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Adarsh no stranger to obstacles

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New Delhi: He was born with a lump near his spine, for which he was operated upon when he was just six days old. He had a nervous breakdown growing up. Then, a lower



back injury forced him to quit playing his favourite sports, cricket and badminton. However, all this didn't deter Faridabad boy Adarsh Singh, all of 17, from taking up shooting, and now he has made it to his first senior international event, the ISSF World Cup rifle/pistol, to be hosted by India.

Adarsh, who had created quite a flutter when he pipped Gold Coast CWG gold medalist Anish Bhanwala to the post to clinch the gold medal in

the 25m rapid fire pistol at the national shooting championships in Kerala in Dec 2018, will be staking a claim for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics by competing in his pet 25m rapid fire pistol event at the World Cup, which will be held from Feb 20-28 at the Karni Singh Shooting Range (KSSR) here.

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"It's been a tough journey for me since my birth. The lower-back injury never allowed me to pursue my passion in cricket or badminton. As I started growing older, I found out that I couldn't play physically tough sports. So I chose shooting. It helped that my elder sister Riya Singh — also a national level shooter — was pursuing shooting and she introduced me to the sport. I honed my skills at the Faridabad Model School shooting range and soon I developed a deep interest," said Adarsh, who sho-

ots in centre-fire pistol, sports pistol and the standard pistol.

Adarsh, who will be appearing for his class XII board exam next month, has been on a roll since the start of 2018. Competing in the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney last year, he won a silver and a bronze in team events.

In the selection trials for the World Cup, he shot a qualification score of 578 to make the cut for the premier event, ahead of the likes of seasoned shooters like Vijay Kumar and Gurpreet Singh.

Six new physios for Indian shooters: As the Indian shooters gear up to compete in an all-important qualification year for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has decided to appoint six new physios to maximise the chances for the country's shooters to secure as many quota places as possible.



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NRAI assures selection transparency for Tokyo

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NEW DELHI: The irony wasn't lost on anyone. Rifle shooter Sanjeev Rajput, among the few seniors in the current bunch who will be gunning for an Olympic quota place in this month's World Cup here, praised the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for its policies. In the presence of its president Raminder Singh, during the launch of the event here on Friday.

In 2016, Rajput was a 'victim' as despite winning a quota place for the country he was not sent, and trap shooter Manavjir Sandhu was handed the spot. In fact, out of the 12 Indian shooters for the Rio Olympics, Rajput was the only one to win the quota spot and still be left out. The quota (qualification spot) won by a shooter is awarded to the country and the federation decides who is selected.

"The federation is doing a good job and without its support it is a bit difficult to manage things. I am sure it will send the best team for the Tokyo Olympics," said Rajput, a silver medalist at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.

With the qualifiers for the Olympics on, the focus is back on the quota places and its distribution. Raminder Singh said the Olympic quota allotment policy is transparent and the selection committee will give quotas to eligible shooters on the basis of merit points. However, he added: "We are open to improvement."



In 2016, Sanjeev Rajput was a 'victim' as despite winning a quota for the country he was not sent to the Rio Olympic Games.

Announcing plans to conduct the season's first Olympic qualification event—World Cup in rifle and pistol—starting on Feb 30 at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Ranges—he promised to stick to the policy, saying "the interest of the nation" matters.

"As per the world governing body (ISSF), the quota is for the country and not an individual. Generally, NRAI gives it to the athlete who earns it. In exceptional cases, if the athlete is unfit or the performance graph dips in the build up to the global competition, then federation has no choice but to allot it to another shooter who shows good form," he explained.

Given the stakes in shooting that has seen tremendous spurt with several teenagers winning international medals and achieving world record scores, NRAI

would hope to steer clear of any controversy this time around.

"We are human beings and could make mistake, but by and large shooting is an event where scores count. The best definitely gets the dues," he said.

Rajput, then with the Navy, earned the quota in the 50m rifle 3-position in the Asian Shooting Championships, the pre-qualification event. However, he was dropped from the Rio Olympics bound team. His quota was swapped with the shotgun discipline and trap shooter Manavjir Singh Sandhu got the green signal. Then NRAI claimed Sandhu was picked because he had more consistent scores in the election trials. Having put that disappointment, Rajput is again aiming to win quota in the 50m rifle 3-position on home ground. "It's the best opportunity," he said.



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World Cup rifle and pistol to offer 16 Olympic quota places

The event will be telecast live

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NEW DELHI

Shooters from around the world would be eyeing the 16 Olympic quota places on offer, in eight events for men and women, in the World Cup in rifle and pistol to be staged at the Dr. Karni Singh Range here from February 21.

It will also be an ideal platform for the Indian shooters to show case their strike power.

The event will be telecast live. "Sony will be covering the World Cup. Doordarshan will also broadcast. Since the World Cup is an ISSF event, the world body has signed the deal with Sony Television not only for this World Cup but other World Cups as well," said the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), Raninder Singh, who addressed the media along with many



Star field: Leading shooters with the NRAI president Raninder Singh at the press conference. • KAMESH SRINIVASAN

shooters on Friday.

The first final, women's air rifle is scheduled for 2.15 p.m. on February 23. India has already won the maximum possible two Olympic quota places in this event through Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela in the last World Championship.

The Chairman of the Athletes Commission Moraad Ali

Khan said Indian shooters had a good chance for all the 14 quota places.

"Everything would depend on the day's performance as the margins are in decimal places most of the time," Moraad said.

"I have total faith in the national federation," said Olympian Sanjeev Rajput, even as he expressed confi-

dence that only the best would be selected eventually to represent the country in the Olympics.

As per the rules, the quota places belong to the country and not to the shooters who win them.

Saurabh Chaudhary, the Asian Games gold medalist, was equally confident that he would be able to put up a

good fare, and continue from where he had left year, a dream year in which everything he touched turned into gold.

The 16-year-old Saurabh won the Youth Olympics gold as well, and his pistol has been put up on display in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.



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NRAI president confident of India's good showing at shooting World Cup

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Raninder Singh, president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), on Friday expressed confidence about good showing by the Indian team in the upcoming International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup scheduled to be held at the Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi from 20 February.

The World cup is more significant for the shooters as 16 Tokyo Olympics quotas are up for grabs in eight of the 10 scheduled medal events.

India have already bagged their maximum share of two country quotas in the Women's 10m Air Rifle competition through Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela in the ISSF World Championship in Changwon last year. As such, these athletes will not be eligible for quotas, however that does not stop them from winning a coveted World Cup medal. India, therefore, will look to bag the maximum possible from the 14 quotas in seven events that they are eligible to win quo-



tas in. Singh, who will be also heading the organizing committee of the event as its chairman said, "We have a top fighting fit squad and a good mix of senior shooters and young players, who have proved their mettle time and again in world class international competitions. I am confident of a good showing and we look to bag the maximum number of quotas possible. We have a top fighting fit squad and a good mix of senior shooters and young turks, who have proved their mettle time and again in world class international competitions. I am confident of a good showing and we look to bag the maximum number of quotas possible."

Among the 10 out of 23 com-

peting Indian team members present were Apurvi Chandela (Women's 10m Air Rifle & Mixed Team), Ravi Kumar (Men's 10m Air Rifle & Mixed Team), Sanjeev Rajput (Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions), Rahi Sarnobat (Women's 25m Pistol), Abhishek Verma (Men's 10m Air Pistol), Saurabh Chaudhary (Men's 10m Air Pistol & Mixed Team), Tejaswini Sawant (Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions), Anjum Moudgil (Women's 10m Air Rifle), Deepak Kumar (Men's 10m Air Rifle) and Adarsh Singh (Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol).

Hosts India will be fielding a 34-member squad, including 11 in the non-competition Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) category.



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Indian shooters gear up to grab 14 quota places for Tokyo Games

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New Delhi: The qualification race for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics has begun for the Indian shooters.

With 14 quota places on offer at the ISSF World Cup to be held here at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range from February 21-28, as many as eight first-timers are among the total 29 Indian shooters eyeing these quotas in the 19 scheduled medal events.

Out of the 14 quotas, India have a chance to extract a maximum of 14 considering that Anjan Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela have already booked their places in the women's 10m Air Rifle.

Apart from the list of 29, there are 11 more from India in action in the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) section.

Only the two mixed team events - one each in Air Rifle and Air Pistol - out of the 19 events will have no quotas on offer.

Amongst the young guns, a lot of focus will be on 16-year-old Saurabh Chaudhary, who has been hogging the limelight in recent times, in the 10m Air Pistol. The



Focus will be on Saurabh Chaudhary in his first senior World Cup outing

Meerut-based shooter, who won the Youth Olympics gold as well in October last year, told DNA that he is ready to compete with the best in his first senior World Cup outing.

"I have been taking it easy for last two months or so during my off season. I'm completely relaxed being with my family and not preparing anything extra for this event. I'm hopeful of good results here as well," said the teenager, whose pistol has been put up on display in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Though India have already won the maximum possible two Olympic quota places in the women's 10m Air Rifle, NRAI president is hopeful of two to four more quota places during the event. "It is hard

to predict as the sport is very dynamic. We are capable of winning two to four Olympic quota places here," Singh said.

Singh clarified that the quota won by a shooter is not for any individual but for the country, as was the case during the 2016 Rio Olympics when Sanjeev Rajput was excluded from the squad citing his poor form.

Rajput, who is part of Indian squad, however expressed his confidence in the selection policy of the federation. "I have no complaints from my federation. We have transparent policy of selection and I'm sure that I will continue to perform well till the Tokyo Games," he said.

Overall, 486 athletes from 58 nations will be participating in this event including those from Pakistan. The event, for the first time, will witness a live television and online coverage.

National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Rataninder Singh on Friday said that all top events in India, including the national championships, would have television coverage in the future despite asking no assistance from the government.



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NRAI chief says they are in talks with 'three more corporates' for additional funding



Indian shooting team pose for a photo in New Delhi on Friday.

By Chetan Sharma in New Delhi

WELCOMING corporate investment into the sport, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Raninder Singh on Friday said India and China are the only countries that depend on government funding for sports, something which he feels can be diverted to the development of the sport at the grassroots level or invested in some other discipline where there is potential for winning Olympic medals.

"We are in negotiation with three other corporates for additional CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility)," The idea is we should have enough financial support from the corporates so that we release the hand we take from government for other sports," Raninder said told Mail Today when asked about their recent tie-up with JSW.

"If I want my shooters to get the best support then I have to go out with a bagging level, collect funds, and my sport in an honourable manner, get involvement of people who believe in our sport and see that shot for the top and then

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for the bottom." As per the Cx, JSW will fund NRAI's high performance requirements to develop the Indian shooters for the next two Olympics. He also focused on the disparity in the remuneration of the Indian coaches compared to their foreign counterparts. "We must understand these Indian coaches here in India, you can't run a family with Rs 40,000 a month. There are practical issues, but it is my duty as head of the India,

to ensure this doesn't come up, and this will not come up if I bring them up to a level," the NRAI chief said. "Most of the Indian coaches like Anand (Karna), Manoj (Mishra), Arshant (Chauhan) are right now working full on (from their heart) with passion, but I want to hold on to them, my results are coming with my Indian coaches. Therefore it is my duty to find the money and top up to the level they are happy," he added.

WORLD CUP LIVE ONLY
The World Cup to be staged at the Dr Karni Singh Range, Fategarh, from February 21,

will be aired live on television. "Open will be covering the World Cup. Doordarshan will also broadcast. Since the World Cup is an IAAF event, the world body has signed the deal with Sony. There is no deal only for the World Cup but other World Cups as well," said Raninder. Hosts India will be fielding a 34 member squad, including 11 in the non-competition Mini-topp. Qualification: Open (MGP) category in all 496 athletes from 64 nations will be competing in Delhi when competitions begin in night session with the first 8 ball started for February 21, 2019.

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—RANINDER SINGH, NRAI PRESIDENT



If we will be financially strong then we will get World-class ranges and good equipment. Then our focus will be only on major events.

—ARSHANT CHAUHAN, INDIAN SHOOTER

I feel I don't have more than four years left as a professional shooter and after 12 years of competing for India, I still have sleepless nights about my financial situation.

—RANI SANNIDYAY, INDIAN SHOOTER



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'Selection methods a work in progress'

NEW DELHI: With the onset of the Tokyo Olympics qualifying phase, the debate over the quota places in shooting has picked pace. More so with the World Cup being hosted in the capital from February 20 to 28, offering 16 places for the 2020 Games.

The Olympic quota place in shooting goes to the country, India are eligible for 14 quota places in seven events in this World Cup. During an interaction with the shooters on Friday, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Raninder Singh defended the selection policy after the question was asked to rifle shooter Sanjeev Rajput.

Rajput had bagged the quota for Rio Olympics but in the

NRAI trials, he finished behind Chain Singh and Gagan Narang. NRAI, then, exchanged the men's rifle 3-position quota for one in men's trap and Manavjit Sandhu was sent. While Rajput insisted he held no bitterness, Raninder said they were working on constantly evolving the process of selecting national teams and squads.

"It is not about who won the quota place, but who was the best player during the time of the event. It does not reflect on their quality as a shooter. It has more to do with the form at that time. It is done strategically in the interest of the flag, keeping in mind who is the better player that day and has better chance

of winning the medal. Unlike other federations, we don't have egos. We are always open to improve," said Raninder, who is also the vice-president of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

India have already bagged its maximum share of two country quotas in the women's 10m air rifle through Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela in the World Championship in Changwon last year. As such, these athletes will not be eligible for quotas.

"In a way it is a relief to have won the quota for the country. But we also know we cannot relax. It certainly has given me the confidence," Chandela said.

Raninder said he was hopeful of a good performance from the shooters. India will be fielding a 34-member squad, including 11 in the non-competition Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) category. In all, 495 athletes from 58 nations will be participating over five days.

Meanwhile NRAI is mulling appointing six more physiotherapists in the run up to Olympics. "Currently we have only two physios, which is less compared to number of shooters in the national camp. Especially for rifle and pistol shooters, we need that," Raninder said.

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SAURABH EYES OLYMPIC BERTH IN ISSF WORLD CUP

Teenage shooter remains hopeful of brilliant performance in upcoming major tournament

RNS ■ NEW DELHI

Undazed by his opponents' reputation, India's young shooting superstar Saurabh Chaudhary is confident that his strong preparations will help him to build on his stellar performance of 2018 and is hopeful of producing favourable results in upcoming ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol which is scheduled to take place in the capital city from February 20 to 28th at Karni Singh shooting range.

"My training is going very good and I am happy about it. I am hopeful of producing good performances this time too. It doesn't matter to me who my opponent is, whether it's an experienced campaigner or a newcomer. I just believe in my preparations and it is the only factor that matters to me."

In shooting particularly junior shooters can take part in the senior events as well as there is no restrictions in terms of age of the participating athletes and asked about if there is any sort of different preparations which he takes care of while preparing, 16-year old Saurabh, who went back to back Gold medals in Asian Games and Youth Olympics in the latter half of 2018 said there is nothing different in terms of preparations as his focus always remains in delivering his best.

"I don't prepare according to the tournament standards because there is still competition in each



one, so my focus always remains in delivering my best."

On being asked if there's any sort of pressure over him after his stellar performance of the previous year and all eyes focused on him, the young achiever said, he feels good about his yesteryear performance but isn't worried about pressure situation at all.

"It feels good to deliver strong performance on the range and bring laurels for the country. And since my preparations is going very well so there isn't any pressure sort of situation."

Talking about ups and downs in sport he said that it is part of the game and it is not always necessary that every time the results are favourable.

"Ups and Downs are part and parcel of sport. It is not like that every time I will be the only one winning Gold. Winning obviously is a nice thing but winning everytime is not fixed, so it goes on in sports."

With 16 Tokyo Olympics quota places up for grabs in the tournament starting from 20th, India is still able to extract a maximum

of 14 considering that Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela have already booked their quotas in the women's 10m Air Rifle and NRAI chief Raninder expects a healthy outcome from the 34-member home squad.

"We have a top fighting fit squad and a good mix of senior shooters and young turks, who have proved their mettle time and again in world class international competitions. I am confident of a good showing and we look to bag the maximum number of quotas possible," he said.

"Realistically I expect anything between two to four quotas. But in shooting, it is all about how you do on that particular day. So, we can get more also," NRAI chief Singh added.

In all, 495 athletes from 58 nations will be converging at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range (KSSR) when competitions begin in right earnest with the first final slated for February 23.

Only the two Mixed Team events, one each in Air Rifle and Air Pistol, out of the 10 events will have no quotas on offer.



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Salary impasse hits NRAI & SAI

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New Delhi: With the World Cup for rifle and shooting beginning in the capital from February 20, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Raninder Singh, on Friday, admitted it was becoming increasingly difficult for the body to pay the Indian coaches their salaries.

Both NRAI and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) were left embarrassed when it was found that 13 coaches have not been paid their salaries (by SAI) since April last year. Interestingly, SAI has been paying these coaches for their travel and stay to attend the camp with the players.

Raninder said salaries offered to Indian coaches by SAI as per government rule is much lower compared to that of foreign coaches. Since the Indian coaches are not ready to take up full-time jobs with SAI, they are being paid on a pro-rata basis.

"The foreign coaches are being paid around Rs. 4.5 lakh per month. But Indian coaches are paid much less. Since we have top coaches like Shima Shirur, Jaspal Rana or Mansher Singh, we are trying hard to get sponsors.

"Without having the back-



Rahi Sarnobat

ing of the sponsors, it would be difficult for us to pay coaches who are working with us round the year," he said.

However, the World Cup, scheduled from February 20 to 28, is going to be of huge importance as 16 quota places would be up for grabs in eight of the 10 medal events.

Top Indian shooters including Apurvi Chandela, Sanjeev Rajput, Rahi Sarnobat and Saurabh Chaudhary are taking part in the meet at the Karni Singh shooting range.

Nearly 500 shooters from 58 countries including Pakistan are taking part. NRAI officials said there should be no problem in Pakistani shooters getting visas.



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ओलंपिक के लिए कोटा स्थान पाने का सुनहरी मौका

नई दिल्ली, (राजेंद्र सजवान) : टोक्यो ओलंपिक में भारतीय भागीदारी को लेकर तैयारियों की शुरुआत निशानेबाजी के साथ हो रही है। 20 से 27 फरवरी तक करनी सिंह शूटिंग रेंज में आयोजित होने वाले साल के पहले निशानेबाजी वर्ल्ड कप में मेजबान निशानेबाजों के लिए अधिकाधिक स्थान पाने का सुनहरी मौका रहेगा। आज यहां आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में नेशनल राइफल एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष रविन्द्र सिंह ने बताया कि दुनिया के 47 देशों के 490 निशानेबाज सोलह ओलंपिक कोटा स्थानों के लिए शक्ति परीक्षा में उतर रहे हैं। उन्होंने भारतीय स्टाफ खिलाड़ियों की उपस्थिति में कहा कि चूंकि भारत मेजबान है इसलिए सभी का लक्ष्य पहले वर्ल्ड कप में टोक्यो 2020 का टिकट पाना रहेगा। सौरभ

भारतीय दल के सबसे छोटे और संजीव राजपूत सबसे बड़ी उम्र के निशानेबाज हैं। अपूर्वी चन्देला और अंजुम मोहगिल 10 मीटर एयर पिस्टल में पहले ही ओलंपिक का टिकट हासिल कर चुकी हैं और हीना

सिद्ध एवम् मनु भाकर का दावा खासा मजबूत है।

रविन्द्र ने स्पष्ट किया कि कोटा देश को मिलेगा और ओलंपिक से पहले जो भी निशानेबाज श्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करेगा उसे ओलंपिक में भेजा

जाएगा। एक सवाल के जवाब में उन्होंने बताया कि एनआरएआई में सबकुछ ठीक ठाक चल रहा है और पारदर्शिता का पूरा ध्यान रखा जाता है। सभी खिलाड़ी पूरी तरह फिट हैं। उनके अनुसार आयोजन के लिए

सरकार से कोई सहायता नहीं मांगी गई पूरा खर्च एसोसिएशन कर रही है। आज यहां भारतीय खिलाड़ियों ने अपनी तैयारियों पर संतोष व्यक्त किया और कहा कि उनके पास सबसे बेहतरीन मौका है और चार में से पहले ही वर्ल्ड कप में ओलंपिक कोटा निश्चित कर दबावमुक्त हो जाना चाहेंगे। सौरभ ने आत्म विश्वास के साथ कहा कि वह पहले ओलंपिक के लिए अपना श्रेष्ठ देना चाहेगा।

ओलंपिक में भाग लेना उसका सपना रहा है। भारतीय नौसेना की निशानेबाज अनुराधा अपने पहले वर्ल्ड कप के लिए खासी रोमांचित हैं। पुरुषों के पिस्टल इवेंट में सौरभ चौधरी, अधिविक्र वर्मा और रविन्द्र सिंह ने अपनी टॉप फॉर्म का उल्लेख किया और कहा कि मौका हाथ से नहीं जाने देंगे।



नई दिल्ली में भारतीय निशानेबाजी दल के साथ नेशनल राइफल एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष रविन्द्र सिंह।



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■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : राजधानी के कर्णी सिंह शूटिंग रेंज में 20 फरवरी से दुनिया भर के टॉप शूटर्स का जमावड़ा होगा। इनमें पाकिस्तान के भी दो निशानेबाज शामिल होंगे। नौ दिनों तक चलने वाली आईएसएसएफ राइफल/पिस्टल वर्ल्ड कप में 58 देशों के 503 (260 पुरुष, 243 महिला) शूटर्स होड़ में होंगे। आयोजकों ने बताया कि पाक निशानेबाजों को वीजा मिल चुका है।

नैशनल राइफल असोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (एनआरएआई) के प्रेजिडेंट रनिंदर सिंह ने बताया कि इस वर्ल्ड कप का महत्व इसलिए ज्यादा है क्योंकि इसके जरिए टोक्यो ओलिंपिक्स के लिए 16



दिल्ली शूटिंग वर्ल्ड कप में हिस्सा लेने जा रहे भारतीय निशानेबाज

कोटा स्थान निर्धारित होंगे। उन्होंने उम्मीद जताई कि भारतीय शूटर्स ज्यादा से ज्यादा कोटा स्थान हासिल करने में सफल रहेंगे। रनिंदर ने बताया कि प्रतियोगिता का लाइव टेलिकॉस्ट सोनी नेटवर्क और डीडी स्पोर्ट्स

पर होगा। प्रतियोगिता में स्लोवेनिया के 56 साल के रेमंड डेबेवेच भी निशाना साधेंगे तो थाईलैंड के 14 साल के पी.इसारान्नुदोम भी आकर्षण के केंद्र होंगे। भारत प्रतियोगिता में 23 सदस्यीय टीम उतार रहा है।



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बोर्ड परीक्षाओं के साथ निशाने पर वर्ल्ड कप मेडल

विश्व कीर्तिमानधारी सौरभ रात में दसवीं की परीक्षाओं की करेंगे तैयारी, दिन में ओलंपिक कोटा के लिए साधेंगे निशाना

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नई दिल्ली। सोलह की उम्र में मॅरठ के शूटर सौरभ चौधरी ने विश्व कीर्तिमान रचने के साथ एशियाई खेलों और यूथ ओलंपिक का गोल्ड अपनी झोली में डाल रखा है। अब उनके निशाने पर दिल्ली में शुरू होने जा रहा वर्ल्ड कप है।

यहां उनके निशाने पर टोकियो ओलंपिक का कोटा होगा। वर्ल्ड कप के साथ उनकी यूपी बोर्ड की परीक्षाएं भी शुरू हो गई हैं। दसवीं के छात्र सौरभ ने फैसला लिया है कि न तो वह वर्ल्ड कप छोड़ेंगे और न ही बोर्ड की परीक्षाएं। दिन में



नई दिल्ली में प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस के दौरान टीम सदस्यों के साथ सौरभ।

उनके निशाने पर वर्ल्ड कप मेडल रहेगा और रात में परीक्षाओं की तैयारी करेंगे। सौरभ ने परीक्षा के दिन एनआरएआई से छुट्टी की अर्जी भी डाल दी है।

सौरभ कहते हैं यह अजीब

स्थिति है। उनके लिए ओलंपिक क्वालिफाइंग वर्ल्ड कप भी जरूरी है और दसवीं की परीक्षा भी। परीक्षा की तैयारी के लिए वह रात में अतिरिक्त पढ़ाई करेंगे, जबकि दिन में वह वर्ल्ड कप की तैयारियां

वर्ल्ड कप में उतरने जा रही भारतीय टीम के सबसे छोटे सदस्य सौरभ हैं। वह भी सच्चाई है कि उनके अलावा टीम में दूसरा दसवीं का छात्र नहीं है। सौरभ के कोच अमित रयोगण भी इसको लेकर काफी चिंतित हैं कि बोर्ड परीक्षाओं के साथ वर्ल्ड कप शुरू हो रहा है।

दल के सबसे छोटे सदस्य हैं सौरभ

करेंगे। उन्हें भरोसा है कि यह वर्ल्ड कप में ओलंपिक कोटा भी हासिल करेंगे और परीक्षा में भी पास होंगे। सौरभ साफ करते हैं कि उन पर थोड़ा दबाव जरूर है, लेकिन वह इससे उबरने में जरूर सफल रहेंगे।

सर्जरी ने छुड़वाया क्रिकेट पर शूटिंग में चैंपियन बने आदर्श

25 मीटर रैपिड फायर पिस्टल में खेलने जा रहे 17 वर्षीय फरीदखान के आदर्श सिंह की कहानी दिलचस्प है। वह छह दिन के थे जब डॉक्टरों को उनकी पीठ का ऑपरेशन करना पड़ा। उन्होंने क्रिकेट और बैडमिंटन खेलना शुरू किया, पर अचानक एक दिन दर्द खड़ा हो गया। डॉक्टरों ने कहा कि उन्हें खेल छोड़ने होंगे। वह निराश हो गए, लेकिन बहन रिया को शूटिंग करते देखकर इस खेल को अपना लिया। देखते ही देखते वह जूनियर नेशनल चैंपियन बन गए। यह ओलंपिक के रजत विजेता विजय कुमार को पछाड़कर टीम में आए हैं।



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NEW DELHI: India will be expecting to secure two to four Olympics quotas out of the 16 available at the ISSF World Cup beginning here on February 20, national shooting federation chief Raninder Singh said on Friday.

"Realistically, I expect anything between two to four quotas. But in shooting, it is all about how you do on that particular day.

So, we can get more also," said NRAI chief Singh.

India will be hosting the tournament for the third time but it will be the first time ever Olympic quota places will be up for grabs in a shooting event held in the country, claimed Singh.



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NRAI expecting to secure two to four Olympics quotas from 'home' World Cup

Hosts India will be fielding a 34-member squad, including 11 in the non-competition Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) category. In all, 495 athletes from 58 nations will feature in the event.





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New Delhi: Sometime after returning from the Asian Games last year, **Rahi Sarnobat** noticed a group people throwing confused, furtive glances at her in a multiplex, even as the movie ran on the screen before them. Eventually, one of them gathered the courage to ask Rahi, who had recently won India's lone medal — a gold — in the 25-metre pistol event, if she indeed was that wonder woman. "Yes, that's me," Rahi said.



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Unfazed by his opponents reputation, India's young shooting superstar Saurabh Chaudhary is confident that his strong preparations will help him to build on his stellar performance of 2018 and is hopeful of producing favorable results in upcoming ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol which is scheduled to take place in the capital city from February 20 to 28th at Karni Singh shooting range.

"My training is going very good and I am happy about it. I am hopeful of producing good performances this time too. It doesn't matter to me who my opponent is, whether it's an experienced campaigner or a newcomer. I just believe in my preparations and it is the only factor that matters to me."



In shooting particularly junior shooters can take part in the senior events as well as there is no restrictions in terms of age of the participating athlete and asked about if there is any sort of different preparations which he takes care of while preparing, 16-year old Saurabh, who won back to back Gold medals in Asian Games and Youth Olympics in the latter half of 2018 said there is nothing different in terms of preparations as his focus always remains in delivering his best.



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Shooting: With 14 Olympic spots on offer, India look to make most of home World Cup

The shooting world cup will be held from February 20 in New Delhi and India have already bagged two places at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.





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File photo of Raninder Singh (right) with Prince Haakon (l) of Norway and Vazquez Rana (center) enjoying the atmosphere during the Men's 10m Air Rifle Shooting final of the London 2012 Olympic Games at The Royal Artillery Barracks on July 30, 2012 in London, England. (Lars Baron/Getty Images)



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Not enamoured of foreign coaches, says NRAI President

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New Delhi, Feb 8 : National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) President Raninder Singh on Friday said he isn't "enamoured with foreign coaches" while emphasising on being self-reliant by developing more and more Indian coaches with greater remuneration.



Welcoming corporate investment into the sport, Singh said India and China are the only countries that depend on government funding for sports, something which he feels can be diverted to the development of a sport at the grassroot level or invested in some other discipline where there is potential for winning Olympic medals.

But with a lion's share of the funds spent on hiring foreign coaches with greater depth and understanding of the technicalities of a sport, Singh reiterated his point of developing more Indian coaches and paying them at par with more corporate funding.