

The racquet launchers

Siblings from Thane will make their international debut at the upcoming Badminton Championships to be held in the Czech Republic



Rohit and Sonal during a practice session for the upcoming international badminton event.

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“This is for the first time they are going to participate at an international competition. Both are hardworking and will be exposed to the world of badminton. It will be a different experience altogether and I expect positive outcome.”

— RAJEEV GANPULE, coach

Baidya, Sachin Ratti, T. Dinesh, Jayan James, Anita Ohlan, and Dhanya Nair.

The More siblings are thrilled and excited to make their international debut after a long dedicated training under the tutelage of their coach Rajeev Ganpule. Both of them are also trained by Amrish Shinde, who is the Central Railway coach where Rohit and Sonal work.

Rohit works as a ticket col-

lector while Sonal works as a junior clerk with the railways. Railways offered them jobs based on their performances at the national level.

“I was more inclined towards track and field events. But a knee injury forced me to take a break from running disciplines,” said Sonal.

“I was then advised by doctors to take up light exercise to keep fit. Rohit was playing badminton and I was inspired by

the way he had progressed in the sport and so I decided to take up badminton,” she said.

“Now I am on the verge of fulfilling my dream of donning the tricolour,” said Sonal, who has won several senior state titles, including a doubles crown.

Rohit and Sonal have to their credit a clutch of medals from state and national platforms.

The two have a common hobby — listening to music. As for badminton, they love to play against one other.

While Rohit holds a commerce degree from Thane's Bedekar College, Sonal completed her BA from Kelkar College, Mulund. They undertake training six days a week, except Mondays which is their

weekly off.

“The World Railways Meet is held every four years; we are hopeful of bagging medals at our maiden international show,” said Rohit.

The siblings work out from 7 am to 9 am at the Dadoji Kondadev Stadium which follows on-court training from 10 am to noon at Kalidas stadium.

The duo has been inspired by their father Suresh More, an athlete, who happened to be a kabaddi player.

“They have attended a few international camps but it's the first time they will participate in an international competition,” said their coach, Ganpule. “It will be a different experience. I expect positive outcome from their debut effort.”

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