

## India's Best Ever Woman Table Tennis Player is a **DAVian!**



Manika Batra, the Golden Girl of India, is the First Indian woman to win an individual (Gold) Medal in the game of Table Tennis at the CWG 2018. She is successful, smart yet humble and a true star of Indian Table Tennis.



**H**ansraj Model School, Punjabi Bagh is one of the large DAV institutions, located in the capital city of India and is the breeding ground for the world-class Table Tennis players because of its infrastructure and best trainers.

As a matter of pride, this campus is credited for not only producing a big number of top-notch players but the best in India. Yes, we are talking about an extraordinary woman, Manika Batra, born on 15 June 1995, who has trained herself to be among the top-ranked table tennis players by winning many championships and medals thus, making all Indians and DAVians proud.

As per the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) April 2020 rankings, she is ranked 63rd in the world and

Currently, she is training herself for the forthcoming international tournaments.

Number 1 female table tennis player in India. Manika has a unique quality of being a match winner on the court by playing long-pimples on her backhand.

It is worth mentioning that she began playing table tennis at the age of four only and after winning a match at the State-level Under-8 category, she joined the Table Tennis Academy of her school and got trained under the coach, Sandeep Gupta.

Manika Batra has great admiration and love for her alma mater and has always been a part of various small and big events organised by DAV United Foundation. She has also been featured as an upcoming celebrity sports personality in one of the issues of *DAV United* magazine. DAV United has been a witness of her growth to the top of Table Tennis World since her teens.

### VICTORY MARCH OF **Manika Batra**

**2011:** Won the Silver Medal in the Under-21 category of the Chile Open

**2014:** Reached the Quarterfinals in Commonwealth Games

**2015:** Won Two Silver Medals and One Bronze Medal in Commonwealth Games

**2016:** Won Three Gold Medals in South Asian Games

**2018:** Won Two Gold Medals, One Silver Medal and One Bronze Medal in Commonwealth Games

### Awards & Honours Won:

**2018:** Arjuna Award by Government of India

**2018:** Breakthrough Table Tennis Star Award by IITF

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