

# **Rs. 5 lakh cash award for Srikanth from Badminton Association of India**

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**NEW DELHI: Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta on Monday announced a cash award of Rs five lakhs for World No. 4 Kidambi Srikanth in recognition of the young shuttler's Swiss Open victory.**

**"Srikanth is playing outstandingly at this moment and we need to reward our athletes for the recognition they acquire at the International level," Dr. Gupta said in a statement.**

**"Backed by the performance at the Swiss Open, expectations will be high on Srikanth to get a podium finish at the upcoming Yonex Sunrise India Open, 2015 to be held in New Delhi from 24th March," he added.**

Srikanth was top seed at the Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton Championship. He defeated Viktor Axelsen in the finals 21-15,12-21,21-14 to claim the Title.

Earlier, Srikanth had won a Grand Prix Gold title in Thailand Open in 2013, while finished runners-up at the 2014 India Open Grand Prix Gold event in Lucknow.

He has been in terrific form in recent times, defeating two-time Olympic and 5-time World Champion Lin Dan in his own backyard at China Open.

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