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AITA Welcomes Government Support for Eight Young Tennis Players Under TOPS Development and TAGG

New Delhi, September 10, 2026: The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has welcomed the inclusion of eight promising young Indian tennis players under the **TOPS Development** and **Target Asian Games Group (TAGG)** programmes, along with the promotion of two existing TAGG athletes to the TOPS Development programme.

While emerging youngsters **Rethin Pranav** and **Kriish Tyagi** have been included under the TOPS Development programmes, six young players in the 14–18 years age group, **Srishti Kiran** (14), **Jensi Dipakbhai Kanabar** (14), **Tavish Pahwa** (16), **Kshitij Aradhya** (17), **Arjun Rathi** (18) and **Arnav Paparkar** (18) have been selected for the TAGG programme.

In addition, **Manas Dhamne** and **Vaishnavi Adkar**, who were previously supported under the TAGG programme, have been promoted to the TOPS Development programme in recognition of their continued progress and potential.

The inclusion and progression of these talented young athletes is a significant recognition of their potential and will provide them with enhanced support as they continue their development and progress towards higher levels of international competition.

The TOPS Development and TAGG programmes provide selected athletes with access to support, including international competition exposure, coaching, sports science, physiotherapy, strength and conditioning, equipment and other athlete-specific performance interventions.

Sunder Iyer, Secretary General, All India Tennis Association, welcomed the development, saying, “We are delighted that these 10 promising young tennis players have been recognised and supported through the TOPS Development and TAGG programmes. The inclusion of eight new athletes, along with the promotion of Manas Dhamne and Vaishnavi Adkar to TOPS Development, is an important milestone and a strong vote of confidence in the potential of India’s next generation of players.”

“We sincerely thank the **Government of India**, the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**, the **Sports Authority of India** and the **Mission Olympic Cell (MOC)** for their continued commitment towards Indian tennis. Identifying and supporting talented athletes at an early stage is crucial to building a strong and sustainable pathway for future success.”

Iyer added, “At AITA, we remain committed to working closely with the Government, SAI, MOC, state associations, academies, coaches and all stakeholders to create the right ecosystem for our young players. This support will not only benefit these 10 athletes but will also inspire many more young players across the country to aspire to represent India at the highest levels, apart from bridging the gap between Junior and professional Tennis.”

He further states that, “AITA congratulates all 10 players on their inclusion and wishes them continued success in their journey towards becoming the next generation of champions for Indian tennis”.