

Sports Authority of India

Press Release

SAI appoints 14 Olympians and Paralympians as Coaches

In a move that promises to empower both elite sportspersons and young athletes, the Sports Authority of India has appointed 11 Olympians and 3 Para Olympians as Coaches and Assistant Coaches. These appointments have been made with an effort to ensure that experienced and elite sportspersons continue to contribute to the progress of sport in the country during their tenure as active sportspersons and even after they retire.

The appointments as regular staff of SAI will secure the sportspersons financially, while allowing them to continue with their regular training and participation in competitions. Retired sportspersons who have been appointed will take on coaching jobs with immediate effect.

Speaking about the appointments, Ms. Neelam Kapur, DG SAI, said, "This is our way of acknowledging the contribution made by these sportspersons to the country. We want sportspersons who have represented the country in the most competitive, elite events of the world, to be associated with sports throughout their professional careers and even after they retire. We want to harness their vast experience towards training young, prospective medal winners."

Mariyappen T, Athletics who won a gold for India in high jump in Para Olympics 2016 has been offered a Group A post as coach. 11 Olympians and 2 Para Olympians have been offered Group B post as Assistant Coaches. All appointed coaches will join on January 5, 2019.

The list of Olympians and Para Olympians who will join as coaches, is as given below:-

Sl. No	Applicant Name	Sports Discipline	Olympics Event Place of conduct
OLYMPIAN			
1	Ashwini Akkunji Chidananda	Athletics	RIO 2016 - 4*400 m relay
2	Jincy Philip	Athletics	SYDNEY 2000 - 4*400 m relay
3	Surendra Singh	Athletics	BEIJING 2008 - 10000 mtr
4	Inderpal Singh	Water Sports	SYDNEY 2000 - Rowing
5	Majhi Sawaiyan	Archery	ATHENS 2004 - Archery
6	Jaisha.O.P	Athletics	RIO 2016 - Marathon
7	Savita Punia	Hockey	RIO 2016 - Hockey
8	Debashri Mazumdar	Athletics	RIO 2016 - 400 & 4*400 m relay
9	Muhammed Anas Y	Athletics	RIO 2016 - 400 & 4*400 m relay
10	Gopi T	Athletics	RIO 2016- Marathon
11	Ram Singh Yadav	Athletics	LONDON 2012- Marathon
PARALYMPIAN			
1	Sharad Kumar	Athletics	RIO 2016- High Jump
2	Ankur Dhama	Athletics	RIO 2016 – 1500mtr