## India has bid for 2016 Veterans World Championship: Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta

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**NEW DELHI:** A series of big-ticket events, including the 2009 World Championship, India Open Super Series 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014, IBL 2013 and the ongoing prestigious Thomas and Uber Cup Finals 2014, has firmly established India on World Badminton scene.

The Badminton Association of India now says it has also bid for the Veterans World Championship in 2016.

The dominance of Saina Nehwal and the arrival of P V Sindhu and K Srikanth has only helped the Country in growing by leaps and bounds. BAI President Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta says the future is bright for Indian Badminton.

"In the last five years, India has hosted the World Championship, we also have a regular Super Series Tournaments in India every year and now hosting the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals 2014 is proof of India's growing stature," Dr Das Gupta said.

"We have already bid for the Veteran World Championship for 2016 and we will also try to do whatever is necessary to get other big event such as Sudirman Cup to India. I think the future of Indian Badminton is very bright," he added.

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