



Indian Men and Women beat Singapore to quarters: Badminton Asia Team Championship - 2016

Hyderabad, Feb 17 (PTI) India today began their campaign **Badminton Asia Team Championships** in style with both **Men's and Women's Teams** posting victories against their **Singapore** rivals to make it to the **quarterfinals**.

Indian Men made a clean sweep of their five-match tie against **Singapore**, who had lost to **China** two days ago. **India, China and Singapore** are part of **Group A**.

Despite the absence of star player Saina Nehwal, the **Indian Women Team** also registered a comprehensive **5-0** win against **Singapore** and also entered the **quarter finals** as the **Singapore team** lost to **Japan** earlier.

Each tie comprises three singles and two doubles matches.

India's rising shuttler **Srikanth** scored a comfortable **21-16, 12-21, 21-13** win over his **Singapore** rival **Zi Liang Derek Wong** in the first **Singles** match.

It was almost a one-sided affair for **Ajay Jayaram** in the second singles against **Singapore's Kean Yew Loh** as he went on to score a **21-11, 21-18** victory.

The **27-ranked HS Prannoy** too dominated his **Singles** match against **Zin Rei Ryan NG** and clinched a **21-10, 21-12** win.

India's **Doubles** players too came up with an attractive performance and won the two doubles matches in the tie. **Manu Attri-Sumeeth Reddy** beat **Yong Kai Terry Hee-Kean Yew Loh** **21-15, 21-14**.

The other doubles pair of **Pranaav Jerry Chopra-Akshay Dewalkar** trounced **Danny Bawa Chrisnanta-Hendra Wijaya** **21-14, 21-13** in the second doubles.

In the Women's category, India's PV Sindhu, who is now ranked 12 in BWF world rankings, gave a headstart to India's campaign with a 21-17, 21-11 win against Singapore's Xiaoyu Liang. The Singapore shuttler, ranked 42, put up a competitive show in the first game of the match, but Sindhu had it easy in the second game.

PC Thulasi, ranked 111, too had a great day in office with a comfortable 21-16, 21-7 win against a low-ranked Hui Zhen Grace Chua in the second singles match.

India's National Champion in Badminton Ruthivika Shivani Gadde, who is ranked 131, did not have to sweat out much either to tame her Singapore rival Jia Min Yeo in the other singles match.

India's famed doubles pair of Jwala Gutta-Ashwini Ponnappa too proved their mettle with a comfortable 21-18, 21-16 victory over Shinta Mulia Sari-Wei Han Tan.

Sindhu played in the doubles match as well in the company of Sikki Reddy and the duo trounced their Singapore rivals of Jia Ming Crystal Wong-Jia Min Yeo 21-8, 21-14 to make it a clean sweep.

Match overview (Men's Team)

	India  -  Singapore	Score
1 MS1	<u>Srikanth K.</u>  -  <u>Zi Liang Derek WONG</u>	21-16 12-21 21-13
2 MD1	<u>Manu ATTRI</u>  -  <u>Yong Kai Terry HEE</u> <u>Sumeeth Reddy B.</u>  -  <u>Kean Hean LOH</u>	21-15 21-14
3 MS2	<u>Ajay JAYARAM</u>  -  <u>Kean Yew LOH</u>	21-11 21-18
4 MD2	<u>Pranaav Jerry CHOPRA</u>  -  <u>Danny Bawa CHRISNANTA</u> <u>Akshay DEWALKAR</u>  -  <u>Hendra WIJAYA</u>	21-14 21-13
5 MS3	<u>Prannoy H. S.</u>  -  <u>Zin Rei Ryan NG</u>	21-10 21-12

Match overview: (Women's Team)

	India  -  Singapore	<u>Score</u>
1 WS1	<u>Sindhu VENKATA SINDHU</u>  -  <u>Xiaoyu LIANG</u>	21-17 21-11
2 WS2	<u>Thulasi P. C.</u>  -  <u>Hui Zhen Grace CHUA</u>	21-16 21-7
3 WS3	<u>Ruthvika Shivani GADDE</u>  -  <u>Jia Min YEO</u>	21-14 21-11
4 WD1	<u>Jwala GUTTA</u>  -  <u>Shinta Mulia SARI</u> <u>Ashwini PONNAPPA</u>  -  <u>Wei Han TAN</u>	21-18 21-16
5 WD2	<u>Sikki Reddy NELAKURIHI</u>  -  <u>Jia Ying Crystal WONG</u> <u>Sindhu VENKATA SINDHU</u>  -  <u>Jia Min YEO</u>	21-8 21-14
