

Aditi Gopichand Swami, an exceptional archer from Maharashtra, became India's first-ever individual world champion at the senior level when she clinched gold in the Compound Women's final at the 2023 World Archery Championships. At just 17, she also became the youngest ever World Champion in archery in the World Cup era, marking a significant milestone in the sport. Aditi's highest career world ranking stands at 7<sup>th</sup>, while her current world ranking at 15<sup>th</sup>, showcases her talent and dedication in a highly competitive sport.

## **Glorious moments in Sports**

- Bestowed with the prestigious Arjuna Award, 2024.
- Gold at Berlin Hyundai World Archery Championships, World Archery Youth Championship, Asian Outdoor Championships & Bangkok Asian Archery Championships, 2023.
- Gold & Silver at Asian Grand Prix Circuit 2022.
- Gold & Bronze at Hangzhou Asian Games, 2022.
- Gold & Bronze at Asian Grand Prix Circuit 2024.

As a kid, I was instantly captivated by archery. Growing up, I was always fascinated by the epic tales of Ramayana and Mahabharata, where figures like Ram and Arjun performed incredible feats with the bow and arrow. When I saw the same equipment at a stadium, I couldn't resist the urge to give it a try. I've been fortunate to have my family's unwavering support and their sacrifices and belief in me made me realize the significance of giving my best in return.

IndianOil has been instrumental in empowering young talents like me, and I truly feel privileged to be a part of the IndianOil family (Since 2022 under IndianOil Acer Scheme). With its long legacy of supporting athletes through initiatives like the sports scholarship program, IndianOil has been a constant pillar of encouragement. The introduction of the IndianOil

Divyashakti initiative further strengthens my belief that it will open doors for nurturing young, budding talent. **22** - Aditi Gopichand Swami



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