



## **BWF appreciates Indian efforts**

**After putting up a successful Indian Open, the world body is not only happy with BAI's efforts, but also Awards the Rights to host the Super Series till '17.**

**New Delhi: It's been quite an eventful journey for the Yonex Sunrise India Open Badminton Championship since the first edition in 2011. With a timeframe of just 90 days to put together the inaugural event, the new Managing Committee of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), under the stewardship of Honorable President Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta, managed to pull off the event creditably, even though there were shortcomings.**

**In the subsequent years, efforts have been made to improve the overall conduct of the tournament and these efforts have borne fruit, with BAI being awarded the rights to host the Super Series for another four years, beginning 2014.**

T P S Puri, the Vice-President (Administration), Badminton Association of India, and Organising Secretary of the US\$250,000 Yonex Sunrise-BWF Metlife India Open Super Series Badminton tournament. Having been the National coach for 22 years, Mr Puri was thrust into the management of the Super Series in 2011 and plunged headlong into the new assignment and today looks back in satisfaction on the growth of the event, which has become one of the best in the world.

"It was a vigorous effort and was a real trial for us but under the guidance of the President and the support of colleagues in the committee it turned out to be a success, even though there were a few hiccups," he mentioned.

Mr. Puri stated that the editions after 2011 were much easier to organise. "We rectified the mistakes made in the first edition and the manner in which the 2012 event was organised was appreciated by everyone."

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