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Satara shooter Kiran Jadhav wins 10m air rifle Asian silver

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Kiran Jadhav (Twitter Photo)

PUNE: Satara's Kiran Jadhav won silver in the men's 10m air rifle event in the 15th Asian Airgun championships in Daegu, Korea, on Friday. In the junior boys' (U-21) 10m air rifle event, Divyansh Singh Panwar took gold. He is eyeing a comeback in the senior section after playing in the Tokyo Olympics.

In the senior category, Maharashtra's Jadhav shot 629.9 to qualify fifth for the ranking round. Arjun Babuta was the top Indian in the qualification, with a score of 632, while the World Champion Rudranksh Patil was fourth with 630.9.

However, in the ranking round, Babuta finished 7th with 154, and Patil was eliminated at fourth position with 260.2. The bronze went to Kazakhstan's Konstantin Malinovskiy, who shot 260.8.

Jadhav and Korea's Hajun Park shot identical 262.4 to qualify for the gold medal match. In the finale, Jadhav lost 10-16 to the local shooter.

In the junior category, Panwar defeated local shooter Seungho Bang 17-9 in the final. In the ranking round, Panwar had qualified for the gold medal match by topping the eight-shooter field with 260.7. Another Indian Sri Karthik Sabari Raj took bronze with 258.8 and Vidit Jain finished fourth with 256.7. There were only 16 participants in the junior boys' category.

In the youth girls' (U-18) 10m air rifle event, India's Yukthi Rajendra won gold, while Gautami Bhanot took silver and Hazel bagged bronze. This event too had only 16 participants.