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11. Rakesh Kumar Patra

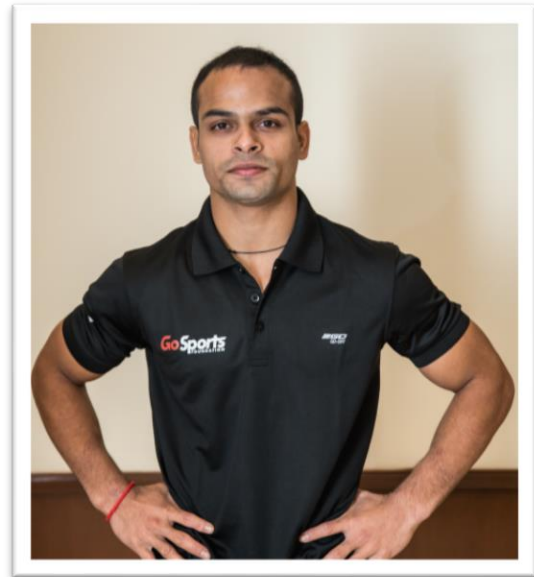
Date of Birth: 25th February 1992

Sport: Artistic Gymnastics

Hometown: Puri, Odisha

Training base: Sports Authority of India, Kolkata

Rakesh got into Gymnastics in the year 2003 after being inspired by his uncle Suwendu Patra, a former international gymnast in 2001. Rakesh has been working in the Indian Navy since 2010. His parents are unwell and Rakesh also has a sister whom he takes care of.



Ranked 25th, he narrowly missed the Olympic qualification for Rio, 2016, as only the top 24 in the world qualify for the Olympics. Any country's withdrawal would have given him an entry into the games, but that did not happen. At the Asian Championships, Patra qualified for the final in the Men's Rings apparatus and finished eighth in the final.

He strives for perfection and is adamant on winning a medal at Tokyo 2020. Recently, he spent 20 days on a high-performance stint in China and got the opportunity to work on his basics to improve at his sport. Rakesh looks up to five-time world champion and two-time Olympic champion, Kohei Uchimura for inspiration.

Achievements

- Finished 8th at the Asian Championships, 2017
- Represented India – World Championship, 2015
- 3 Gold medals (All Round, Rings, High Bar) – 35th National Games, 2015
- Represented India – 45th FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championship, 2014
- Represented India – 44th FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championship, 2013