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STORY HEADLINE: MANU BHAKER OF INDIA WINS GOLD IN THE WOMEN’S 10m AIR PISTOL AT SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

It was third time lucky for India in the shooting events at the Youth Olympic Games on Tuesday.

Manu Bhaker clinched the gold medal in the women’s 10m air pistol competition at Buenos Aires 2018. It sits alongside the silver medals won by Shahu Tushar Mane and Mehuli Ghosh, who were runners up in the 10m air rifle competitions in the men’s and women’s events respectively.

16-year-old Bhaker had already won gold medals in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup and the Commonwealth Games earlier this year.

She won gold at Sarmiento Park with a score of 236.5 points.

Russian Iana Enina improved significantly from the early rounds and took the silver, trailing Bhaker by 0.6 points.

Nino Khutsiberidze of Georgia took the bronze medal a further 0.1 points back.

For individual shooting events at Buenos Aires 2018 shots are fired at a ten ring target in the qualification. Men and women have to fire 60 shots in 75 minutes. The final consists of two five-shot series to be fired in command in a time of 50 seconds.

Eliminations of the lowest scoring finalists begin after the 12 shots and continue after every two shots until the gold and silver medals are decided. There is a total of 24 shots in the final.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18.
the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the ‘Game Changers’, a new generation of athletes and fans.

The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The first Summer Youth Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

SHOTLIST:

00:04 Action of the Women’s 10m Air Pistol competition, including winner Manu Bhaker.
00:08 Shot of Manu Bhaker from behind.
00:13 Close up of shooting range.
00:15 Shots of Bhaker celebrating with her pistol in the air.
00:19 Close up of shooting range.
00:25 Shot of Manu Bhaker from behind.
00:34 SOUNDBITE Manu Bhaker, Women’s 10m Air Pistol Shooting Champion (Hindi Language)

"मेरा परफॉर्मेंस काफी अच्छा रहा था, क्वोलिफिकेशन में मैंने अच्छा किया था बहुत, काफी बेहतर हुआ है पहले से और, पर फाइनल में थोड़ा बहुत, मैं बहुत ज्यादा घबरा रही थी और, मतलब थोड़ा नरसंहार एंड लाइव, काफी अच्छा गया था, मैंने काफी टाइम से सोचा था इसके बारे में कि मैं ओलिंपिक में खेलूंगी और, यूथ ओलिंपिक भी एक, ओलिंपिक के साथ नाम जुड़ा है तो बहुत, मेरे लिए बहुत बड़ी बात है और आज ये गोल्ड पैलेट मैंने जीता है तो मुझे बहुत ज्यादा गुज़री हो रही है, परफॉर्मेंस आज का मेरा काफी सही था, अच्छा था।"

My Performance was really good, I did quite well in the qualification round, improved a lot as compared to my earlier performances but, in the final, I was a bit nervous, but I performed well, I had been thinking about this for so long, that I was going to play in the Olympics and the Youth Olympics is also, when I am being considered as an Olympic player, that’s really a huge honour for me, and today, now I have won this gold medal, I am feeling really really happy about it, my performance was quite good, it was great.

01:10 A very happy Manu Bhaker holds her Gold Medal and Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018 mascot.

01:14 SOUNDBITE Manu Bhaker, Women’s 10m Air Pistol Shooting Champion (Hindi Language)

"जब फाइनल शॉट हुआ, उसके बाद मुझे समझा, मुझे याद नहीं था, मुझे रियलाइज़ नहीं हुआ कि मैंने जीत लिया है और मुझे लंबे रहा था कि अभी शायद और बांसी है पर उसके बाद रिजल्ट और फोटो आया और
01:42  Shot of the three medal winners watching their flags rising.
01:47 Footage of Bhaker singing the national anthem of India.

01:51 SOUNDBITE Manu Bhaker, Women’s 10m Air Pistol Shooting Champion (Hindi Language)

"मिलने साल एक कॉम्प्लीटीशन था जिसमें हमें एक कोटा मिले थे, तो हम एक पहला इंटरनेशनल था, उसके बाद से हमें बहुत ज्यादा सोचा इसके बारे में कि हमें वहाँ जाने को मिलेगा, हम ये खेलेंगे, बहुत अच्छा होगा, बहुत ज्यादा संपन्न देखे ये और आज वो पूरा हो गया है, और हमें तो, हमें तो, इवन गुर्जर ये इसकी फोटो देख देख के ही में ही लाइक, किंतु दुनिया भर में मैं हूँ मैं ब्रेक और आज फाइनल मेरे पास है ये मैं देश से आइंड एम, माय हैप्पी आइंड एक्सपर्ट्सनबर, मैं अपनी मदद जाहिर नहीं कर पा रही हूँ जितनी खुश हूँ उतनी। "

Last year, there was a competition in which we were given quotas, and that was my first international game. After that, I thought a lot about this, that we'll be going there, we'll get to play this and that it will be great, I saw a lot of dreams and today they've all come true. And I, I even kept seeing the pictures of Gold Medal again and again on google thinking, "oh how beautiful it is" and today it's finally mine, it's with me here, so I am, my happiness is un-expressible, I can't even express how happy I am right now.

02:26 The three competitors having their picture taken with their medals on the podium.

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