

BAI President Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta elected BAC Vice-President

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Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta was on Saturday elected the Vice-President of the Badminton Asia Confederation (BAC) for a four-year term till 2019, during the continental body's general election here.

Dr. Das Gupta, who held the same post in the last committee, polled the highest number of votes among the six vice-presidents and played an important role in helping Indonesia's Anton Aditya Subowo get unanimously elected as the BAC president, replacing Malaysia's Mohd. Nadzmi Bin Mohd Salleh.

Badminton Association of Thailand chief Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul was also in the race for the president's post but settled for one of the six vice-presidents post.

The BAI President got 24 of the 31 votes while none of China's representatives managed to find a place among the office-bearers.

"BAI has been doing a good job in organising many international tournaments and our players are now among the best in the world. The BAC vote is a proof that the Badminton world is looking forward to India playing a bigger role in Asia," Dr. Das Gupta said.

South Korea's Hong-Ki Kim was elected general secretary.
