

State shooters make mark in Delhi

BANGALORE, DHNS: Rakesh Manpat came up with a clutch of impressive performances as Karnataka shooters returned with 22 medals across different categories at the 54th National Shooting Championships that concluded in New Delhi on Monday.

The State shooters had a tally of ten gold, seven silver and five bronze medals from the competition at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range.

Rakesh emerged champion among juniors in the 10M air rifle (open and civilian) and 50M rifle three-position (open) events besides claiming the air rifle gold in the men's civilian



Rakesh Manpat

category. Also of note was his performance in the men's air rifle (open category), where he ended fourth overall after firing a brilliant 103.5 in final.

Karnataka's air rifle team comprising Rakesh, Dhirender



Rekha C

Singh Jamwal and Purushotham K clinched the bronze in the open men's event while topping in the civilian section.

Rekha C was another impressive performer as she claimed the junior open and civilian title

in the 50M rifle prone event besides emerging champion among civilians in prone.

Karnataka medal winners:

Rakesh Manpat (Gold: 10M air rifle men, junior men open & civilian, 50M rifle 3-position, 10M rifle team -- civilian; Silver: 50M rifle prone -- men civilian, junior men open, junior men civilian; 50M rifle 3P -- men civilian, junior men open, junior men civilian).

Team: 10M air rifle (Rakesh, Dhirender Singh Jamwal, Purushotham K -- bronze, open event, gold civilian event).

Rekha C (Gold: 50M rifle prone -- women civilian, junior open, junior civilian; Bronze: 50M rifle 3P -- junior open, junior civilian).

Purushotham K (Silver: 10M air rifle civilian). **Prakash P N** (Silver: 25M Standard pistol, civilian).