



An Inspiring Journey

The Story of Arati Janoba Patil - A Champion, An Inspiration, A Legacy. A Maharashtra Shiv Chatrapathi Awardee - 2019-20

In a quiet corner of Kolhapur, the story of resilience and triumph unfolded—a story that has inspired not just a community but an entire nation. Arati Janoba Patil, a para-Badminton player has proven that determination, passion, and hard work can overcome even the most daunting challenges.

Born into a humble family, Arati's journey to greatness was far from easy. Her father, a construction labourer, and her mother, a homemaker, worked tirelessly to support their four children. Despite financial constraints, Arati's family instilled in her a belief that dreams could be achieved with persistence and dedication. Her parents, despite limited means, nurtured her ambitions, instilling in her a belief that success is built on hard work and resilience. What sets Arati apart is not just her talent but her unwavering spirit to overcome challenges, turning each obstacle into a stepping stone.

Arati began her Badminton journey as a young girl, dreaming of making a name for herself in a sport dominated by able-bodied athletes. Over time, she overcame societal biases, physical challenges, and a lack of resources, carving out a path that would inspire generations.

Conquering the World, One Tournament at a Time

Her efforts bore fruit when she started competing at National and International levels, amassing an incredible array of accolades.

Arati has graced courts across the globe, participating in 34 international tournaments. Her performances have been stellar, bringing home 2 gold, 1 silver, and 10 bronze medals, a remarkable feat in the fiercely competitive para-Badminton circuit.

Notable among her accomplishments are

- Gold Medal at the Women's Singles category in the 2023 Khelo India Para Games, showcasing her dominance on the national stage.
- Silver Medal in Mixed Doubles at the Asian Youth Para Games in Dubai, 2017, highlighting her International prowess.



- Multiple bronze medals in Global events, including the Denmark Para-
- Badminton and Uganda Para-Badminton tournaments.

Her domestic record is equally impressive, with participation in 17 National tournaments, where she clinched 12 gold, 4 silver, and 13 bronze medals. At the State level, she has secured double gold in all her competitions, further cementing her status as one of India's top para-Badminton players.

Arati's breakthrough moment came when she won the gold medal in the Women's Singles category at the first Khelo India Para Games in 2023. This achievement, alongside numerous other laurels, solidified her reputation as India's No. 1 player in her category and an inspiration for young para-athletes.

Her determination goes beyond winning medals. Arati has set her sights on achieving success in the Asian Championship 2025, Asian Games 2026, and the Para Olympic Games 2028. Training in Pune, she relentlessly pursues her goals, embodying the spirit of excellence.

Arati's story is not just about athletic achievement; it's about breaking barriers and redefining possibilities. Her journey serves as a reminder that while challenges may shape us, they do not define us. They are stepping stones to greatness.

In honouring Arati's journey, we celebrate the unyielding spirit of a girl who dared to dream and inspire others.



Her story is a beacon of hope for aspiring athletes and a testament to the power of resilience.

Inspiring Generations

Arati's story is not just about winning medals; it is about inspiring an entire generation of athletes, especially those from marginalized backgrounds. She has proven that with determination and hard work, any hurdle can be surmounted. Her journey reflects the spirit of KDBA—a place where talent meets opportunity and dreams are transformed into reality.

As KDBA celebrates its Golden Jubilee, we take immense pride in recognizing Arati's contributions to Badminton and her role in elevating the association's reputation on National and International platforms. She embodies the golden legacy of KDBA and represents the bright future that awaits.

Here's to Arati Janoba Patil—a champion, a trailblazer, and an eternal inspiration. May her journey continue to shine brightly, illuminating the path for aspiring athletes for years to come.