

Ministry of Defence

24 Service personnel among 117 Indian athletes taking part in 2024 Paris Olympics

Star Javelin Thrower Subedar Neeraj Chopra all set to again vie for top honours

Indian contingent witnesses maiden participation of women military personnel; Havildar Jaismine Lamboria & CPO Reetika Hooda to aim for podium finish

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Twenty four (24) Armed Forces personnel are among the 117 Indian athletes who are all set to make the nation proud at the Paris Olympics, beginning July 26, 2024. Among these 24 athletes, 22 are men, including star Javelin Thrower Subedar Neeraj Chopra, and two are women, which marks the maiden participation of female Service athletes at the Olympics.

Subedar Neeraj Chopra, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Gold medalist, will again vie for top honours as his participation in the Paris Olympics comes on the back of exceptional performances which earned him a Gold medal each at the 2023 Asian Games, 2023 World Athletics Championship, 2024 Diamond League, and 2024 Paavo Nurmi Games.

2022 Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist Havildar Jaismine Lamboria and 2023 Asian Wrestling Championships Bronze medalist CPO Reetika Hooda are the two women Service personnel who are taking part in the Games for the first time, and would aim to create history. They will feature in Boxing and Wrestling respectively.

Sub Amit Panghal (Boxing); CPO Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Shot-Put); Sub Avinash Mukund Sable (3000m Steeplechase); CPO Muhammed Anas Yahiya, PO(GW) Muhammed Ajmal, Sub Santhosh Kumar Tamilarasan & JWO Mijo Chacko Kurian (4X400M Men's Relay); JWO Abdulla Aboobacker (Triple Jump); Sub Tarundeep Rai & Sub Dhiraj Bommadevara (Archery) and Nb Sub Sandeep Singh (Shooting) are also among the Service personnel who would aim to bring laurels to the country. The full list of Service players is as follows:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Rank & Name</u>	<u>Category</u>
Archery	Sub Dhiraj Bommadevara	Recurve Indl & Team
	Sub Tarundeep Rai	
	Sub Pravin Ramesh Jadhav	

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Athletics	SSR Akshdeep Singh	20Km RW
	PO Vikas Singh	20Km RW
	SSR Paramjeet Bisht	20Km RW
	PO Suraj Panwar	Race Walking Mixed Marathon
	Sub Avinash Sable	3000M SC
	Sub Maj Neeraj Chopra	Javelin throw
	CPO Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Men's Shot Put
	JWO Abdulla Aboobacker	Men's Triple Jump
	Hav Sarvesh Kushare	Men's High Jump
	CPO Muhammed Anas Yahiya	4X400M Men's Relay
	PO(GW) Muhammed Ajmal	4X400M Men's Relay
	Sub Santhosh Kumar Tamilarasan	4X400M Men's Relay
	JWO Mijo Chacko Kurian	4X400M Men's Relay

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Boxing	Sub Amit Panghal	Men's flyweight
	Hav Jaismine Lamboria	Women's featherweight
Hockey	CPO Jugraj Singh	Men's Hockey Reserve
Rowing	Spr Balraj Panwar	M1X (Men's Single Scull)
Sailing	Sub Vishnu Saravanan	Men's One Person Dinghy
Shooting	Nb Sub Sandeep Singh	10m Air Rifle
Tennis	Nb Sub Sriram Balaji	Men's Doubles
Wrestling	CPO Reetika Hooda	Women's 76 Kg (Freestyle)

Apart from 24 athletes, five officials are also heading to Paris to take part in the Olympics. The details are given below:

Discipline	Name	Role
Boxing	Lt Col Kabilan Sai Ashok	Referee & Judge
Boxing	Sub CA Katappa	Coach
Archery	Sub Sonam Tshering Bhutia	Coach
Sailing	Hav CS Delai	Tech Official
Sailing	Nk PV Sharad	Physio

The participation of the Service personnel at the Paris Olympics underscores the Armed Forces' commitment to promoting sporting excellence and fostering a culture of athleticism, while enhancing the sports consciousness across the nation. As the country gears up to witness the performances of these athletes, it stands united in extending best wishes and unwavering support to each participant.

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