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SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS



"23 All India WadoKai National Karate Championship" held at Somnath, Gujarat. Many students had participated in the competition. From Vadodara district total 16 students came out as winners.

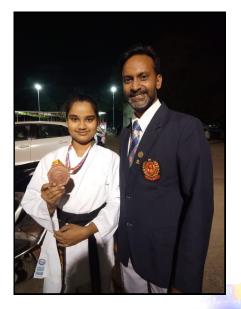
Among the 16 students **Nandini Sharma** (**Class VII-C**) from our school won two golds for Kata and Kumite in "23 All India WadoKai National Karate Championship".





District Championship was held on 5th December 2021 organized by Karate Sports Association of Vadodara at Waghodia Sports Complex Vadodara district. Two students of our school **Aastha Mugale (class VII-A)** won gold and silver medal & **Kanish Singh (class VIII-B)** won silver medal.

Kanish and Aastha are selected for the upcoming State Level Karate Championship going to be held on 11 & 12 December 2021 at Kutch, Gujarat.



Aastha Mugale (class VII-A) won bronze medal in State Level Karate Championship organized by Karate Do Federation Gujarat at Kutch on 11 & 12 December 2021 and selected for the west zone karate championship





























ALUMNI CORNER

I am a Ph.D. student working in the Shola Sky Island Lab at IISER Tirupati. 3 am trained in mist-netting and bird banding, and for my Ph.D. I plan to investigate the evolutionary relationships of endemic birds of the Western Ghats using genetic tools. Apart from birds, I have worked on toads, small cats, and sloth bears. Before joining the Ph.D. program, I worked on wildlife corridors for carnivores with WWF-India in 2020. My Master's thesis was on the phylogenetic relationships of the Peninsular Indian toad genus Duttaphrynus. I have also worked as a field assistant for a sloth bear genetic connectivity study with NCBS Bangalore in 2019. For this fieldwork, I traveled and worked in several Protected areas in Rajasthan - Mount Abu WLS (Wildlife Sanctuary), Sirohi Forest Division, and Phulwari ki Nal WLS to collect bear scat samples. My first conservation science volunteering, back in 2016, was in the deciduous forests of Balaghat and Seoni in Madhya Pradesh, which inspired Kipling's Jun gle Book. I met a real-life Baloo during one of the forest walks. Despite the dangers associated with working in remote field locations, I have found that being in the field, discovering unusual plants, strange bugs, and beautiful birds is what makes me most happy. It gives me an exhilaration not found in other, possibly more worthy pursuits of city life. Since 2016, I have loved being in my bucket hat and rugged cargos out in the sun, and it was in these harsh yet beautiful landscapes of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan that I discovered my calling for wildlife conservation research. I am also interested in science communication and making science more accessible and gender-inclusive. I hope my Ph.D. adds newer insights into the ecology and evolution of endemic birds of India.

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