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## 23. Bhavani Devi

**Date of Birth:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 1993

**Sport:** Fencing (Category, Sabre)

**Hometown:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu

**Training Base:** Livorno, Italy

Bhavani Devi is India's premier woman fencer and an inspiration for several others in the country, in pursuit of excellence, in a rather neglected sport.

Bhavani enrolled in fencing classes in school in a bid to get some time away from academics and ended up becoming a nine-time national champion in the sport! She trained hard with an aim to represent India at the Asian Games in 2014 but

was ultimately dejected when the country decided not to send a Fencing team to the mega event. Despite the obvious disappointment, she came back stronger and won India its first ever medal at the Asian U-23 Fencing Championship in Philippines, by bagging a silver medal in the Sabre category.

She has steadily progressed up the world rankings since then, and 2017 began on a good note for Bhavani as she bagged a Bronze medal at the Italian Championships. But the highlight of the year was when she became the first ever Indian Fencer to win a Gold Medal at a Satellite Grade tournament; a feat she achieved at the 2017 Turnoi Satellite Fencing Championships in Iceland. The Chennai-born athlete trains in Livorno, Italy for most of the year, and if she persists at her current ranking, she could become India's first ever fencer to qualify for the Olympics in 2020.



### Athlete Performances

- Silver medal – Turnoi Satellite Fencing Championship, 2018
- Gold medal - Turnoi Satellite Fencing Championship, 2017
- 8<sup>th</sup> place – Asian Fencing Championships, 2017
- Bronze medal -Italian National Championship, 2017
- Bronze medal -Flemish Open Fencing Championships Belgium, 2015
- Silver medal and bronze medal - Asian U-23 Championships 2014 and 2015 respectively