

SREEJA AKULA

DISCIPLINE: Table Tennis

Event: Women's Singles, Doubles, Team & Mixed Doubles

Date of Birth: 31/07/1998

Hometown: Hyderabad

Training Base: Somnath Ghosh UTT Academy

Coach: Somnath Ghosh



Background: Sreeja's father was a Table Tennis player and it was he who introduced the sport to Sreeja and her sister. After watching her sister win medals, Sreeja was inspired to take up the sport. Her father had to quit his government job and move into the private sector in order to support her financially. Her mother used to accompany her to the national ranking tournaments and helped her study in between her matches. After initially training at St. Paul's Table Tennis Academy with Mr. Ibrahim Khan and Mr. Nagender Reddy, she then moved to train under Mr. Somnath Ghosh, who continues to coach her today and helped her win her first Sr. National Championship 2021 (held in April 2022) in Women's Singles. She also secured a gold medal in Women's Doubles in the same tournament.

Achievements:

- Won Gold medals in Women's Doubles and Women's Team events at the 2019 South Asian Games
- Won three medals - 2 Bronze and 1 Silver - in Women's Singles, Mixed Doubles and Women's Doubles events at the 2019 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships
- Won Gold medal in Women's Singles event at the 2021 National Championships (held in April 2022)
- Won Gold medal in Women's Doubles event at the 2021 National Championships (held in April 2022)
- Semifinal appearances in the respective Women's Doubles events at WTT Contender Muscat 2022 and WTT Feeder Fremont 2022

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:

Coach – Somnath Ghosh

Mental Trainer – Gayatri Varthak

Days in National Coaching Camp (from Sep 2021 to date): 26 days

Funding (Post Tokyo Olympics):

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Approx. 13,26,000/-	₹ 1,46,475/-	₹ 1,75,000/-