

# REPORT OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> INTER IIT AQUATICS MEET-2004

The 40th Inter IIT Aquatics Meet was held at IIT Madras, Chennai during 1st to 4th October. Institute Aquatics Secretary, Sumedh Risbud, gives a brief report:

**The Squad** - following were the Men and Women teams:

## MEN -

1. Prateek Sharma (Captain - Water Polo, Swimming)
2. Saumil Mehta (Water Polo, Swimming)
3. Lt. Shishir Dixit (Water Polo)
4. Hrishikesh Kelkar (Water Polo, Swimming)
5. Abhishek Maheshwari (Water Polo, Swimming) - Free Style Relay Team member
6. Kaustubh Nadkarni (Water Polo, Swimming) - Free Style Relay Team member
7. Akhil Ravi (Water Polo - Goal Keeper)
8. Yashodhdan Kanoria (Water Polo, Swimming) - Medley Relay Team member
9. Sumedh Risbud (Water Polo, Swimming) - Medley Relay Team member
10. Harshavardhan Agashe (Water Polo, Swimming) - Free Style and Medley Relay Team member
11. Aditya Chaoji (Water Polo, Swimming)
12. Sarwesh Paradkar (Swimming) - Free Style and Medley Relay Team member

## WOMEN -

1. Mayura Deshpande (Captain)
2. Shweta Shah
3. M. S. Shaama
4. Dahlia Nadkarni

### • **Swimming -**

IIT Madras; the hosts and other 5 IITs witnessed some awesome swimming performance (which was obviously hard to digest for them) given by IIT Bombay Swimming team; especially, that given by **Sarwesh Paradkar**.

Sarwesh, a Mechanical Engg. 1st year, broke 5 individual records straight-away; viz.- 50 m Butter Fly, 100m Back Stroke, 100m and 200m Breast Stroke, 100m Free style. In all he bagged 12 individual gold medals (which coincidentally happen to be all the gold medals one can get !); 1 (4 X 100 m) medley relay gold (IITB broke previous relay record by about 11 seconds) and a 4 X 100m Free Style relay silver. Sarwesh was awarded the prestigious **Swimmer of the Meet** trophy. (Wasn't that obvious!!). It has happened almost after 20 years that a single person has swept all the individual GOLD medals.

Clearly, IIT-Bombay was won the swimming championship (single-handedly!!!). Other medal winners from our institute are **Harshavardhan Agashe** (3 Silvers and 1 Bronze, individual; 1 medley relay Gold and a free style relay Silver), **Sumedh Risbud** (2 Bronze, individual; 1 medley relay Gold), **Yashodhan Kanoria** (1 medley relay Gold), **Abhishek Maheshwari** (1 Free Style relay Silver), **Kaustubh Nadkarni** (1 Free Style relay Silver).

Women events were also introduced into Inter IIT meet from last year. This year **Mayura Deshpande** of our institute grabbed the Women Championship by bagging 1 Gold and 2 Silvers. She shared the championship with Natasha Singh of IIT Delhi.

- **Water Polo -**

The things went a bit controversial each time IITB team played; in case of water polo. The pools for matches were: Pool A - KGP, KNP, BMB and Pool B - DLI, ROR, and MDS. Our 1st match was against Kanpur; which was expected to be a cake-walk, but Kanpurians put a good fight against us and Bombay won 4-2. The second match we played was against KGP, which can also be regarded as the cleanest match in the whole tournament. We won this one 5-3.

First two victories cleared our path to the semis, and in the semi-final, we played against IIT Delhi. Our team literally "fought" (and not "played") this match with unearthly, extravagant spirit! This exciting match; also bearing marks of very bad refereeing; went on for 1.5 hrs; quite a long time for a typical water polo match. Finally, IITB won the match in a penalty shoot out. It was in this shoot out; the most important decision of changing goal keeper was taken. Hrishikesh Kelkar kept the goal during the shoot outs instead of Akhil Ravi. He did an excellent job there, hats off to you Kelu!

We reached in the final opposite to the hosts; IITM. We lost finals 3-2 against Maddu. So we stand overall 2nd in water polo.

IIT Bombay's current position in Inter IIT Aquatics (Swimming+ Water polo) is **FIRST**, which we share with IIT Madras.