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Archery newly elected body announces National Competitions & Selection Trials

New Delhi, 10th January, 2019; the newly elected body of Archery Association of India took a much needed initiative to hold the backlog National Archery Championships of 2018 as its first step to move forward in the best interest of archers.

Shri B.V.P Rao, President of Archery Association of India, today announced the calendar of domestic Archery events upto March, 2019 including Junior National, Senior National and a National Ranking Archery Tournament (NRAT). It has also been declared that Indian Team for the World Championship-Netherland would be finalized in March, 2019 ie. three months in advance from the event. Teams selected from the final trial will also be taking part in World Cups-209. Probable for the coaching camp will be selected through the open selection trials to be held in last week of January, 2019. Rao also took a decision to send Junior team to first Asia Cup at Bangkok in March, 2019.

He added that the 40th Junior (Recurve, Compound, and Indian Round) National Archery Championships are awarded to Madhya Pradesh Amateur Archery Association to host at Bhopal from 7th to 14th February, 2019 whereas 39th Senior (Recurve, Compound, and Indian Round) National Archery Championships will be hosted by Odisha Archery Association at Bhubneshwar from 9th to 16th March, 2019. The bid for staging Sub-Junior National-2018 in April, 2019 and proposals for hosting Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior National Championships and NRATs of 2019 have been invited from the Member State Archery Associations/Associate Members. The Executive Committee of the Association will look into the bids on merit and take decision to award championships and tournaments of 2019 accordingly.

Mr.Rao said that the calendar of domestic events of all age groups would be compiled and published at the beginning of the year by the AAI and all out efforts would be made to conduct these events strictly as per the stipulated time. This will not only help the archers, coaches, state associations and academy to chalk out their training schedules but also the association to concentrate on international calendar. It has been decided that all the Nationals would be conducted in a magnificent manner with no cost to the participants except their travel.

Conceptualized with the agenda of promoting archery in India while also improving talent in the nation upto world standard, the Association thought to revive the National Ranking Archery Tournaments (NRAT) again. With the partnership of NTPC, the association will organise four NRATs followed by a final during the year involving top Indian Archers at the Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior level with attractive cash awards to winners. The resurgence of high quality NRAT will showcase a new revolutionized face of archery which will push the sport to limelight. This will help talented players and also identify hidden talents at grassroots level and bring them to limelight.

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While thanking and appreciating the management of NTPC for coming forward to sponsor the domestic events of the Archery Association of India and providing kit/apparels to Indian Archery team, Mr.Rao stated that such partnership and support from NTPC will help India become a strong and vibrant Archery nation.

Besides Nationals, the Association recognised the importance of 2019 as qualifying year for the Olympic Games-2020. Our target is not only to obtain full qualification quota places of 3 men and 3 women for the Tokyo-Olympic Games-2020 but also to bring more and more number of medals for the country in recurve as well as compound events. The Association has a long term plan to select senior and junior probable from Selection Trials and National Championships to prepare the 2nd and 3rd line of Archers for meeting future challenges. The Association is in the process of constituting various Committees and Sub-Committees to manage the affairs of the association professionally and to draw a robust selection criteria for fielding a strong Indian Team for the World Championships, World Cups, Youth World Championship and Asia Cup.

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