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Ahmedabad: Gujarat State Table Tennis Association (GSTTA) celebrated the World Table Tennis Day in Ahmedabad on Thursday by felicitating 17 players for their performance at the international and national level in the past two years. The association also honoured seven coaches for their contribution.

GSTTA president Vipul Mittra showered praise on the players for bringing laurels to the state.

Devesh Karia, one of the 17 players honoured, thanked the state TT association for providing the motivation. Frenaz Chipia, the lone female paddler to be honoured, said she felt privileged by the honour but added, "at the same time, I wish more female players won laurels for the state." Gujarat's international paddler, Harmeet Desai could not attend the function as he was away for national



Table tennis players and coaches were feted by GSTTA in Ahmedabad on Thursday

duty in Thailand.

Former international player turned coach Pathik Mehta, among the six coaches honoured, welcomed GSTTA's move to honour athletes. TNN