



The Alvekar Sisters: A Tale of Triumph

The journey of Prerna and Rucha Shivaji Alvekar is a story of grit, determination, and shared dreams. Hailing from Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, these sisters have left an indelible mark in the sport of badminton, scaling remarkable heights in their individual and collective pursuits.

Prerna Shivaji Alvekar: A Rising Star

Prerna, with her BAI ranking of 11 and a BWF ranking of 172, is a force to be reckoned with on the badminton court. She began 2024 on a high note, securing a bronze medal at the Sri Lanka International Series in Women's Doubles.

In 2023, her stellar performances earned her a silver medal in the Team Event at the National Games, Goa, a gold medal in the Senior National Team Event, and a bronze medal in Women's Doubles at the Senior National Championships. Her achievements at the Maharashtra State Selection Tournament, where she claimed a silver medal, further solidified her position as a top contender in Indian badminton.

Rucha Shivaji Alvekar: A Journey of Leadership and Legacy

Rucha's journey is equally inspiring, marked by her leadership and



Rucha with Prakash Padukone at Padukone Academy, Bangalore

consistency. Her early successes include being the Inter-School Zonal Winner in 2014, 2016, and 2017, where she also earned a gold medal in the U-19 School Nationals Team Event in Nashik. Her role as the captain of the Shivaji University Badminton Team in 2018 and 2019 was a defining phase, leading the team to victories in Inter-Zonal Championships and earning a coveted 4th place at the West Zone Tournament in Bhopal.

Rucha's remarkable achievements continued with selections for prestigious events like the Khelo India University Games in Bangalore and the All India University Games in Rohtak—a first in Shivaji University's history. Most recently, as captain in 2023, she led the university to a bronze medal at the Ashwamedh Inter-University Games in Nagpur and participated in the Mini Olympics, once again demonstrating her leadership and prowess.

Sisters in Sync

Together, Perna and Rucha embody the spirit of determination and excellence. While Perna dazzles on international stages, Rucha's leadership has brought glory to her university and state. Their shared passion for badminton is rooted in years of dedication and mutual encouragement. It's an attestation to the power of sibling support, resilience, and unyielding hard work.

The Alvekar sisters proudly represent Kolhapur District Badminton Association (KDBA), making the association and Kolhapur immensely proud with their achievements. Recognizing their remarkable contributions to the sport, KDBA honors and felicitates the Badminton Sister Duo, celebrating their journey and inspiring others to follow in their footsteps.

