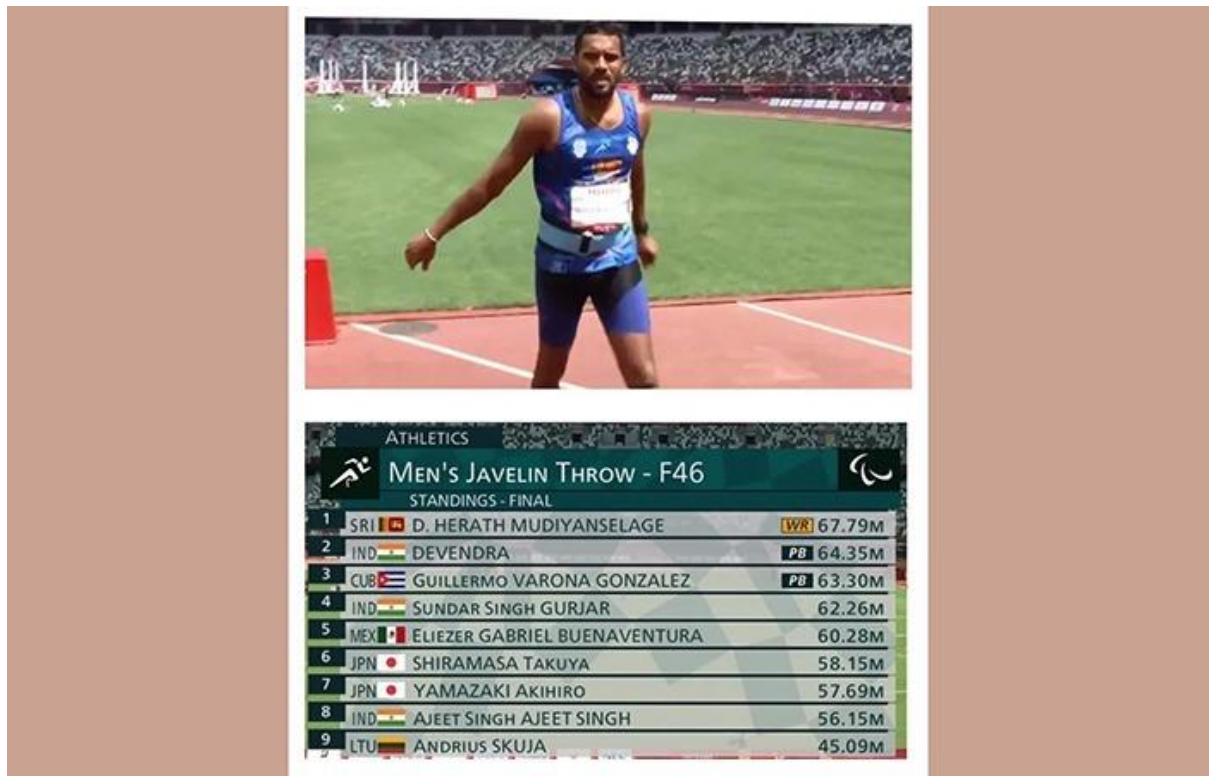


Dinesh wins gold for Sri Lanka in Paralympics



Dinesh Priyantha won the first Gold Medal for Sri Lanka at the Tokyo Paralympics after he set a new World Record in the Men's F46 Javelin Throw with a distance of 67.79m

Dinesh Priyantha broke the record of 63.97m set by Devendra in India at the 2016 Rio Paralympics.

Dinesh Priyantha Herath who is a sergeant of the Gajaba Regiment of the Sri Lanka Army sustained injuries in enemy fire on 16 December 2008 when he was fighting against LTTE terrorists in Kilinochchi area.

He enlisted to the Army on 18 March 2004 as a recruit and completed basic training at Gajaba Regiment at Saliyapura. After his injuries, he actively took part in Army-organized Para Athletic training events at the GR Regimental HQ.

In 2012, he won Gold in Javelin Throw (52 m) in Army Para Athletic Meet, First place in Malaysia's Para Athletic Meet (52.95 m) in 2012, Second Place in Germany's Para Athletic (Qualifying) Meet (53.09m) in 2017 and again the Second Place in London Para Athletic Meet-2017 recording 59.90m in the same Javelin Throw event. **(DSB)**