



The Manwadkars: A Legacy of Dedication to Badminton

In the realm of Kolhapur Badminton, the name Manwadkar resonates as a symbol of grit, commitment, and an enduring love for the sport. What began as Anand Manwadkar's personal journey of struggle and determination has blossomed into a family legacy, inspiring generations to embrace and excel in Badminton.

Coming from a modest background, Anand Manwadkar's initial foray into Badminton was met with numerous challenges. Limited resources and opportunities tested his resolve, but his passion for the sport remained steadfast. It was through sheer determination and the unwavering support of the Kolhapur Badminton community that Anand found the strength to pursue his dreams. This nurturing environment played a crucial role in not only shaping his own career but also in empowering him to guide his children, Akshay and Akshata, towards steadfast excellence.



Anand Manwadkar

The Architect of a Legacy Anand's early struggles became the bedrock of his philosophy: to nurture and raise champions who would push the boundaries of skill and achieve excellence on higher stages. His vision has been instrumental in building a strong foundation for his family's Badminton journey.



Akshay Manwadkar

Anand's son, has an illustrious career marked by numerous victories and accolades. From being a three-time Under-10 singles champion in Kolhapur to captaining the Shivaji University team for three consecutive years, his achievements are no ordinary. Highlights of his career include a bronze and silver medal at the West Zone University Tournaments and participation in the prestigious World University Team selection trials. Akshay has also represented India at an international tournament in Thailand, competing in both singles and doubles categories. His growth as a player reflects the strength of his upbringing and the opportunities provided by the supportive Badminton community of Kolhapur.

Akshata Manwadkar

Anand's daughter, Akshata, has carved her unique niche in the sport. A winner of various district events and a key member of the Shivaji University West Zone team, Akshata's playing career stands as a evidence to her determination. Transitioning from player to a certified State Level Umpire, Akshata has become a respected figure in officiating, contributing her expertise to numerous

tournaments between 2016 and 2021. Her dual role as a player and an umpire highlights her multifaceted contribution to Badminton. Much like her brother, Akshata's journey has been shaped by the collective encouragement and opportunities extended by her community.

Together, the Manwadkars exemplify the essence of Badminton as more than a sport—it is a lifelong commitment to discipline, teamwork, and growth. Anand's journey to groom his children into exceptional players and contributors reflects his relentless pursuit of excellence. Akshay and Akshata, standing tall on the foundation he built, continue to raise the bar, inspiring young athletes in Kolhapur and beyond.

As the Kolhapur District Badminton Association celebrates its Golden Jubilee, the Manwadkar family's story of inspiration, reminding us all of the power of perseverance, community support, and the unifying spirit of sportsmanship.

