



## **24 athletes test Covid positive at NCOE Bhopal; None of them Olympic-bound**

**New Delhi, April 7:** Precautionary Covid tests were conducted at the National Centre of Excellence, Bhopal, on April 3 (Saturday) and on April 6 (Tuesday). In the two tests conducted, a total of 36 people have tested positive for Covid, out of whom 24 are athletes, and the other 12 who are staff of NCOE. However, none of the athletes who have tested positive are Olympic-bound. Some of the athletes who tested positive had returned from competitions of Wushu and Judo.

It is SAI's utmost effort to ensure containment of the spread of virus. Therefore, the athletes who tested positive have been shifted to hospital as a precautionary measure. None of the athletes are critical. In view of the growing Covid cases across the country, the Sports Authority of India has issued a circular to all NCOEs to following the existing SOP more stringently with stress on conducting regular precautionary tests for athletes.

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