



Press Release

Indian Table Tennis players head to Korea & Japan as MOC approves foreign training proposals for multiple athletes

New Delhi, Feb 19, 2024: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) during the weekly meeting approved paddlers Diya Chitale and Swastika Ghosh's proposals for advanced level training in South Korea and Japan respectively..

While Diya will head for Paju-si, South Korea to train under Coach Shin Min Sung, Swastika Ghosh will go to Osaka, Japan to train under Coach Qiu Jian Xin.

MYAS, under its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) funding will cover the athletes' Airfare, Boarding/Lodging costs, coaching fees, insurance and visa costs and local transportation costs among other expenditures.

During the meeting, MOC also approved proposals for competition for shuttlers Kiran George and Anupama Upadhaya, doubles women's team of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand and shooter Rudranksh Patil.

While Kiran and Anupama Upadhaya will participate in the BWF Orleans Master, the team of Treesa and Gayatri along with their coach and physio will head to Germany to compete in the BWF German Open.

Meanwhile, India rifle shooter Rudranksh Patil will head to Dortmund, Germany to compete at the International Saison Start for Shooters (ISAS 2024) events.

MOC also approved proposals of Table Tennis players Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and Manika Batra for Financial Assistance for participation in WTT Feeder events.

While Sathiyam will head to Beirut, Lebanon to take part in WTT Feeder and WTT Feeder 2 events, Manika, along with her coach will head to Singapore to participate in WTT Singapore Smash followed by 2 WTT Feeder Tournaments in Beirut, Lebanon.

Their airfare, boarding/lodging costs, entry fees (for Rudranksh), training fees (for Rudranksh), and local transportation costs, among other expenditures, will be covered under TOPS funding.

Requests for various equipment for Athletes Paramjeet Singh Bisht, D P Manu, Rohit Yadav and Kapil were also cleared during the meeting.