

MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
SENIOR NATIONAL MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

A Selection Committee was constituted by the Steering Committee Volleyball Federation of India to conduct a selection trial for senior national men's volleyball coaching camp 2026 and constitution of national team for the upcoming international volleyball championship 2026. As per notification ref. No. Steering-committee/Volleyball/2026-003 dated 23th April 2026 issued by the Steering Committee VFI, a selection trials were conducted from 29th April to 1st May 2026 at Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, SAI, Ahmedabad (Gujarat).


1. The registration of participants/players was conducted at the venue by submitting physical registration form.
2. Total number of registered participants/players were 92 (Ninety Two) (out of which 88 players have participated in the Physical and Skill test).
3. On 29th April 2026, a physical evaluation assessment was conducted till 12 noon by following selection criteria chalked out by the Selection Committee. In the evening skill evaluation test program were organised. The players were divided into groups and through matches, the skill of the of players were tested.
4. On the basis of the assessment by the Members of the Selection Committee, a total 28 (Twenty-Eight) Players have been selected for the camp. The List with name and signatures of the Committee Members is attached herewith.
5. The O2 list, as per instruction laid down vide letter No. Steering-committee /Volleyball/2026-007 dated 25th April 2026, shall also be signed by all members of Selection Committee.



Mr. Tom Joseph
(Arjuna Awardee)


Ms. Mahamaya Chowdhury
(Former National Player)


Mr. Abhinav Bhattacharya
(Former International Player)


Mr. Jaideep Sarkar
(SAI Coach)
Former Chief Coach.
Indian Team


Mr. Lavmeet Katariya
(Eminent Player)


Mr. Ashutosh Mishra
(Performance Analyst)


Mr Dragan Mihalovic
(Head Coach)

PLACE: SAI, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
DATED: 01-May-2026

Report: Selection of Indian National Volleyball Team

Date: 01-05-2026

Subject: Final selection list of the Indian National Volleyball (Men's) team for the AVC Men's Cup (Ahmedabad), Asian Championship (Japan), and Asian Games (Japan).

Venue: SAI Center of Excellence, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Selection Committee:

- Mr. Dragan Mihailovic – Head Coach
- Ms. Mahamaya Chowdhury
- Mr. Jaideep Sarkar
- Mr. Abhijit Bhattacharya
- Mr. Ashutosh Mishra – Performance Analyst
- Mr. Tom Joseph
- Mr. Lavmeet Kataria

1. Proceedings of the Selection Committee

The selection process was conducted from **29-04-2026 to 01-05-2026** at the **SAI Center of Excellence, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)**. Of the 92 registered athletes, 88 underwent a rigorous three-day evaluation. A complete assessment was carried out based on physical conditioning, technical proficiency, and tactical adaptability.

Following extensive deliberations, a final roster of **28 players** was unanimously chosen by the selection committee. This selection was based on a direct comparison of the athletes' current abilities against international performance standards and their potential to serve as impact players. The committee's primary focus remains the **AVC Men's Cup 2026, Asian Championship, and Asian Games (Japan)**, while maintaining a long-term vision for the **World Championship 2027 and Olympic Qualification 2028**.

2. Selection Criteria & Methodology

Given the condensed timeline of only about **6 weeks** remaining until the first international event, the committee prioritized immediate "game-readiness." Consequently, the evaluation was weighted in the following manner:

- **Physical Abilities:** 20% Weightage
- **Match Performance & Technical Execution:** 80% Weightage

A. Physical Ability Assessment (20%)

To ensure the squad meets the physical benchmarks for international competition, three high-impact tests were conducted. These metrics were chosen to measure vertical reach and explosive speed, which are non-negotiable for modern high-paced Volleyball:

- Anthropometric Stature (Height)
- Spike Jump
- 20m Sprint

B. Match Performance & Tactical Intelligence (80%)

The core of the selection was based on Technical and Tactical Performance. To ensure a fair and comprehensive evaluation, each athlete was required to play **4 sets**. For each set, a new team was formed using a random mix to observe how individual players performed alongside different teammates and under varying pressure.

The committee graded players on the following critical parameters:

- Ball Control
- Task-Oriented Gameplay
- Game Situation Decision Making
- Game System Understanding
- On-Court Communication
- Leadership
- Consistency

3. Conclusion and Recommendations

The committee hereby submits the list of the 28 selected athletes for further administrative processing and the commencement of the national coaching camp.

. Final Selection List (28 Players)

The following athletes have been selected based on the aforementioned criteria. The list is categorized by playing positions to ensure tactical depth as per international standards.

| S.No | Player Name | Playing Position | DoB | Height (cm) |
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| 1 | MUTHUSAMY APPAVU | Setter | | |

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| 2 | SAQLAIN TARIQ | Setter | | |
| 3 | SAMEER CHAUDHARY | Setter | | |
| 4 | LAD OM VASANT | Setter | | |
| 5 | PREET KARAN | Setter | | |
| 6 | JEROME CHARLES VINITH | Opposite | | |
| 7 | SHUBHAM CHAUDHARY | Opposite | | |
| 8 | MUHAMMAD NIHAL CK | Opposite | | |
| 9 | ASHOK | Opposite | | |
| 10 | JASKARAN SINGH | Opposite | | |
| 11 | JOHN JOSEPH | Middle Blocker | | |
| 12 | SHIKHAR SINGH | Middle Blocker | | |
| 13 | ASHWAL RAI | Middle Blocker | | |

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Abhijit

Jaideep Sankar

Ashish

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| 14 | JISHNU PV | Middle Blocker | | |
| 15 | SHAMEEMUDHEEN | Middle Blocker | | |
| 16 | JASJODH SINGH | Middle Blocker | | |
| 17 | AMRINDERPAL SINGH | Middle Blocker | | |
| 18 | CHIRAG SURESH KUMAR | Outside Hitter | | |
| 19 | AMIT | Outside Hitter | | |
| 20 | ERIN VARGHESE | Outside Hitter | | |
| 21 | PRINCE | Outside Hitter | | |
| 22 | JOEL BENJAMIN | Outside Hitter | | |
| 23 | HEMANTH PULPARAMBIL | Outside Hitter | | |
| 24 | SANTHOSH SAHAYA ANTHONIRAJ | Outside Hitter | | |
| 25 | NANDHAGOPAL | Outside Hitter | | |

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Jaideep Sarka

Ashutosh


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| 26 | ANAND KOT TARATHIL | Libero | | |
| 27 | PRABAKARAN | Libero | | |
| 28 | RAMANATHAN RAMAMOORTHY | Libero | | |

Signatures:


1. Mr. Dragan Mihailovic (Head Coach)


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2. Ms. Mahamaya Chowdhury


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3. Mr. Jaideep Sarkar


01/05/2026

4. Mr. Abhijit Bhattacharya


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5. Mr. Ashutosh Mishra (Performance Analyst)


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6. Mr. Tom Joseph


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7. Mr. Lavmeet Kataria


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