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MINUTES OF THE SENIOR SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) Senior Selection Committee meeting was held on 03/01/2023 on the conclusion of the Selection Trials for Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships held at the RISE Sports Arena- Noida. The following members of the Senior Selection Committee attended the selection trials and the meeting-

- 1- Mr Partho Ganguly **Ex-International Player, Member**
- 2- Mr Pullela Gopichand -Chief National Coach, Ex-International Player, Member
- 3- Ms Manjusha Kanwar -
 - **Ex-International Player, Member**
- 4- Ms Jwala Gutta **Ex-International Player, Member** Foreign Coach, Member
- 5- Mr Dwi Kristiawan
- 6- Mr Sanjay Mishra Convener

The other two members- Mr Vimal Kumar (Ex-International Player) and Ms Mallika Barua Sarma Ex-International Player) joined the meeting thru Zoom Video Call.

The Convener of the meeting Mr Sanjay Mishra welcomed the members and informed the members that the agenda of the meeting is to-

- 1) Announce the Indian Team for Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2023
- 2) Finalise Selection Guidelines for Sudirman Cup 2023
- 3) Finalise Selection Guidelines for Asian Games 2023

Agenda 1)

The members reviewed the Selection Trials (03/01/2023) results which were as follows-

Women's Singles-Ms Aakarshi Kashyap vs Ms Ashmita Chaliha (21-13, 23-21)

Men's Doubles-Mr Krishna Prasad Garga / Vishnuvardhan Goud P vs Mr Ishaan Bhatnagar / Mr Sai Pratheek (21-15, 20-22, 21-7)

Mixed Doubles-Mr Ishaan Bhatnagar / Ms Tanisha Crasto vs Mr Venkat Gaurav Prasad / Ms Juhi Dewangan (21-9, 21-6)

Mr Rohan Kapoor / Ms Sikki Reddy vs Mr Venkat Gaurav Prasad / Ms Juhi Dewangan (21-14, 21-9)

Mr Ishaan Bhatnagar / Ms Tanisha Crasto vs Mr Rohan Kapoor / Ms Sikki Reddy (21-13, 21-18)

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Based on the results, the members selected Ms Aakarshi Kashyap (WS), Mr Krishna Prasad Garga / Vishnuvardhan Goud P (MD) and Mr Ishaan Bhatnagar / Ms Tanisha Crasto (XD) for the remaining spots in the Indian team for the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2023.

The full Indian Team list after selection of the players from the trials is as follows-

- Men's Singles: Mr Lakshya Sen & Mr HS Prannoy
- Women's Singles: Ms PV Sindhu & Aakarshi Kashyap
- Men's Doubles: Mr Satwiksairaj Ranikreddy / Mr Chirag Shetty; Mr Krishna Prasad Garga / Vishnuvardhan Goud P
- Women's Doubles: Ms Treesa Jolly / Ms Gayatri Pullela Gopichand; Ms Shikha Gautam / Ms Ashwini Bhatt
- Mixed Doubles: Mr Ishaan Bhatnagar / Ms Tanisha Crasto

Agenda 2)

Mr Sanjay Mishra, Convener, informed the members that the Sudirman Cup 2023 will be held in Suzhou, China from 14-21 May 2023 for which the selection guidelines is to be finalised. A total of 10 players (5 Men & 5 Women) are to be selected for the Sudirman Cup 2023.

The committee members agreed that along with BWF Ranking, performance of players at the Senior National Championships and recent performance of players at various international tournaments against top world ranking players will also be considered to select the best pool of players to represent India.

The members carefully reviewed the BWF and BAI calendar and a decision was taken that the Indian Team for the Sudirman Cup 2023 will be selected on the basis of-

- 1- Indian players among the Top-20 in the BWF Ranking as on 4th April 2023.
- 2- Performance of the players in the 84th Senior National Badminton Championships to be held from 22-28 February 2023 in Pune
- 3- Exceptional performance of players against the top world ranking players in last three months.

The committee decided to meet again in the first week of April 2023 to select the final team for the Sudirman Cup 2023.

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Agenda 3)

The members of the committee were informed that for the Asian Games 2023, the last date for submitting Final Entry by Name is 15th July 2023. A total of 20 players (10 Men & 10 Women) are to be selected for the Asian Games.

The selection committee members agreed that while selecting the Indian team for the Asian Games 2023 it will take into consideration the players who have reasonable chance to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics and they will not be subjected to additional selection trials as they will have to compete in the tournaments which will help them to qualify for the Olympics 2024. The members unanimously agreed that for direct selection the cut-off of Top-15 should be increased to Top-20 in BWF Ranking so that more players who are close to Olympic qualification are not subjected to additional selection trials.

Hence, the members took the following decision in regard to selection of the Indian team for the Asian Games 2023-

- 1- The selection committee meeting will be held in June 2023 for the direct selection of the players based on the BWF Ranking (Indian players among Top-20), performance of players in the Senior National Badminton Championships '23 and performance of the players against best players in the world in the last three months.
- 2- For completing the remaining slots for the Asian Games 2023 team -

All the semi-finalists in the Men's & Women's singles event and finalists in the paired events of the All India Senior Ranking Tournament (June 2023) will be called for the selection trials along with the players in the Top-50 BWF Ranking as on the last day of the BAI Tournament who are outside the pool of the selected players as mentioned above in the criteria no. 1. These players will participate in the selection trials to complete the remaining slots for the Asian Games 2023 team.

The meeting concluded with Mr Sanjay Mishra, Convener, thanking all the members for their attendance.

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*Mr Vimal Kumar & Ms Mallika B Sarma (Virtually attended the meeting)

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