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BRONZE MEDAL FOR THE INDIAN JUDO TEAM AT THE 2023 IBSA WORLD GAMES BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, U.K. - August 24, 2023: In a ground-breaking achievement for Indian para-sports, Team Usha India has secured its first-ever medal in Judo at the ongoing 2023 IBSA World Games organised by the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA). The prestigious event, which brings together over 1250 players and officials from 70 countries, has witnessed intense competition across various disciplines including powerlifting and football. Indian contingent's moment of glory came in the 60 kgs weight category, where Mr. Kapil Parmar of the Indian Blind and Para Judo Association showcased exceptional skill and determination. Hailing from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Kapil Parmar is a product of rigorous training at the Indian Para Judo Academy, where he has honed his skills under the guidance of the esteemed coach Mr. Munawar Anzar.



Parmar's journey to the medal podium was marked by triumph over formidable opponents. He demonstrated his mettle by overcoming challenges posed by skilled judokas from Uruguay and Ukraine in the earlier rounds. However, his pursuit of victory led him to face a tough bout against Portugal in the semi-finals, which unfortunately resulted in a loss. However, undeterred by the semi-final setback, Kapil Parmar channelled his determination into the bronze medal match against Cuba. The fierce contest witnessed Parmar's exceptional judo skills and spirit, allowing him to secure victory and etch his name in history as the first Indian judoka to win a medal at the IBSA World Games.

This significant achievement marks not only a personal triumph for Kapil Parmar but also a moment of pride for the entire nation. While this is the first-ever medal for India in judo at the IBSA World Games, Indian athletes have previously clinched silver and bronze medals in athletics during the IBSA World Championship and Games.

The Indian Blind and Para Judo Association, along with Kapil Parmar, have proven that dedication, hard work, and a relentless pursuit of excellence can lead to remarkable achievements on the global stage.

Congratulations to Kapil Parmar and the entire Team India for this historic victory at the 2023 IBSA World Games.



About IBSA:

Established in 1986 Indian Blind Sports Association is a national level sports federation affiliated to the International Blind Sports Federation – the apex world sports body for the visually challenged as well as to the Paralympics Committee of India. The Association has 266 Institutions/ organizations from 25 states as its members. As an affiliate of the world body, IBSA selects, trains and sends blind sportspersons from India to participate in international events including the World Championships and Games for the Blind.