

Odisha's Pride: Para-Archer Payal Nag Felicitated for International Glory

Bhubaneswar, May 29, 2026: The Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha, felicitated Odisha's para archer Payal Nag for her outstanding performance at the World Para Archery Series 2026 in Bangkok, where she clinched two Gold Medals and secured qualification for the upcoming Para Asian Games.



In recognition of her remarkable international achievement, Payal Nag was awarded a special cash award of ₹5,46,666 lakh for winning two Gold Medals, along with an additional ₹3,23,100 lakh towards procurement of sports equipment to support her future training and competition preparations.

The felicitation ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Minister Sports & Youth Services Sri Suryabansi Suraj, Hon'ble MLA, Kantabanji, Shri Laxman Bag, and officials of the Sports & Youth Services Department (DSYS), who extended their best wishes to Payal for continued success at the Para Asian Games and future international competitions.

Congratulating Payal on her exceptional accomplishment, the Hon'ble Minister Sports & Youth Services Shri Suryabanshi Suraj said, "Payal Nag's success on the international stage is a proud moment for Odisha and the nation. Her determination, discipline, and achievements are truly inspiring and reflect the growing strength of para sports in Odisha."

"I am very happy to be back in Odisha and among my people after this memorable achievement. The encouragement and support I have received from the Government of Odisha, Hon'ble Sports Minister, and Hon'ble MLA Kantabanji Shri Laxman Bag mean a lot to me and motivate me to continue working harder for the country. I sincerely thank everyone for recognising and supporting my journey."



The Government of Odisha remains committed to supporting athletes through world-class infrastructure, financial assistance, and high-performance initiatives to help them excel at the highest level.

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