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SHARATH KAMAL ACHANTA

 IND

Table Tennis

Age 36 Born 07/12/1982 MACHILIPATNAM (INDIA)

Height 185 CM / 6'1" Weight 90 KG / 198 LBS

Medals

G (Gold)	S (Silver)	B (Bronze)
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Biography

Beginning

He began playing table tennis at age four in Chennai, India, at the table tennis club where his father was a coach. He turned professional at age 16. (ttfi.org, 26 Apr 2016; indiatoday.intoday.in, 06 Aug 2009)

Reason

His father Srinivasa Rao and uncle Muralidhara Rao were table tennis coaches. "They would probably have started coaching me before I was born if they had the chance."

(sportskeeda.com, 13 Jan 2010)

Debut

2003 for India, Asian Championship in Bangkok, Thailand (sportskeeda.com, 29 Apr 2013)

Coach

Massimo Costantini [national] (thehindu.com, 24 Feb 2018)

Awards

In 2004 he received the Arjuna Award in recognition of outstanding achievements in Indian table tennis. (sportskeeda.com, 13 Jan 2010)

Additional Information

Grip

Shakehand (ITTF, 02 Aug 2016)

Style of play

Attack (ITTF, 02 Aug 2016)

General

NATIONAL FIRSTS

He became the first Indian table tennis player to win a singles gold medal at the Commonwealth Games when he won in Melbourne in 2006. He also became the first Indian player to win an event on the Pro Tour, when he won the Egypt Open in Cairo in July 2010.

(ittf.com, 17 Dec 2010; Sportstar, 01 Apr 2006; SportsDeskOnline, 29 Jul 2018)

OCCUPATION

He joined the Indian Oil Corporation under a sports quota programme that allows him to train and compete internationally. (kreedon.com, 20 Apr 2018; Instagram profile, 27 Jul 2018)

Hero

Swiss tennis player Roger Federer, Indian badminton player Pullela Gopichand, Belarusian table tennis player Vladimir Samsonov. (newindianexpress.com, 16 Jul 2013; sportskeeda.com, 29 Apr 2013; indiatoday.intoday.in, 06 Aug 2009)

Injuries

He suffered a torn hamstring injury in April 2015 that kept him out of competition for eight months after surgery to reattach it to his hip. (sportstarlive.com, 17 Apr 2016; Facebook profile, 16 Apr 2016; tabletennista.com, 05 May 2015)

Education

Accounting, Commerce - Loyola College, Chennai, IND

Languages

English, Hindi, Spanish

Hobbies

Watching movies, listening to music, reading. (Facebook profile, 10 Apr 2018)

Highlights

Rank	Event	Year	Location
Asian Games			
5	Team	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
9	Team	2006	Doha, QAT
Quarterfinal	Team	2014	Incheon, KOR
3rd Round	Men's Doubles	2014	Incheon, KOR
3rd Round	Singles	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
3rd Round	Singles	2006	Doha, QAT
2nd Round	Mixed Doubles	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
2nd Round	Men's Doubles	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
2nd Round	Singles	2014	Incheon, KOR
2nd Round	Mixed Doubles	2014	Incheon, KOR
1st Round	Mixed Doubles	2006	Doha, QAT
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2006	Doha, QAT
Olympic Games			
2nd Round	Singles	2008	Beijing, CHN
2nd Round	Singles	2004	Athens, GRE
1st Round	Singles	2016	Rio de Janeiro, BRA
World Championships			
13	Team	2018	Halmstad, SWE
25	Team	2016	Kuala Lumpur, MAS
27	Team	2012	Dortmund, GER
28	Team	2004	Doha, QAT

Rank	Event	Year	Location
29	Team	2010	Moscow, RUS
33	Team	2014	Tokyo, JPN
33	Team	2008	Guangzhou, CHN
35	Team	2006	Bremen, GER
3rd Round	Singles	2017	Dusseldorf, GER
3rd Round	Singles	2015	Suzhou, CHN
3rd Round	Singles	2009	Yokohama, JPN
2nd Round	Men's Doubles	2017	Dusseldorf, GER
2nd Round	Men's Doubles	2009	Yokohama, JPN
2nd Round	Men's Doubles	2007	Zagreb, CRO
2nd Round	Singles	2013	Paris, FRA
2nd Round	Mixed Doubles	2013	Paris, FRA
2nd Round	Mixed Doubles	2011	Rotterdam, NED
2nd Round	Mixed Doubles	2005	Shanghai, CHN
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2015	Suzhou, CHN
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2011	Rotterdam, NED
1st Round	Singles	2011	Rotterdam, NED
1st Round	Mixed Doubles	2009	Yokohama, JPN
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ITTF World Tour			
3	Singles	2017	New Delhi, IND
3	Men's Doubles	2017	Stockholm, SWE
Quarterfinal	Men's Doubles	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS
Quarterfinal	Men's Doubles	2018	Doha, QAT
Quarterfinal	Men's Doubles	2017	New Delhi, IND
Quarterfinal	Men's Doubles	2017	Budapest, HUN
Quarterfinal	Singles	2016	Linz, AUT
2nd Round	Singles	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS
2nd Round	Singles	2018	Doha, QAT
2nd Round	Singles	2016	Stockholm, SWE
2nd Round	Singles	2016	Zagreb, CRO
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2018	Budapest, HUN
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2016	Stockholm, SWE
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2016	Linz, AUT
Asian Championships			
7	Team	2013	Busan, KOR
8	Team	2017	Wuxi, CHN
8	Team	2015	Bangkok, THA
4th Round	Singles	2017	Wuxi, CHN
4th Round	Singles	2015	Bangkok, THA
3rd Round	Men's Doubles	2017	Wuxi, CHN

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3rd Round	Men's Doubles	2013	Busan, KOR
3rd Round	Singles	2013	Busan, KOR
2nd Round	Mixed Doubles	2013	Busan, KOR
South Asian Games			
1	Singles	2006	Colombo, SRI
1	Men's Doubles	2006	Colombo, SRI
1	Mixed Doubles	2006	Colombo, SRI
1	Men's Doubles	2004	Islamabad, PAK
1	Mixed Doubles	2004	Islamabad, PAK
1	Team	2004	Islamabad, PAK
2	Singles	2004	Islamabad, PAK
Commonwealth Games			
1	Team	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS
1	Men's Doubles	2010	Delhi, IND
1	Singles	2006	Melbourne, VIC, AUS
1	Team	2006	Melbourne, VIC, AUS
2	Men's Doubles	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS
2	Men's Doubles	2014	Glasgow, GBR
3	Singles	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS
3	Singles	2010	Delhi, IND
3	Team	2010	Delhi, IND
4	Mixed Doubles	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS

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World Ranking (as of 01 Aug 2018)			
33	Singles	2018	

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