

President Mukherjee congratulates Saina Nehwal

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President Pranab Mukherjee on Sunday congratulated World No 1 shuttler Saina Nehwal on winning the Women's Singles in India Open Super Series Badminton tournament.



"Hearty congratulation Saina Nehwal on winning the Women's Singles India Open Super Series," the President tweeted"

Earlier in the day, Nehwal lifted the Singles crown of the India Open Super Series Badminton Tournament.

Earlier President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated Saina Nehwal for the becoming the *first* Indian woman shuttler to attain the *world number* one ranking in badminton, and wished her more success in future.

"Congrats Saina Nehwal on becoming World no 1 in Badminton; well deserved honour; best wishes for Indian Open Semi Final," Mukherjee wrote on his twitter handle.

Though the official BWF Rankings will be out only on Thursday next week, Saina was assured of her ascent to the top owing to the reigning World Champion's 19-21 23-21 20-22 loss to third seed Thai Ratchanok Intanon.

Saina thus becomes only the second Indian overall to be World number one after Prakash Padukone had the distinction of being the numero uno Men's Badminton player.
