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### ANTHONY ARPUTHARAJ AMALRAJ

 IND

Table Tennis

Age **32** Born **01/24/1986** POLUR (INDIA)

Height **164** CM / **5'5"** Weight **67** KG / **148** LBS

#### Medals

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

### Beginning

He began playing table tennis at age seven under the guidance of his father, who also played the sport competitively. At age 10, he joined the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board [PSPB] Table Tennis Academy in Ajmer, India, to train at elite level. (ultimatetabletennis.in, 23 Aug 2017; livemint.com, 01 Feb 2012; thefangarage.com, 15 Jul 2017)

### Reason

"I picked it up looking at my father, who was a table tennis player. He was my childhood coach and I owe a huge part of my success to the training given by him."

(ultimatetabletennis.in, 23 Aug 2017; thehindu.com, 06 Sep 2014)

## Coach

N Ravichandran [national], IND (redbull.com, 20 Jul 2017)

## Ambition

To break into the world top 100 rankings. (timesofindia.indiatimes.com, 29 Jul 2017)

## Memorable

Beating multiple Indian national champion Sharath Kamal during the 2012 National and Inter-State Championships in Lucknow, India. (rediff.com, 07 Sep 2017)

## Awards

In August 2017 he received the Arjuna Award from the Indian government's Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in recognition of his sporting achievements. The Arjuna Award is the highest sporting award in India. (ultimatetabletennis.in, 23 Aug 2017)

In 2012 he was named Sportsperson of the Year by the Calcutta Sports Journalists' Club [CSJC]. (cricketcountry.com, 19 Apr 2012)

## Additional Information

### Style of play

Attack (ultimatetabletennis.in, 01 Jul 2017)

### General

## NATIONAL FIRST

In April 2017 paired with Soumyajit Ghosh they became the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a title on either the ITTF Challenge Series or ITTF World Tour. They marked the achievement at the 2017 Challenge Chile Open in Santiago, Chile. (ittf.com, 30 Apr 2017)

## OCCUPATION

He joined the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation of India under a sports quota programme that allows him to train and compete internationally. (sportstarlive.com, 02 Aug 2017)

## FAMILY TABLE TENNIS ACADEMY

His father, Arputharaj Anthony, runs the Amala Annai Table Tennis Academy for underprivileged children in Chennai, India. Amalraj and his sisters help their father to manage and run the academy. (thehindu.com, 06 Sep 2014)

## Hero

Indian table tennis player Kamlesh Mehta. (ultimatetabletennis.in, 01 Jul 2017)

## Relatives

His father, Arputharaj Anthony, played table tennis competitively. His sisters, Mary Benita and Mary Judith have played table tennis at state level in India. (thehindu.com, 06 Sep 2014)

## Languages

English, Hindi, Tamil

## Highlights

Rank	Event	Year	Location
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Rank	Event	Year	Location
<b>Asian Games</b>			
5	Team	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
Quarterfinal	Team	2014	Incheon, KOR
3rd Round	Men's Doubles	2014	Incheon, KOR
3rd Round	Mixed Doubles	2014	Incheon, KOR
3rd Round	Singles	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
1st Round	Mixed Doubles	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2010	Guangzhou, CHN
<b>World Championships</b>			
13	Team	2018	Halmstad, SWE
25	Team	2016	Kuala Lumpur, MAS
27	Team	2012	Dortmund, GER
29	Team	2010	Moscow, RUS
33	Team	2014	Tokyo, JPN
33	Team	2008	Guangzhou, CHN
2nd Round	Mixed Doubles	2013	Paris, FRA
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2011	Rotterdam, NED
1st Round	Singles	2013	Paris, FRA
1st Round	Mixed Doubles	2011	Rotterdam, NED
1st Round	Mixed Doubles	2009	Yokohama, JPN
<b>ITTF World Tour</b>			
3	Men's Doubles	2017	Panagyurishte, BUL

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3	Men's Doubles	2016	Panagyurishte, BUL
Quarterfinal	Men's Doubles	2017	Linz, AUT
Quarterfinal	Men's Doubles	2017	New Delhi, IND
Quarterfinal	Singles	2016	Panagyurishte, BUL
Quarterfinal	Men's Doubles	2015	De Haan, BEL
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2018	Bremen, GER
1st Round	Men's Doubles	2017	Brisbane, QLD, AUS
1st Round	Singles	2017	Brisbane, QLD, AUS
1st Round	Singles	2017	New Delhi, IND
1st Round	Singles	2015	De Haan, BEL
<b>Asian Championships</b>			
7	Team	2013	Busan, KOR
3rd Round	Singles	2013	Busan, KOR
<b>South Asian Games</b>			
1	Singles	2016	Guwahati, IND
1	Mixed Doubles	2016	Guwahati, IND
1	Team	2016	Guwahati, IND
1	Men's Doubles	2010	Dhaka, BAN
1	Mixed Doubles	2010	Dhaka, BAN
2	Men's Doubles	2016	Guwahati, IND
2	Singles	2010	Dhaka, BAN

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<b>Commonwealth Games</b>			
1	Team	2018	Gold Coast, QLD, AUS
2	Men's Doubles	2014	Glasgow, GBR
3	Team	2010	Delhi, IND
<b>World Ranking (as of 01 Aug 2018)</b>			
156	Singles	2018	

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