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Haryana Dominates at the Under-17 National Wrestling Championship 2025, Palwal, Haryana

The Under-17 Free Style, Greco Roman Style, and Women's National Wrestling Championship 2025 concluded successfully at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Stadium, Palwal, Haryana, from 25th to 27th May 2025. The championship was organized under the aegis of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

The competition commenced on 25th May 2025 with Free Style Wrestling, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Sports Minister of Haryana Government, Sh. Gaurav Gautam. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the country and showcased some of the best young wrestling talents in India.

The WFI maintained a strict stance on age verification and disqualified 10–15 wrestlers who were found to be overaged. Among them was Yash Kumar (DOB: 20/07/2008), son of Sh. Parveen Kumar from Delhi, who was disqualified despite having recently won a Gold Medal at the Khelo India Youth Games in Patna.

The WFI reiterated its zero-tolerance policy on age fraud and announced it would approach the General Technical Conduct Committee (GTCC) to mandate a bone age test for Yash Kumar. Several other overage wrestlers from different states were also disqualified to ensure fair play and transparency in the competition.

Due to the WFI's rule of imposing a restriction on wrestlers above a certain age, wrestlers from states that usually do not expect medals have also succeeded in winning. States like Odisha and Telangana are among them.

Haryana emerged as the undisputed leader in all three categories—Free Style, Greco Roman Style, and Women's Wrestling—securing first place across the board. UP, Maharashtra & Delhi followed closely in all categories.

In Free Style Wrestling Haryana secured first position by winning a total of 10 medals - 5 Gold, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze Medals and Uttar Pradesh emerged as runner-up earning 1 Gold, 2 Silver & 2 Bronze Medal. Maharashtra claimed the third place trophy with a medal tally of 2 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze.

In Greco Roman Style Wrestling Haryana secured first position by winning a total of 8 medals - 6 Gold & 2 Silver Medals and Maharashtra emerged as runner-up earning 3 Gold, 2 Silver & 4 Bronze Medal. The Punjab claimed the third place trophy with a medal tally of 1 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze.

In Women Wrestling Haryana secured first position by winning a total of 10 medals - 7 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze Medals and Delhi emerged as runner-up earning 1 Gold, 3 Silver & 3 Bronze Medal. Uttar Pradesh claimed the third place trophy with a medal tally of 2 Silver & 4 Bronze.

Team Championship

Free Style

1st. Haryana.	205
2nd. Uttar Pradesh	135
3rd. Maharashtra	125

Greco Roman Style

1st. Haryana	200
2nd Maharashtra.	185
3rd. Punjab	104

Women Wrestling

1st. Haryana.	230
2nd. Delhi	154
3rd Uttar Pradesh	122

The Wrestling Federation of India expressed satisfaction with the smooth conduct of the championship and emphasized its commitment to promoting integrity and sportsmanship in wrestling. The event not only celebrated athletic excellence but also reinforced the importance of discipline and fairness in competitive sports.

Due to the limited time available between the two events and the registration deadline for entries on UWW Athena being 28th May 2025, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has decided to select the Gold Medal winners from the above Under-17 National Wrestling Championship as India's entries for the Under-17 Asian Championship scheduled to be held at Vung Tau [Vietnam] in June 2025.

The detailed results of the Championship are attached herewith.

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