

Mission Olympic Cell

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The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) is a **dedicated body created to assist the athletes who are selected under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme**. The MOC is under the **chairmanship of the Director General, Sports Authority (DG, SAI)**.

More About Mission Olympic Cell

- The committee meetings are attended by representatives of the respective national sports federations (NSFs) and project officers of the SAI besides other members.
- The idea of the MOC is to **debate, discuss and decide the processes and methods so that the athletes receive the best assistance**.
- The MOC also focuses on **selection, exclusion and retention of athletes, coaches and training institutes** that can receive TOPS assistance.
- High priority sports categorized under the scheme

. Athletics

. Badminton

. Hockey

. Shooting

. Tennis

. Weightlifting

. Wrestling

. Archery

. Boxing

- The **selected athletes can seek assistance** under the

scheme for the following:

- . **Customized training** under reputed coaches at institutes having world-class facilities.
- . **Participation** in international competition.
- . **Purchase** of equipment.
- . **Services of personnel** like physical trainer, sports psychologist, mental trainer and physiotherapist.
- . Any other support specific to the sport discipline.
- . **Out-of-pocket allowance** of INR 50,000 a month to the athletes as an incentive

Target Olympic Podium Scheme

- It was formulated in July 2014 under the overall ambit of **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** with the aim to identify, groom and prepare **potential medal prospects for the olympic and paralympic games.**
- It is a flagship program of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.**
- The idea of the scheme is to also keep an eye on the future and **fund a developmental group of athletes** who are medal prospects for the olympic games in Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028.