

## PSBB ALUMNUS ACHANTA SHARATH KAMAL CONFERRED THE PADMA SRI AWARD



Star alumnus of Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan, Nungambakkam and international Table Tennis Player, **Achanta Sharath Kamal** was conferred the prestigious **Padma Sri Award** by the Honourable President of India, Sri. Ram Nath Kovind on Monday, 11th March 2019 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. With a **current world ranking 30**, he is the only Indian table tennis player to become **9 times national champion**.

Being a recipient of the **Arjuna award** for the year 2004, Achanta Sharath Kamal wrote a golden chapter for Indian table tennis, becoming the **country's first individual gold medal-winning paddler at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne**. He was the only Indian Men's table tennis player to be selected for the **Beijing Olympics**

He teamed up to win the Men's Doubles gold at the **2010 Commonwealth Games** in New Delhi. He won 3 medals in **2018 Commonwealth Games** in Gold Coast, gold in men's team event, silver in men's doubles with and bronze in event. He led his team to the first ever **World Table Tennis Championship in 2016** after clinching the gold in the 2016 World Championships Second Division at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Achanta Sharath Kamal **created history in 2018**, by leading the Men's team to a bronze medal and with Manika Batra continued his splendid form by becoming the first Indian pair in history to medal in the table tennis mixed doubles event at the **Asian Games in Jakarta**.

During the felicitation function organised by PSBB School in October 2018 in recognition of this Historic win, Sharath Kamal recalled fond memories of his Alma Mater and thanked Dr. (Mrs.) Y.G.Parthasarathy and the school for encouraging him to pursue his passion even when he was in standard 12. In all humility he attributed his success in life to the values which the school had taught him

**It is indeed a proud moment for everyone at PSBB.**