



## Press Release

### Indian Shooting and Archery contingent leave for Tokyo Paralympics

**23rd August, New Delhi:** India on August 23rd sent its third and till now largest batch of athletes heading for Tokyo Paralympics.

The contingent, that left for Tokyo on Monday afternoon, comprised of 17 athletes including 10 shooters and 5 archers.

The team also comprised of javelin thrower Ranjeet Bhati and Swimmer Suyash Jadhav along with 11 coaches and support staff.

The athletes that left for Tokyo on Monday are -

- 1) Ranjeet Bhati - Athletics
- 2) Jyoti Balyan - Archery
- 3) Rakesh Kumar - Archery
- 4) Shyam Sundar - Archery
- 5) Swaroop Unhalkar - Shooting
- 6) Deepender - Shooting
- 7) Rubina Francis - Shooting
- 8) Harvinder Singh - Archery
- 9) Vivek Chikara - Archery
- 10) Suyash Jadhav - Swimming
- 11) Rahul Jakhar - Shooting
- 12) Manish Narwal - Shooting
- 13) Singhraj - Shooting
- 14) Sidhartha Babu - Shooting
- 15) Akash - Shooting



16) Avani Lekhara - Shooting

17) Deepak - Shooting

Before they left for Tokyo, the contingent was given a warm send-off by the members of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport

with Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) President Deepa Mallik as also wishing them safe travels via a video call from Tokyo.

Earlier this month the Indian contingent also interacted with the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi via video conference where he had praised the para-athletes for their hard work and wish them luck for the upcoming Paralympics.

India is sending its largest-ever contingent to Tokyo Paralympics with 54 athletes who are set to compete in 9 sport disciplines. The mega event will kick off on 24th August 2021 and will go on till 5th September 2021.

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