



14. Mr. SHIRGAONKAR Namdev Sampat

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: June 8, 1981
- Language: English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: India

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Founder & current President of India Taekwondo: He was elected unopposed as the President of India Taekwondo in May 2023, a position he holds with distinction.
- Vice President, Commonwealth Taekwondo Union: Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar made history by becoming the first Indian to hold the position of Vice President in the Commonwealth Taekwondo Union, reflecting his growing influence in international Taekwondo circles.
- Under the leadership of Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar as President of India Taekwondo, India has achieved a historic milestone by winning medals at both the Asian and World Taekwondo Championships, marking a significant chapter in the nation's Taekwondo journey.
- Our Para Taekwondo athlete has represented India twice at the Paralympic Games — a historic achievement, as this marks the first time in Indian Taekwondo history that an athlete has qualified and participated at this prestigious global event.
- Under his leadership, India secured historic medals at Para Taekwondo World Championships, held in Bahrain. Notably, the Indian Women's Taekwondo Team won the prestigious Women's Team Trophy, marking one of the biggest milestones in Indian Taekwondo history.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Secretary General, Maharashtra Olympic Association: In September 2021, he was elected unopposed as the Secretary General of the Maharashtra Olympic Association, focusing on enhancing infrastructure and supporting athletes.
- Joint Secretary of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) (2017 -22)
- Being elected twice as the youngest board member of IOA has motivated youngsters in India to consider administrators as a way to bring new development as sports fraternity.
- Governor Appointed: Member of Academic Council (Shivaji University)
- Deputy Chief de Mission/GTM of Indian contingent in 2018 Gold Coast CWG where India has achieved one of the best performances in CWG History.
- Working on state government panel as a board member of Mission Olympic where I focused on athlete's benefits & maintenance of sports Infrastructure.
- National Medalist and District Youth Awardee.

- Member of Govt. of India's Delegation to Bhutan for 12th South Asian Games – 2016.
- Participated as a delegate in London Olympic 2012, Rio Olympic 2016, and Tokyo 2020.
- Founder of Olympians Association of India.

C. Education

- Bachelor of Arts (University of Mumbai)
- Diploma - Physical Education

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- As a proud representative of India Taekwondo, I envision a World Taekwondo that stands united in purpose, progressive in action, and inclusive in spirit.
- My commitment is to foster a platform that priorities athlete development, enhances cross-border collaboration, strengthens grassroots engagement, and elevates World's global standing in Taekwondo under the great leadership of World Taekwondo.
- By leveraging technology, transparency, and training excellence, we will empower every member nation — from emerging federations to established powerhouses — to grow together as one united Taekwondo family.
- Together, we will build a future where World not only leads in medals but also in values, integrity, and innovation within the world of Taekwondo.