



The Bangladeshi under 16 girls' football team wasn't the only group that did well in football in 2016. Their juniors, the under 14 national team, brought accolades by winning the AFC Under-14 Girls Regional (South and Central) Championship. The wins just go on to depict the bright future of women's football in the country.



It was a dreadful year for Bangladesh's booters. The national football team lost a crucial fixture against Bhutan during the Asia Qualifiers and as a result will not receive a chance to play in any AFC-sanctioned friendly for the next three years. That's a big loss considering that they won't be able to play competitive matches.



In what can only be described as a flabbergasting rise, Mehedi Hasan Miraz went from being the Bangladesh under-19 captain to Bangladesh's most threatening bowler during the England Tests. The youngster was awarded the player of the series as well. However, as the picture suggests, he remains down to earth and still craves to learn more.

Russian gymnast Margarita Mamun, whose father hails from Bangladesh, won gold in the rhythmic gymnastics event of the Rio Olympics and brought great honour to her homeland of Russia. However, in paying homage to Bangladesh -- the birthplace of her father -- she honoured two nations at the same time.

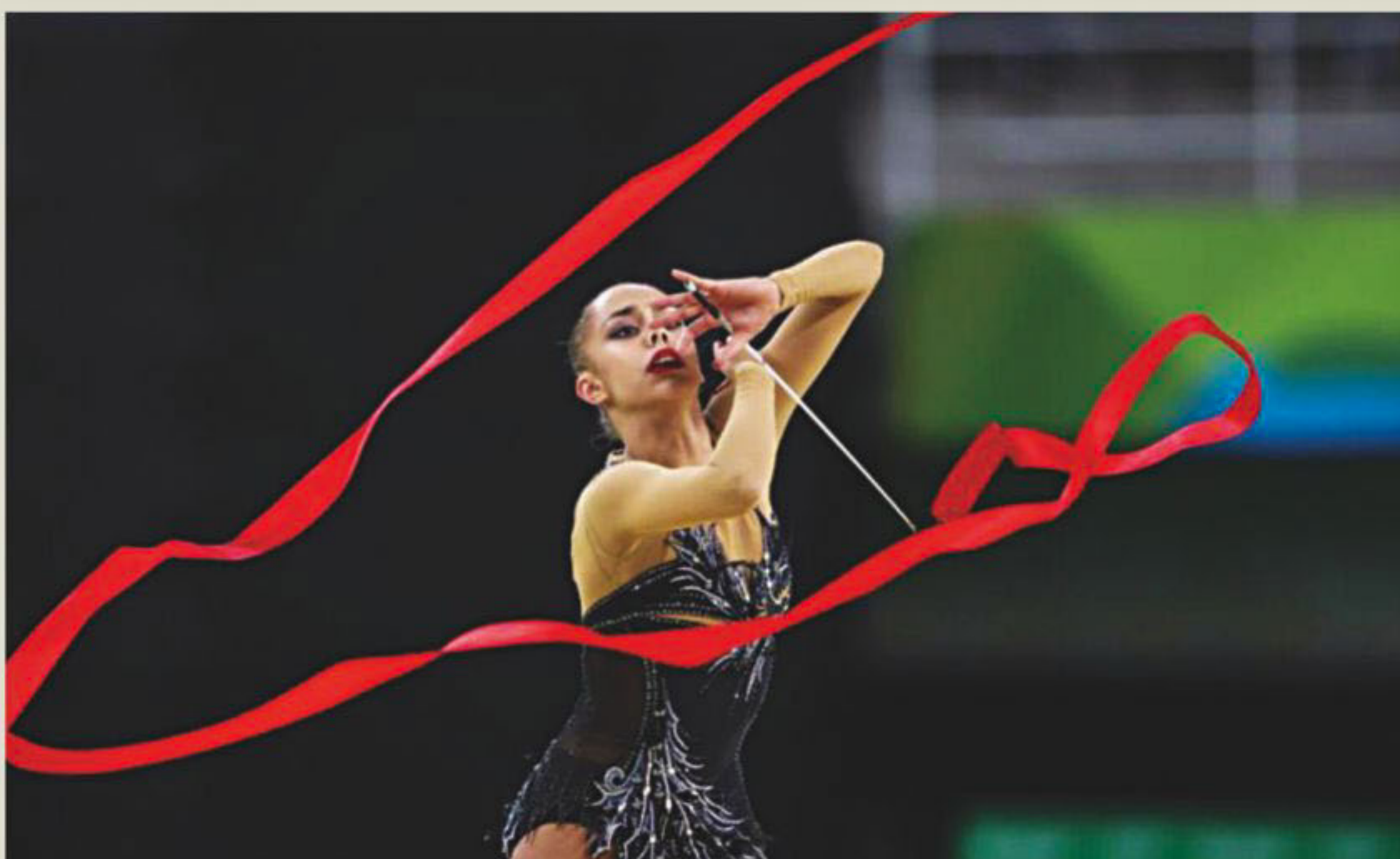


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