

## PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD

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Islamabad; 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2020; Dr.Fehmida Mirza Federal Minister for IPC distributed cheques among the members of Pakistan Judo and Karate Teams, who won medals during South Asian Games held in Nepal from 1-10 December, 2019. Judo team won 2 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals. Judo players Mr. Hamid Ali won gold & Silver Medals (Men's +100 Kg & Mixed Team Event), Mr. Qaiser Khan won 2 Silver medals (Men's 90 Kg & Mixed Team Event), Mr. Karamat Butt won 2 silver medals (Men's 81 Kg & Mixed Team Event), Mr. Muhammad Hasnain won Bronze & Silver Medals (Men's 66 Kg & Mixed Team Event), Mr. Nadeem Akram won silver (Mixed Team Event), Ms. Humaira Ashiq won Bronze & Silver (Women's 48 Kg & Mixed Team Event), Ms. Beenish Khan won Bronze & Silver (Women's +78 Kg & Mixed Team Event), Mr. Shah Flussain Shah won Gold & Silver Medals (Men's 100 Kg & Mixed Team Event), Ms. Amine Toyoda won Bronze & Silver (Women's 57 Kg & Mixed Team Event) and Ms. Asma Rani won Silver (Mixed Team Event). Similarly, Karate playas won 6 Gold, 8 Silver and 5 Bronze Medals. Karate winning starts namely Mr. Baz Muhammad won Silver & Gold Medals (Men's +84 Kg & Men's Team Kumite), Mr. Murad Khan won Gold & Bronze Medals (Men's Team Kumite & Men's -55 Kg), Mr. Zafar Iqbal won Silver (Men's -60 Kg), Mr. Saadi Ghulam Abbas won 2 Gold Medals (Men's -75 Kg & Men's Team Kumite), Mr. Naseer Ahmed won Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals (Men's Team Kumite, Men's -67 Kg & Men's Team Kata), Mr. Rchmatullah won Golg (Men's Team Kumite), Mr. Shahbaz Khan won Gold (Men's Team Kumite), Mr. Muhammad Awais won 2 Gold Medals (Men's -84 Kg & Men's Team Kumite), Ms. Kulsoom won Gold & Silver Medals (Women's Team Kumite & Women's -68 Kg), Ms. Sana Kousar won Gold & Silver Medals (Women's Team Kumite & Women's 55 Kg), Ms. Nargis won Gold & 2 Silvers (Women's Team Kumite, Women's Team Kata & Women's +68 Kg), Ms. Sabina Gul won Gold & bronze Medals (Women's Team Kumite & Women's 50 Kg), Mr. Noman Ahmed won Gold & Bronze Medals (Men's 50 Kg & Men's Team Kata), Ms. Shahida won Gold & Silver (Women's Individual Kata & Women's Team Kata), Mr. Niamatullah won Silver & Bronze (Men's Individual Kata & Men's Team Kate), Ms. Naz Gul won Silver & Bronze Medals (Women's Team Kate Women's 61 Kg ) and Ms. Iqra Anwar won Bronze Medal (Women's 45 Kg).

2. In line with approved cash award policy, gold medalists were given Rs.1.000 million each, silver medalists got Rs.500, 000/-while bronze medalists received cheques of Rs.250, 000/- each. Total Rs.6.500 million and Rs.18.250 million were distributed to the Judo and Karate players respectively. Mr. Masood Ahmed Vice President Pakistan Judo Federation and Mr.M.Azam Dar Deputy DG PSB were present on the occasion.

3. Talking to the players, Dr. Fehmida Mirza Minister for IPC/President PSB congratulated the medal winners expressed her sincere appreciation for winning sportsmen. She also valued the parents of the players who encouraged them to take participation in the games for bringing laurels for the country. She extended special appreciation to the women winning players who despite limited resources and societal pressure won the medals for the country. President PSB also advised the players to continue their struggle, keep them fit through regular practice, also train their juniors and youth of their locality. For high achievers in other international sports events and award to the coaches, PSB is also working in this regard. She also conveyed that a virtual session with provincial, AJK & GB sports ministers will be conducted soon to discuss issues being faced by the sportspersons in the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation.

4. Mr. Masood Ahmed Vice President Pakistan Judo Federation thanked the Minister IPC Dr.Fehmida Mirza and stated that this is for the first time that players are receiving their reward in the form of cash prize money well in time which would definitely boost the morale of the players. This would definitely help their families and also facilitate for future endeavors. The medal winners emphasized that besides the federal government support provinces must play their due role to support the talented players so that youth, a major portion of the country, may utilize their energies in healthier sports activities and it can also make enabling environment for the youngsters to choose sports as their profession.