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Jain women take home three gold on day one

BENGALURU, DHNS: Jain University women bagged three gold medals on the opening day of the All India Inter-University Aquatic Championship here at Bangalore Institute of Technology on Friday.

Shruti Mahalingam won the 800M freestyle gold, Meenakshi VKR triumphed in the 400M medley while the relay team bossed the 4x100M freestyle race.

Shruthi powered home in 10:02.16, 11 seconds quicker than second-placed Jasmine Gurung of University of Delhi. Dhruvi Muralidhar, of Jain University, finished third with a timing of 10:17.63.

The 400M medley was more closely fought with Meenakshi pipping Kalyani Saxena Ajaybhai. While Meenakshi touched the pad in 5:30.22, Kalyani clocked 5:32.15. Birnale Yuga won bronze.

The Jain relay women, just like their male counterparts who shone last week in the same meet, scored a convincing win with a timing of 4:16.96. University of Delhi (4:23.16) were a distant second and Savitri Bai Phule Pune University (4:23.77) third.

Results: 200M freestyle: shivani (university of delhi) 2:11.66, 1; pamini k cowda (rajiv gandhi university of health sciences) 2:15.68, 2; jasmine gurung (university of delhi) 2:17.09, 3. **800M freestyle:** shruti mahalingam (jain university) 10:02.16, 1; jasmine gurung (university of delhi) 10:13.39, 2; dhruvi muralidhar (jain university) 10:17.63, 3. **50M backstroke:** birnale yuga (savitri bai phule pune university) 32.47, 1; meenakshi vkr (jain university) 32.50, 2; bichage askaniksha (savitri bai phule pune university) 33.93, 3. **100M breaststroke:** chanat arora (panjab university) 1:19.37, 1; srishi basu (gandharpur university) 1:19.77, 2; saxena kalyani ajaybhai (veer narmao south gujarat university) 1:20.78, 3. **50M butterfly:** rajguru aarya (savitri bai phule pune university) 30.22, 1; dhruvi saathi (savitri bai phule pune university) 30.37, 2; suman d patil (gga university, talgaon) 30.71, 3. **400M medley:** meenakshi vkr (jain university) 5:30.22, 1; kalyani saxena ajaybhai (veer narmao south gujarat university) 5:32.15, 1; birnale yuga (savitri bai phule pune university) 5:39.77, 3. **4x100M freestyle relay:** jain university 1 (4:16.96) 1; university of delhi 1 (4:23.36) 2; savitri bai phule pune university 1 (4:23.77) 3.