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20.Swapna Barman

Date of Birth: 28th October 1996

Sport: Heptathlon and High Jump

Hometown: Jalpaiguri, West Bengal

Training base: Sports Authority of India, Kolkata

This little-known girl from North Bengal caught everyone's attention when she qualified to represent India at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, Korea. Still only 17 years old then, and the youngest in a field of 12 top athletes from across Asia, Swapna defied all odds to finish 5th at the Games.



Swapna was born with a special condition – she has 6 toes on each foot. Owing to the abnormal width of her feet, she competes despite severe pain and discomfort. Hailing from a small village in North Bengal, Swapna comes from an underprivileged family. Her father, having suffered a stroke earlier in 2013, is bed-ridden, and her mother takes care of him. Swapna currently trains at the SAI campus in Kolkata and aspires to win the gold medal at the Asian Games in 2018, having already come close once, when she finished 5th at the 2014 edition.

2017 has been her best year so far. Whilst battling through a lower back injury, she won a Gold (personal best) at the 2017 Federation Cup Senior Athletics Championships held in Patiala and went onto replicate the result at the 2017 Asian Athletics Championships in Odisha, a month later. Her performance in the latter (5942 points) remains her current best and ensured her qualification for the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London.

Achievements

- Represented India at the 2017 IAAF World Championships, London
- Gold medal in Heptathlon at the 2017 Asian Athletics Championships, Odisha
- Gold medal in Heptathlon at the 21st Federation Cup Senior Athletics Championships, Patiala
- Bronze in High Jump, Senior Nationals, 2016
- Gold medal in Heptathlon and Silver medal in High Jump at the 2015 Athletics Senior Nationals, Kolkata, and at 2015 National Games, Kerala
- Silver medal at Junior Asian Track and Field, Chinese Taipei, 2014