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## **FAI Awards – Nomination Form** FAI Skydiving Commission (ISC) (one form per nomination)

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## FAI Medal-Focused Citation Within 250 Words (Official Submission Format)

Ms. Shital Mahajan is an Indian professional skydiver whose pioneering achievements across the North Pole, South Pole, and Mount Everest stand among the most remarkable accomplishments in modern parachuting.

At just 21, she performed her first static line parachute jump without training over the Geographic North Pole, in -37°C temperatures, with landing limited to narrow ice floes, making her the first woman in history to attempt such a high-risk polar jump under extreme Arctic conditions.

In 2006, she became the first woman to execute an Accelerated Freefall (AFF) level 1 jump over the Antarctica, South Pole, in -38°C conditions, battling katabatic winds and altitude hypoxia accomplishing what very few in world parachuting history have dared to attempt. Her pioneering, without training jumps over both Poles represent rare combination of technical precision, extreme environmental endurance, and mental resilience, marking milestones in polar parachuting.

Extending the legacy from the Poles to the Himalayas, in November 2023, Ms. Mahajan became the first woman to skydive over the Three Poles of Earth, North Pole, South Pole, and Mount Everest region. She successfully performed high-altitude jumps at Syangboche, Ama Dablam Base Camp, and achieved the highest parachute landing ever by a woman at Kalapatthar, 17,444 ft MSL, in front of Mount Everest setting landmark records in highaltitude parachuting physiology and performance.

With 815+ jumps and several records. Ms. Mahajan has expanded the operational and geographical boundaries of parachuting, demonstrating extraordinary courage, innovation, and international impact truly reflecting the spirit and legacy of the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal.



## Extended Citation (Media / Detailed Nomination / Profile Use – 350 Words)

Ms. Shital Mahajan is a pioneering Indian professional skydiver, coach, and global ambassador whose extraordinary contributions to parachuting combine exemplary adventure, technical innovation, outreach, and cultural representation.

She became the first woman in the world to execute her maiden parachute jumps without formal training over both the North Pole (2004) and South Pole (2006) in extreme temperatures, achieving historic records. She later became the first woman to skydive over all seven continents, earning international recognition from the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) through the prestigious Sabiha Gökçen Medal in 2018, making her the first Indian woman and only the second Indian after JRD Tata to receive it.

In November 2023, she accomplished groundbreaking high-altitude Himalayan skydives, including at Syangboche 12,402 ft, Ama Dablam Base Camp 15,019ft, and a remarkable highest altitude parachute landing at Kalapatthar at 17,444 ft, making her the first woman to skydive over the three poles of Earth: North Pole, South Pole, and Mount Everest.

She introduced and executed India's first powered hang glider parachute jump 2023 and first night paramotor parachute jump 2022, expanding the technical envelope of parachuting and aerial demonstration jumps in India. She has also promoted Indian culture globally by performing parachute jumps in traditional Indian saree over international skies.

With 815+ skydives, 21 National, 8 World, and 4 Asian records, she has consistently demonstrated courage, innovation, and technical mastery. She founded skydiving academy, mentored youth and women, organized mass tandem skydiving events including maximum 89 Indians tandem skydiving in one day in Spain and promoted national pride and adventure culture.

Ms. Mahajan has used parachuting as a medium of empowerment and representation for India. Her achievements, pioneering feats, leadership, and impact on society make her an outstanding candidate for the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal, truly exemplifying innovation, inspiration, and service to global parachuting.