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Institutional-Sports-Policy

Institutional policy document on: Creating, augmenting sports infrastructure, promotion, facilitation for enhancing participation and performance in sports at University, State, National level competitions

MOTTO: SPORTS FOR ALL

Context: Sports, games and physical fitness have been a vital component of our civilization, as is evident from the existence of the highly evolved system of yoga and a vast range of highly developed indigenous games, including martial arts. The intrinsic linkage between sports and games and the human quest for excellence was recognized ever since the inception of human civilization. As stated in the Olympic Charter, Olympism is a “philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind”. So also is yoga based on the complete control of body and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy of effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical practices.

The Youth represent the most dynamic and vibrant segment of the population. India is one of the youngest nations in the World, with about 65% of the population being under 35 years of age. The youth in the age group of 15-29 years comprise 27.5% of the population. For promotion and development of sports in the country, following three schemes were being implemented by the Mission Directorate-RGKA in the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports:

I. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan - To provide infrastructure in rural areas and to encourage sporting culture in the country through competitions.

II. Urban Infrastructure Scheme - To provide quality sports infrastructure in urban areas so as to provide funds for talent to hone their skills.

III. National Sports Talent Search - To search young talent.

Currently, there is dearth of supporting infrastructure, absence of encouragement to young people to participate in sports, and lack of organized system of talent search. To achieve better fitness and effective implementation, the above schemes of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) and National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS) have been dovetailed into a single Central Sector Scheme named as "Khelo India: National Programme for Development of Sports". The scheme has been circulated to all concerned vide this Ministry's OM/Notification number 37 5/MYAS/RGKA/2015 dated 22nd April, 2016 as amended on 26th May, 2016. This scheme will be implemented from the financial year 2016-17.

**Objectives of the scheme:**

- Mass participation of youth in annual sports competitions through a structured competition;
- Identification of talent
- Guidance and nurturing of the talent through existing sports academies and new set up either by the Government or State Government in PPP mode.
- Creation of Sports Infrastructure at mofussil, Tehsil, District, State levels, etc.

Some of the major problems identified include:

- Lack of sports culture in the country;
- Non-integration of sports with the formal education system;
- Lack of coordination between all stakeholders;
- Inadequacy of sports infrastructure;
- Inadequate participation of women in sports; and
- Lack of effective sports systems for talent identification and training and fair selection of teams.

Operational guidelines on Khelo India-sports infrastructure

- The erstwhile Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) has been merged under " Khelo India- Sports Infrastructure" as a Central Sector Scheme.
- The various projects which can be sanctioned under "Sports Infrastructure" and the maximum admissible grant are as follows:
- The cost of the project over and above the maximum admissible grant mentioned above shall be borne by the grantee.
- Sports infrastructure facilities will be provided at mofussil / sub-district areas at a lesser scale with cost of about Rs.3.00 crore per project.

All the eligible entities mentioned in the scheme shall forward their proposals along with the prescribed application form to the Sports Department of the respective State Govt. The application will be countersigned by the Principal Secretary/Secretary in charge of Sports Department of the State Govt.

In tune with the central sports policy, the state government has also framed the policy to promote the sports in rural area by way of providing financial assistance for creating sport infrastructure and coaching through Sports Authority of India (SAI).

In view of the state and national conscious initiatives to promote sports, the institute proposes to formulate sport policy and action plan to implement it.

Institutional sport policy:

Rural youths, by default, tremendous sporting strength and talent; but for want of adequate infrastructure, sports facilities supported with proper training, they fail to perform and pursue career in sports and gainful employment.

Objectives: To encourage and train the youths to ensure increased participation at the national/state/university/local competitions enhance the success rate by providing proper sports infrastructural as well as training/coaching facilities. Moreover, in view of significant women



enrolment, special attention and encouragement need to be provided for girls/women students to ensure increased participation in sports.

Action Plan: To pursue the objectives, planned development/augmentation of sports facilities should be undertaken in a phased manner by exploring various resources through different funding agencies and local support.

A. Infra-structural Development:

- 1) Development of running track;
- 2) Development of playfield and play courts;
- 3) Development of Indoor game facility
- 4) Procuring sport equipments both for indoor and outdoor games.

B. Training and coaching facilities:

1. Physical Director to be assisted by a sports committee
2. Tie up with SAI and local/nearby sport clubs
3. Hiring coaches for short term training
4. Conducting sports competitions

C. Promotional initiatives:

1. Preparing database of the students in a format to be filled along with admission form seeking information on sports inclination
2. Preparing database of health indicators/Body Mass Index (BMI)
3. Strenuous screening and identification of potential players and grouping them according to their inclination towards different sports
4. Established MoU with Sports Academy
4. Organising training/practice camps/practice sessions according to the sport calendar
5. Instituting/Providing scholarships, financial support to outstanding players by way of sponsorships/adoption
6. Awards, prizes for medal winners.

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