



# Ishwari of Chhattisgarh Won Silver Medal in World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai

## Why in News?

On March 23, 2022, visually impaired runner Ishwari Nishad from Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh won the silver medal for India in the running competition at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022 under the 13th Faiza International Athletics Championships held in Dubai.

## Key Points

- Ishwari Nishad secured second position by completing the 400 metres race in one minute 25 seconds. With this, Ishwari has managed to achieve the minimum standard qualification for the Asian Para Games to be held in Hangzhou, China in October this year.
- It is noteworthy that the 13<sup>th</sup> Faiza International Athletics Championships was held in Dubai from March 17 to 25, 2022.
- Ishwari Nishad, native of village Samhar of Bagbahra tehsil of Mahasamund district, is studying in Fortune Foundation Blind Special School, Bagbahra.
- Ishwari started representing Chhattisgarh in national competition in 2016 and has been winning gold medals for five consecutive years. So far, she has won 11 medals in national events, including 5 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze.
- She won the gold medal in the 200m race at the India National Open Para Athletics Championships held at Bangalore Sai Training Centre in 2021-22.
- It is worth mentioning that Social Welfare Minister Anila Bhediya had honoured Ishwari Nishad for receiving gold medal in para athletics at the national level at the state level honour ceremony held in the capital Raipur on March 5.
- After returning from Dubai, Ishwari will participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> National Para Athletics Championships to be held in Bhubaneswar.

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