

Newsletter



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The last time we interacted with you through these columns (of The Energy Projekt's newsletter) was about six months back (July 15 issue). We gave you glimpses of our modest track record during the period Nov 14–July 15.

Our Passion Funding Program

As we had previously highlighted, The Energy Projekt identifies budding young talent who have passion toward various sports/games, but who lack financial resources to pursue their dreams, and offer coaching and other wherewithal so that these stars ultimately achieve greater heights in their chosen discipline, thus making us all proud.

Enter a New Star – Expect More Fireworks

Ms Gowri Shankari, a high school (XII std) student of Saurashtra Higher Secondary School, Paramakudi, is our new find during 2015–16. She hails from a very modest family. Our friend Mr Vinoth Kumar (of Team Energy Projekt) spotted her when she made waves in the sporting circles by clinching the gold medal in Shot Put (13.82 mts) in the Asian Junior Athletic Meet held in China in June 2015. Through his discreet enquiries he found that her family had virtually no resources to help her pursue her passion; but she could chase her dreams and scale newer heights if we were to support her. Mr Vinoth Kumar met Gowri, her family, and her coach and helped her prepare her goal sheet.

In the Tamilnadu Junior Athletic Meet (under 18) held at Kumbakonam in July 15, Gowri Shankari bagged the gold by clearing a distance of 13.94 mts (3 kg), which is a new meet record!

In the South Zone Athletic Meet (seniors) held at Kakinada, she cleared 12.25 mts



(4 kg) and secured 2nd place. In the state level meet held at Coimbatore, she bagged the gold medal (13.74 mts).

Again, in the 31st National Junior Athletics Championship (under 18) held at Ranchi in November 15, Gowrishankari has won the first place (14.23mts)!

We believe she is a rare talent; and given our adequate care and support, she is bound to make a mark in the international arena

and make us proud, but more importantly, make the nation proud. The Energy Projekt is dedicated to grooming and nurturing her skill and talent.

Our Other Athletes

Ms Nithya, an undergraduate from MOP Vaishnav College for Women, and Mr Dharani, from Madras Christian College, have been in the news. In the recently held A.L. Mudaliar Meet of the University of Madras, both athletes bagged gold medals in Discus Throw and Javelin Throw respectively – a repeat of their last year's feat. By virtue of this, both are now qualified to participate in the Inter University Meet.

Nithya bagged the silver medal in Discus Throw in the Chief Minister's Meet held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai in December 2015 and won a cash award of Rs 75,000!



Mr Dharani cleared 55.86mts in the Javelin Throw competition and bagged the gold medal in Chief Minister's District Meet.

Team Energy Projekt wishes that more and more laurels come their way in all their future endeavors.

Our Candidate in Chess

Master Mithilesh Krishnan participated in 4th International FIDE Rating Open Classic Chess Tournament held in Hyderabad under the auspices of All India Chess Federation in December 2015. He scored 5.5 points out of nine rounds and, in the process, improved his rating by 41 points. Not a mean achievement this!

Our Tree Planting Initiative

Ms Usha Krishnan, Life Trustee of The Energy Projekt, suggested in one of the review meetings that we should engage in tree



planting initiative in Chennai, as the city's green cover is fast depleting in the name of development (?).

Mr Vinoth liaised with Nizhal – an NGO engaged in green initiatives through Tree Parks across Chennai and greening of prisons across Tamil Nadu, among other activities. Thus we sponsored the planting of 10 Punnai trees in big cement pots near Mylapore temple tank. The commercial establishments near each potted tree have consented to take care of their maintenance, and volunteers of Nizhal will be monitoring them as well. Depending on its success, we propose to engage in more such initiatives in the future.