

## **HARMEET DESAI**

**Discipline:** Table Tennis

**Event:** Men's Doubles and Men's Team

**Date of Birth:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 1993

**Hometown:** Surat, Gujarat

**Training Base:** TTF Liebherr Ochsenhausen, Germany & Euro Star Academy, Surat

**Coach:** Fu Yong & Sanjay Bhattacharya



**Background:** Hailing from Surat, Gujarat, Harmeet Desai has represented India for many years. Having become the first athlete from the state of Gujarat to break into the World Top 100 in 2017, Harmeet has paved the way for more athletes from the state to burst onto the national scene. Harmeet followed up his two medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and a team bronze in the 2018 Asian Games with two golds at the 2019 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in 2019. Harmeet became the Men's Singles national champion in 2019 and also received the Arjuna Award the same year.

### **Achievements:**

- Won Gold in Men's Team and Bronze in the Men's Doubles at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Won Bronze in Men's Team at the 2018 Asian Games.
- Won Gold in Men's Doubles (with Sathiyen G.) at WTT Contender Tunis 2021.
- Won Gold in Men's Singles and Men's Team events at the Commonwealth TT Championships 2019

### **Key Government Interventions:**

- Funding for the Training camp in Portugal in preparation for the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- Financial Assistance towards various international competitions and domestic camps.

### **Foreign/Support Staff:**

Fitness Trainer: George Eklemovic

Mental Trainer: Gayatri Varthak

**Days in National Coaching Camp (Since 2021 to date): 25 days**

### **Funding (Post Tokyo Olympics):**

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Approx. ₹ 12,69,000/-	₹ 2,23,538/-	₹ 2,75,000/-