

## **ACHANTA SHARATH KAMAL**

**Discipline:** Table Tennis

**Event:** Men's Singles, Doubles, Team & Mixed Doubles

**Date of Birth:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 1982

**Hometown:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Training Base:** SDAT AKG Table Tennis Centre, Chennai

**Coach:** A. Srinivasa Rao



**Background:** Sharath Kamal was introduced to Table Tennis by his father A. Srinivasa Rao and uncle, Muralidhara Rao at a very young age. Besides being a major player in the Table tennis circuit for over the two decades, Sharath also holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from Loyola College. A ten-time Senior National Champion, Sharath Kamal is still the flagbearer of Indian Table Tennis and inspiring youngsters to take up the sport. Sharath's abilities in the sport and his passion & drive are clear to see as he is still amongst the highest ranked TT players in the world at 40 years old. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2019.

### **Achievements:**

- Won the Gold in Men's Team, Silver in Men's Doubles and Bronze in the Men's Singles at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Won the Bronze medal in Men's Team and the Mixed Doubles event at the 2018 Asian Games.
- Won two Gold Medals in the Men's Doubles and bronze in the Men's Team event in 2010 Commonwealth Games
- Won two Gold Medals in the Men's Singles and Men's Team event in 2006 Commonwealth Games.
- Ten-time Men's Singles winner at Senior National TT Championships.

### **Key Government Interventions:**

- Financial Assistance towards various international competitions and national camps.
- Sanctioning of expenditure for fitness trainer for international competitions.
- Funding towards support staff fees and procurement of Table Tennis equipment vital for his preparation for the Commonwealth Games.

### **Equipment Support:**

- Financial Assistance towards procurement of TT racquets, rubbers, TT shoes, and other equipment in 2021 and 2022.

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

Fitness Trainer: Manav Mukund

Mental Trainer: Gayatri Vartak

**Days in National Coaching Camp (Since 2021 to date): 49 days**

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

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| Approx. 14,19,000/- | ₹ 4,12,290/- | ₹ 3,00,000/- |