

## Kushti Ustaads Honoured

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At the opening of our Mapping Cultures Exhibition, Navroze Contractor, our Chief Guest from Bangalore honoured eighteen coaches of local *akhadas* in Kota - seventeen men and one woman.

We were also able to track down three national level kushti women players, two of whom had recently appeared in the popular Amir Khan film '*Dangal*'. Rekha Rathor, who won silver in 2005 in Japan in the Asian Championships has been named 'Woman of the Year' in the sports category by the newspaper *Dainik Bhaskar*. She now coaches children for free as she received free coaching herself from the age of 7 from an *ustaad*.

In the photograph below Rekha is in the middle. Navroze is holding a still from the film '*Dangal*' in which Sweety (on the left) and Rinky (on the right) appear on the podium with the star of the film.



