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## Forgotten Olympian feted

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*Shamsher Khan participated in the 1956 Games*

GUNTUR: Repalle-based Medical and Cultural Association felicitated a forgotten Olympian Shamsher Khan by inviting him to a function at which the 1956 Summer Olympic swimmer distributed kits to school students in Repalle.

The MCA secretary I Prakasa Rao said the association was honoured to make him the guest at the ZP School, Nalluri Palem (Repalle Mandal) where the kits were distributed.

The Olympian had finished fourth in the race in 1956, but was not cared for after retiring as Subedar in the Indian Armed Forces. Born in 1931, he inspired the students by sheer presence at the function. Despite his ill-health due to old-age, he came forward to participate in a programme to encourage the students.

He was one of the early swimmers, who had represented India in the Olympics at 1956 Melbourne Summer Olympics in men's 200m breaststroke and men's 200 meters butterfly.

The programme was organised on July 31 along with similar function at V.P. and G.S.M.School, in Surepalli. Senior ophthalmologist Vasudeva Rao was also present on the occasion.

The association conducted a series of its activities in July beginning with Doctors' Day meet on July 1 in memory of Dr. B.C.Roy, former CM of West Bengal with doctors from Repalle gathered to felicitate a revered physician senior most practising doctor in the rural area, Papa Rao in Cherukupalli.

Psychiatrist for children and adolescents Hima Bindu Korlipara, addressing a group of students, parents and teachers on various problems related to children - emotional, academic, behavioural problems etc.

Most of the teachers and parents also participated in the interactive sessions, with the doctor from the USA later counselling about 25 students on specific problems.

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