

## **Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta elected as Vice President of IOA – India would return to Olympic fold**



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Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta, President of Badminton Association of India is elected as Vice President of Indian Olympic Association. Dr. Gupta is also Vice President of Badminton Asia Confederation and Member of the Executive Council of Badminton World Federation. It is a matter of pride and honor for Badminton fraternity.

To make sure that the elections are carried out in accordance with the Olympic Charter, the IOC sent three observers – IOC Director of National Olympic Committees (NOC) Relations Mr. Pere Miro, IOC Ethics Commission Member Mr. Francisco J. Elizalde and Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Director General Mr. Husain Al Musallam.

"The house has urged them to take their report back to the IOC Executive Board and try and make sure the Indian athletes walk beneath the Indian tri-colour at the earliest."

"We will be leaving to go back to Sochi for the IOC Executive Board meeting and personally report on today's proceedings," Robin Mitchell, the head of the IOC delegation at the election, said.

The IOC had hinted recently that India could be brought back to the Olympic fold after the IOA elections.

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