



**DRINKSBREAK**

**DR. KHYATI VAKHARIA**

Profile of India's Best Pole Vaulter

# NATIONAL CHAMPION



- Won gold at National Open Senior Athletics Championships in 2012 & 2013
- Won gold at National Inter-State Athletics Championships in 2013 (Silver in 2012)
- Won gold at 2013 Federation Cup
- Gold at National Games 2011
- Two-time gold medallist at All-India Inter-University Athletics Championships (2011 & 2012).
- Highest ranked Indian at 2013 Asian Athletics Championships in Pune (on debut)

# ATHLETICS



- Took up Pole Vault in 2009; started competing nationally since 2010 and have been winning medals since.
- Meet records at National Inter-State Athletics, Federation Cup and Inter-University Championships.
- Highest mark by an Indian in international meets (3.90 at Asian Athletics Championships 2013)/
- Personal best of 4.00m achieved in 2013.
- Coached by L.S.Upadhyay
- Currently training at SAI, Kengeri, Bangalore.



# GYMNASTIC CAREER



- Four-time Karnataka State Champion 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003.
- Karnataka State Champion in Tumbling (2006).
- Won bronze in Tumbling at 2006 National Championships
- 4<sup>th</sup> in Floor (Artistic Gymnastics) at 2002 National Championships
- Represented India at 2007 Fit Kid World Championship in Malaysia — finished 12<sup>th</sup>.

# ACADEMICS



- Completed MBBS from Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute in 2012; Internship completed in 2013.
- Awarded outstanding student at BMC&RI.
- Aim to specialise in Orthopaedic surgery.
- Lead speaker at a conference on Women & Sports.
- Best all-rounder in school (10<sup>th</sup>) – 2005.
- Winner of 2012 Idea Student Award in Sports Category

# IDEA STUDENT AWARD - 2012



Outstanding achiever in Sport & Adventure



# FUTURE PLANS



- Improve my technique at World Athletic Centre (WAC) with Dan Pfaff.
- Train with former World Champions Steve Hooker, Brad Walker and UK champion Steve Lewis at WAC in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Win medal at 2014 Asian Games in Incheon.
- Qualify for World Championship in 2015.
- Qualify for 2016 Olympics

# FUNDING



- Seeking funding of US \$54,000 per annum which will be used as follows:
- WAC Training fee - \$12,000 per annum
- Living costs - \$30,000 per annum (\$2,500 per month)
- Travel costs - \$12,000 (for competitions & Indian meets)