

Dr Akhilesh Das Gupta unanimously re-elected as President of Badminton Association of India



Lucknow: Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Dr Akhilesh Das Gupta, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) has been unanimously re-elected as President, BAI for an another term of four-years w.e.f. June 2014.

Dr Gupta's' dynamic leadership and his player's centric approach has already helped India bag its first Olympic Medal in Badminton apart from many International Titles including Bronze Medal at World Championship - 2013. Dr. Gupta, the former National-level player is determined to take Indian Badminton to the highest level not only in Asia but in the World.

Addressing the media on Monday, BAI President said, "The unanimous verdict to back me for another full term is a sign of trust and faith the association has in me. Since I took over as the President, I have worked towards uniting all the stakeholders and the results have been showing on and off the field."

India has bagged the rights to host marquee BWF events like the Thomas & Uber Cup Finals scheduled at New Delhi in May 2014, for the first time in India and the Super

Series (2014 – 17) due to the exemplary development of the game of Badminton in India during the existing tenure of Dr. Gupta as President, BAI.

BWF has appreciated the efforts of BAI under the leadership of Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta in making Badminton popular next to Cricket in India.

Apart from it the successful conduct of highest prize money Badminton tournament in the world viz. 'Indian Badminton League' is also the result of the vision of Dr. Gupta which has been appreciated all over the world.

Dr Gupta said BAI's policy to provide international exposure to a larger pool of shuttlers have yielded great results with about 10 singles players (men and women together) breaking into the top-50 in world rankings.

Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta is also Vice President, Badminton Asia Confederation. He has also been elected as Member, Executive Council of Badminton World Federation (BWF) in 2013 with ever largest support from all Badminton playing Countries in the world.
