

Press Release

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"From Andhra to Paris" - SRM University-*AP*'s Rising Star Jyothika Sri Dandi Selected for Paris Olympics 2024

Ms Jyothika Sri Dandi, a first-year B.A. student at the Easwari School of Liberal Arts, SRM University-*AP*, has qualified for the Indian Women's 4x400m Relay Team for the world's foremost sports competition, the Paris Olympics 2024. Dr Dhiraj Parasher, Director–Sports, SRM University-*AP*, congratulated Ms Jyothika on this phenomenal achievement. He remarked, "To become an Olympian is a monumental mark in the career of an athlete. We are swelled with pride and offer unwavering support as we soundly believe that Jyothika will create history and return as an Olympic champion."

Vice Chancellor Prof. Manoj K Arora also expressed his pride and zeal by stating, "Ms Jyothika is a national treasure that instils a belief and ambition in every young girl who dreams of being an Olympian. We at SRM University-*AP* wish her success and victory as she crafts her name in the tapestry of champions."

Hailing from Tanuku town in the West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, the two-time national champion has paved her way to the elite sports championship through hard work, determination, and resilience.

Ms Jyothika had her breakthrough in 2021 when she secured Gold in the 400-metre race at the Indian U23 Championships. Her winning streak continued as she forged ahead to make her mark in 2023 by winning the Indian National Open Championships for 400 metres race in Thiruvananthapuram and winning bronze in the women's 4 x 400 metres relay at the 2023 Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok. Her blistering pace and performance at the 2024 World Relays Championships in Nassau, Bahamas, secured the Indian women's relay team's ticket to the Paris Olympics.

As the 2024 Paris Olympics unfolds, it is a moment of pride and anticipation for SRM University-*AP* as the institute extends its heartfelt wishes to Ms Jyothika and the Indian contingent representing our nation on this monumental platform.