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Press Release

Sharath Kamal to spearhead Indian challenge in WTTC

New Delhi: World number 44, A. Sharath Kamal will spearhead the Indian challenge in the QOROS World Table Tennis Championship (WTTC) which will be held in Suzhou, China from April 26 to May 3. This year the WTTC will be for the Individual Events.

National champion and world number 104, Soumyajit Ghosh, who is the current India number two, along with country's top ranked player G. Sathiyam (world number 188) and promising youngster Sanil Shankar Shetty will also be taking part in the world championship.

National champion and top ranked player in India Mouma Das will lead the challenge in the women's section while Manika Batra and K. Shamini National Game Champions will be the other two members of the squad.

Soumyajit Ghosh and Sanil Shetty will be taking part in men's doubles where they are ranked 44th among the pairs in fray. The pair of Soumyajit and Mouma Das are ranked 43 in the mixed doubles event while Sanil Shetty and Manika Batra are ranked way down at 91

The seven member team - four men and three women - has been cleared by Sports Authority of India (SAI) to take part in the world championship. Bhawani Mukherjee and Arup Basak will accompany the team as coaches. The team members will arrive in China on April 24, two days before the start of the event.

The Team

Men: Soumyajit Ghosh, A. Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyam and Sanil Shankar Shetty.

Women: Mouma Das, Manika Batra and K. Shamini.

Coaches: Arup Basak and Bhawani Mukherjee.



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Some unique firsts to be unveiled in WTTC

For the first time in the history of the World Table Tennis Championship, plastic balls will be used in matches. Again something unprecedented is going to take place in this World Table Tennis Championship, as in doubles events the ITTF has decided that the competing pair need not be players from the same nation. In the past pairs were from the same nation.

Five hundred and forty nine paddlers - 311 male and 238 female players- will vie for the top honours in the World TT championship. Hundred national associations will be represented by its players in the world championship. The media will be present in full strength to cover the event as more than 900 accredited media personnels are expected to cover this event. The organising committee is leaving no stone unturned for the smooth conduct of the tournament as 963 volunteers and 265 will be working round the clock for the tournament's success.

Annual General Meeting of International Table Tennis Federation

The Annual General Meeting of ITTF will be held on 28th April at Suzhou. Sri D R Choudhary, Secretary General of TTFI and Board of Director, ITTF will be attending the meeting. Sri. P C Chaturvedi, President, TTFI will also be attending the meeting as Delegate from India

Commonwealth Championships

This year Indian will host the Commonwealth Championships in Gujarat. The Dates for the Championships will be decided in the CTTU meeting which will be held during the WTTC.

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(D. R Choudhary)
Secretary General