

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.



Hansraj 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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Tibetan Government-in-Exile is Headed by a **DAV Alumnus!**

It is a matter of Pride to know that Mr. Lobsang Sangay, the President of Central Tibetan Administration, a dynamic politician and an expert in Tibetan Law and International Human Rights Law, belongs to DAV fraternity.



Tibet is a region in East Asia and there are multiple views about its political status, wherein many claim that it is part of China and then there are many, who claim that Tibet is an independent country.

On 10 March 2011, the 14th Dalai Lama, who was considered to be the highest authority of Tibet, removed his position of authority and passed on his political powers to the elected Chief Minister and declared him the highest-ranking authority of the country. Sooner, on 27 April 2011, Lobsang Sangay was elected as the Chief Minister of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile and eventually, became the *Sikyong* (President). Later, in 2016, he was again elected and till date serves as the President of Tibetan government. As a President, Sangay has always promoted the non-violent and peaceful methods to resolve the Tibetan issues.

Lobsang Sangay was born in a refugee camp and led a very humble life studying in a local school in Darjeeling, India. After completing his school, he came to Delhi and took admission in **DAV's Hansraj College, founded and managed by DAV College Managing**



Committee. During college days, he raised his voice for Tibetan cause through various activities. Sangay received his BA (Hons) degree from Hansraj College and LLB degree from the University of Delhi itself.

In 1995, Sangay earned the Fulbright

scholarship to study at Harvard University, after which he went on to complete his LLM degree in the same year from Harvard Law School. Sangay spent his valuable time at Harvard by organising five conferences between Chinese and Tibetan scholars, including one between Dalai Lama and thirty-five other Chinese scholars.

As one of his important achievements, he was one of the 24 Young Leaders of Asia, who were selected by the Asian Society, with the aim of strengthening relationships and promoting understanding among different communities, leaders and key institutions of Asia and USA.

On his recent visit to his alma mater, Hansraj College, he was conferred the "Mahatma Hansraj Gaurav Samman" by the President of DAVCMC, Shri Punam Suri. During the ceremony, Sangay acknowledged that the whole world changed for him after joining this college. He expressed his gratitude for DAV Organisation and Hansraj College for contributing immense values in his life and shaping his persona.

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