



21 out of 22 athletes who test Covid + return negative on retest, health of positive athlete being monitored

14th May: During weekly test conducted at SAI Bengaluru on May 6 and 7, 22 athletes tested positive for coronavirus. They were asymptomatic and isolated and kept under medical observation. 21 of the 22 athletes have since tested negative after a repeat RT PCR test was done. Among those who have tested negative are, race walker KT Irfan, middle and long distance athletes PU Chitra and Sandeep Kumar and para athlete Mariyappan. Hockey players Chinglensena and Vivek Sagar are also among those who have tested negative.

In SAI Bengaluru where athletes in hockey, track and field and Para-athletics are based, all the athletes were vaccinated on April 29.

During the repeat testing on May 10th and May 13th, 21 of the 22 athletes returned negative RT-PCR tests. The team of doctors is monitoring the health of the one athlete who continues to remain positive.

Due to surge of coronavirus cases across the country, the decision was taken in March that all athletes and support staff based in SAI regional centres would be subject to weekly testing to ensure their safety.

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