

SM Yugan from Tamil Nadu, India Created History with Triple Gold at Asian Shooting Championships 2025

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Tamil Nadu's SM Yugan, just 14 years old, scripted history at the 16th Asian Shooting Championships in Kazakhstan, capturing three gold medals in trap shooting and emerging as the youngest Indian ever to achieve a hat-trick of titles at the continental event. Competing against over 800 shooters from 27 countries, Yugan's remarkable feat marked one of the standout performances of the tournament.



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SM Yugan's golden journey began in the Youth Trap Men – Individual event, where he scored 116 points to secure the top spot, showcasing remarkable composure in one of the most competitive youth finals of the tournament.

In the **Youth Trap Men Team event**, Yugan, combined with **Ali Syed Ahyaan and Manavrajsinh**, amassed a total of 308 points, which secured India the gold medal and highlighted the depth of India's young shooting talent.

Yugan's third victory came in the Youth Trap – Mixed Pair event, partnering with Tanisska. Their combined score of 121 points sealed another gold for India. The victory not only secured another gold for India but also made him the youngest Indian to win three gold medals at the Asian Championships.

Reflecting on his achievement, **Yugan** said, *“Consistent practice and the guidance of my coaches played a vital role. Winning for India was a proud moment.”*

Yugan had previously represented India in **two ISSF World Cups** and was ranked **No. 09 in the Junior Men’s India Squad**. His outstanding performance in Kazakhstan further strengthened him as one of the most promising young shooters in the country.

