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## ISSF Press Release N. 38/2018 India dominates the day in Suhl: takes two golds, sets two Junior World Records

Suhl (GER), 27 June 2018 - In the second-to-last competition day in Suhl, three more events were contested: India pocketed two gold medals, while the Czech Republic climbed on the 1st step of the podium for the second time in the Junior World Cup.

#### 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior

The 2017 Junior European Champion in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men event, Matej Rampula of the Czech Republic, made his second appearance in an ISSF Junior World Cup, securing the gold medal with a perfect 5-hit last series.

With only one round left to fire, the Czech 18-year-old were tied at 25 with his Chinese opponent, 20-year-old Zhang Jueming, who closed his match with a 3-hit series and eventually finished in 2nd position.

Rampula signed off with 30 total hits, while Zhang — who took bronze at this year's Junior World Cup in Sydney (AUS) — scored 28. The bronze medal was awarded to India's 15-year-old shooter Anish Anish, gold medalist in Sydney, who placed 3rd with 24 hits.

On the team podium, the People's Republic of China took gold with 1732 points, while Ukraine and Germany placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively scoring 1712 and 1710 points.

#### 10m Air Pistol Women Junior

In the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior event, India's sensational talent Manu Bhaker dominated the final match, taking gold with 242.5 points, 5.6 points better than her closest rival. Bhaker's score is also the new Junior World Record in this event, coming after the one set by Chaudhary Saurabh in yesterday's 10m Air Pistol Men Junior final.

It's the third ISSF individual gold won by Bhaker in 2018: in fact, she placed 1st in Air Pistol at this year's World Cup stage in Guadalajara (MEX), then repeating herself at the first ISSF Junior World Cup of the season, in Sydney.

The podium was completed by two Chinese athletes: 18-year-old Lu Kaiman placed 2nd and took silver with 236.9 points — adding it to the bronze she won in Australia — while her teammate Li Xue, also 18-year-old, took bronze with 216.2.

The People's Republic of China also secured the brightest medal by climbing on top of the team podium with 1710 points and setting a new Junior World Record. The silver medal was taken by Italy with 1701, while India placed 3rd with 1694 points.

#### 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior

The Indian Shooting Team sealed an amazing day with its 10th gold medal of the competition, signed by Divyansh Singh Panwar (15) and Elavenil Valarivan (18), who commanded the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior since its very first series, eventually finishing atop the podium with the gold medals around their neck and a new World Record in their pocket: the two Indian young-sters, in fact, signed off with 498.6 points, 0.2 points above the previous mark, recorded by Russian Federation's Tatiana Kharkova and Grigorii Shamakov at the 2018 European Championship in Gyor (HUN).

Germany's 16-year-old Anna Janssen and 17-year-old Maximilian Ulbrich took silver with 496.6 points, followed by Italy's 16-year-old Sofia Benetti and 19-year-old Marco Suppini, who won bronze with 428.6.

The ISSF Junior World Cup 2 in Suhl will conclude tomorrow with the last four final matches: the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Junior, taking place at 11:00 am (UTC+2:00), the Skeet Women Junior, taking place at 2:00 pm, the Skeet Men Junior, scheduled at 3:00 pm, and the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior, which will close the competition at 4:15 pm.

The Air Pistol and 3 Positions matches will be streamed live on the <u>ISSF website</u>, on the Federation's <u>Livestream channel</u> and on its official <u>Facebook page</u>.

Live results of the competitions, news and updates will be available on <a href="www.issf-sports.org">www.issf-sports.org</a> and on all ISSF social media platforms: <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>, <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a>, <a href="Weibo">Weibo</a> and <a href="YouKu">YouKu</a>.

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For the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior complete results <u>click here</u>.

For the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior complete results click here.

For the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior complete results click here.

For the provisional medal standings <u>click here</u>.

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#### Notes for the editors:

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