

# PV Sindhu pleasantly surprised with Padma Shri

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**HYDERABAD:** PV Sindhu, at 19 years, will be the youngest recipient of this year's Padma Awards. The Hyderabad shuttler is one of the four sports persons who will be honoured with the Padma Sri, the fourth highest Civilian Award in the Country.

**"It feels really good. I am really happy to get this award. This will further motivate me to do better and win more matches and tournaments. My family is also very happy. I really did not expect this honour and it comes as a very pleasant surprise," Sindhu told IANS over the phone from Hyderabad.**

A Home Ministry release said that President Pranab Mukherjee has approved conferment of Padma Awards to 104 people - nine for Padma Vibhushan, 20 for Padma Bhushan and 75 for Padma Shri.

Sindhu's most notable performance last year was winning the Bronze at the Copenhagen World Championships. With the medal, she became the first and only Indian ever to win two World Medals, that too back-to-back in the sport's most prestigious tournament.



The teenager maintained a top-10 ranking for most of the year and also reached the finals of India Grand Prix Gold in Lucknow in January 2014. However, she peaked when she won the Macau Open GP Gold crown in November. The Hyderabad-based player also consistently defeated top players and backed it up with the Commonwealth Games silver.

