

Wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt Arjuna Awardee an Olympian Medalist: A Case Study



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ABSTRACT

The paper is an attempt to have an insight into the contributions of Olympian medalist Indian wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt and his achievements. This study is helpful to know his qualities as a wrestler. This study also finds out his socio-economic and motivation factors. To attain the purpose of the present study the investigator has adopted the direct interview method and opinion rating questionnaires consist on Yogeshwar Dutt contribution towards sports and physical education, his contribution for promotion of wrestling in particular and sports in general in the country.

INTRODUCTION

Yogeshwar Dutt is an Indian wrestler who won the bronze medal in men's 60 kg freestyle wrestling in the 2012 Summer Olympics held at London. He was born on 2nd November 1982 in Bhainswal Kalan village in Sonapat District of Haryana. His parents were teachers and his father died in 2006. His mother's name is Sushila Devi and he has one brother named Mukesh. Yogeshwar Dutt is known by the name Manish in his native village. Yogeshwar was interested in wrestling from his childhood days and was inspired by a man of his village named Balraj Pehlwan. His first coach was Ramphal. He made everyone look at him when he won gold medal in the 2003 Commonwealth Wrestling Championship. In 2004 Summer Olympics at Athens, he took part in men's freestyle 55 kg category. But he was able to get only 18th place in that. Yogeshwar made his appearance in 2008 Beijing Olympics also in 60 kg freestyle wrestling category. But he could get only 9th place in that and lost in the quarterfinals. He was able to get medals in the 2006 Asian Games and 2010 Commonwealth games. Just before Asian Games, he lost his father on 3rd August 2006 but still he was able to get a bronze medal in that event. As he won silver medal at Asian qualification tournament conducted in Kazakhstan, he was able to get a seat in the Olympics. Though he lost in the 2012 Olympics in the pre-quarterfinal round, he got a chance in the repechage rounds and was lucky enough to win the toss against his opponent. He knocked Ri Jong Myong of North Korea and won the bronze medal. On 12th August 2012, the Chief Minister of Haryana honored him by announcing a cash award of one crore rupees. Yogeshwar Dutt is a prominent Indian wrestler. His excellent skills have earned him Padma Shri Award, Khel Ratna Award and a number of medals. Yogeshwar Dutt is an Indian wrestler famed for being awarded with Padma Shri Award by the Government of India in the year 2013. He also acquired the fame of being the second Indian to achieve this award. Yogeshwar Dutt has also been awarded with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2011-12.

AWARDS

- Arjuna Award (2009).
- Ραφιτ Γανδη Κηελ Ρατνα Award (2011-12) for the Bronze medal at 2012 London Olympics.
- D.Lit. (2012) awarded by Aligarh University (Uttar Pradesh).
- Padma Shri Award (2013)

APPOINTMENT OF SH. YOGESHWAR DUTT AS DSP IN HARYANA POLICE

He was appointed as P/DSP by the State Government vide memo No. 2/28/2008-IHGI dated 24.12.2008.

Objective of the Study

The objective is to study the performance of Indian wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt in National and International competitions.

Research Methodology

In the study the following research methodology is used:

Research Design

To investigate the contribution and achievements of Yogeshwar Dutt towards the promotion of wrestling and sports in the coun-

try a case study was designed in which historical biographical, analytical and interpretive techniques will utilize.

Data Collection

The required secondary data will be collected through personal records (degree, honours, books and articles), published material (books, pamphlets, articles, newspapers and reports on Yogeshwar Dutt), pictorial records and official record.

Statistical Techniques

Data was analyzed, interpreted and evaluated with required statistical tools like tabulation, graphic presentation, and percentage.

RESULT AND INTERPRETATIONS

Indian wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt won the Bronze medal at the **2012 Summer Olympics** in the **Men's 60kg Freestyle wrestling**. In **Commonwealth Wrestling Championship** (2003), Yogeshwar Dutt won the Gold Medal. In Summer Olympics (2004), held at Athens Olympics, Dutt took part in **Men's freestyle 55 kg** and stood 18th. In Asian Games (2006), Yogeshwar Dutt win the Bronze in the **60 kilogram category** at the **15th Asian Games** held at **Doha**. In Summer Olympics (2008), it was Yogeshwar's second appearance at the Olympics. He represented India in 60 kilogram **freestyle wrestling** at the **2008 Beijing Olympics**. He earned his berth for the Olympics by winning Gold at the 2008 Asian Championships in March 2008 held at **Jeju City** in Korea. In Commonwealth Games (2010), at the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games, Yogeshwar overcame a career-threatening knee injury to win the 60 kg title. Yogeshwar, who went past Australian **Farzad Tarash** (16-0, 17-0), South African Marius Loots (7-1) and England's **Sasha Madyarchyk** (4-4, 8-0) on his way to the final and the came up with an exceptionally skillful performance to win the Gold for India. In Summer Olympics (2012), On 12 Aug 2012, Yogeshwar Dutt provided a late boost to India's medal collection in the 30th Olympic Games by claiming a memorable Bronze in the men's freestyle 60 kg category, thus becoming the second Indian to achieve the feat in the country's wrestling history. Also Yogeshwar won a Bronze medal in the **Men's freestyle 60 kg** at the 2012 London Olympics.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of analysis and it can be realized that Yogeshwar was interested in wrestling from his childhood days and was inspired by a man of his village named Balraj Pehlwan. His first coach was Ramphal. He made everyone look at him when he won gold medal in the 2003 Commonwealth Wrestling Championship. In 2004 Summer Olympics at Athens, he took part in men's freestyle 55 kg category. But he was able to get only 18th place in that. On 12th August 2012, the Chief Minister of Haryana honored him by announcing a cash award of one crore rupees. Yogeshwar Dutt is a prominent Indian wrestler. His excellent skills have earned him Padma Shri Award, Khel Ratna Award and a number of medals. Yogeshwar Dutt is an Indian wrestler famed for being awarded with Padma Shri Award by the Government of India in the year 2013. He also acquired the fame of being the second Indian to achieve this award. Yogeshwar Dutt has also been awarded with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in

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APPENDICES

Table: 1
International Achievements

S. No.	Tournament	Date	Venue	Position
1	World Cadet Championship	1999	Poland	Gold
3	Nouri Cup	2002	Iran	Gold
4	Junior Asian Cup Mashaad	2002	Iran	Gold
5	Common Wealth Wrestling Championship	2003	Canada	Gold
6	Canada Cup	2003	Canada	Silver
7	Jan Nayak Chaudhary Devi Lal Cup	2003	Delhi	Bronze
8	2nd Olympic Qualify Tournament	2004	Bulgaria	Gold
11	America Cup	2005	America	Bronze
14	Common Wealth Championship	2005	S. Africa	gold
15	Common Wealth Championship (GR)	2005	S. Africa	Silver
16	Centenary Cup	2005	S. Africa	Gold
17	Centenary Cup (GR)	2005	S. Africa	Silver
20	Asian Games (Katter)	2006	Doha	Bronze
21	Common Wealth (FR) Championship	2007	Canada	gold
22	Common Wealth (GR) Championship	2007	Canada	Silver
23	Senior Asian Championship and Olympic Qualify	2008	-	Gold
24	Summer Olympic	2012	London	Bronze

Table: 2
National Achievements

S. No.	Tournament	Date	Venue	Position
1	18th Boys and 1st Girls Cadet National Championship, Mathura	1998	U.P	Bronze
2	19th Boys 2nd Girls Cadet National Championship	1998	Rajasthan	Gold
3	20th Boys 3rd Girls Cadet National Championship, Nidani	1999	Haryana	Gold
4	21st Boys 3rd Girls Junior Championship, Bangalore	2000	Karnataka	Gold

5	22nd Boys & 4th Girls Junior National Championship, Bhopal	2001	Bhopal	Silver
6	23rd Boys & 5th Girls Junior National Championship, Bahadurgarh	2002	Haryana	Gold
7	31st National Games Punjab	2001	Punjab	Silver
8	All India Inter University Wrestling Championship, Rohtak	2001	Haryana	Gold
9	32th National Games Hyderabad	2002	Hyderabad	Bronze
10	All India Inter University Wrestling Championship Meerut	2002	Uttar-Pradesh	Gold
11	Senior National Wrestling Championship, Nidani	2005	Haryana	Gold
12	Senior National Wrestling Championship, Nidani	2006	Haryana	Gold

Table: 3
Other Achievements

S. No.	Tournament	Date	Venue	Position
1	Delhi Bal Keshri	2000	Delhi	Gold
2	Bharat Abhimanu Kharkhoda	2003	Haryana	Gold
3	Bharat Jashwant Kumar Bharatpur	2004	Rajasthan	Gold
4	Rajiv Gandhi Gold Cup Delhi	2005	Delhi	Gold
5	Bharat Bhim Jhansi	2005	Rajasthan	Gold
6	Bharat Jashwant Kumar Bharatpur	2005	Rajasthan	Gold
7	Haryana Kumar Charkhi Dadri	2006	Haryana	Gold
8	Sitare-A-Hind Punjab	2006	Punjab	Gold
9	Haryana Kumar Sonipat	2006	Haryana	Gold
10	Bharat Abhimanu Kheri Jatt Jhajjar	2007	Haryana	Gold
11	Haryana Kumar Bhainswal Kalan Sonipat	2008	Haryana	Gold
12	12 Sitare-A-Hind Punjab	2008	Punjab	Gold

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