

CHILD PRODIGY

Knock Out!

A Std VIII student of the Dadar Parsi Youth Association (D.P.Y.A.) School, Dadar, Aditya Gaykar's passion for martial arts started when he was just 8 years. Talking about his inclination Aditya says, "When I was eight years, our housing complex had initiated martial art classes for youngsters. Being interested in sports, my mother permitted me to take part in the sessions. Gradually, I developed a keen interest in learning the art form and decided to pursue it further."

Perfecting the punch

When asked how he was formally exposed to martial arts, Aditya instantly states, "I started my formal training for Taekwondo and Kickboxing at the Sourabh Sports Academy under the guidance of Sunil Sawant Sir and Rajan Satam sir. They have thoroughly encouraged me and accompany me to the various Championships and Tournaments - be it the District, State or Nationals. They are a thorough support for my martial arts inclination, helping me to acquire black belt with second Dan"

Winning laurels all through

Being a Martial art enthusiast, Aditya has loads of credentials to list and has been a straight winner through most of the Championships and tournaments. He has won three Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals for Taekwondo and kickboxing at the Nationals while at the State, he's bagged five Gold, one Silver and Aditya is the only student from his school to be selected for the Alexander International Open Taekwondo Championship (2008) at Egypt.

WITH TREMENDOUS ZEAL, CONFIDENCE AND A FOCUSED MIND, ADITYA GAYKAR TAKES ON THE ALIEN FORMS OF TAEKWONDO AND KICKBOXING WITH ÉLAN, AVERS NIKITA MITHARE



Awards galore

Besides being a winner all through, Aditya was honoured with the Mayor's Club of Mumbai for Kridaskeshtra, Rajashri Shahu Maharaj Award, Maharashtra Lok Kalyan Kari Sena Sanstha Award and the prestigious Maharashtra Gaurav Award in 2008. In 2009, Aditya was awarded the esteemed Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Award and the Dr Acharya Vinoba Bhave Award for excellence in sports.

Sporting support

Consecutively awarded as the Best Student of the Year from 2007-2009, Aditya is an illustration of excellence. Balancing his academics, Aditya is also into Football and Boxing. He says, "At school, Pinto Sir coaches us for Football while our P.T. teachers Sonal Patil Ma'am and Stanley Sir help us for formal training of sports. Ramesh Parmar Sir trains us for Boxing and helps us excel in our moves."

Aditya is all praise for his school for its immense efforts and encouragement to promote his talent. "I would like to specially thank our principal Diana Pereira Ma'am for lending me incredible support and back up to excel in sports and academics. Besides, I would also like to thank all my teachers and my schoolmates who have helped me put my best foot forward at all levels. Along with my family and friends, it is my mother's unstinting support that has helped me excel in my forte at such a young age."

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In which constellation were the first binary stars located?

- Big Dipper
- Orion
- Canis Major

Other than Jaguar which other British brand was taken over by Tata Motors?

- Endeavour
- Land Rover
- Pajero

Which atom does the Keratin protein have when it is in the nail?

- Potassium

- Phosphorus
- Sulfur

What is the colour that food will take on oxidation?

- Brown
- Red
- Orange

Where is the Shivneri fort located?

- Janjira
- Pune
- Murud

Other than Demark and Norway which other country had Viking settlements?

- Argentina
- Germany
- Sweden

What was Netaji's slogan to inspire the Indian National Army?

- Chalo Delhi
- Vande Matram
- Jai Hind

How many storeys does Burj Khalifa have?

- 120
- 160
- 180

In which jail was Godse hanged?

- Arthur Road
- Andaman
- Ambala

Due to the presence of which acid is strawberry helpful in preventing brain defects during birth?

- Folic acid
- Amino acid
- Omega-3 acid

Name: _____
 School: _____
 Address: _____

 Tel: _____
 Std: _____

WINNERS OF QUIZ 66
Hritik Gavali
Mohit Valecha
Nathaniel Xavier

ANSWERS OF PREVIOUS QUIZ

Deimos / Rainforest/ Jaisalmer / Horses / Vitamin C / Litchi / Yamuna / Wrought iron / Pune / Squash / Nickelodeon

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