



Target Olympic Podium Scheme

Why in News?

Olympian and World Championship silver medallist archer **Atanu Das** has been re-introduced in the [Target Olympic Podium Scheme \(TOPS\)](#).

- Other big names to be included in TOPS are rifle shooter **Mehuli Ghosh** and 15-year-old **Tilottama Sen**, who won **bronze** in 10m air rifle event at **International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup 2023** held in Cairo, Egypt.
- A total of **27 new names were inducted in the TOPS Core and Development lists** which now takes the total number of **TOPS athletes to 270** (101 in Core, 169 in Development).

What is the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)?

- **About:**
 - To improve India's performance at [Olympics and Paralympics](#), the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS)** started the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) in **September 2014**.
 - This was revamped in **April 2018** to establish a technical support team for **managing the TOPS athletes and providing holistic support**.
- **High Priority Sports:**
 - The **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** is responsible for **appointment of TOPS members** with emphasis on ensuring representation from '**High-Priority**' sports (**Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Hockey, Shooting and Wrestling**).
- **Recent Success:**
 - The TOPS sponsored athletes gained relative success at the **2016 Rio Olympics and the 2018 Commonwealth Games**.
 - **P V Sindhu and Sakshi Malik** captured **silver and bronze** in Badminton and Wrestling respectively at the **2016 Rio Olympics**.
 - In the 2016 [Paralympic Games](#), the **TOPS Athletes won 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze** demonstrating the effectiveness of the Scheme.
 - In the Commonwealth Games, out of the 70 athletes who won medals at the, **47 of them were supported under the TOP Scheme**.
- **Mission Olympic Cell:**
 - The **Mission Olympic Cell** is a dedicated body created to assist the athletes who are selected under the TOP Scheme.
 - The MOC is under the Chairmanship of the **Director General, Sports Authority of India (DG, SAI)**.
- **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF):**
 - The [National Sports Development Fund \(NSDF\)](#) was established in November, 1998 under Charitable Endowments Act, 1890 with the aim of promotion of **sports and games in the country**.
 - **NSDF** has been vital in the working of TOPS across disciplines.
- **Upcoming Olympic Events:**
 - **Summer Olympics 2024: Paris, France**
 - **Winter Olympics 2026: Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy**
 - **Summer Olympics 2028: Los Angeles, USA**

- Summer Olympics 2032: Brisbane, Australia

What are the Government Initiatives Related to Promotion of Sports?

- [Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan](#)
- [Fit India Movement](#)
- [Khelo India](#)
- SAI Training Centers Scheme
- National Sports Talent Search Portal
- [National Sports Awards Scheme](#)
- [National Youth Festival](#)

UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements in respect of the 32nd Summer Olympics:

1. The official motto for this Olympics is 'A New World'.
2. Sport Climbing, Surfing, Skateboarding, Karate and Baseball are included in this Olympics.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (b)

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