

# **Aditya Joshi becomes India's first World No 1 Junior Badminton player**

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Here is more good news for Indian Badminton. Aditya Joshi from Madhya Pradesh, who trains at the Prakash Padukone Academy in Bangalore, has become world No 1 in the Badminton World Federation's Junior rankings.

Young shuttler Aditya Joshi has become the first male Junior Badminton player from India to be ranked number one in the world.

The 17-year-old from Madhya Pradesh tops the chart ahead of Indonesia's Christie Jonatan and China's Zhao Jun Peng. Joshi has made steady progress in recent times,

Aditya recently got the number one slot in the January rankings of the World Badminton Federation (BWF). Aditya was at the 11th position till November, but he managed to jump ahead of all the players by achieving 18,776 points.

Aditya started playing Badminton in 2001 when he was only five and very soon, he started winning in the categories above his age in the local tournaments.

Within six years, he started proving himself at the international arena and clinched the Gold in Remensco Junior International tournament held in Russia in 2011. During the same year, he won a Gold medal in Asian Sub-Junior championship held in Japan.

The shuttler reached up to the pre-quarter level in Junior International Championship held at Malasiya last year and played quarter-final of the Junior World Championship held at Bangkok.

Aditya was the National Champion in 2013 and had won two Gold medals in Junior International tournament held at Pune and a silver in the Senior National Championship while his age corresponds to junior category.

Aditya's father Atul Joshi is an SAI Badminton Coach in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. His brother Pratul is a well known player, who made headlines two years ago when he shocked former World Champion Taufiq Hidayat in the Indian Open.