

YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR – SPORTS

Name: SRIKANTH KIDAMBI

PROFILE:

- **Srikanth Kidambi** is the Indian badminton player and currently the highest ranked Indian men's player in the international circuit with a world ranking of 13 as of April 14, 2016.
- He trains at the **Gopichand** Badminton Academy, Hyderabad and is supported by the **GoSports Foundation, Bangalore**.
- He won 2014 China Open Super Series Premier becoming the first Indian to win a **Super Series Premier Men's** title.
- In the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games in Isle of Man, Srikanth won the silver in mixed doubles and bronze in doubles. He also emerged winner in the singles and doubles category at the All India Junior **International Badminton** Championship held in **Pune**.
- In 2012 **Srikanth** overcame the then Junior World Champion **Zulfadli** Zulkiffli of **Malaysia** in the Maldives International Challenge to claim the **Men's singles title**.
- In 2013, in the Thailand Open Grand Prix Gold event, Srikanth won the Men's singles title beating then world number eight and local favorite **Boonsak Ponsana** in straight sets.
- In 2014, he finished runner up at the 2014 India Open Grand Prix Gold event in **Lucknow** and was a quarter finalists in 2014 Malaysian Open.
- He was part of the Indian badminton contingent that reached the semi finals of the Mixed-team event at the **Commonwealth** Games 2014 in Glasgow.
- In 2015, Srikanth became the first Indian male to win gold at the Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold.
- In 2016, he reached the **Malaysia** Masters semifinals where he lost to **Iskandar** Zulkarnain Zainuddin in January.
- He won the **Syed Modi** International Badminton Championships Grand Prix Gold title after being runner up for two consecutive years.

- He bagged two gold medals at the **2016 South Asian Games** in men's team & men's
- He remained undefeated at the 2016 **Badminton Asia** Team Championship where his team lost in the **semifinals**