



Message of Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
at the programme to felicitate Sportspersons from Andhra Pradesh
who participated in the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020

It gives me immense pleasure to be amongst the three young Olympians from Andhra Pradesh who have participated in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.

You have done proud not only to your family members, who are present here today, but also the people of Andhra Pradesh and everyone in the country has been proud of your achievements. Participation in Olympic Games by representing the Nation is a dream nurtured by every sportsperson but only a few highly talented sportspersons like you have been able to realize that dream.

Having won Bronze medal in Badminton Women's singles in Tokyo Olympics, Miss Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win medals in two consecutive Olympic Games and also the fourth player in Women's singles badminton to claim two medals at two consecutive Olympic games.

For Miss Sindhu success comes naturally as both her parents happen to be sportspersons. She started her sports career at a young age of 14 and from 2013 and won a medal at every world championship, except in 2015, which is an exemplary achievement in itself.

Miss Sindhu has no doubt become a household name in the country with her blazing performance in the Tokyo Olympic Games by winning the Bronze medal for the country.

On the other hand Miss Rajani, coming from a humble background from a small village, secured a place in Indian Women's Olympic hockey team by sheer grit and determination and unflinching support of her family members. The fact that she had been selected to the Indian Women's Hockey team to represent the country in both Rio Olympic Games and the Tokyo Olympic Games is a reflection of her talent and hard work. The Indian women's hockey team may not have won a medal at the Tokyo Olympic Games, but

they have won the hearts of every Indian with their outstanding performance.

As for Mr. Satwik Sairaj Rinkireddy, the youngest of the three Olympians present here today, has achieved name and fame quite early in his career. The fact that Mr. Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy along with his partners in Men's doubles and Mixed doubles won 10 BWF International Challenge/Series titles during the period from 2015 to 2019 is an ample demonstration of his talent. Mr. Satwik has a bright future and great sporting career ahead of him.

As someone famously said, "winning means you are willing to go longer, work harder and give more than anyone else."

I wish you all many more successes in the future and hope you will bring many more laurels for the country and keep the flag of India flying.

Jai Hind