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Indian Bank felicitates winning para-athletes and forges an MOU with PCI

Chennai, 23rd October 2021: Indian Bank, one of the leading banks of the country, with an enduring legacy of 115 years, has once again taken the lead and felicitated the Indian contingent of para-athletes who won the country a haul of 5 Gold medals at the recently concluded Tokyo Paralympics 2020. Marking India's best-ever performance in the Paralympics that also included 8 Silver and 6 Bronze medals, Indian Bank awarded 10 para-athletes with tokens of appreciation for their exemplary efforts.

Amongst those felicitated were Men's Javelin Throw Gold winner **Sumit Antil** and the dashing duo of **Pramod Bhagat&Krishna Nagar** who won a Gold medal each in the Badminton Men's single event. Shining with a Silver medal in their respective events, para-athletes **Yogesh Kathunia, Singhraj Adhana** and **Mariappan Thangavelu** were awarded for their efforts along with Bronze medal winners **Sharad Kumar, Manoj Sarkar** and **Harwinder Singh**. Additionally, para-athlete **Navdeep Singh** was also feted for his commendable 4th position in the Men's Javelin Throw event.

Indian Bank is a Banking Partner of Paralympic Committee of India, the apex body overseeing the para-sports in India, and has entered into a long-term commitment with it wherein it extends support for training, equipment, nutrition and medical needs amongst others.

Congratulating the para-athletes, **Shri Shanti Lal Jain, MD&CEO, Indian Bank** said, "It gives me immense pleasure to be part of this felicitation event that recognizes the outstanding achievements of these gritty para-athletes. That the historic haul of highest medals ever, came this year when Indian Bank has actively extended a hand, gives us confidence that we are on the right track and our bright athletes shall be scaling even greater heights in years to come. They are a beacon of light and inspiration for all of us and living examples of never-say-die attitude."

Expressing gratitude, **Dr. Deepa Malik**, President of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) added," We have always believed in the sheer talent, strength and resolve of all our para-athletes which has borne immense fruit in the form of 19 medals at the recent Paralympics. This gradual growth of our athletes has filled us with pride and further strengthened our commitment to support all budding para-athletes in our country. I would like to thank team Indian Bank for conducting this felicitation ceremony and trust that our association with them will further provide impetus to the hard-work put by both the para-athletes and the entire supporting team involved."

Executive Directors of Indian Bank, **Shri.V V Shenoy &Shri Imran Amin Siddiqui** further encouraged the para-athletes by gracing the occasion and interacting with them. General Managers, Executives and other staff members of both organizations were also present.