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# Target Olympic Podium Scheme

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**Why is in news?** Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry approves wrestlers Vinesh Phogat & Bajrang Punia's proposal for training in Kyrgyzstan & Hungary under TOPS

Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme was **formulated in 2014 under overall ambit of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** with the aim to **identify, groom and prepare potential medal prospects for the Olympic and Paralympic Games**.

This was **revamped in April 2018 to establish a technical support team** for managing the TOPS athletes and providing holistic support.

**High priority category** has been **created to put focus on those sports disciplines played in the Olympics** in which India has won medals in the last conducted Asian Games as well as Commonwealth Games or in which India has a good chance of winning medals.

Presently, **nine sports disciplines** viz., (i) Athletics, (ii) Badminton (iii) Hockey (iv) Shooting (v) Tennis (vi) Weightlifting (vii) Wrestling, (viii) Archery and (ix) Boxing have been categorised as 'High Priority'.

The **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** was established **in 1998 under the Charitable Endowments Act 1890** and was notified by the Government of India in November, 1998.

The purpose of the fund is to **impart momentum and flexibility to assisting the cause of sports** in India.

It helps sportspersons excel by providing them with **varied opportunities to train under coaches of international repute**, provide **financial assistance for development of infrastructure and other activities for promotion of sports**.

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