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**Bengaluru:** India cricketers KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Veda Krishnamurthy, Asiad silver medallist Fouaad Mirza and ace swimmer Srihari Nataraj were among the 31 top sportspersons from Karnataka who have been selected for the prestigious Ekalavya Award.

The awards will be given away by chief minister BS Yediyurappa at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha on Monday morning. He will honour the winners of Ekala-



**ALL SMILES:** (from left): Fouaad Mirza, Srihari Nataraj, Veda and Mayank

The winners list of Kreedha Poshaka award, given away for the best sports promoters, is topped by Mangalore University and Swarna Football Develop-

ment Association, Mandya. Announcing the winners in Chikmagalur on Sunday, sports minister CT Ravi said the Ekala-

vya winners will receive a cash award of Rs two lakh, a statuette and a citation. The life-time winners will be richer by Rs 1.5 lakh. The Kreedha Ratnas will pocket Rs one lakh each while the winners of the Kreedha Poshaka Award will receive Rs five lakh.

"Except the top cricketers and Mirza, who is training in Germany, most of the other award winners are expected to attend the award function," a Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) official said.

## TOP HONOURS

vya, Lifetime Achievement, Karnataka Kreedha Ratna and Karnataka Kreedha Poshaka awards for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Hockey Olympian Manuel Fredricks and former India cricket skipper Shantha Rangaswamy were part of the six former stars who will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award.

Noted kambala racer Srinivas Gowda and para-climber Manikandan K are among those who are to be honoured with the Karnataka Kreedha Ratna Award, which is given to those who excel in rural sports.

## THE WINNERS

**Ekalavya Award: 2017:** Reena George S (athletics), Mithula UK (badminton), Anil Kumar BK (basketball), Varsha S (billiards/snooker), Raju Adivappa Bhat (cycling), MN Ponamma (hockey), Usharani N (kabaddi), Shekhar Veeraswamy (para tennis), M Deepa (rowing), Tejas K (shooting), Avinash Mani (swimming), Kushi V (table tennis), Vinayak Rokhade (volleyball), Arjun Halkurki (wrestling). **2018:** Vijayakumari GK (athletics), KL Bandhavaya HM (basketball), KL Rahul (cricket), Megha Gugad (cycling), Fouaad Mirza (equestrian), Nikkin Thimmaiah (hockey), Geeta Dannappagol (judo), Sakina Khatun (para powerlifting), Srihari Nataraj (swimming). **2019:** Abhinaya Shetty (athletics), Abhishek N Shetty

(athletics), Mayank Agarwal (cricket), Veda Krishnamurthy (cricket), Venkappa Kengalagutti (cycling), Puliya Lokesh Thimmanna (hockey), Punith Nandakumar (para swimming), Khushi Dinesh (swimming).

**Lifetime Achievement award: 2017:** Manuel Fredricks (hockey), Dr Patel Mohammed Ilyas (volleyball). **2018:** CA Karumbaiah (hockey), Manjunatha R (kabaddi). **2019:** Shantha Rangaswamy (cricket), Sanjeev R Kanaka (kho-kho).

**Karnataka Kreedha Ratna Award: 2017:** Mahesh R Erimani (atya-patya), Jayalakshmi G (ball badminton), Chandrashekhar H Kallaholad (gundu ettuvudu), Kousalya KS (kabaddi), Gopalkrishna Prabhu (kambala), Srinivas Gowda (kambala), Veena M (kho-kho), Bheemappa Hadapad (mallakamba), Manikandan K (para

climbing), Ranjith M (throwball), Anushree HS (wrestling). **2018:** Sampath N Yaragatti (atya-patya), Lavanya BD (ball badminton), Yamanappa Mayappa Kalloli (gundu ettuvudu), Suresh Shetty (kambala), Shivakumar HN (kho-kho), Kiran Kumar I (tennikoit), Mallappagouda Patil (wrestling). **2019:** Anitha Bichagatti (atya-patya), Pallavi SK (ball badminton), Rakshith S (kabaddi), Sudarshan (kho-kho), Anupama Kerakalamatti (mallakamba), Praveen (kambala), Anisha Ananda Manegar (tennikoit), Manjunath H (throwball), Sateesh Padatara (wrestling). **Karnataka Kreedha Poshaka Award: 2018-19:** Swarna Football Development Association, Mandya, VR Deshpande Memorial Trust, Haliyal. **2019-20:** Mangalore University. **2020-21:** Sri Siddaganga Education Trust, Tumakuru, Manik Sports Academy, Bidar.

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