



Press Release

Squash players inducted in TOPS in preparation for LA Olympics in 2028, Archer Deepika Kumari also re-inducted

New Delhi, 29th April: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' (MYAS) Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) during their 133rd meeting inducted Squash players Anahat Singh, Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar to Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Development group, so as to help them prepare for Los Angeles Olympics, that will take place in the year 2028.

In October 2023 the LA2028 organising committee had accepted the sport of Squash for inclusion in the 2028 edition of the Games in Los Angeles. Looking at India's performance in Squash in the past two decades, especially at Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, MOC decided to induct three squash players in their TOPS Development group, with the aim to help them provide all required assistance to prepare for the global event.

Further, with Paris Olympics less than 100 days away, MOC also decided to re-induct Archer Deepika Kumari to TOPS Core list. Deepika, who had taken a maternity break, recently made an come back at has been doing well both at the domestic stage and had also medalled at Asia Cup 2024 earlier this year. Besides Deepika, Archer Mrinal Chauhan has also been inducted to TOPS Development group, Archer Pravin Jadhav has been moved from Development to Core group and Para- Powerlifter Ashok has been inducted in TOPS Core group.