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Bhavina Patel, Assistant Director in ESIC, creates History at ITTF World Para Events in Spokane, USA

She wins Gold in ITTF World Para Elite event and Silver in ITTF World Para Future event in Women's Singles Class 4–5 category

Twin Medal Triumph Lifts Her to No. 1 in ITTF World Para ranking in Wheelchair (Classes 1 to 5) of Women's single category of Table Tennis

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Ms. Bhavina Patel, Assistant Director with the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Regional Office, Ahmedabad, has brought immense pride to India by securing top honours at two prestigious international para table tennis championships, held in Spokane, Washington, USA.

From **9th to 13th August 2025**, at the International Table Tennis Federation (**ITTF**) **World Para Elite event**, Patel delivered a phenomenal performance, clinching the **Gold Medal** in the **Women's Singles Class 4–5** category. This victory is the result of her exceptional skill, determination, and strategic play against some of the best para table tennis players in the world.

Just days earlier, from **6th to 8th August 2025**, at the **ITTF World Para Future** event, also held in Spokane, Patel had bagged the **Silver Medal** in the same category, proving her consistency and competitive edge on the global stage.

With these back-to-back podium finishes, Ms. **Bhavina Patel has now risen to the No. 1 position in the World Rankings** for the **Women's Singles in Class 1 to 5** Women's categories in para table tennis — a landmark moment for Indian sports and a testament to her relentless pursuit of excellence.

From Silver... to Gold... to World No. 1! IN

Heartiest congratulations to Bhavina Patel, Assistant Director at ESIC, for scripting history at the ITTF World Para Events in Spokane, USA. She now holds the World No. 1 ranking in Women's Singles (Wheelchair Classes 1–5) in para table... pic.twitter.com/ql6rOJx87Q

— Dr Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) August 18, 2025

Her achievements go beyond individual triumph, serving as a beacon of inspiration for athletes across the country, especially for those in the para-sports arena, reinforcing the belief that dedication and resilience can overcome any challenge.

ESIC has always encouraged and supported the participation of its employees in sports and physical fitness activities as part of its organisational culture. ESIC believes that fostering a sporting spirit among employees not only contributes to their personal health and well-being but also cultivates values like discipline, teamwork, and perseverance, which enhance workplace performance. Over the years, ESIC officials and staff have excelled in various sporting disciplines at national and international levels, with the organisation providing necessary support in terms of resources, leave, and recognition for sporting achievements.

Ms. Bhavina Patel's historic success is a proud example of how ESIC's support for sports can help employees balance their professional responsibilities with their passion, enabling them to shine on the world stage.

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