

Jayanta, Assamese Archer wins Arjuna Award



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Guwahati : Ace archer Jayanta Talukdar has been chosen for the Arjuna award. He would be the third sports person from Assam, after Bhogeswar Baruah (1966) and Monalisa Barua Mehta (1987), who would receive this prestigious award.

Jayanta, a member of Tata Archery Academy, Jamshedpur, was born in Guwahati in the year 1987. The archer came into the limelight in 2004 when he lead the Indian team to its win first in the Junior World Championship by winning a silver medal in Britain. This was just the beginning. In 2006, Jayanta created history as he became the first Indian Archer to win a gold medal in the FITA Meteksan Archery World Cup at Porec, Croatia. He also bagged a gold medal in SAF Games and a bronze medal in the Doha Asian Games in 2006.

In his brief reaction after the Arjuna Award was announced, Jayanta said," I performed consistently for the last three years and I was expecting the award." Jayanta also added that now he is busy in preparing himself for the forthcoming Asian Archery Championship. The meet would give him a chance to earn an Olympic berth.

Meanwhile Ranjan Talukdar, Jayantas father is extremely happy and termed this as the most memorable moment of his life. "We have waited for the last couple of months to hear the news and finally it has arrived. We are really very happy."

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