

# **REPORT**

## **2017 IWF SENIOR (MEN & WOMEN) WORLD WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT ANAHEIM, U.S.A. FROM 28 NOVEMBER – 5 DECEMBER, 2017**

**Training camp:-** The Indian team consisting of 8 athletes (5 Men + 3 Women) + 2 coaches + 1 support staff stayed at Las Vegas, U.S.A. from 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 for training. The training of athletes was held at Average Broz Gymnasium, 9155 Las Vegas Blvd. South #232, Las Vegas, NV 89123 and Boarding & Lodging at Excalibur Hotel located at 3850 Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89109.

**Itinerary:** The Indian team travelled from Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala in one group on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The team took flight no. AI173 from I.G.I. Airport on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 04:00 a.m. and reached San Francisco where they faced difficulties in immigration process and Air India denying the through baggage clearance which resulted in missing of connecting flight from San Francisco to Las Vegas. The entire team stranded at San Francisco Airport and team went to Las Vegas in 3 groups from thereupon which left them in journey period for approximately 36-40 hours. The training of the team was held at Average Broz Gymnasium and boarding & lodging at Excalibur Hotel, Las Vegas. From thereupon the team left by road transportation for Anaheim on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 afternoon.

**Competition:-** 2017 IWF Senior (Men & Women) World Weightlifting Championships was held at Anaheim, USA 28 November - 5 December, 2017 under the Technical and Competition rules of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).

Indian team consisting of 5 Men + 3 Women + 2 Coaches + 1 support staff participated in these Championships.

The Weightlifting Championships held at Anaheim USA was a well organized competition. The competition was held at Anaheim Convention Center – Hall C 800 Katella Avenue Anaheim, CA 92802 USA.

**Accommodation:** The accommodation to the Indian team members were provided at Springhill Suites by Marriott at Anaheim Resort/Convention Center Hotel 1801 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92802 USA.

**Competition:** The verification of final entries was completed on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and after verification, International Weightlifting Federation confirmed the participation of 328 athletes (185 Men + 143 Women) from 68 countries across the World.

**Performance:-** The result of the Indian team is as under:-

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Wt. Cat.</b>	<b>Snatch</b>	<b>C&amp;J</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Result</b>
1.	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Women	48 kg	85 kg	109 kg	194 kg	<i>Gold Medal</i>
2.	Kh. Sanjita Chanu	Women	53 kg	77 kg	100 kg	177 kg	13 <sup>th</sup>

3.	Punam Yadav	Women	69 kg	98 kg	120 kg	218 kg	9 <sup>th</sup>
4.	S. Sathish Kumar	Men	77 kg	148 kg	180 kg	328 kg	14 <sup>th</sup>
5.	R.V. Rahul	Men	85 kg	150 kg	191 kg	341 kg	9 <sup>th</sup>
6.	Vikas Thakur	Men	94 kg	155 kg	196 kg	351 kg	12 <sup>th</sup>
7.	Pardeep Singh	Men	105 kg	153 kg	196 kg	349 kg	19 <sup>th</sup>
8.	Gurdeep Singh	Men	+105 kg	172 kg	216 kg	388 kg	13 <sup>th</sup>

**New Senior National Weightlifting records - 12 New records**

S.No.	New record created by	Wt. Cat.	Event	Record Lift	Earlier record
1.	S. Mirabai Chanu	48 kg	Clean & Jerk	109 kg	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (108 kg)
2.	S. Mirabai Chanu	48 kg	Total	194 kg	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (192 kg)
3.	Vikas Thakur	94 kg	Snatch	155 kg	154 kg (Veerender Singh)
4.	Vikas Thakur	94 kg	C&J	192 kg	191 kg (Chandrakant Mali)
5.	Vikas Thakur	94 kg	Total	347 kg	343 kg (Chandrakant Mali)
6.	Vikas Thakur	94 kg	C&J	196 kg	192 kg (Vikas Thakur)
7.	Vikas Thakur	94 kg	Total	351 kg	347 kg (Vikas Thakur)
8.	Pardeep Singh	105 kg	C&J	196 kg	195 kg (Pardeep Singh)
9.	Gurdeep Singh	+105 kg	Snatch	172 kg	171 kg (Gurdeep Singh)
10.	Gurdeep Singh	+105 kg	C&J	216 kg	215 kg (Sarabjit)
11.	Gurdeep Singh	+105 kg	Total	384 kg	380 kg (Sarabjit)
12.	Gurdeep Singh	+105 kg	Total	388 kg	384 kg (Gurdeep Singh)

<b>Medals Won by:-</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Total</b>
Senior (Men)	--	--	--	--
Senior (Women)	01	--	--	1 Medal
<b>Total</b>	<b>01</b>	--	--	<b>1 Medal</b>

**Saikhom Mirabai Chanu ended the drought of over 2 decades (20 years) for Indian athletes finishing in medal podium during 2017 IWF Senior (Men & Women) World Weightlifting Championships-Anaheim (USA). This is also the first medal for Indian Weightlifting Federation athlete during any Edition of IWF Senior (Men & Women) World Weightlifting Championships post existence of World Anti-Doping Agency in 2003-04. It was first Gold Medal for India in 48 kg weight category in any Edition of IWF Senior (Men & Women) World Weightlifting Championships.**

**It boosts the impetus for Indian weightlifters for podium finish during forthcoming 2018 Asian Games-Jakarta and 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. 2018 Commonwealth Games being the first foray for Indian weightlifters.**

The above team departed back from Anaheim by road on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 morning to Los Angeles Airport and took United Airlines flight no. UA1281 at 6:00 a.m. en-route San Francisco to Delhi by Air India flight no. AI174 on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 10:30 a.m. and reached Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 1615 hours, from thereon the team travelled by road to the National camp at Patiala.

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Date: 7 December 2017  
Place: New Delhi.