengers Spring National Rowing Championship & 2018 Masters Nationals , Shri Ramachandra Water Sports Center , Chennai.
- The Maharashtra Rowing Association would be organising their State Level Junior , Sub Junior and Challenger Sprint Rowing Championships in May 2018 , followed very soon by the State Indoor Rowing Championships .

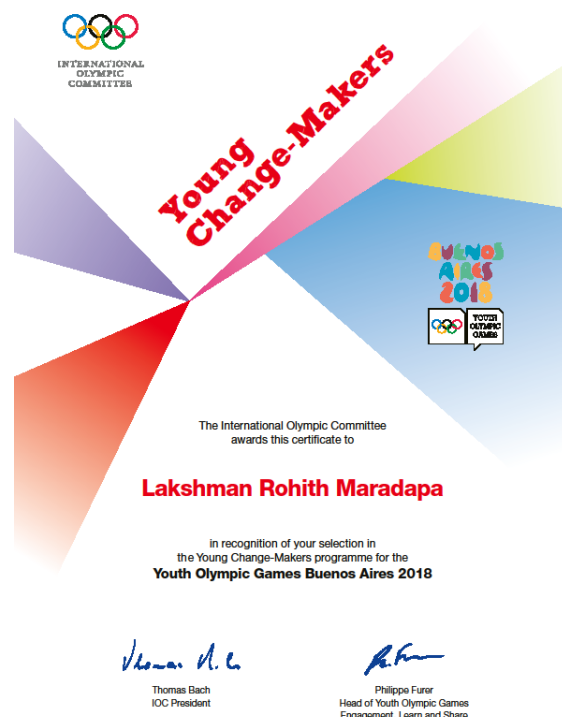
IOA Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta informed RFI and all NSF

"We are pleased to inform you that the candidate nominated by IOA, Mr. Lakshman Rohith Maradapa, has been selected by IOC as one of the Young Change Makers (YCM) of Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympics.

Earlier, the IOA had sent mail on 9th August 2017, to all National Sports Federations whose sports are included in the Summer Olympic Programme, to nominate a candidate for YCM. Among the many applications received before the deadline, Mr. Maradapa's credentials were found to be most suitable for YCM. He is a silver medalist in 2015 Asian Rowing Championship and is currently working as Financial Analyst. The second round of interview by the IOC was via skype call on 27th November 2017, attended by Mr. Maradapa and IOA representatives.

As selected Young Change Maker, Mr. Maradapa would have the opportunity to assist our contingent for the Games, co-ordinate interactive sessions while in Buenos Aires, etc. Beyond the Games, he is committed to work towards the promotion of Youth Sports and Olympic movement in India.

The IOA team is striving hard to avail more opportunities and assistance of IOC and its partners for the advancement of Olympic movement in India. "



NEWS FROM THE EAST COAST OF INDIA

Report of 76th ARAE/FEARA Regatta 2018

This year Amateur Rowing Association of the East (ARAE) for Open Category of Rowers and Far East Amateur Rowing Association (FEARA) for Master category of Rowers was held from 9th January to 14th January, 2018 at Calcutta Rowing Club, Rabindra Sarobar. Fourteen Rowing Clubs of Eastern Asia had participated in the Regatta. The Bengal Rowing Club with 74 member team contingent of Rowers ranging from the age category of 14 years to 60 years participated in the Regatta. BRC emerged as Overall Champions (second year in succession) with total 179 points and winning **13 Golds, 13 Silver & 9 Bronze**.

BRC won the Overall Ergometer Trophy, Phadnis Double Scull Trophy, Lake Club Pairs Trophy, Willingdon Fours Trophy along with prestigious Hoogly Cup (for Men's Open Category) & Adyar Cup (for Women's Open Category). This feat achieved by BRC is an astounding achievement, and after the introduction of Masters event & Ergometer, NO Club till date have the credit of Men, Women, Super Master, Ergo, Over all Trophies at a single ARAE FEARA edition.



Report of the 3rd BRC Inter College Rowing Championship 2018

In its third year of occurrence this year BRC Inter College Rowing Championship 2018 in association with Magma Fincorp Ltd held from 8th - 10th Feb 2018, eighty four students from 12 colleges had participated and competed to win the C.L.Poddar Memorial Trophies, a sign of pride for their College. The

Championship format had Coxed Fours & Indoor Rowing. Telegraph, Sanmarg, 91.9 Friends FM, Aris Capital, Gokul Shree & IRIS Multi specialty Hospital were partners for the Regatta.

Shri Ashok Kumar Chatterjee an accomplished Rower of yesteryears graced the occasion of Finals & Prize Distribution Ceremony as Chief Guest. Shri Debashish Sanyal - Sr. Vice President & National Sales Head, Magma Fincorp Ltd and Shri Santosh Rungta - Past President BRC graced the occasion as Guest of Honor



West Bengal State Rowing Championship & Games 2018

The WBRA State Championship & Games, organized by West Bengal Rowing Association & Bengal Olympic Association, hosted by Lake Club, was held from 1st - 4th Feb, featuring competition in event categories - Open, Junior, Sub Junior & Sub-Sub Junior. Over 200 boys and girls had participated in the Regatta.

Kolkata Police Inter Unit Rowing Tournament 2018

BRC along with Kolkata Police co-hosted the Kolkata Police Inter Unit Rowing Tournament 2018 featuring more than 40 participants vouching for the trophy in the waters of Rabindra Sarobar on 17th March 2018. The Regatta was declared open by Shri Kalyan Mukhopadhyay - IPS, D.C. & featured many competitive races throughout the day. During prize Distribution Ceremony, Rowers (Sanglap Bose, Md Rahmat Ali, Shreya iyer & Aishwarya Krishnan) who had brought laurels to the State in recent Junior Nationals & Senior Nationals

Regatta were felicitated, Shri Ranjan Banerjee, accomplished veteran Rower, was also felicitated.



All India University Regatta 2018

This year's edition of All India University Rowing Championship 2018, hosted by Punjab University was held from 13th to 17th March 2018, at Chandigarh, Sukhna Lake. 15 universities participated. Universities from Bengal won 4 Gold / 3 Silver and 4 Bronze.



ROW TO GROW CAMP 2018

An eight day Rowing Camp was organized for the beginners to make them embrace the golden Olympic sport of Rowing. Row to Grow Camp, scheduled from 24th march to 01st April 2018, was held throughout the day & was fully moduled to engross the participants with imparting the hands on knowledge of the finer points of Rowing sport. The Camp included Water training, Indoor rowing, fitness regime, mental toughness secrets, nutrition habits, quizzes, competitions and lot more. Specialized professionals had shared their experiences and helped out the participants in their activities. The last two days featured various types of Competition on and off the waters.

News from the WEST Coast of India

Shivchatrapati Awards for Excellence in Sports:

The prestigious Shivchatrapati Awards for 2014 to 2017 were awarded to the following rowers for their outstanding achievements in the sport of rowing:

Sportspersons :

Dattu Bhokanal ; Tejash Shinde ; Sayali Shelke ; Snehal Shelke ; Santosh Kadale

Sports coach :
Ambadas Tambe





44th Maharashtra State Rowing Championships :

Since foundation, the Maharashtra Rowing Association has been meticulously organising state level championships every year , and the 44th Maharashtra State Open Rowing Championships were held at ARN Pune from February 23 to February 25 , 2018.

As many as 134 rowers from 10 rowing clubs and district affiliates across Maharashtra participated in this competition. Nashik Water Sports Association (NWSA) topped the medal tally.

Maharashtra Rowing Association boasts of 12 affiliated rowing clubs , and a few more clubs are expected to be affiliated very soon.

90th Annual Regatta at College of Engineering Pune Boat Club :

One of the oldest rowing clubs in the country , College of Engineering Pune Boat Club , popularly knows as COEP Boat club , boasts of one of the most unique and spectacular shows on the water front . COEP organises its own interclub rowing, canoeing, kayaking and even ergometer races every year . The Regatta comes to an end with an entertaining display and formations of various boats including Eights , trainee boats , single sculls , pedal boats , etc. and it is indeed a treat to watch .

COEP Boat Club has produced several rowing champions, along with national and international Umpires.

One fondly remembers one of its most belloved members, Mr. Vishwas Deval who passed away last year , but has left behind a strong legacy and the most

popularly used software named Champcox for conducting rowing championships



Royal Connaught Boat Club (RCBC) , Pune completing 150 years :

Along with COEP , RCBC is also one of oldest clubs in the country and this club is celebrating its 150th year in 2018 .

Inter Engineering Indoor Rowing championships:

As a part of 75th Birthday celebration of Dr.V.D.Karad (founder present of MIT-Pune)and installation of MIT-World Peace University , `Summit 2017-18` , National Level Engineering Indoor Rowing championship was conducted in Sept 17. As many as 240 players from across various Engineering colleges participated in the event



Representation in Maharashtra Olympic association

Mr.M.F.Lokhandwala is elected as Executive member of MOA.

Mrs. Mrudula Kulkarni represented MRA at MOA and Directorate of Sports and Youth affairs , Maharashtra state for sports quota in education and revision and modification in Maharashtra state sports policies.

We encourage all, the state Secretariats and Affiliates to send information / articles to the RFI Secretariat well in time so that we could include same in the News Letter .

Rowers Overseas are also encouraged to keep the Indian Rowing Community informed of their involvement in Rowing activities overseas and look forward to hearing from you all in due course of time .

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