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Gautham

Varsha

 IND

Sailing

Age **20** Born **01/12/1998** COIMBATORE (INDIA)

Height **170** CM / **5'7"** Weight **57** KG / **126** LBS

Medals

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

Beginning

She took up the sport at age eight. (thenewsminute.com, 03 Jul 2018)

Reason

She loved swimming, which led to her trying her hand at sailing. "Since I started sailing, it has been one of the most important parts of my life." (asianage.com, 23 Mar 2014)

Coach

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To win a medal at the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia. (sportstarlive.com, 07 Aug 2018)

Additional Information

Main classes currently sailed

49er (newindianexpress.com, 04 Aug 2018)

General

SELECTION APPEAL

In July 2018 she and partner Shaila Shervegar appealed to the Delhi High Court to challenge the decision of the Yachting Association of India [YAI] to not select the pair for the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia. The court ruled that YAI should hold an additional selection trial in Jakarta to confirm the team, but as the sailing venue was no longer available, the court then ruled that Gautham and Shervegar should be selected to compete at the Games. The Indian Olympic Association [IOA] complied with the court's decision and the pair were included in the Indian team to compete in Indonesia. They eventually won a silver medal in the 49erFX event. "These were stressful three months. But everything has paid off. At least 10 times I thought, 'it's not worth it, I can't handle it,' but somehow I continued." (newindianexpress.com, 04 Aug 2018; thehindu.com, 06 Aug 2018; sportstarlive.com, 07 Aug 2018; firstpost.com, 31 Aug 2018)

YOUNGEST

She became the youngest Indian sailor to win a medal at the Asian Games when she won bronze in the women's 29er event at the 2014 edition in Incheon, Republic of Korea. (thebridge.in, 06 Jul 2018; edexlive.com, 29 Jun 2017; SportsDeskOnline, 17 Aug 2018)

Injuries

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Education

Sociology - MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, IND

Languages

English, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil

Highlights

Rank	Event	Year	Location
Asian Games			
3	29er	2014	Incheon, KOR
ISAF World Championships			
53	49er FX	2014	Santander, ESP
Class World Championships			
43	49er FX	2015	Buenos Aires, ARG
56	49er FX	2017	Porto, POR
World Cup			
34	49er FX	2016	Miami, FL, USA
40	49er FX	2015	Miami, FL, USA
Asian Championships			

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Rank	Event	Year	Location
Class World Championships Juniors			
21	49er FX	2015	Flensburg, GER
World Ranking (as of 11 Jun 2018)			
66	49er FX Individual Ranking	2018	

Social

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