

Press Release

SAI sanctions two month training for Olympic probable swimmers in Dubai

New Delhi, August 15: Sports Authority of India has approved two months training for three Olympic probable swimmers who will be accompanied with a coach at a cost of around 35 lakhs ahead of next year's Tokyo Olympics. The three swimmers are Viradhawal Khade (50m freestyle), Srihari Nataraj (100m backstroke), Kushagra Rawat (400m freestyle) and they will train at Dubai's Aqua Nation Swimming Academy. All three swimmers have breached the B qualification mark for the Olympics.

This decision was taken in lieu of the current prevailing situation as swimming pools in India are not yet accessible as a safety measure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The training in Dubai will allow athletes to practise and improve their timing to "Olympic Qualification mark- A Time". The covid-19 pandemic had halted the training of India's swimmers since March 2020.

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