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NOC NEWS

“NOC SL - Crysbro Next Champ” list of scholarships completed



The Crysbro-National Olympic Committee’s “Next Olympic Champ” programme is now complete and it could be described as one of the most unique and futuristic concepts that have been set on course in Sri Lanka so far in the sports realm.

Initially, the selection committee selected twelve athletes and added the remaining eight just prior to island-wide travel restrictions.

The main aim of this programme is to help and sustain identified junior athletes of Sri Lanka and elevate them to be the next contenders of top tier athletes and produce medal winners with eyes for the third -

Olympic Medal in Lankan history.

Shehan Ambeypitiya, who was one of the live wire selectors of this programme, described the programme in this manner; “I ended up winning a lot of international medals those days, but I did not have the cushioning and backing that this programme could offer to hone my skills.

“The selectors, especially Ineka (Cooray) and I, were absolutely careful to do the right selections and to reach this final total of twenty athletes and we interviewed around seventy probable athletes, who were equally good and had the credentials to back it.

Just to elaborate this point; to select the last lot of athletes, we waited till the last National athletic trials which were held recently.

There, we discovered a young high jumper who cleared 1.68 metres and she is in the programme now.

“The programme was not compiled haphazardly. We went into minute detail. It covers all aspects – medical, travelling, coaching, nutrition and more, and as a result the athletes is not under external pressure in most aspects.

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“The other unique aspect in this programme is that this is not confined only to athletics and it covers a lot more sports whom we thought that could be in line with our final goal - next Olympic Gold”

Under this programme each athlete gets an accumulated amount of Rs. 47,000.00 per month for their training.

Describing the present status of the programme, one of the senior organisers said, “Right now these young athletes are engaged only in training as a result of the

prevailing pandemic situation, so keeping a tab on improvement is rather hypothetical, but when the competition gets back to normal it would be business as usual.

“This programme is an ongoing one where the sponsors have made their mark where it ends up with an Olympic Medal. That is why the programme is also named “NOC SL - Crysbro Next Olympic Champ”.

“Vindicating this, the programme already has the name and the services new-kid-in-the-block Milka Gehani who has taken the Lankan Gymnastic world by storm by becoming Sri Lanka’s first gymnast to pass the qualifying status for the 2020 Olympics. In all probabilities, she would become a real Olympic hope the moment she gets the official nod.

“All twenty athletes who are in the fray are hand-picked winners of various sports and they have the option of growing with the Crysbro-NOC SL sports family to grow beyond the stipulated agreement of two years.”

A short introduction of the twenty athletes and some of their achievements are as follows:

1. Kanas Kumar Danushan

Sport - Golf
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 25.07.2005
 School - Springfield College

Achievements

- Chennai India ICL Junior Golf Championship, 2018 - Gold medal
- RCGC P & S Junior Match Play, 2019 - Gold medal
- Victoria Golf Junior Championship, 2014 - Gold medal

2. Amandhika Amarasinghe

Sport - Shooting
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 29.07.2001
 School - Devi Balika Vidyalaya

Achievements

- South Asian Games (Team event), 2019 - Bronze medal (10m Air Rifle Women)
- South Asian Games (Open event), 2019 - Participated (10m Air Rifle Women)
- 14th Asian Shooting Championship Qatar, 2019 - Participated and achieved the MQS for olympic 2020 (10m Air Rifle Women)
- 1st Indonesian shooting championship open tournament Indonesia, 2019 - 5th place (10m Air Rifle Women)
- ISSF Worldcup Rifle/Pistol India, 2019 - Participated and achieved the MQS for Olympics 2020 (10m Air Rifle Women)
- H.H Amir of the Kuwait 8th International shooting Grand prix Kuwait, 2019 - 10th place (10m Air Rifle Women)



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3. Tehan Sanchith Rayman

Sport - Boxing
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 02.07.2005
 School - Veyangoda Bandaranayaka Central College

Achievements

- T.B. Jayah Boxing Championship, 2018 - 2nd Place and Best looser (39 - 41 Kg)
- School Boys and Girls Championship, 2018 - 1st Place and Best Boxer (40 - 43 Kg)
- Asian School Boxing Championship in Kuwait, 2019 - Participated (46 - 49 Kg)
- School Boys and Girls Championship, 2020 - 1st Place and Best Boxer (50 - 52 Kg)

4. S. Nethmi Nimthera

Sport - Boxing
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 10.02.2005
 School - MR/Narandeniya National School, Kamburupitiya

Achievements

- BASL School Boys & Girls Boxing Championship, 2018 - 2nd Runner Up (42-44 KG)
- BASL School Boys & Girls Boxing Championship, 2019 - Gold Medal Winner and Best Boxer (40 - 42 KG)

5. H.H. Ravindu Jayasundara

Sport - Athletic
 Event/ Discipline - 200m & 400m
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 12.03.2004
 School - Sir John Kothalawala College, Kurunegala

Achievements

- Junior National Championship, 2019
 - 1st Place in 200m (22.36 NMR)
 - 1st place in 400m (49.53)
- John Tarbet Championship, 2019
 - 1st Place in 100m (11.38)
 - 1st Place in 200m (22.59)
 - 1st Place in 400m (50.02)
 - 1st Place in 100m x 4 (45.02)
 - 1st Place in 400m x 4 (3:31:95)
- All Island School Games, 2019
 - 1st Place in 100m (11.23)
 - 1st Place in 200m (22.16 NMR)
 - 1st Place in 400m (48.73)
 - 1st Place in 100m x 4 (44.86)
 - 1st Place in 400m x 4 (3:21:51 NMR)

6. D.M.T.D. Tharushi Karunarathne

Sport - Athletic
 Event/ Discipline - 800m & 400m
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 18.11.2004
 School - Walala Rathnayaka Central College

Achievements

- All Island School Games 2019 - 400m record holder (56.54 NMR)

- 800m record holder (2:14:27 NMR)

- Sir John Tarbot Athletics Championships, 2019 - 800m record holder (2:17:43 NMR)

7. W. Deshan Kapila Kumara

Sport - Weightlifting
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 10.11.2005
 School - G/Tanabedegama, Anagarika Dharmapala Viduhala

Achievements

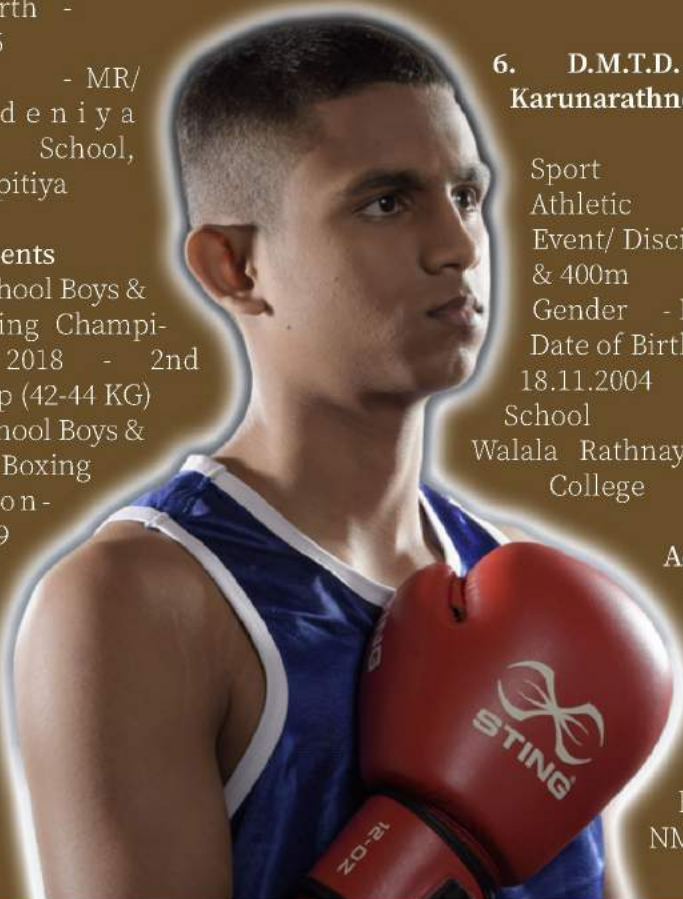
- All Island School Games, 2019 - 2nd Place (61kg Category)
- National Sports Festival, 2019 - 3rd level
- Southern Province Weightlifting Meet, 2020
 - 1st place (67kg category)
 - 2nd place (61kg category)
- Novices Weightlifting Championship, 2019 - 1st place (61kg category)
- Qualified for the Sri Lanka Weightlifting Squad for the 2022 Youth Olympic Games
- Youth Asian Weightlifting Championship in Uzbekistan, 2020 - 5th Place (61kg category)

8. R.L.Sachini Rajika Laksarani

Sport - Weightlifting
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 14.06.2006
 School - G/Poddiwala M.V

Achievements

- Youth National 55Kg Category - 1st Place Snatch CGJ 53Kg Category
- Youth National Weightlifting Championship, 2019 - 1st Place (55kg Category)
- All Island School Games, 2019 - 1st Place (Under 17 -55kg Category)



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9. P. D. Senura Dilanka Silva

Sport - Table Tennis
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 31.05.2005
 School - Ananda College, Colombo 10

Achievements

- Womens Working Group All Island TT Championship, 2018 - Champion (Boys Under 15)
- All Island Inter School Team Championship, 2018 - Runner-up (Boys Under 14 'A' Team)
- Champion (Boys Under 15)
- Champion (Boys Under 18)
- Junior Nationals, 2018
- Runner-up (Boys Under 15)
- Champion (Boys Under 18)
- Runner-up and Best Player (Under 18 Mixed Doubles)
- Sri Lanka TT Association Ranking, 2018
- Ranked No 01 (Boys Under 15)
- Ranked No 01 (Boys Under 18)

10. A.D. Nadila Nethviru

Sport - Gymnastics
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 10.09.2005
 School - St. Benedict's College

Achievements

- All Island School Games, 2018
- 1st Place (Pommel Horse event)
- 1st Place (Parallel Bars)
- 1st Place (Still Rings)
- 1st Place (Floor Exercises)
- 1st Place (Horizontal Bar)
- 2nd Place (Vault)
- Champion (Under 14)
- All Island School Games, 2019
- 2nd Place (Pommel Horse event)
- 3rd Place (Parallel Bars)
- 1st Place (Floor Exercises)
- 1st Place (Horizontal Bar)

-2nd Place (Vault)
 -Champion (Under 16)
 • XLV National Sport Festival, 2019

-3rd Place (Pommel Horse event)
 -2nd Place (Parallel Bars)
 -1st Place (Horizontal Bar)
 -2nd Place (All around)

• XLV National Inter District Sports Competition, 2020

- 1st Place (Pommel Horse event)
- 1st Place (Parallel Bars)
- 3rd Place (Still Rings)
- 1st Place (Floor Exercises)
- 3rd Place (Horizontal Bar)
- 3rd Place (Vault)
- 1st Place (All around)

11. U.L. Tharinda Mandara Premakumara

Sport - Taekwondo
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 22.07.2004
 School - R/Dharmapala M.V

Achievements

- Sri Lanka School Senior Taekwondo Tournament, 2019 - 1st Place (Sparring)
- Korean Ambassador's Open Taekwondo Tournament, 2019 - 1st Place (Team Sparring)
- Korean Ambassador's Open Taekwondo Tournament, 2019 - 3rd Place (Poomsae Individual - Black)
- Sri Lanka School Taekwondo Tournament, 2018 - 1st Place (Sparring)
- Best Athlete for the year 2018 (13 - 15 Age category)
- Korean Ambassador's Open Taekwondo Tournament, 2018 - 1st Place (All around breaking marks 92.03)

12. M. Senori Sasadara Fernando

Sport - Taekwondo
 Gender - Female

Date of Birth - 01.10.2005
 School - St. Sebastian Central College Katuneriya

Achievements

- 1st Master Nimal Fernando Memorial Taekwondo Championship, 2019 - Gold Medal (Sparring Cadet Female Under 59kg)
- 1st Master Nimal Fernando Memorial Taekwondo Championship, 2019 - Gold Medal (Poomsae Cadet Female Blue Belt)
- 1st National Taekwondo Cadet Championship, 2019 - Gold Medal & Best Female Player (Sparring 51-55kg)
- Korean Ambassador's Cup, 2019 - Gold Medal (Junior Female Individual)
- Korean Ambassador's Cup, 2019 - Silver Medal (Junior Poomsae Pair Category)

13. Seneka Gunaratne (Co-opted scholarship)

Sport - Athletic
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 29.04.2005
 School - Colombo International School, Kandy

Achievements

- Sir John Tarbet Junior Athletics Championship, 2019
- Gold Medal (200m event - 25.70 NMR)
- Gold Medal and (400m event - 59.50)
- Best Female Athlete and Best 400m Runner
- Inter International Schools Athletic Championship 2020.
- Gold Medal (100m - 12.61 NMR)
- Gold Medal (200m - 26.00 NMR)
- Age Group Championship

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14. Milka Gehani (Co-opted scholarship)

Sport - Gymnastics
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 24.04.2003
 School -

Achievements

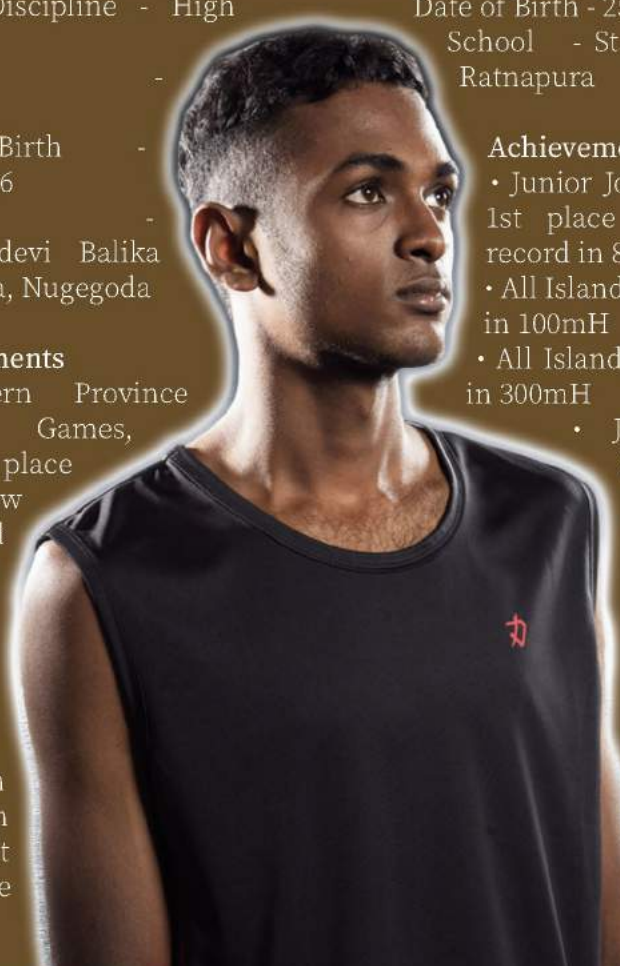
- Junior National Champion from 2011 to 2015
- Sri Lanka National Gymnastics Champion of 2016 and 2018
- Junior Asian Championship, - 8th Place
- Junior Commonwealth Championship - 10th Place
- **Qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics**

15. Sithuli Sadithya Kaluarachchige

Sport - Athletic
 Event/ Discipline - High Jump
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 25.03.2006
 School - Samudradevi Balika Vidyalaya, Nugegoda

Achievements

- Western Province School Games, 2019 - 1st place with a new record (1.50m) and Best athlete
- National Selection Trials in 2021 - 1st place (1.67m)



16. W.A. Ishara Samanmalee

Sport - Athletic
 Event/ Discipline - Long Jump
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 12.01.2004
 School - Viharagala Maha Vidyalaya, Hambanthota

Achievements

- Junior National Championship in 2019 - 1st place with a record in long jump (5.74m)
- Junior National Championship in 2018 - 2nd place in long jump (5.10m)
- All Island School Games in 2018 - 1st place in long jump (5.39m)
- All Island School Games in 2019 - 1st place in long jump (5.52m)

17. T.O. Vinod Ariyawansa

Sport - Athletic
 Event/ Discipline - 400m Hurdles
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 25.03.2004
 School - St. Aloysius College Ratnapura

Achievements

- Junior John Tarbet, 2018 - 1st place and new meet record in 80mH
- All Islands, 2018 - 2nd place in 100mH
- All Island, 2018 - 2nd place in 300mH
- Junior Nationals, 2019 - 1st place in 100mH
- Senior John Tarbet, 2019 - 1st place in 100mH
- Senior John Tarbet, 2019 - 1st place and new meet record in 400mH
- All Island, 2019 - 1st place and new meet record in 300mH

18. M.D. Madushika Premarathna

Sport - Weightlifting
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 02.05.2002
 School - Sir John Kothalawala College, Kurunagala

Achievements

- All Island School Games, 2016 - Gold Medal (44kg)
- All Island School Games, 2017 - Gold Medal (45kg)
- All Island School Games, 2018 - Gold Medal (45kg)
- All Island School Games, 2019 - Gold Medal (45kg)
- Junior National Games, 2019 - Gold Medal and best lifter (45kg)
- 45th National Sport Festival, 2019 - Bronze Medal (45kg)

19. H. Anju Minuwandana de Silva

Sport - Weightlifting
 Gender - Male
 Date of Birth - 03.09.2005
 School - Aluthgama Mahavidyalaya, Pollanruwa

Achievements

- Sri Lanka Junior Novices Championship, 2018 - 2nd Place (45 kg)
- Sri Lanka Junior Novices Championship, 2019 - 1st Place and best lifter (49 kg)
- Sri Lanka Junior National Championship, 2019 - 1st Place (49 kg)
- All Island School Games, 2019 - 1st Place (49 kg)
- 46th National Sport Festival (Inter Divisional Games), 2021 - 2nd Place (55 kg)

20. Bimandee Bandara

Sport - Table Tennis
 Gender - Female
 Date of Birth - 25.06.2005
 School - Hillwood College, Kandy

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Achievements

- Regional Hopes Week (South Asia), 2016 - Participated (Under 12)
- National Table Tennis Championship, 2018
- Won National Champion (14 years) in Women's Singles
- Runner-up in National Doubles
- Runner-up in National Mix Doubles
- Best Player of the Tournament
- Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship, 2019 - 8th place (Team event)
- Asian Table Tennis Championship, 2019 - 15th place (Team event)
- Qualified for the World Team Table Tennis Championship, 2020
- South Asian Games, 2019 - Silver Medal (Team event)
- National Table Tennis Championship, 2019
- Champion in National Mix Doubles
- Runner-up in National Doubles
- Under 10 Girls' rank no. 1 player in Sri Lanka. (2015)
- Ranked among the top 5 in the Women's Category in Sri Lanka.
- Currently ranked no. 1 in both Girls' under 15 and 18 events in Sri Lanka

21. D.A. Wenuka Kithnula

Sport - Tennis
Gender - Male
Date of Birth - 05.07.2005
School - St. Thomas College, Mount Lavinia

Achievements

- SSC Open Championship, 2016 - 1st Place (Under 16)
- Clay Court National, 2021 - Runner-up (Under 16)
- Tamil Union Tournament, 2020 - 1st Place (Under 16 and Under 18)

- Clay Court National, 2020 - 1st Place (Under 16) and Quarter Final (Under 18)
- Qatar Open Team, 2019 - 4th Place (Under 16)
- Thailand World

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- ment, 2019 - 5th Place (Under 14)
- Thailand World Tournament, 2018 - 4th Place (Under 14)
- Thailand Divisional Tournament, 2019 - 11th Place (Under 14)
- Thailand Division, 2018 - 9th Place (Under 14) in single event
- Uzbekistan Division, 2020 - 9th Place (Under 14) in single event
- World Junior Tournament, 2019 - 10th Place (Under 14)



- Champion in single event (Under 14) and Champion in doubles event (Under 14)
- ATF (Thailand), 2018 - Semi Final (Under 14)
- SSC Open Championship, 2019
- 1st Place in Under 14
- Finalist in Under 16
- 1st Place in Under 16 (Doubles)



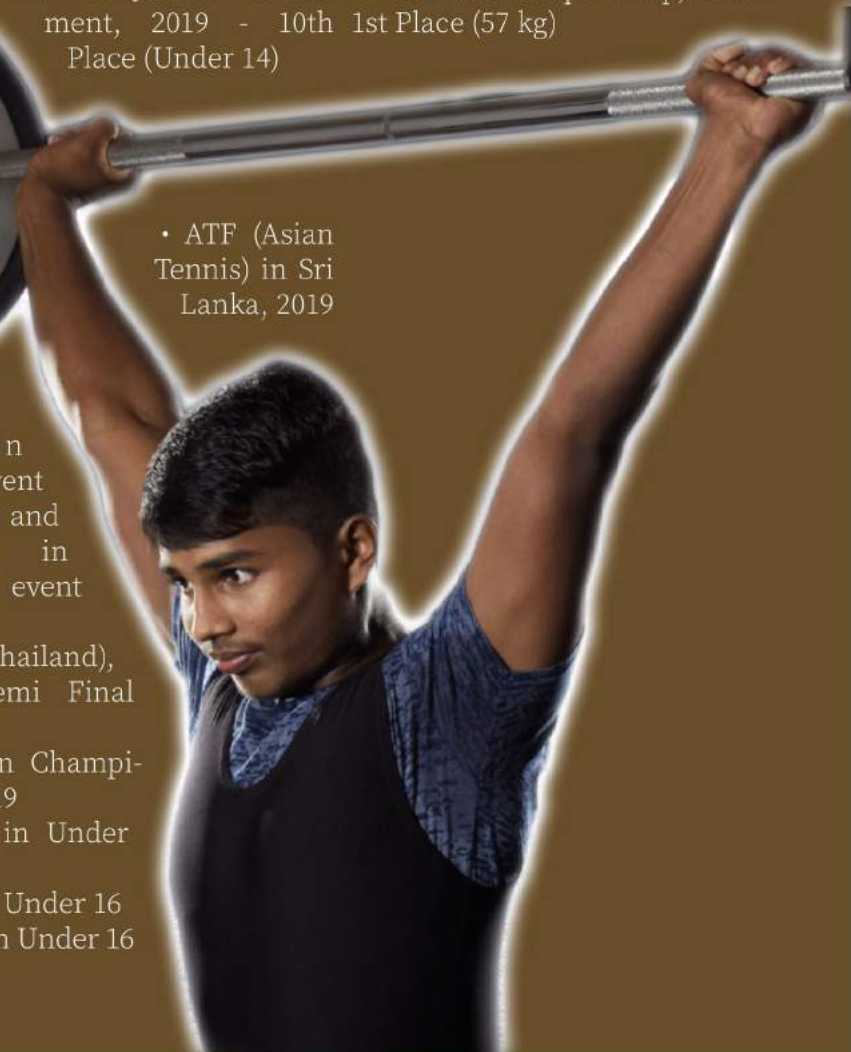
22. P. Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando

Sport - Wrestling
Gender - Female
Date of Birth - 17.06.2004
School - Welpala Maha Vidyalaya, Giriulla, Pannala.

Achievements

- Dis- trict Tournament, 2018 - 1st Place (67 kg)
- North Western Province Tournament, 2018 - 1st Place (67 kg)
- District Tournament, 2019 - 1st Place (57 kg)
- North Western Province Tournament, 2019 - 1st Place (57 kg)
- XLV National Sport Festival, 2019 - 1st Place and Best wrestler (57 kg)
- National Championship, 2019 - 1st Place (57 kg)

- ATF (Asian Tennis) in Sri Lanka, 2019



Justice for the Father of the Athlete Parami Wasanthi Maristela

NOC Sri Lanka requests the HE the President of Sri Lanka justice for Parami's father who was arrested by the Indian Coast Guards and detained in Andaman Islands.

Parami won a Bronze medal for Sri Lanka in 2000 m Steeplechase at the Youth Olympic Games held in 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The letter signed by both President and Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka is attached below and was copied to Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Foreign Minister, Foreign Ministry, Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage, Foreign Secretary, Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Anuradha Wijekoon, Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports.



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18th May 2021

His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka
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Your Excellency,

Justice for the Father of the Athlete Parami Wasanthi Maristela

Kakumarakhalge Parami Wasanthi Maristela is a young athlete in Athletics who brought honour to Sri Lanka in international sports arena. She won a Bronze medal for Sri Lanka in 2000 m Steeple Chase at the Youth Olympic Games held in 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

We have been informed that her father, Kakumarakhalge Anthony Thiyador Fernando, who is a fisherman, has been captured in Andaman Islands since January this year (2021). As per the information received to us, he has been arrested by the Indian Coast Guards and detained in Andaman Islands.

For the family of Parami Wasanthi, the only breadwinner is her father who is a main icon to enlighten her for the success. He is currently struggling for his life living under firing conditions and is seeking for assistance from the Sri Lankan government.

Therefore, we humbly appeal and urge Your Excellency to intervene in this matter and get her father released from Indian Authorities to bring justice for Parami Wasanthi who brought glory and spread the name of Sri Lanka internationally at a very young age.

Thanking Your Excellency,

Yours Sincerely,


Dinesh Subramaniam
President




Maxwell de Silva
Secretary General

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Call for Applications for the position of Chef de Mission



- 3rd Asian Youth Games, Shantou - 2021
- 6th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games, Bangkok- Chonburi - 2022
- 22nd Commonwealth Games, Birmingham - 2022
- 19th Asian Games, Hangzhou - 2022
- 6th Asian Beach Games, Sanya - 2022



More details and Application Form are available on

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Submission deadline - 16 June 2021

Application and CV with a recommendation letter from your National Federation / Association (or your organization) should reach natolcom@sl.lk or "Olympic House", 100/9F, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07.

- National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka
- Commonwealth Association of Sri Lanka