



## **Badminton Association of India announces squad for Taipei, Canada and US Team for Asian Junior Championship to be played in Jakarta next month also announced**

**New Delhi, June 12** – Badminton Association of India (BAI) in their quest to give their players enough time to prepare for international tournaments have announced the teams for three upcoming international tournaments after a selection committee meeting that was held in Bangalore on Saturday.

The committee has declared the names of the players who will travel for the upcoming tournaments starting with the Chinese Taipei Grand Prix Gold (June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>), Canada Open Grand Prix (July 11<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>) and US Open Grand Prix Gold (July 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>) along with the announcement of the squad for the Junior Asian Badminton Championship.

While World No.33 Sourabh Verma will lead the Indian charge in the men's singles category in Taipei, it will also be an ideal ground for the upcoming players to prove their mettle and make the most out of the opportunity. Apart from Verma, Harsheel Dani and Siril Verma will represent India in the men's singles category, while the women's singles section will be represented by Sri Krishna Priya and Uttejitha Rao.

In Canada Open, India's hopes will be pinned on the experienced duo of World No. 29 H.S Prannoy and P Kashyap. Both these players have been on and off the court in the past season due to injury and will be eager to get back to winning ways. In the women's singles category, World No.45, Rituparna Das, one of the fastest rising players from the country will be the cynosure of all Indian eyes. Manu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy will drive Indian challenge in the men's doubles action, while Poorvisha Ram and J Meghana and the doubles duo of Kuhoo Garg/Nancy B Hazarika will be representing India in the women's doubles category. Siki Reddy and Pranaav Jerry Chopra will represent India in the mixed doubles section.

US Open will see Saina Nehwal spearheading the Women's Single's contingent as she will look to annexe her first US Open title. The men's singles action will see a strong line-up with the trio of Sameer Verma, Prannoy and Kashyap representing India in California. The mixed doubles category will see the new found pair of Ashwini Ponappa and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy. Both the players were paired for the first time in the Sudirman Cup and they dished out jaw dropping performance drawing praise from all quarters. The pair exhibited great chemistry and they will look forward to carry their momentum in US and deliver a title winning performance.

Also the junior squad for the upcoming Badminton Asian Junior Championships that will be played in Jakarta, Indonesia from July 22<sup>nd</sup> –July 30<sup>th</sup> was also announced during the meeting.

### **Full Squad –**

#### **Chinese Taipei Grand Prix Gold (June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Men's Singles** – Sourabh Verma, Harsheel Dani, Siril Verma, **Women's Singles** – Sri Krishna Priya, Uttejitha Rao

Coach- Utsav Mishra, Amrish Shinde

**Manager:- CHERUKURI RAGHUKIRON (AP)**



### **Canadian Open Grand Prix (July 11<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>)**

**Men's Singles** – Sameer Verma, H.S Prannoy, P. Kashyap, **Women's Singles** – Rituparna Das, Ruthvika Shivani, Sri Krishna Priya, Sai Uttejitha Rao, **Men's Doubles** – Manu Attri/Sumeeth Reddy, **Women's Doubles** – Poorvisha Ram/J Meghana, Kuhoo Garg/Nancy B Hazarika **Mixed Doubles** – Sikki Reddy/Pranaav Jerry Chopra

### **US Open Grand Prix Gold (July 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Men's Singles** – Sameer Verma, H.S Prannoy, P Kashyap, **Women's Singles** – Rituparna Das, Saina Nehwal, Ruthvika Shivani, **Men's Doubles** – Manu Attri/Summeth Reddy, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty, **Women's Doubles** – Poorvisha Ram/J Meghana, Sikki Reddy/Ashwini Ponnappa, Kuhoo Garg/Nancy B Hazarika **Mixed Doubles** – Sikki Reddy/Pranaav Jerry Chopra, Ashiwini Ponnappa/Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

**Coaches:-** Anup Sridhar, Ganguly Prasad, Umender Singh Rana, Sidharth Jain

**Manager:-** N.C.Sudhir (KARNATAKA)

### **Badminton Asian Junior Championships (July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) at Indonesia**

**Boy's Singles** – Jaswanth D, Lakshya Sen, Karthikey Gulshan Kumar, Arintap Das, Reserves – Swarnaraj Bora, Aryaman Tandon, **Girl's Singles** – Aakarshi Kashyap, Prashi Joshi, Ashmita Chalia, Ira Sharma (Reserves – Kanika Kanwal), **Boy's Doubles** – Dhruv Kapila/Krishna Prasad, Swarnaraj Bora/Sai Pawan Karri, Krishna Podili/Vishnuvardhan Gaur,

**Girl's Doubles** – Rituparna Panda /U K Mithula, Ashwini Bhat/Apeksha, Anugraha/Reza Farhath, **Mixed Doubles** – Tapaswini S Roy/Sanjay Srivastav, Dhruv Kapila/U K Mithula, G. Krishna Prasad/ Partner (decided by coach)

**Coaches:** Sanjay Mishra, Arvind Bhatt, Anshuman Hazarika, Trupti Murgunde

**Manager:** Bamang Tago (Arunachal Pradesh), KHAWLHRING LIANHMING THANGA (MIZORAM)

### **About Badminton Association of India:**

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) is the Governing Body for Badminton in India recognized by Ministry of Sports, Govt. of India as National Sports Federation. Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma is the President of the federation. He is also a sitting MLA from Jalukbari and a cabinet minister. BAI is registered under the Societies Act and affiliated to Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC), Badminton World Federation (BWF) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA). BAI was formed in 1934 and Badminton Associations of all States / UTs are its Member Associations. BAI organizes National Championships for all categories of Badminton players apart from Zonal Inter State Championships, All India Ranking Tournaments in India. BAI also conducts various International Tournaments in India like the India Open World SuperSeries, Syed Modi India Grand Prix, India Junior International Championship along with the ambitious grassroot project, Shuttle Time which aims to reach 1.5 million school children in 21 States in 2017. BAI has also initiated the Coaching the Coaches programmes for creating a pool of Coaches to promote Badminton in India.



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