
Shreya Taras: From School Cricket to the National Stage

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For Shreya Mahesh Taras, cricket began in 2020, when she and her younger sister Sharvi started playing during the COVID-19 pandemic, inspired by their father's love for the game. What began as simple practice soon developed into a serious passion.

A student of Grade VIII at S. B. Patil Public School, Ravet, Shreya has steadily built her cricketing journey through years of training and competition. She has been training since Class 5 under Coach Bhushan Suryavanshi Sir at the Dilip Vengsarkar Cricket Academy (VARROC), Thergaon, Pune, along with guidance from school cricket coach Shri Chandrakant Thobare Sir.

Her achievements reached a new height in 2025–26, when she captained the S. B. Patil Public School team to victory in the ZP competition. The team also secured third place at the zonal level. Shreya has further represented herself at the Maharashtra level through the MCA U-15 and U-19 Maharashtra Invitation Matches Camps.

Her most significant achievement came when she became the first girl from S. B. Patil Public School, Ravet, to represent Maharashtra. At just 13 years and 6 months, she was selected as Vice-Captain of the Maharashtra U-17 team for the 69th Women's National School Cricket Championship, making her the youngest player in the team.

Behind these achievements is not only talent, but also discipline and strong support. Shreya credits her school Principal Dr. Bindu Saini, Vice Principal Ms. Padmavati Banda, teachers and coaches for encouraging her to pursue cricket while continuing to focus on academics.

Despite her demanding practice schedule, Shreya remains committed to her studies and completes her schoolwork regularly. Her journey reflects what can happen when passion meets perseverance—and when a school gives a young student the freedom and support to pursue her dream.

From playing cricket with her sister during the pandemic to proudly wearing the Maharashtra jersey, Shreya Taras is proving that the journey to the national stage can begin right on the school ground.