
One Gold and two Bronze Medals at Beijing 2008

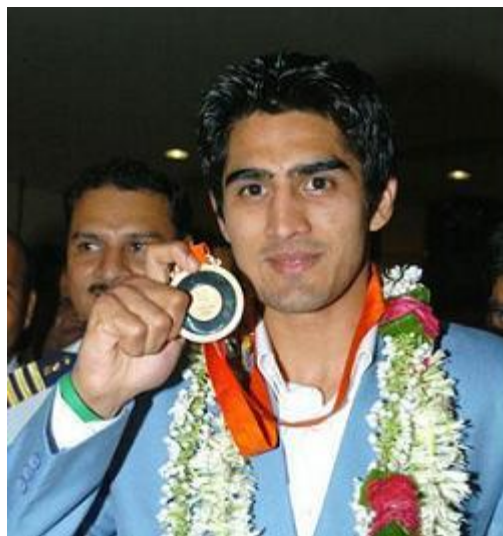


Shri Abhinav Bindra (in Centre) with Gold Medal

Indian Shooter Shri Abhinav Bindra created history by winning India's first ever Olympic Gold Medal in an individual event. Shri Bindra defeated China's Zhu Qinan, Gold Medalist of Athens 2004, in the finals of 10 meters Air Rifle by scoring 700.5 points for the title. Since the time he won Gold Medal at the World Championship in 2006, Sh Bindra was being seen as strong contestant for the medal at the Olympics. The Government had given him full financial support, amounting to Rs. 35.00 lakhs for his individualized training in India and abroad under a dedicated coach. Earlier also the Government had given him financial assistance of around Rs 60 Lakhs spread over a period of 4-5 years.



Shri Sushil Kumar with Bronze medal



Shri Vijender Kumar with Bronze medal

Vijender Kumar made history by becoming the first Indian pugilist to enter the semifinals in Olympics and winning Bronze medal in middleweight category. The 22-year-old Vijender has improved considerably from the time he had won a bronze medal in the Asian Games in Doha, and the silver in the Asian Championship in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. He has the confidence and the ability to fight on his toes. He is a thinking boxer, who uses his intelligence to tackle the tough opponents rather than depend purely on brawn.

Sushil Kumar won the bronze medal in wrestling in 66kg freestyle. When freestyle wrestler Sushil Kumar lost earlier in the day, all hopes were lost. But when his conqueror, Andriy Stadnik of Ukraine, moved into the gold medal round, the grappler's hopes were rekindled as he could now contest the repechage. And he didn't disappoint. He won all three repechage bouts to clinch India's second Olympic wrestling medal

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been giving full assistance for specific individualized training and other requirements of the entire 57 member contingent to prepare them for the on-going Olympics, shooting being the discipline to get maximum assistance of Rs 3.0 crores out of nearly Rs 7.00 crores sanctioned for the Olympic qualified players. Following are the details of federation wise assistance cleared by the Ministry for the entire contingent:

Discipline	Assistance Approved
Shooting	Rs 3.0 Cr
Swimming	Rs 17.50 Lakhs
Rowing	Rs 33.75 Lakhs
Judo	Rs 6.0 Lakhs

Lawn Tennis	Rs 66.0 Lakhs
Boxing	Rs 1.03 Cr
Badminton	Rs 12.50 Lakhs
Weightlifting	Rs 3.27 Lakhs
Athletics	Rs 44.37 Lakhs
Wrestling	Rs 64.28 Lakhs
Archery	Rs 14.0 Lakhs
Yachting	Rs 8.60 Lakhs
Table tennis	Rs 1.30 Lakhs
Total	Rs 6.75 Cr