India back in Olympic fold as IOA agrees to IOC's demands

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NEW DELHI: India is back in the Olympic fold after the <u>Indian</u> <u>Olympic Association</u> agreed to International Olympic Committee's demands of holding fresh AGM and elections, according to Times Now.

<u>IOA</u> also agreed to declare the December 5 elections, which elected Lalit Bhanot, null and void.

The fresh IOA elections will be held in a month under the supervision of Election Commission.

India's sports administrators held crucial meeting with the <u>IOC</u> in Lausanne on Wednesday.

The meeting was also attended by sports minister Jitendra Singh, sports secretary PK Deb, Beijing Olympics gold medallist shooter Abhinav Bindra and Olympian sailor Malav Shroff.

It was the first time that IOC and IOA sat down for discussion, a good five months after the country was suspended for failing to adhere to the Olympic charter.

The run-up to the meeting has already been marred by the dramatic pullout of IOA acting president VK Malhotra and IOC Member in India, Randhir Singh.

The two decided to boycott the meeting after the IOC agreed to include Hockey India general secretary Narinder Batra and Jharkhand Olympic Association RK Anand in the IOA delegation for the meeting, in addition to the four-member list submitted earlier.
