

## **Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announces Rs 10 Lakhs each to the Asian Game qualified Odisha Athletes**

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Ahead of the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games in China, Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik today announced a financial support for the state's athletes who are set to participate in the upcoming Asian Games.

Each Asian Games-bound athlete will receive Rs 10 lakhs each, to support their training, preparation, and participation in the prestigious sporting event.

The Asian Games, known for bringing together elite athletes from across the continent, offer a platform to showcase the dedication and talent of athletes.

For the upcoming Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games in China, to held from 23 September to 8 October, this year, 13 athletes from Odisha have qualified, that include Kishore Jena in Athletics; Anshika Bharati, Ritu Kaudi and Sonali swain in Rowing; Anupama Swain in Ju-Jitsu; Neha Devi Leichondam in Kayaking & Canoeing; Pyari Xaxa in Football; Deep Grace Ekka and Amit Rohidas in Hockey and Dumuni Marndi, Tarulata Naik, Mama Naik and Hupi Majhi in Rugby.

Wishing them the best, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik expressed hope that the athletes will showcase their talent at the Games and this incentive will empower them to focus solely on their training and performance.