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Karnataka Girl Bags National First Runner-up Trophy and Cash Prize in 10th Indian National Memory Championship 2019

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BGS World School, Chickballapur student Miss Ananya N Swamy (IX) became the national second in the 10th Indian National Open Memory Championship held at Chickballapur on 12 & 13 October 2019. To win the overall runner-up trophy and cash prize of Rs. 50,000.00, she had to win 04 Gold, 04 Silver and 02 Bronze medals and the champion's trophy of Junior category the age category he belonged. Chinmay Krishna (VIII) another student of BGS World School, Chickballapur also won a Bronze Medal in the championship.

As per the norm of the championship the participants were contested in 4 age categories such as kinds (below 13), Junior (13-17), adult (18-59) and senior categories (60 and above) and the topper of each category were awarded the category championship trophy. All category participants had to contest in 10 disciplines such as - (1) Memorising Names and Faces, (2) Memorising Binary Numbers, (3) Memorising Random Numbers, (4) Memorising Abstract Images, (5) Memorising Speed Numbers, (6) Memorising Historic / Future Dates, (7) Memorising Random Playing Cards, (8) Memorising Random Words, (9) Memorising Spoken Numbers, (10) Memorising Speed Cards. Each discipline had three medals such as gold, silver and bronze.

The 10th National Memory Championship was organized for the first time in Karnataka jointly by the World Memory Sports Council – Indian and Sri Adi Chunchanagiri Shikshana Trust, Karnataka in the BGS Engineering College in Chickballapur. While the Chief Patron of the Championship Organizing Committee was Sri Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, the President, Sri Adi Chunchanagiri Shikshana Trust, Sqn Ldr Jaysimha, the President, World Memory Sports Council India was the Patron. Wg Cdr Ranjit Kumar Mandal, Principal, BGS World School, Chickballapur, who also a memory athlete as well as an arbiter, took the responsibility of arranging it as the President of the organizing committee.

The Championship was inaugurated on 12 October 2019 by Sri Sri Mangalanatha Swamiji, the Secretary, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamthana Mutt, Chickballapur and the closing ceremony was presided over by Sri Sri Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, the President, Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust. The Chief Guest of the closing ceremony was Hon'ble Education Minister (Primary and Secondary),

Karnataka Mr Suresh Kumar. The other dignities present in the ceremony were Dr. Francis Xavier, an author and known as the father of Indian Memory Training, Sqn Ldr R Jayasimha, President, the World Memory Sport Council - India and the Managing Director, Jayasimha Mind Dynamics, Hyderabad, Dr. N Shivaram Reddy, Chief Administrative Officer, Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust, Karnataka and Wg Cdr Ranjit Kumar Mandal, Principal, BGS World School, Chickballapur, Mr Phil Chambers, the Chief Arbiter, the World memory Sports Council, London and Mr Dominic O'Brian and the Chief of Ethics, World Memory Sports Council, London.

From BGS World School Chickballapur a total of 190 students had participated in the Championship out of total 350 participates, which has been the highest ever participation from a single institution in the history of India Memory championship. While six participants from China and one participant from Baharin contested in the championship, there were about 100 other participants from Karnataka who took part. The remaining 60 participants were from the other parts of India.

The championship was conducted by 300 arbiters and out of them about 120 were the teachers of BGS World School who had conducted the championship very smoothly. Mr Phil Chambers, the Chief Arbiter and Mr Dominic O'Brian, the Chief of Ethics from World Memory Sports Council, London overviewed the conduct of the Championship. The Chief Arbiter from Indian was Mr Pavan Bhattad from Mumbai who is a memory trainer.

Tony Busan, a renowned author, educational consultant, the father of memory training concept, inventor of mind mapping concept, a person who popularised the concept of mental literacy and taught the world the new way of thinking, has founded the World Memory Sports Council in London in 1991 and started the Memory Sports Championship for the whole world. "The memory sport is both a fun, valuable hobby as well as an amateur sport", he says. At the fun end of 'Memory', informal competitions take place in Brain Clubs and in other Mind Sport groups taking many different forms.

BGS World School believes that there are still many ways to enhance learning ability of the students of the school and one of those is through memory training. The school has gone into the memory training in a big way directly from Sqn Ldr R Jayashimha. The school has arranged regular practice sessions during the school hours under the supervision of the teachers. The school has started training of the students since last year and about 700 students from VI class to X class have taken memory training till date. The school is

expected to field about 6 students in the forthcoming 28th World Memory Championship to be held in Wuhan city of China from 5 - 8 December 2019.

The BGS Wold School, Chickballapur has been training its students to enhance their academic achievement. The Principal of the school Wg Cdr Ranjit Kumar Mandal who is already trained in memory techniques has written several articles on memory highlighting it as a tool for enhancement of learning ability. One of his articles which was written recently was Memory Literacy for Enhancement of Academic Achievement of Students which was published in newsletter (Vol-IV, Issue-1) of Chickballapur, Kolar and Bangalore ICSE School's Association. The article has brought out the importance of Memory as a sport as well as the methodology of teaching for the school children have been appreciated by the readers.

BGS World School has fielded 82 students and 3 staff members in the 9th Indian National Open Memory Championship last year and won 12 medals. Later in the 27th World Memory Championship held in Hong Kong from 20 to 22 December 2018, the school was represented by 2 students and 2 staff members. Miss Ananya N Swamy received the title of 'International Master of Memory'. Over the years Ananya has participated several tournaments at Tunisia, Philippines, Indonesia etc. and brought laurels for the country.

It is expected that the 29th World Memory Championship 2020 shall be held in Indian by the World Memory Sports Council India.



Sri Sri Mangalanatha Swamiji, Secretary, SAST is presiding over the Inaugural Ceremony along with the other dignitaries namely Dr N Shivaram Reddy, Mr Phil Chambers(London), Mr Dominic O'Brian(London), Dr K M Ravikumar, Mrs Lihong Human (China) and Mr Yong Cheng (China)



Wg Cdr Ranjit Kumar Mandal (Retd), President, Memory Championship Organizing Committee, welcoming the dignitaries and the participants.



Sri Sri Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, delivering his Ashrivachana in the Closing Ceremony of the 10 Indian National Memory Championship 2019



Dignitaries lighting the lamp in the Inaugural Ceremony on 12 Oct 2019



Dr. N Shivaram Reddy, CAO, Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust, giving a piece of advice to the participants



Sri Sri Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, the President, SAST is welcoming the Chief Guest, Honourable Mr S Suresh Kumar, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka in the Closing Ceremony



Wg Cdr R K Mandal & Sqn Ldr R Jayasimha discussing with Honourable Minister Mr S Suresh Kumar about the Memory Sports



Honourable Mr S Suresh Kumar, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka addressing the participants of the National Memory Championship



A view of the competition with Mr Dominic O'Brine, the Chief of Ethics, World Memory Sports Council, London invigilating the championship



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Prateek Yadav (Centre) the winner of the 10th National Memory Championship 2019 Trophy and cash prize Rs. 1,00,000/-, First Runner-up Ananya N Swamy (left) the winner 1st of Runner-Up Trophy and cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- and the Second Runner-up Sri Vyshnavi Yarlagadda (right) the winner of second Runner-Up Trophy and cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-



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Winners of the 10th National Memory Championship 2019 held at Chickballapur, Karnataka along with the dignitaries who were present during the closing ceremony of the championship held on 13 October 2019



Ananya Swami and Chinmoy Krishna, who participated in the 27th World Memory Championship in Hong Kong with the Sri Sri Sowmyanatha Swamiji, Vijanagar Shaka Mutt, dignitaries and BGS World School staff after press conference in Bangalore



Miss Ananya N Swamy (Second) in the Award Ceremony in Indonesia with other winners of the Asia Open Memory Championship 2019 where she won medals in



The view of the BGS World School, Chickballapur