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Acronyms

S. No.	Abbreviation	Full Form
1	ACC	Asian Cricket Council
2	ADMS	Athlete Data Management System
3	ADP	Athlete Development Program
4	AI	Artificial Intelligence
5	AMS	Academy Management System
6	APC	Asian Paralympics Committee
7	APMS	Athlete Performance Management System
8	APSF	Asian Para Sports Federation
9	ASF	Asian Sports Federation
10	BCCI	Board of Control for Cricket in India
11	CBSE	Central Board of Secondary Education
12	CDMS	Coach Data Management System
13	CGF	Commonwealth Games Federation
14	COE	Centre of Excellence
15	CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
16	DYAS	Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Rajasthan
17	FIP	Federation of International Polo
18	HPC	High-Performance Centre
19	ICC	International Cricket Council
20	IOA	Indian Olympic Association
21	IPA	Indian Polo Association
22	IPC	International Paralympic Committee
23	IPF	International Para Sports Federation
24	ISF	International Sports Federation
25	KI	Khelo India
26	KIC	Khelo India Centre
27	ML	Machine Learning
28	MLALAD	Member of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development
29	MPLAD	Member of Parliament Local Area Development
30	NPSF	National Para Sports Federation
31	NREGA	National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
32	NSF	National Sports Federation
33	OCA	Olympic Council of Asia
34	PCI	Paralympic Committee of India
35	PPP	Public Private Partnership
36	PSU	Public Sector Unit
37	RSSC	Rajasthan State Sports Council
38	SAI	Sports Authority of India
39	SAOC	South Asian Olympic Council
40	SGFI	School Games Federation of India
41	SOA	State Olympic Association
42	SSA	State Sports Association
43	TOPS	Target Olympic Podium Scheme
44	VGf	Viability Gap Funding





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1. Introduction

Sports, games, physical and mental fitness play a vital role in shaping human personality, behaviour, and overall development. Blending sports with culture and education creates an environment of social harmony, wellness, high moral values, cultural and national integration, participative management, unity, and joy. A planning and process-oriented system plays a vital role in shaping ecosystems. The aim of working with plans and processes in sports is to provide maximum opportunities for sports and physical literacy and activity for all, enabling the community to be collectively more active and imbibe sports as a culture. The sports ecosystem should aim at ensuring respect for fundamental ethical practices and to recognize sports as a human right to which every individual must have access without discrimination.

Sports, in India, is witnessing a paradigm shift, and recent history has shown increased interest and investment in sports – not only in terms of the performance of our athletes in national and international competitions but also in bringing global sports events to India. In addition to the increased awareness surrounding the sporting performance of our athletes, there has also been a wider recognition of the importance of sports participation and the benefits of an active lifestyle. government initiatives have truly made a transformational impact on the sports and fitness ecosystem of the country. Since sports is a state subject, the power to bring a positive impact lies with the sports department of Rajasthan. To make it a success, the department's function is to ensure resources are optimally utilized and a platform is provided for the participation and progression of athletes from grassroots to the elite level, thereby also engaging a larger public in sports and fitness activities.

Rajasthan has produced champions such as Dr. Karni Singh (Shooting), Limba Ram (Archery), Satprakash Yadav (Basketball), Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (Shooting), Devender Singh Jhanjhariya (Para-Javelin, F46), Avani Lekhara (Shooting), and several others. The state has also been proactive in developing its sports development strategies while promoting and implementing initiatives for the benefit of athletes. Currently, more than 8,000 athletes from Rajasthan are enrolled in various state training schemes. Moving forward, the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, along with the Rajasthan State Sports Council, envisions putting Rajasthan at the forefront of the national sporting movement by setting the benchmark for good governance and the efficient implementation of large-scale sports and fitness programs.

In order to achieve sports and fitness objectives at the state level, Rajasthan requires the development of policies and strategies that are aligned with the sporting vision of the country while being relevant to the on-ground realities of the state. The Rajasthan Sports Policy-2024 has been prepared employing thorough primary and secondary research and extensive stakeholder consultations to ensure the policy is comprehensive, innovative, holistic, and sustainable.





2. Vision

To make Rajasthan a vibrant and leading state in sports, duly recognizing athletes as the focus of all sporting activities and leveraging sports as an enabler to achieve multiple benefits to society, including the health and well-being of the community, the excellence of sportspersons and the growth of the sports ecosystem.

3. Objectives

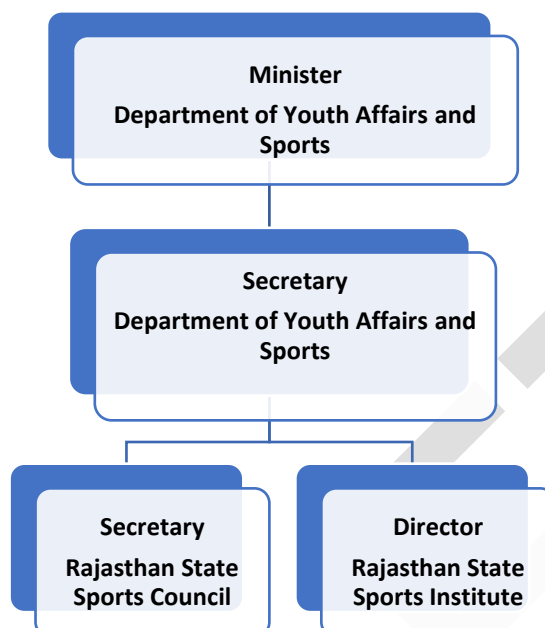
The sports policy aims at achieving the following key objectives till 2029.

- Promote sports for all.
- Develop athlete centric, coach driven, and system enabled sports ecosystem.
- Develop and upgrade sports infrastructure through **Rajasthan Sports Modernization Mission**.
- Provision appropriate training and coaching infrastructure to all sportspersons in the State at all levels
- Introduce scientific evidence-based Athlete and Coach Development Programs
- Encourage, train and support sportspersons/athletes for participation and excellence in national and international competitions.
- **Olympic Preparation and Recognition** through **Mission Olympics** in alignment with the 'Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme'¹ to support athletes in achieving Olympic success.
- Promote Gender and Regional Equity in sports
- **Support Para athletes** through special support and infrastructure development for para-athletes
- Recognise and reward individuals excelling in the sports ecosystem.
- Educate and create awareness amongst community about 'FIT Rajasthan'.
- Ensure good governance and administration excellence and expedite digitalization of the sports ecosystem.
- Encourage private sector participation and collaboration in sports.

¹ Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports that attempts to assist India's top athletes. The Scheme aims to improve these athletes' training so they can compete for medals in the Olympics.



4. Governance and Administration Structure of Sports



In alignment with the vision outlined in the sports policy, the government aims to enhance and streamline the governance structure of sports in Rajasthan.

The Rajasthan State Sports Council (RSSC) is the primary authority for sports development and coaching in Rajasthan. Established in 1957, it organizes and funds various sports events, provides financial support for district-level festivals, and honours top athletes with the Guru Vashisht Award. The RSSC also manages sports academies and hostels, appoints sports staff, trains elite athletes, and implements targeted sports projects, all aimed at promoting sports in the state.

The Rajasthan State Sports Institute (RSSI) is being built in Jodhpur, Rajasthan as part of a larger project that includes a sports complex, a physical college, and a residential para-sports academy. RSSI will expand with a focus on coach development and structured performance assessment program in the state.

Sports governance in the state will be improved through new reforms. This will include professionalization and administrative restructuring. A Sports Technical Wing will be established, and an Athletes Commission will be formed. State Sports Associations will be made more transparent and accountable. Each association will also need a Players Committee. These changes aim to create a clear and athlete-focused governance system. The Sports Technical Wing will be set up to evaluate coaches' programs and performance, working closely with administration and finance. Ultimately, this will help build a stronger sports culture in the state.

A ten-member Athletes Commission will represent athletes' interests. To improve transparency, office bearers of recognized State Sports Associations will have a three-term limit of four years each. They cannot be re-elected after serving twelve years or reaching 70 years of age. Each Association will also need to form a five-member Players Committee, which must include current and international players, with at least two women athletes.



The proposed reforms for sports governance include several key changes. Professionalism will be introduced in the Sports Department, RSSC and RSSI, along with administrative restructuring for modern delivery systems.

5. Priority Sports of Rajasthan

Rajasthan state has produced world-class athletes across multiple sports. Moving forward, Rajasthan will continue to develop and support sports in which Rajasthani individuals have better chances to excel, either based on genetics or historical performance. To optimally utilize the financial resources of the State, this policy proposes the identification of focus sports based on high participation, past performance and raw talent in both Olympic and Non-Olympic sports. The sports identified in lines of this vision are:

• Athletics	• Hockey
• Archery	• Shooting
• Wrestling	• Kabaddi
• Basketball	• Volleyball
• Boxing	• Cycling
• Fencing	• Handball
• Judo	• Power Lifting
• Weightlifting	• Badminton
• Chess	• Equestrian
• Football	• Golf
• Gymnastics	• Kho-Kho
• Taekwondo	• Kayaking & Canoeing
• Swimming	• Lawn Bowls
• Netball	• Rowing
• Rugby	• Sailing
• Sepak Takraw	• Soft Tennis
• Squash	• Yachting
• Table Tennis	• Triathlon
• Wushu	

Further performance at national and international levels will be enhanced through a structured classification of sports and strategic resource allocation. Sports will be categorized into three tiers based on their potential for excellence: priority sports, general category, and others. This policy will classify sports according to their potential, enhance local facilities, promote indigenous traditions, and expand opportunities for adventure sports. Ultimately, a thriving sports culture will be fostered.

The classification of sports aims to optimize resource allocation to improve performance at national and international levels. The games are divided into three categories:

i. Priority Games (High Potential):

These sports are at or near international competitive levels, with athletes likely to win medals. Focus areas will include maintaining achievements through advanced sports management,





science, and technology. Suggested sports include athletics, shooting, wrestling, weightlifting, volleyball, basketball, women's hockey, boxing, judo, and yoga.

ii. **General Category (Medium Potential):**

This includes Olympic, Commonwealth, and Asian Games sports where Haryana athletes show potential but are not yet internationally competitive. Strategies will focus on skill development, upgrading infrastructure, and enhancing coaching. Suggested sports include football, aquatic sports, badminton, lawn tennis, handball, and men's hockey.

iii. **Other Category (Low Potential):**

This covers sports not included in the priority or general categories. While performance may be low, there is local interest. Strategies will prioritize quality coaching and community engagement.

One District -One Sport (ODOS):

The "One District-One Sport" (ODOS) initiative is a strategic approach designed to cultivate athletic talent in each district of Rajasthan by emphasizing a specific sport that resonates with the local community. This program focuses on identifying and prioritizing sports that are either already popular or have the potential for growth in each district, considering demographic factors and guidelines set by sports authorities.

To support this effort, specialized sports academies will be created to develop local talent, along with significant enhancements to existing sports infrastructure. A key aspect of ODOS is the establishment of modern Sports Complexes in every district, equipped with top-notch facilities that provide athletes with the necessary resources to train, compete, and excel in their chosen sports.

The inclusion of residential facilities within these Sports Complexes will further improve the training environment, allowing athletes to focus on their development without the distractions of daily life. This comprehensive support system aims to nurture local talent while encouraging community involvement in sports.

By prioritizing specific sports that align with local culture and interests, the initiative seeks to foster a sense of pride and identity within the community. As athletes train and compete at higher levels, they will inspire younger generations to participate, promoting a sustainable sporting culture. Ultimately, ODOS will create a robust framework for advancing and supporting local sports, leading to increased visibility, participation, and success in athletics.

6. Development of Sports Infrastructure

The development and availability of sports infrastructure, equipped with all modern facilities around the state, are critical to ensuring the state's broadening and growth in sports. Adequate and well-equipped sports infrastructure, along with qualified coaches or trainers, is required to provide access to sports and physical education to communities across the state. Rajasthan faces a one-of-a-kind challenge in terms of topographical circumstances. The policy's primary focus is on the upgrading and





development of requisite sports facilities at the Gram Panchayat, Tehsil/ Block, District, and Division levels in a phased manner.

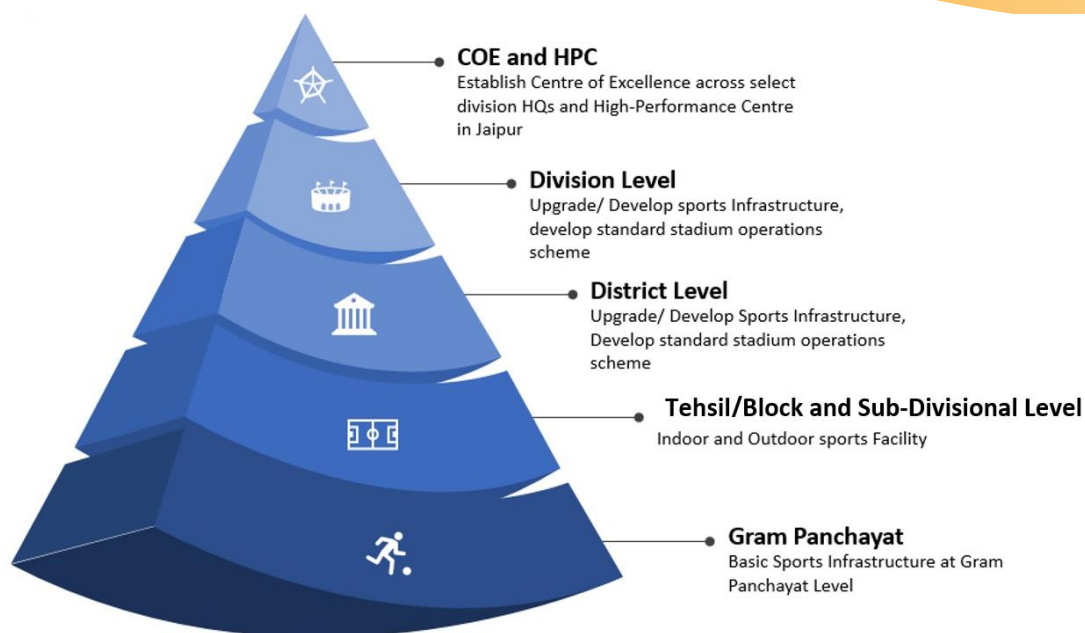
To focus on infrastructure development, **Rajasthan Sports Infrastructure Modernization Mission** will be started. The mission aims to enhance sports facilities across the state by focusing on infrastructure development to improve training and competition environments. Key objectives include developing modern infrastructure accessible in educational institutions, ensuring widespread availability throughout Rajasthan. This initiative involves the construction and renovation of sports facilities, particularly in government schools and colleges, to promote better opportunities for athletes at all levels.

Sports infrastructure to be developed in a phased manner at all levels from which will include new sports colleges, district level sports schools, district sports centres, Centres of Excellence, High Performance Centres etc. This will provide a pathway to the athletes and allow the proliferation of both elite and grassroot sports in the State.

Special emphasis is being placed on public-private partnerships that enable adequate investment and operations of these facilities. The upgrading and development of sports infrastructure will create a pathway for athletes from grassroots to elite levels, enabling the growth of grassroots, intermediate, and elite athletes throughout the state. The state's endeavour will be to develop sports infrastructure from the usability and accessibility perspective of communities. Geo-tagging of sports facilities will be done in the state. This geo-tagging effort will serve as the foundational data for an innovative mobile application designed to function as a "**Sports Facility Locator (SFL)**." The app will be user-friendly and equipped with a robust search feature that allows individuals to quickly and easily find nearby sports grounds or facilities for their sport of interest. As part of designing, developing, and upgrading the state's sports infrastructure, the following broad objectives will be considered:

- The development of fully equipped district and divisional-level sports complexes/centres.
- Upgradation and development of all sports infrastructure plans are to be finalized by creating standard guidelines and operating procedures.
- Upgrade and develop sports infrastructure facilities, also considering the requirements for specially abled individuals, both for training and access to ancillary facilities.
- Central and state government schemes will be dovetailed for applicable projects.
- Optimising the utilization of all stadium/ facilities.
- Creation of adventure sports infrastructure, exploring the potential of professional sports and adventure sports tourism.





i. Development of Basic Training Infrastructure at Gram Panchayat Level

The endeavour of the government is to develop or upgrade 'playfield' at the Gram Panchayat level, focusing on popular sports of the respective region as per the availability of open spaces and requirements of the local community.

The state will endeavour to initiate sports training activities, engaging the rural population by providing coaches, equipment and other necessary resources in a cluster-based approach.

Financial implications of developing panchayat-level sports infrastructure will be covered from NREGA schemes and a matching grant from the state in a phased manner. The government also envisage to organise annual summer camps and establish open gyms and walking tracks in all the Gram Panchayats of the state. Sports clubs will be established at each village level and these clubs will be managed by the associations working in that district.

The local authorities for the respective infrastructure will be responsible for its maintenance out of their own resources, financial assistance from state/central government, private/personal contributions ensuring its optimum usage. The requisite sports infrastructure shall have access for the entire community, following the set of rules and guidelines implemented by local authorities.

Villages with Village Development Plans (VDPs) aimed at developing playgrounds and basketball courts will receive a one-time matching grant of certain percentage of the project cost as per the norms. Villages that construct walking or jogging tracks will receive funding based on the length of the track. To provide basic coaching for children aged 6-17, sports nurseries will be established within a specified approachable distance of children, with a one-time grant allocated for each nursery. Each nursery will also receive annual funding for coaches, nutrition, supervisors, equipment and maintenance.

ii. Development of Sports Training Infrastructure at Tehsil/Block and Sub-Divisional level

At the Tehsil/Block and Sub-Divisional levels, sports infrastructure will be developed/upgraded for the 'Mini Stadium' in a phased manner, based on the availability of requisite land and funds. Adequate sports facilities, along with sports equipment of the required quality, will be provided through the convergence of resources under various schemes announced by the government in these mini stadiums.

The department at Tehsil/Block and Sub-Divisional level for the respective sports infrastructure shall be responsible for its maintenance, using their own resources, financial assistance from the state/central government, private/personal contributions ensuring its optimum usage. The requisite sports infrastructure shall have access for the entire community, following the set of rules and guidelines constituted by the local administration.

Financial implications for the development of infrastructure at the Tehsil / Block levels will be covered from MP/MLALAD funds, along with a matching grant from the State. The upper cap for financial assistance will be INR 1 crore for carrying out development initiatives.

The government will also enhance sports training infrastructure to establish Khushi Ram Basketball Academies and other priority sports academies based on raw talent availability across the state. The operationalization of the academies including but not limited to provisioning of one time and recurring equipment, deployment of coaches and administration staff will be the responsibility of DYAS and RSSC. Stadiums will be opened in all the constituencies in the state in phase-wise manner.

iii. Development of Sports Infrastructure at District Level

At present, there are 66 multi-purpose sports stadiums/training centres across all districts in the state. These sports infrastructures are mostly owned, maintained and operated by the RSSC. However, in certain scenarios, the sports infrastructure is owned by rural/urban local bodies/departments and maintained and operated by RSSC. The primary endeavour of the government over the next 5 years will be to upgrade and optimally operationalize at least one sports stadium in each district under the '**One District One Sports**' scheme. Under this scheme, the government will upgrade and develop facilities for one chosen priority sport in each district.

A committee would be set up to identify respective sports for each district and finalise stadium to be earmarked for development under 'One District One Sports' scheme.

- The committee will be headed by Secretary, Department Sports of Youth Affairs, Government of Rajasthan
- The Committee will comprise of:
 - 2-3 eminent elite athletes and senior coaches
 - Secretary RSSC
 - Representative of State Sports Associations

Adequate efforts will be made to develop and upgrade sports facilities and residential complexes in each district in a phased manner over the next 5 years. All district sports infrastructure will have professional-standard facilities for the sports persons/athletes to train.



In order to maximize the utilization of all stadium/ facilities, the government shall undertake the following measures:

- The government endeavours to undertake an assessment of all infrastructure owned, maintained, and operated by the RSSC within the state.
- The government will aim to develop a comprehensive infrastructure optimization plan encompassing all its facilities within the state.
- The government will also explore the monetization of stadiums to enhance the utilization, using the following models:
 - Government funded operational model
 - Membership and Pay & Play model
 - Academy model
 - Leasing out to private operator
- The government shall hire the suitable personnel to enhance the operational effectiveness of facilities, including appointing of a facility manager/administrator, ground staff, security staff, etc.
- **Pay & Play Model:** The "Pay and Play" model aims to make sports more accessible by allowing individuals to pay for access to sports facilities, coaching, and participation on a per-use basis, rather than through long-term memberships or commitments. The revenue shall be utilized to further create and maintain sports infrastructure.

iv. Development of Sports Infrastructure at Division level

Similar to the district level, necessary sports infrastructure is already available at the divisional level. Efforts will be undertaken to operationalize, maintain and upgrade the required infrastructure at divisions, making them para-friendly for ease of access and training for specially abled athletes.

The executing agency for the respective sports infrastructure will be RSSC, which will be responsible for its operations and maintenance. This responsibility encompasses the effective utilization of allocated resources, financial aid from the state/central government, and the monetization of stadiums, as outlined in section 6.iii, with a focus on ensuring their optimal usage. Sports college will be opened at divisional level in a phased approach, aiming to enhance sports education and training in the region. This initiative will provide aspiring athletes with access to quality coaching and resources, fostering talent development across various sports.

In addition, to promote gender equality and empower female athletes, 'Residential Girls Sports Institutes' will also be created at the divisional level. These institutes will offer specialized training and support for young women, helping them excel in their chosen sports while providing a safe and encouraging environment. Together, these initiatives will contribute to a more inclusive and robust sports culture in the state.

v. Creation of Sports Science Facility at State Level

A team of qualified sports scientist along with supporting staff (physiotherapist, nutritionist, bio chemist, ground staff, etc.) shall be created at state level, which will co-ordinate with coaches and governing sports bodies and plan the evidence-based strategies to optimize training, diet, and recovery module for enhancing athletic performance, reducing injuries, and promoting long-term athlete development.





a) Development of Centre of Excellence (COE) and High-Performance Centre (HPC)

COE will be established at state level for athletes who showcase the potential to perform at the state and national levels in their respective sports, with a focus on the Olympics by implementing the Mission Olympics-2028 efficiently and effectively to prepare athletes for the highest levels of competition over the next 5 years.

Objectives of the COE are as below:

- 1. Prepare for the Olympics:** The main goal of the COE is to prepare athletes for the Olympics, particularly targeting the 2028 Olympics, by enhancing their skills and performance.
- 2. Support for Athletes:** It aims to provide athletes with the support they need to excel in their sports, including top-notch training, resources, and coaching.
- 3. Develop Excellence:** By creating an environment conducive to high performance, the COE strives to develop athletes who can compete at the highest levels and achieve excellence in their respective sports.
- 4. Achieve Targeted Success:** With a focus on the 2028 Olympics, the COE's objective is to ensure that athletes are well-prepared and competitive on the global stage.

COE shall encompass the following:

- **Advanced Training Facilities:** The COE will provide state-of-the-art training facilities equipped with the latest technology and equipment to support athletes' development.
- **Expert Coaching:** It will offer access to highly qualified coaches who can provide specialized training and mentorship to athletes.
- **Comprehensive Support:** The COE will ensure that athletes receive all necessary resources, including training kits and other essential equipment, to aid their preparation.
- **Holistic Development:** The centre will focus on all-round personality development of athletes, including physical, mental, and technical aspects of their training.
- The government aims to establish state-of-the-art FoPs with training infrastructure meeting international standards.
- Centre of Excellence (COE) will be led by a Head Coach possessing an NIS Diploma and IF certification, along with a minimum of 10 years of experience.
- The sports science facility will be seamlessly integrated with COE, incorporating disciplines such as physiotherapy, psychology, strength and conditioning, nutrition, and a performance analytics lab.
- The COE will additionally provide residential amenities for athletes undergoing training at the facility.

Additionally, a specialized multi-sport High-Performance Centre (HPC) will be developed at the existing sports stadium in Jaipur to provide athletes with facilities at par with international standard training. The HPC for priority-I sports will be developed in Jaipur considering the available resources. The HPC will have state-of-the-art infrastructure, equipment and training support for select elite athletes from Rajasthan.



In addition to access to national and international coaches, High-Performance Centre (HPC) will have a dedicated team of sports science and sports medicine professionals to help elite athletes develop personalized training and development pathways. HPC shall encompass the following:

- The government intends to appoint a Technical Director to serve as the head of the High-Performance Centre (HPC).
- Experienced high-performance coaches will be recruited for priority sports included in the High-Performance Center (HPC), with a proven track record of coaching and training national Olympic teams.
- A specialized sports science infrastructure encompassing physiotherapy, psychology, strength and conditioning, nutrition, biomechanics, and a performance analytics lab will be established which will cater to multiple priority sports.
- The government aims to establish state-of-the-art FoPs with training infrastructure meeting international standards.
- The HPC will additionally provide residential amenities for athletes undergoing training at the facility.
- HPC will also take a centre stage in transfer of knowledge to COEs both from coaching and sports science perspective.

The Centres of Excellence (COE) and HPC will also be open to athletes from other states, enabling greater competition and a broader scope of development for athletes from Rajasthan. The COEs and HPC will be developed and operated, keeping in consideration that the training requirements of elite athletes are met from within the state.

vi. Tracks Standardization:

To ensure uniformity and enhance the quality of athletics facilities, a tiered approach to track standards will be implemented:

- **Block Level:** Construction of 6-lane mud tracks, providing basic facilities for local competitions and training.
- **District Level:** Building an 8-lane cinder tracks, offering improved infrastructure for district-level events and more rigorous training.
- **Division Level:** Development of synthetic tracks with a standard number of lanes (e.g., 8 or 10) to support higher-level competitions and ensure optimal performance conditions.

This standardization will help in maintaining consistent quality across various levels of athletic events and training. Standardization to be done as per the norms of Khelo India.

vii. Categorisation of Academies as per Age-group:

Categorizing age groups according to the specific needs of each game is essential for effectively identifying and nurturing talent. This strategy enables tailored training and development plans that align with the athletes' physical and cognitive stages. Sports academies will be systematically organized, revamped, and strengthened to meet the needs of both junior and senior athletes,



ensuring that every age group receives the support and resources required for optimal growth and performance.

- **Junior academies (under 16 Years)** will focus on foundational skills and age and body type-appropriate training.
- **Senior academies (above 16 years)** will provide advanced coaching and development opportunities tailored to older age groups.

Each category will be designed to support athletes' progression, with updated facilities, enhanced coaching methods, and specialized programs to meet the distinct needs of different age groups. This approach ensures comprehensive development and optimal support for athletes throughout their careers.

viii. Academies for Women and Para-athletes

- To promote gender equality and develop female athletes 'Residential Girls Sports Institutes' at division level shall be created.
- Our state is committed for equal opportunities in sports, with this vision to cultivate a strong and competitive community of para-athletes in the state specialised academies for para-athletes shall be created at division level. Along with this existing academy shall be upgraded as per the requirements of para-athletes.

ix. Development of Sports University

The government is dedicated to establishing a Sports University in Rajasthan. This university will be one-of-a-kind in Rajasthan, dedicated solely to the development and advancement of sports education, training, and research. It will specialize in creating a pool of highly skilled athletes, coaches, and sports enthusiasts, who will represent the state and the country on national and international levels.

The varying degree programs offered at the University will cover a wide range of sports disciplines. These courses will allow aspiring professionals to learn the techniques, theories, and practical implications of sports in depth. The University will accommodate both theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to excel in any sports profession.

The Sports University in Rajasthan will have state-of-the-art training facilities. The trainees will have the chance to practice and perfect their skills using modern equipment and infrastructure that is at par with international standards. It will also promote physical fitness and good health while encouraging students to take an active role in sports.

Furthermore, the University will have a significant focus on sports-related research. It aims to become a hub for sports science and medicine, kinesiology, sports psychology, and other related fields. The availability of research opportunities will foster innovation and development in sports training methodologies and improve the performance of our athletes and teams.

In essence, the Sports University will play a pivotal role in cultivating and promoting a sports culture in Rajasthan. It will help in identifying and nurturing budding talent and providing them with opportunities to perform at the highest level. This initiative reflects the government's commitment to endorse sports as a crucial part of education and overall development.



In the long run, this university will contribute to elevating Rajasthan's status in sports. It will encourage more people to participate in sports, thereby, increasing the number of potential athletes, coaches, and sports enthusiasts in the state. In turn, this could lead to a significant improvement in the sports performance not just on a state level, but also on a national and international scale.

7. FIT Rajasthan

The initiative has already been launched by the government with the aim of promoting fitness, health, and well-being among the citizens of the state in line with FIT India Movement². Recognizing the importance of physical fitness and literacy and its positive impact on overall health, the scheme seeks to inspire and engage individuals from all age groups and backgrounds to lead active and healthy lifestyles. It encompasses a wide range of activities and initiatives designed to encourage mass participation and foster a culture of fitness within the state. The scheme incorporates various components, including organizing sports/fitness events, creating infrastructure promoting physical activity, conducting physical fitness advocacy campaigns and awareness drives, and collaborating with schools, colleges, and communities to foster a culture of fitness, wellness, and an active lifestyle.

i. Community Level Engagement Programmes

The initiatives will be designed and executed to promote health, well-being, and physical activity within the state of Rajasthan. These initiatives will focus on engaging individuals from rural and urban backgrounds of all ages and abilities, fostering a sense of unity and creating a supportive environment for personal fitness goals.

a) Rural Community Engagement

The Rural Level Engagement Program will be designed to promote physical activity, health, and well-being specifically within rural communities. The program will recognize the unique context and characteristics of rural areas, addressing the challenges and opportunities that exist in promoting fitness and active lifestyles in such regions.

Rural communities often face distinct barriers in accessing resources and opportunities, such as limited access to fitness facilities, long distances to urban centres, and fewer organized fitness options. These challenges make it challenging for individuals in rural areas to engage in regular physical activity. The program aims to bridge these gaps by providing tailored and inclusive fitness activities that are relevant and accessible to rural residents.

The government plans to conduct summer camps across gram panchayats, encompassing activities such as Badminton, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wushu classes and self-defence classes etc. The state plans to establish open gyms and walking tracks in all the Gram Panchayats through a phased implementation strategy. This initiative aims to promote fitness and healthy living in rural areas, providing accessible spaces for exercise and outdoor activities for the community.

b) Urban Community Engagement

The urban-level engagement programs will be driven by the understanding that urban lifestyles often involve sedentary behaviours, limited green spaces, and a lack of access to recreational facilities. In urban areas, where populations can be diverse and transient, this program will provide a platform for

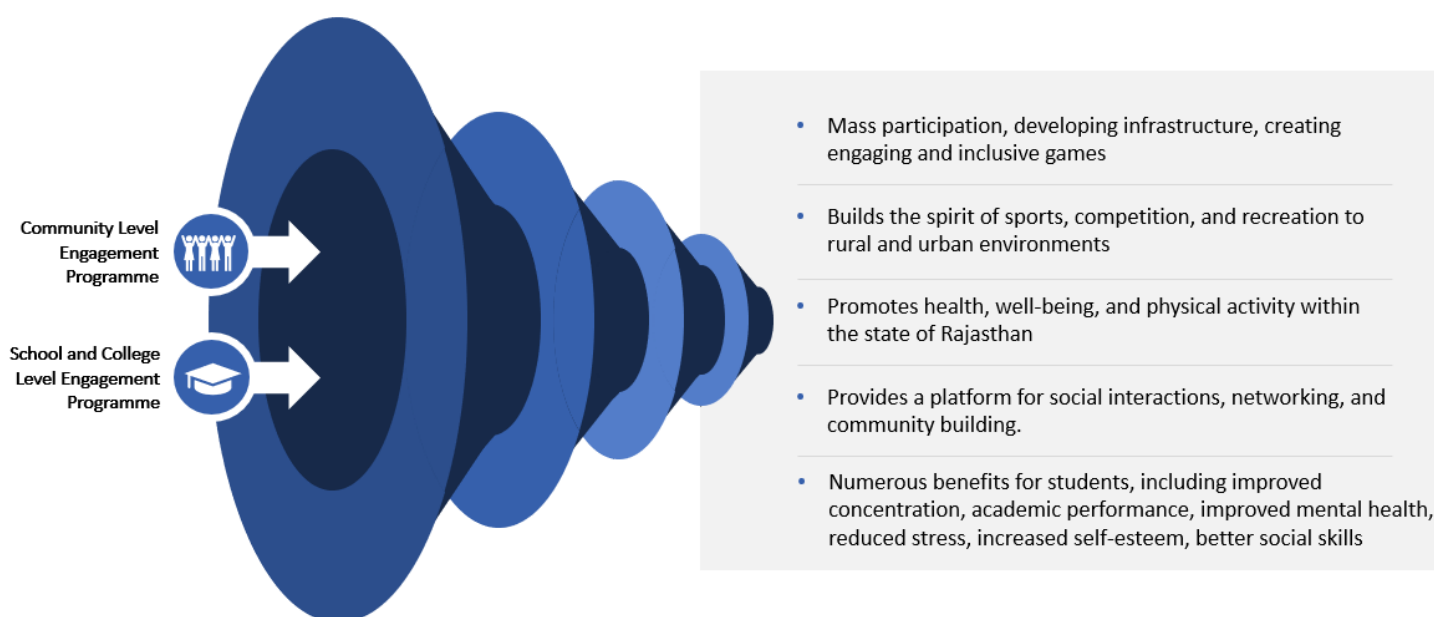
² [Fit India Movement, Sports Authority of India](#)

social interactions, networking, and community building. Citizens can connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for fitness, forming supportive groups that encourage regular participation and provide a sense of belonging. The program will empower urban residents to prioritize their health and well-being amidst the hustle and bustle of city life.

Various advocacy campaigns and events, such as marathons, cyclothon, yoga etc., will be conducted in respective cities every year. Private-public participation will be explored, wherein various sports leagues and clubs in sports such as cricket, football, handball, kabaddi, basketball, volleyball, etc., will be encouraged to conduct such events/campaigns. The state is set to enhance community health by opening gyms and walking tracks in all wards in a phased manner. This approach will ensure that each ward has access to fitness facilities, promoting active lifestyles among residents.

ii. School and College Level Engagement Programmes

The introduction of engagement programs at the institution level is driven by the understanding that physical activity has numerous benefits for students, including improved concentration, academic performance, enhanced mental health, reduced stress, increased self-esteem, better social skills, and overall well-being. The program will incorporate both structured and unstructured activities, promoting a balance between organized sports and individual exercise. The program will offer a



variety of activities that cater to the diverse interests and abilities of students. This will include physical education classes, intramural sports leagues, fitness challenges, yoga classes, among others.

a. Sports Nursery Program in Collaboration with Schools

To enhance the early identification and development of young sports talent, Rajasthan may implement a sports nursery concept in collaboration with schools. This approach leverages existing educational infrastructure and ensures that young athletes receive comprehensive support from a young age. Establishment of sports nurseries may be done within school premises across Rajasthan to provide children aged 6-17 with basic coaching, equipment, and refreshments. This may ensure that every child



has access to a sports nursery within a 4 km radius of their home, while also integrating sports development into the educational environment.

b. Collaboration among Sports Department, Schools and Higher Education, Rural Development, Sports Academies and Institutions for Conducive Sports Eco-system

To effectively identify and nurture young sports talent, collaboration between the education sector and sports departments is crucial. Here are some suggestions for fostering such collaboration within the framework of the Rajasthan Sports Policy-2024:

1. Joint Talent Identification Programs

a. School and College Sports Festivals:

Organize annual or biannual sports festivals at school and college levels. These events should be coordinated with educational institutions and local sports clubs to ensure widespread participation and talent scouting.

b. Inter-School/College Tournaments:

Develop a structured system of inter-school and inter-college sports tournaments with clear pathways for identifying exceptional talent. Include both team and individual sports to capture diverse abilities.

c. Talent Scouting Workshops:

Conduct workshops led by sports experts and educators to train teachers and coaches in identifying potential sports talents. These workshops should focus on recognizing key physical and mental traits of promising athletes.

d. Talent repository

To maintain transparency and meritocracy an online repository of students excelling in sports and rewarded at school/college level tournaments shall be maintained. This shall further create a talent pipeline for national/international events.

2. Integration of Sports Curriculum in Schools

a. Sports Education Programs:

Integrate sports education into the school curriculum, emphasizing the importance of physical fitness and skill development. Collaborate with education departments to create standardized sports modules that schools can adopt. Mandatory Sports Periods to ensure that sports and physical education are compulsory in the school timetable. Sports assignment in schools should be given so that students excel in both areas.





b. Sports and Academics Balance:

Encourage schools to develop programs that balance academic and athletic excellence. Establish guidelines to help schools support student-athletes in maintaining their academic performance while pursuing sports. To encourage sports along with academics Credits for Sports Participation system may be Introduced where students will earn academic points or rewards for participation and achievements in sports. Flexibility in academic timetables for students who are actively participating in state-level or national-level sports events, ensuring they can balance both without compromising either. For E.g. organizing sports activities on "No Bag Day" in schools can be a fun and engaging way to promote physical fitness and sports among the students, providing chess board in schools will promote the culture of learning while playing etc.

c. Special Sports Tracks:

Create special tracks or courses within schools for students showing exceptional sports potential. These tracks can provide additional training, support, and resources tailored to their needs.

d. Sports Day and Week Celebration at School:

Various sports events shall be organised on the National Sports Day (29 August every year), week long events can be planned. Local sports icons will also be invited on this occasion. Along with sports, activities of contemporary sports and indigenous games will also be conducted.

3. Partnerships with Sports Academies and Institutions

a. School-Sports Academy Tie-Ups:

Form partnerships between schools and sports academies or institutions. PPP academies can provide academic support while sports academies offer specialized training. This model ensures holistic development of young athletes, these academies will have tie-ups with School Game Federation.

b. Placement Programs:

Develop placement programs where talented students are recommended to sports academies or training centers based on their performance and potential, ensuring they receive advanced coaching and facilities.

c. Internship and Mentoring Programs:

Implement internship and mentoring programs involving athletes from sports academies who can serve as role models and mentors for young students, providing guidance and inspiration.

8. Hosting and Organising Games, Competitions, and Events

Organizing events/games at various levels plays a vital role in the promotion and development of sports. While it provides exposure for athletes of all ages and skill levels to participate in sports, it serves as a platform for scouts, coaches, and talent managers to identify young talent and nurture





them for the future. It also encourages community engagement, economic growth, exposure, and learning opportunities for the administration. The government is committed to conducting International/National/State and District-level sports events/games in the next 5 years. The following are the directives to achieve the targets.

i. Conduct of District/ State level Events/ Games

Rajasthan organizes district/intra-district events/games across all age groups as per the norms of state/national federations for the respective sports. The government will continue its support to RSSC-recognized state associations and the State Olympic Association to conduct state competitions as per guidelines. The government will provide suitable financial assistance to RSSC-recognized state associations for the conduct of recognized competitions like tournaments under Khelo India Program, Winter and Desert games/ sports.

The government will be organizing Khelo Rajasthan Games in collaboration with RSSC-recognized state sports associations in line with Khelo India³ national programme for Development of Sports, aims at improving India's sports culture at the grass-root level through organized talent identification, structured sporting competitions and infrastructure development.

The objective of this initiative is to promote and preserve traditional and indigenous games, increase youth participation in these games, establish a robust framework for organizing these games across Rajasthan. This initiative aims to celebrate cultural heritage while fostering widespread youth engagement in traditional sports.

ii. Conduct of National level Single/ Multi Sports Games

Hosting national-level events/games brings prestige and recognition to the state. It showcases the state's capabilities in organizing large-scale sporting competitions and provides opportunities for state-level athletes to compete with the best in the country. The government intends to host multiple single and multi-sport events/games in the next five years. The government will work closely with RSSC-recognized State Associations, the State Olympic Association, NSFs of respective sports, IOA, and SAI to host various events. The government will provide suitable financial and administrative assistance to RSSC for the conduct and delivery of various events/games.

Rajasthan intends to host some of the National level events/ games as mentioned below:

- Various disciplines of SGFI/CBSE events etc.
- Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games
- Junior, Sub-Junior & Senior National Championship in priority Sports
- National Games
- Permitting & supporting private leagues to host events in Rajasthan.

iii. Conduct of International level Single/ Multi Sports Games

Hosting international events in Rajasthan will bring global recognition and visibility to the state, putting it on the map not only as a tourist destination but also as a state capable of hosting large-scale, prestigious events. Hosting international events inspires local athletes, sports enthusiasts, and the community at large. The legacy of hosting international events includes improved sports infrastructure, enhanced training facilities, and a history of sporting achievements, contributing to the overall development of sports within the state. The government intends to host international single

³ [Khelo India National Programme for Development of Sports, Sports Authority of India](#)



and multi-sport events/games in the next 5 years, and to achieve that, the government will work closely with the RSSC-recognized State Associations and NSFs, the Indian Olympic Association, and the Sports Authority of India. The government will provide suitable financial and administrative assistance to the above-mentioned associations and organizations for the conduct of the events/games.

The government intends to host various junior and senior-level international events, such as:

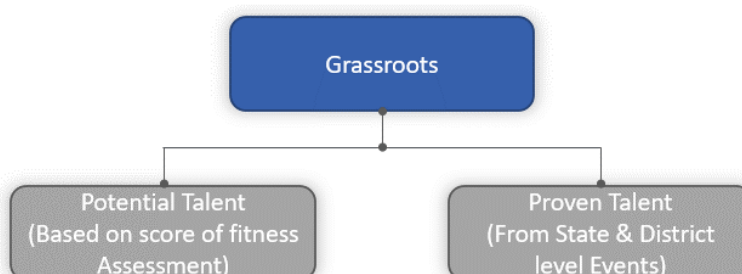
- World University Championships/ Games
- Asian Junior/ Senior Championships
- World Junior/ Senior Championships
- Junior/Senior World Cups in the priority sports etc.

9. Talent Identification Program

Physical fitness assessments, talent scouting, and continuous support mechanisms will be integrated to create a sustainable and transparent sports development ecosystem. This will be established from school-level talent identification to advanced training in sports academies. The goal will be to build a pipeline of athletes capable of excelling at national and international levels.

i. Identification of Potential Talent

"Catch them young" is an expression commonly used in sports regarding talent identification. The government will ensure that talented athletes are identified at the right age for their respective sports but will also avoid early burnout at the youth or junior levels. This approach aims to provide age and



level-appropriate training, enabling athletes to enhance their performance to the desired level or potential.

The **Early Physical Performance Initiative (APPI)/ Starring Scheme for Physical Activities (SPAT)** aims to assess children's physical abilities through a standardized annual testing process in collaboration with schools. Emphasizing the motto "Catch them young, catch them right," this program evaluates participants statewide through a series of standardized tests conducted in three rounds. Scores will be published in a percentile format similar to CAT/ MAT scores. Those who qualify after the second round will receive certificates acknowledging their achievements in Sports and Physical Aptitude.

The **GAME Test (General Aptitude for Movement and Engagement Test)/ SPEED Test (Sports and Physical Exercise Evaluation and Development Test)** will introduce a fourth round, the sports round, where qualifiers will select a sport and will be assessed for their proficiency in that specific game. This enhancement will shift the focus from general physical ability to targeted sports aptitude.

The **ACADEMY Program (Athletic Competence and Development Evaluation for Youth)/ SPACE Program (Sports and Physical Aptitude Continuous Evaluation)** will offer scholarships to individuals enrolling in sports academies and nurseries, with continuous evaluation required. A comprehensive database of potential athletes will also be developed by tracking additional details such as height, weight, and socioeconomic background.

Athletes identified at the grassroots level will be inducted in the Salim Durrani Residential Sports School and various sports academies under the RSSC, establishing a structured pathway for their enhanced performance on the national stage.

ii. Identification of Proven Talent

Talent identification is an ongoing process that requires collaboration, active scouting, and a multi-faceted scientific approach. It is important to note that scouting for proven talent will involve a holistic approach, considering both current performance and the potential for further growth.

The scouting will involve a review of sports performances by athletes at the state/national level competitions and collaboration with state associations and national federations to gain in-depth knowledge of the athletes' development parameters.

Athletes identified at the intermediate level will be enrolled in COEs, establishing a structured pathway for their development. Assessment of physiological and psychological parameters will be made mandatory for all athletes at the intermediate level to continue their sporting journey. This will compel the government to optimally utilize its physical and financial resources by supporting the transition of athletes from intermediate to elite.



The government intends to institute a structured program, encompassing:

- Instituting a steering committee to supervise talent identification at the district level, subject to biannual reviews.
- Identification of athletes from the grassroots level (from district or state-level competitions or selection trials) or emerging level (from national-level events/competitions).
- Identification of talent shall be done using established scientific parameters, such as physical and psychological attributes.
- Sports Associations shall also be involved in the conduct of trials within the state.

10. Athlete Development Program

Athlete development program is one of the most important components of the sports development ecosystem. Various models of talent identification and development are being followed nationally and globally. This process involves identifying young athletes showcasing potential to perform at the elite level and training and nurturing them to help realize their potential at the highest level in their



respective sport. The government will collaborate with State Sports Associations and training centres to create a state-wide standard robust model for identifying and developing talented athletes.

i. Grassroots Level

a) Development of School Level Sports Academies/ Sports Nurseries

It is essential to provide children with the right form of physical education and sports training at the foundational level. To broaden sports at the grassroots level, the government, through the Sports Department and RSSC, will establish '**School Level Sports Academies/ Sports Nurseries**' across districts. These school-level sports academies will be established by partnering with existing schools that have good sports infrastructure. The government will support these identified schools by providing sports-specific coaches and equipment for the training of school children.

Sports battery tests will be conducted regularly in schools and sports nurseries. Annual trials will be held to identify promising talent, with performance monitored during intra-district competitions. Leagues for hockey, football, basketball, volleyball, and other sports will be organized according to the available talent.

Public-Private partnership models will be explored for the implementation of a standard sports curriculum-based program across the state. Schools (Specific targeted no. per district) will be on boarded and supported in phase wise manner.

Schools, whether public or private, will be identified based on the following parameters:

- Availability of basic sports infrastructure.
- Availability of basic sports equipment.
- Availabilities of amenities like drinking water, toilets (boys/ girls), security etc.

The government shall extend the following assistance:

- Provide yearly equipment support.
- Provision of coaching staff for various sports disciplines, or
- Will provide salary compensation for the coaching staff.



- Provision for Sports Kit to the athletes and coaches
- Will provide travel cost for athletes undergoing after school training.

b) Development of Regular Training Centres at District Level

To identify grassroots sports talent, district leagues will be enhanced, and inter-club competitions will be encouraged alongside the existing inter-district tournaments. Clubs will be required to register with District Sports Councils and submit player lists for affiliation with District Sports Associations. Talent selection will start from grade 6, using physical aptitude tests for admission into a Sports School/Academy.

Regular Training Centres will continue to operate as per the current norms; immediate efforts will be undertaken to deploy coaches across all the centres and increase the intake of athletes.

Established private sports academies will also be encouraged to impart standardized curriculum-based sports training at the grassroots level across districts. The government realizes that there is no dearth of sports infrastructure in the state; however, upgrading, maintenance, and optimal operationalization of the available facilities will be the key focus of the state over the next five years.

c) Leveraging 'Khelo India Centre' Scheme

KIC centres will be established across districts with the support of the central government. Efforts will be made over the next five years to support KICs in maintaining facilities and deploying coaches across all centres in the state. Any shortfall in funding will be met by the government.

At the grassroots level, these training centres will serve as feeder academies for Intermediate-level Sports Academies and Salim Durrani Residential Sports Schools, establishing a clear pathway for athletes to excel at the state level. This strategic approach aims to nurture and elevate sporting talent systematically.

ii. Intermediate Level

a) Development and Upgradation of 'Sports Academies' and 'Sports Schools'

There are currently 30 sports academies functioning across the state. Consistent efforts will be made to increase the number of sports academies over the next 5 years. New construction and upgrading of existing facilities will be undertaken to increase the number of sports academies in the next few years. The government's endeavour will be to set up professional standard sporting facilities and provide coaches for budding athletes from the state to train. Initiatives will be taken to integrate sports science-backed training into the sporting curriculum for selected athletes at this level.

The government will also establish a Salim Durrani Residential Sports School in each division. The Salim Durrani Residential Sports School scheme will act as the feeder to the 'Sports Academies' and will work towards strengthening the bench strength of the priority sports in the state.

iii. Elite Level

a) Development of COE and HPC





Center of Excellence and High-Performance Centre contribute to sports development, the key distinction lies in their scope, target audience, and primary focus. A COE is more inclusive, fostering overall sports excellence across various levels, while an HPC is highly specialized, concentrating on maximizing the performance of elite athletes on the international stage.

- **Centre of Excellence**

- The government intends to establish Centres of Excellence (COEs) to provide high-quality training support to state/national-level players.
- The government will establish COEs, taking a cluster-based approach to ensure the proximity of potential talent hotbeds for sports academies in priority-I & II sports in the next five years. These COEs will have single-sports facilities, and the government will provide holistic support to the athletes.
- The COEs will have state-of-the-art facilities along with sports science and medicine services.

- **High Performance Centre**

- The government intends to establish a multi-sports High-Performance Centre (HPC) in Jaipur to support elite athletes/ para-athletes with international training facilities for Priority-I sports.
- The HPC will have state-of-the-art infrastructure, equipment, high performance coaches/technical directors for training support and world class sports science and medicine services for elite athletes and para-athletes.
- The FoPs at the HPC will meet standards for hosting national/ international competitions in their respective sports.

The seamless progression from COEs to HPC aligns with the ideal trajectory in adherence to the Long-Term Athlete Development pathway. This natural course will ensure optimal development and performance enhancement for athletes.

11. Sports Professional/ Coach Development Program

A sports coach plays an integral part in the overall development of an athlete. A good coach can have a lifelong positive influence on a player. Coaches should be able to assess the athlete's performance and suggest areas of improvement. A coach is responsible for developing a positive mental attitude and should advise on areas such as recovery, working with injuries, and nutrition. For the overall development of sports in a state, it is critical to have quality coaches working across grassroots to the elite level.

Capacity building and knowledge upgrading of coaches, technical staff, administrative professionals, and other experts are necessary to ensure the development of the sports ecosystem. To achieve this, the government will initiate opportunities and support programs for sports professionals to upgrade their skills.

i. Capacity Building of Coaches

The government will implement a development and knowledge upgrading system for coaches and technical staff from the state. They will be offered training programs, refresher courses, certificate courses, and workshops at regular intervals.





The training offered will be aligned with NSFs, meeting national and international standards. The government will also tie up with institutions and organizations that can provide quality knowledge upgradation training to deliver better results. Additionally, the government will support individuals, on a case-to-case basis, for advanced-level courses and certification programs in India and overseas. Coaching of Coaches (COC) programs will be organized and identified coaches will be prepared as master coaches to build the coaching skills of other coaches. International coaches will be invited for capacity building coaching programs of coaches on periodic basis and selected coaches will be nominated for this programs based on the assessments and performance.

ii. Capacity Building of Technical Officials

The government endeavours to create a holistic sports ecosystem in the state. In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the government will work towards the development and knowledge upgrading of technical officials in the focus sports of the state.

Technical officials include, but are not limited to, referees, umpires, judges, and jury. The government will collaborate with the IOA, ISFs, NSFs, and other bodies to conduct certification courses in Rajasthan or send officials for such courses to other states or countries as applicable.

iii. Engagement of Expert Coach

The government endeavours to engage expert coaches (Indian/foreign nationals) across focus sports to conduct training camps for athletes. The training camps will also serve as a means of knowledge development and transfer for coaches employed with RSSC.

The coaching camps will be designed and executed with the perspective of transitioning knowledge of coaching methods, abilities, and ideas from expert coaches to state-level coaches.

Expert coaches will be engaged at the High-Performance Centre (HPC) for athlete training and knowledge dissemination to other coaches across various scheme, collaborating closely with head coaches at Centre of Excellence (COEs).

iv. Performance Assessment and Reward for Coaches

A data-driven assessments of coaches based on predefined metrics such as athlete progress, competitive success, and adherence to best practices in training and mentorship shall be done on regular basis. Coaches who consistently demonstrate excellence and contribute significantly to the development of athletes will be recognized through a structured reward system, which may include financial incentives, professional development opportunities, and public recognition.

This will not only motivate coaches to strive for higher standards but also ensure that Rajasthan attracts and retains top tier coaching talent, ultimately contributing to the overall growth and success of sports in the state.

v. Coach Exchange Programme

To improve the quality of sports coaching across the state, local coaches would be given opportunities to work alongside national and international coaches through short-term exchanges or training programme. This initiative would facilitate knowledge transfer, introduce advanced coaching techniques, and expose Rajasthan's coaches to global best practices in sports training.





Additionally, coaches from different regions within the state can be exchanged to address regional disparities in sports development, ensuring that rural and underserved areas benefit from high-quality coaching. The programme would help build a more skilled and dynamic coaching community, directly impacting the performance and growth of young athletes in Rajasthan.

vi. Capacity Building of Administrators and Sports Managers

The government will also implement a comprehensive development and knowledge enhancement system for sports administrators and Sports Managers from the state. Professionals will benefit from ongoing training programs, refresher courses, certificate courses and workshops to ensure continuous skill advancement.

The government, in pursuit of its goals, will organize certification programs for current and prospective administrators. These programs, conducted in collaboration with various public and private institutions, aim to enhance administrative capabilities in the sports sector.

12. Provisions for Women and Girls

Rajasthan sports policy involves creating a comprehensive and inclusive framework that promotes and supports female athletes at all levels. Here's a detailed approach to ensuring that women's sports are adequately represented and developed in the Rajasthan's sports policy:

- **Foster inclusivity** by celebrating Women's Day and other significant dates, organizing tournaments and events to promote women athletes, and recognizing their achievements through awards, celebration and public acknowledgment. E.g. on the occasion of International Women's Day, a weeklong women/ girls' sports event, tournaments to be organized and awarded at state, division, district and block level.
- **'Residential Women & Girls Sports Institutes and Academies'** at division level for promotion of sports facility for women and girls.
- **Incentives:** Provide higher scale of incentives for women who achieve success in national and international tournaments.
- **Accommodation:** Ensure that at least certain percent (suggestive upto 30-40%) of the accommodation at various stadiums is allocated for women players.
- **Stipend:** Shall be provided to eligible women and girls.
- **NIS Diploma Support for Girls:** The state government will cover the annual costs for the NIS/equivalent diploma program for eligible girls, based on departmental criteria.
- **Promotion of Self-Defence Sports:** Actively promote karate and other self-defence sports in all educational institutions, in addition to yoga, to encourage broader participation and skill development. Suggestive **self-defence initiative for girls and women:**
 - I. Self-Defence Training: Provision of self-defence training to girls and women.
 - II. Certification: Opportunities for girls and women to achieve self-defence certifications, including Black Belt.
 - III. Sports Quota: Facilities for obtaining sports quota benefits based on self-defence achievements.



- **Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Effective Response Mechanism:** A POSH policy on sexual harassment may define unacceptable behaviours, outline reporting procedures, and integrate these into the code of conduct. This shall include mandatory training for all participants, confidential reporting channels, and clear investigation processes. Provide support services for victims and enforce disciplinary actions consistently. Promote a culture of respect and inclusivity, run awareness campaigns, and regularly review policies based on feedback for continuous improvement.

13. National Institute of Sports (NIS) Diploma Sub-Center in Rajasthan Under Sports Authority of India (SAI)

Looking ahead, the establishment of a NIS Diploma sub-center for sports coaching in Rajasthan, will be modelled under SAI after the renowned Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) in Patiala, will be promising to be a game-changer for the state's athletic landscape. Envisioned as a hub for excellence, this sub-center will offer a 1-Year NIS or equivalent Diploma in Sports Coaching, with specialized training in various disciplines, including biomechanics, sports science, nutrition, psychology, and athlete management.

In the future, graduates of this program will receive nationally recognized certification, positioning them for impactful coaching roles in schools, universities, sports academies, and at district, state, and national levels. By mirroring the high standards of NSNIS Patiala, this initiative will not only produce a skilled workforce of sports coaches but also elevate the quality of sports training across Rajasthan. Ultimately, it will play a pivotal role in fostering grassroots sports development and aligning with the state's broader aspirations for sporting excellence. This forward-looking approach will ensure that Rajasthan becomes a nurturing ground for future athletic talent, contributing to the nation's sporting legacy.

State will further follow the norms and guidelines of SAI to create the roadmap for this sub-center.

14. Provision for Para-athletes.

Provision for establishing specialized academies for para-athletes, aimed at fostering inclusivity and empowering differently abled athletes to achieve excellence in sports. These academies will be designed to address the unique needs of para-athletes, providing them with adaptive training programs, customized equipment, and access to expert coaching tailored to their abilities. Along with this existing academies needs to have provisions for para-athletes for accessibility, customized training, coaching, facilities, counselling as per their requirements.

Talent Identification and Management for Para-athletes in the academies:

- **Talent Identification and Coaching:** Implement programs to identify and develop para-athletes, offering specialized coaching and management tailored to their needs.
- **Scholarships and Support:** Provide scholarships and financial support to exceptional para-athletes to assist with their training and development.



Para-athlets Job/ Pension Policy:

- For athletes with disabilities, if they are ineligible for traditional employment, a pension scheme will be introduced based on their achievements and disability category.
- The policy will provide pensions to para-players who have earned medals or certificates in recognized competitions. The pension amount will vary according to the level of achievement (e.g., gold, silver, bronze medals) and the specific disability category.
- Clear guidelines will be outlining eligibility criteria, required documentation, and pension benefits to ensure that deserving para-players receive financial support and recognition for their contributions to sports.

15. Athlete Support and Transition Program

i. Athlete Support Scheme

The government will launch new schemes to support athletes across multiple levels. The support will be extended to athletes above and beyond the existing assistance from federations, public and private organizations, for additional training and development requirements.

a) Scheme for Intermediate Level Athletes

- Design parameters for athletes to be included in the scheme.
- Follow and analyse the performance of the athletes in this scheme.
- Conduct scouting for athletes from Grassroot Level to be included in this scheme.
- Providing necessary additional equipment to athletes.
- Supporting and assisting athletes for participating in events.
- Analysing performance to retain and weed out athletes from the scheme.
- Annual financial assistance as per prevailing norms will be earmarked for their physical well-being, diet and training support.
- Requirement will be assessed on case-to-case basis and requisite amount will be sanctioned after considering existing support to respective athletes from TOPS, KI, or other private organizations.

b) Scheme for Elite Level Athletes

- Have a committee comprising of former coaches, athletes and sports science members to include athletes in this scheme.
- Appoint a team of performance analysts and relationship managers to deal with athletes in this scheme.
- Follow and analyse performance of athletes in nationals and international events.
- Providing support to athletes to buy equipment.
- Helping athletes with their training, rehab and other sports science requirements.
- Helping athletes and their coaches to participate in recognized tournaments happening overseas. (Visa requirements, booking of flights and hotels, etc if necessary)
- Helping athletes by having good foreign/national coaches in India or sending state athletes overseas for advanced level of trainings.
- Annual financial assistance as per prevailing norms will be earmarked for their physical well-being, diet and training support.





- Requirement will be assessed on case-to-case basis and requisite amount will be sanctioned after considering existing support to respective athletes from TOPS, Khelo India and other public and private organizations.

A committee will be instituted to ascertain athletes based on criteria formulated by the department, and to provide requisite support for their training and developmental needs.

- The committee will be headed by Secretary, Department Sports of Youth Affairs, Government of Rajasthan
- The Committee will comprise of:
 - Secretary RSSC
 - 2-3 eminent elite athletes and senior coaches
 - Representative of RSSC recognised State Sports Associations

ii. Athlete Recruitment Policy

The government understands that despite the best efforts, not all emerging sports persons will make it to the highest level. Hence, the policy will contribute to the professionalization of the system by offering employment opportunities, financial incentives, and support services to athletes. This will allow athletes to focus on their training and development without being concerned about their financial stability. The government has introduced the following schemes to secure athletes' well-being.

a) Job Reservation Scheme

The government has made reservation of vacancies for 'Outstanding Sports Persons' of 2% of the total vacancies outside the purview of the commission in the respective year for direct recruitment. The reservation for sports person shall be treated as horizontal reservation and it shall adjust in respective category to which the sports person belongs.

b) Out of Turn Appointment Scheme

The sports medal winners of Rajasthan shall be eligible for the appointment to the various posts as per the prevailing Rules.

iii. Support Program for Athlete Transition

The government will roll out initiatives, partnering with both public and private organizations, to support athletes transitioning from competitive sport to alternate roles such as a coach, referee, sports science consultant, or sports administrator. Provisions will be made to provide financial assistance to those enrolling in certificate programs certified by bodies like RSSC, NSFs, ISFs, IOA, and SAI.

These programs are intended not only to facilitate a sustainable career path for athletes in sports but also to ensure an effective reintegration into Rajasthan's sports ecosystem. Further, the government will explore opportunities for private partnership models, setting the ground for an unprecedented state-led initiative in India's sports sector. This bold step reaffirms the government's commitment to facilitating holistic career paths within the sports industry. This supports the continuity of expertise in sport while also ensuring the constant growth and development of Rajasthan's sports ecosystem.





iv. Sports Pension Program

The government has launched a new pension scheme for international athletes, para-athletes, and coaches who have dedicated their lives to sports. Athletes and coaches who are not employed in any government job or receiving any pension from the government will be considered under this scheme. The execution of the pension scheme will be handled by the Rajasthan State Sports Council. As per the existing scheme the applications are invited for individuals to apply and avail the benefits of the pension scheme.

a) Pension Amount

The athlete, para-athlete, and coach who are eligible under this scheme will be granted a monthly pension as per the existing provision of the scheme.

b) Eligibility

- The Athlete should be a permanent resident of Rajasthan.
- Athlete should have won medal in any of the following mentioned sports events:

S. No.	Competition Name	Sports Bodies
1	Olympic Games	International Olympic Committee
2	Paralympic Games	International Paralympic Committee
3	Asian Games	Olympic Council of Asia
4	Para Asian Games	Asian Paralympic Committee
5	Commonwealth Games	Commonwealth Games Federation
6	Commonwealth Para Games	International Paralympic committee
7	Arjun/ Dronacharya Award	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

16. Incentives, Awards and Rewards

The government aims to address the participation-related requirements of athletes and their overall well-being, both during and after their playing careers. Cash awards and incentives play a significant role in motivating and rewarding athletes for their achievements and performances. These rewards not only acknowledge the hard work and dedication of athletes but also serve as an important financial support system. The following incentives, awards, and rewards have been institutionalized in the state

i. Cash Incentives for State, National, and International Achievers

a) Cash Incentive for Athletes

Athletes/Para-athletes are being given cash incentives for their performance across various international, national, and state-level events. The prize money will serve as motivation for the athletes and encourage the younger generation to take up sports as a career. Government will also provide **Rajasthan Khel Ratna Award** to those players of the state who have excelled at the international level. **Cash Incentives will be given as per prevalent Rules/Policy of the State Government.**

b) Cash Incentive for coaches

Just like athletes, coaches also need motivation to continually improve their skills and deliver their best performance. Cash rewards serve as a tangible way to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and expertise of coaches. This recognizes the valuable role coaches play in the





success of athletes and teams. Monetary incentives show appreciation for their efforts and contribute to their sense of recognition and self-worth. The government intends to start a scheme to provide cash incentives to the coaches.

ii. Rajasthan Sports Development Fund

The Rajasthan Sports Development Fund (RSDF) will aim to provide momentum and flexibility to sports, assisting state athletes by offering training under expert (national/international) coaches, technical, scientific and psychological support, as well as exposure to international competitions.

The Fund will also provide financial assistance for infrastructure development and other sports promotion activities. Furthermore, financial support for the athlete support scheme, will be met through this fund. It will complement the Department of Sports' overall policy and activities in achieving excellence in sports.

The **Rajasthan Sports Modernization Mission** shall be started aimed to create a sustainable, inclusive, and competitive sports ecosystem that nurtures talent, promotes a sports culture, and enhances the state's sporting infrastructure.

To create and sustain a sports corpus fund for athletes, various stakeholders, such as sports organizations, sponsors, government departments, PSUs, and charitable foundations, will be approached for contributions through donations, grants and sponsorships. A dedicated QR code will be used for Crowd funding.

To ensure that the funds are utilized effectively and reach the intended beneficiaries, the government will constitute an Executive Committee. This committee will consider and decide on the received applications/proposals for financial assistance from athletes, reputed organizations/institutes engaged in the promotion of sports, for the development of sports infrastructure, procurement of equipment, and other sports activities. A portion of the fund shall be exclusively used for the welfare of sportspersons.

The executive committee will be headed by Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Rajasthan

- The Committee will comprise of:
 - Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Rajasthan
 - Secretary, RSSC
 - 5-6 eminent elite athletes and senior coaches

iii. Comprehensive Insurance Coverage for Athletes

All sports persons live under a constant fear of career-ending injuries. The government intends to provide comprehensive medical, accident, and life insurance coverage for athletes to safeguard their health and financial stability, as it is an essential aspect of their overall well-being.

This initiative may entail the following:

- **Medical Insurance:** The medical insurance shall provide basic medical coverage, sports-specific coverage, rehabilitation, physical therapy and pre-existing medical condition along with injuries during their sporting career
- **Accidental Insurance:** To Provide financial protection for accidents that occur while participating in sports activities.





- **Life Insurance:** To offer life insurance to secure financial support for athletes' families in case of unforeseen events/death.
- **Medical Policy Clause:** Diseases, injuries, or any health-related aspects which are not treatable within Rajasthan can be referred to specialized facilities in other states, with clear guidelines and procedures for such referrals outlined in the medical policy.

Athletes representing the state of Rajasthan in national competitions or games recognized by the IOA, as well as athletes being trained in sports academies, Centre of Excellence, and High-Performance Centre, will be covered under these schemes.

iv. State Award for Athlete and Coaches

Sports awards provide recognition and appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and exceptional performances of athletes and coaches. It acknowledges their talent, skills, and achievements, thereby boosting their morale and motivating them to continue striving for excellence. The government has been recognizing performances of sportspersons by honouring them with the Maharana Pratap Award and the Guru Vashisht Award. The government has recently decided to award the Khel Ratna Award to the sportspersons for their exemplary contributions.

a) Rajasthan Khel Ratan Award

The Award is to recognize the spectacular and outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson of Rajasthan. The Award consist of a medal, a certificate, ceremonial dress, and a Cash Award will be presented to the winner as per the prevailing rules.

- **Eligibility**
 - The spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of FIVE years immediately preceding the year during which award is to be given shall be honoured with the award.
 - Award will be given for excellence in Sports & Games at international level i.e., Olympic/ Asian/ Commonwealth/ World Games/ Championships/ World Cup and equivalent recognized international tournaments.
 - Athlete must have represented Rajasthan at recognised national level tournament.

b) Maharana Pratap Award

The Award is to recognize outstanding achievements of sportspersons in the field of sports at International and Senior National level. The Award consist of a statuette of Maharana Pratap, a certificate, ceremonial dress, and a cash award will be presented to the winners as per the prevailing rules.

- **Eligibility**
 - Athlete must have had not only good performance at the international level but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.
 - Award will be honored with the award for over a period of **FIVE** years immediately preceding the year during which award is to be given.
 - Athlete must have represented Rajasthan at recognised national level tournament.
 - The government will only consider the disciplines falling under following categories: -





S. No.	Categories
1	Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/World Cup/World Championship disciplines and cricket or any equivalent recognized international Tournament.
2	Indigenous Games
3	Sports for physically challenged

c) Guru Vashisht Award

The Guru Vashisht Award for outstanding coaches in sports and games is intended to honour coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabled sportspersons to excel in international competitions and to motivate coaches to dedicate themselves with a singularity of purpose of raising the standard of sportspersons to the highest performance in international competitions. The Award will comprise a statuette of Guru Vashisht, a Certificate, a ceremonial dress, and a cash prize as per the prevailing rules, which will be presented to the winners.

• Eligibility

- Coaches who have produced outstanding athletes, who have won medal(s) in Olympic Games, World Championship, World Cup.
- Coaches who have produced outstanding athletes, who have won medal(s) in Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.
- Coaches who have produced outstanding athletes, who have won medal(s) in Asian Championship, Commonwealth Championship and National Level Competition.
- Coaches who have produced outstanding team, who have won medal(s) in Olympic Games, World Championship, World Cup, Asian Games, Asian Championship, Commonwealth Championship, Commonwealth Games and National Level Competition.
- The Coach should have produced outstanding achievement over a period of **Three** years immediately preceding the year in which the award is to be given for the recognised international/ Senior National competitions.
- Coach will be considered for the Award only when the produced athlete or team has represented Rajasthan at recognised National level competition.

v. State Awards for Exceptional Contributors in Sports

State awards for exceptional individuals and organizations in sports are important recognitions of their contributions to the development and promotion of sports at the regional level. It will acknowledge the efforts of individuals or organizations promoting sports participation, talent development, sports inclusion, sports for all, and creating a positive sporting environment in Rajasthan. The government will initiate this award to honour exceptional individuals and organizations from the state. The award will comprise a certificate, a memento, a ceremonial dress, and a cash prize which will be presented to the winners as per the prevailing rules.

S. No.	Contributors	Remarks
1	Award for Outstanding Sports Administrator	Exemplary service rendered in sports
2	Award for Organisation/ Institution	Development of sports in Rajasthan
3	Award for Best Performing Sports Association	Development of sports in Rajasthan
4	Award for Journalist	Sports Journalists
5	Award for best Technical Official	Referee/ Umpire/ Jury
6	Award for Technical staff	Sports Science and Sports Medicine





7	Award for Private Coach	For role in promotion & Upliftment of sports in Rajasthan
8	Award for Ground Staff	Exemplary service rendered in maintaining FoPs in Rajasthan

A committee will be formed to bestow State awards upon athletes, coaches, and exceptional contributors in sports, acknowledging and appreciating their dedicated efforts in alignment with their significant achievements.

- The committee will be headed by Sports Minister, Government of Rajasthan
- The Committee will comprise of:
 - Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports
 - Secretary, RSSC
 - 5-6 eminent elite athletes and senior coaches

vi. Allotment of Land

Incentives through providing agricultural land is another way to promote sports in the state. As per the notification of Land and Revenue department No: F.3(55) Col./95 dated 29/09/2000. The government will allot land or residential land to the athletes who have won medal(s) or participated at international level. The athletes will be allotted land under Indira Gandhi Canal Colony Area Rule, with notification no 31(49) Revenue/Co./77 dated 27.07.82. The government will provide incentives to the international event Participant and medal winners as per the Prevalent Rules/Policy in this regard.

17. Development of Tribal, Indigenous and Adventure and Desert Sports

The development of tribal, indigenous, and adventure sports is crucial for promoting cultural diversity, preserving traditional sports, and providing opportunities for adventure enthusiasts. The government aims to promote these games for sustainable development and long-term success in these sports domains.

i. Development of Tribal and Indigenous Sports

Developing tribal and indigenous sports such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, and many more will create skill development opportunities for athletes and coaches. This will lead to the emergence of professional athletes and coaches in these areas. The government organizes training camps and scouts' athletes with prospects. The government further aims to organise Tribal Games within tribal regions, concurrently establishing a framework wherein top performing teams from these tribal games will receive representation in the Khelo Rajasthan Games, thereby contributing to the advancement of sports. Emphasis on promoting local games like gatka and kabaddi aims to enhance community pride and tourism, ensuring support for traditional sports to thrive.

An indicative list of such sports is as below.

- Archery
- Camel Racing
- Pittu (Seven Stones)
- Teer Andazi
- Kabbadi
- Mallakhamb





- Gilli-Danda
- Langdi
- Gatka
- Kho-Kho
- Camel Polo
- Changa-po
- Wrestling (Kushti)
- Bullock Cart Racing
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To develop tribal and indigenous sports played in tribal/rural areas, the government intends to run various initiatives to create an environment for mass participation in the tribal community. The goal is to identify talent for recruitment into sports academies and sports schools.

ii. Development of Adventure Sports Cluster

Adventure sports, such as mountaineering, BMX biking, paragliding, sandboarding, trekking, and many more, offer unique experiences for adventure enthusiasts. The government intends to develop infrastructure, safety measures, and training programs for adventure sports in collaboration with private stakeholders. The government has already announced an Adventure Sports Training & Mountaineering Center at Mount Abu and allocated a budget of Rs. 100 crore for the development of adventure sports in the state. The government aims to explore opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships, wherein the government will contribute 50% support, and the remaining 50% will be funded by the private entity for the development and operationalization of such centres. The government will support activities such as trekking, scuba diving, gliding, skiing, river rafting, rock climbing, mountaineering, and cycling to encourage participation in adventure sports.

iii. Development of Desert Sports

The Sports Department of the Government of Rajasthan is committed to enhance the promotion of desert sports, aiming to position them as key attractions for both locals and tourists. The government envisions a future where camel racing, sand dune bashing, and traditional sports like kabaddi not only provide thrilling experiences but also serve as platforms for cultural exchange and tourism growth. By leveraging digital platforms and social media, government aims to reach a wider audience and elevate awareness of desert sports in Rajasthan. The department aims to create unforgettable experiences while preserving our culture and boosting the economy of our demographically diversified state.

18. Private Sector Participation

Large PSUs and corporates have a significant role to play if Rajasthan is to develop and maintain world-class infrastructure to train athletes for international competition. Corporate companies and PSUs should actively participate in contributing significantly to the sports industry. The government will strive to conceptualize and implement initiatives focused on the development of a thriving sports industry. The inclusion of the private sector in Rajasthan sports will bring financial resources, expertise, infrastructure development, and innovation, which are crucial for the growth and development of sports in the state. It will provide a significant boost to the overall sporting ecosystem, benefit athletes, and contribute to the state's sporting success.



i. Private Sector Investments

The government will empower corporate houses in the country to become stakeholders in the development of the sports ecosystem in Rajasthan. The government will form strategic partnerships with interested corporations with a view to establishing a network of corporates across the states.

a) Promoting Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

The public-private partnership (PPP) model involves collaborations between government entities and private-sector organizations to jointly develop, operate, and invest in various aspects of sports. The government will introduce comprehensive public-private partnership (PPP) guidelines to engage with the private sector. PPP will be utilized for the sustainable development and operationalization of sports infrastructure:

- In accordance with the provisions outlined in the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2022, incentives shall be extended in the following areas:
 - The Sports Academy, as outlined in List 04 (List of Services Thrust Sectors) of RIPS-2022.
- Development of sports infrastructure with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support from the government.
- Operationalisation of sports facilities to promote sports coaching and training activities.
- Seek corporate sponsorships for youth sports programs. Companies can sponsor local tournaments, provide sports gear, or fund training programs, fostering a supportive environment for young athletes.
- Development and operationalisation of Centre of Excellence and High-Performance Centre.
- Offer scholarships and grants to talented young athletes. These financial aids can cover training expenses, education costs, and other essential needs through PPP.
- **Subsidy to athletes for development/ establishment of sports facilities:** A loan program offering subsidized interest rates to athletes for establishing sports academies can significantly enhance the development of sports at the grassroots level. By providing financial support to current and retired athletes, this initiative not only empowers them to pursue their passion for training future talent but also contributes to local economic growth. With flexible repayment terms and resources for business management and mentorship, athletes can successfully establish sustainable academies that foster skill development, community engagement, and a love for sports among young enthusiasts.

b) Promoting Sports Manufacturing

In order to establish a comprehensive incentive scheme aimed at attracting investments and fostering substantial employment opportunities within the sports manufacturing sector of Rajasthan as per the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2022, the government will devise new scheme for this initiative.

- In accordance with the provisions outlined in the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2022, incentives shall be extended in the following areas:
 - Sports Goods Sector, as outlined in List 03 (List of Manufacturing Thrust Sectors) of RIPS-2022.



Under PPP and Sports Manufacturing scheme, the government will offer the specified incentives in accordance with the area category classification outlined in List 07 of RIPS-2022 and amendment vide file no, F.12(5) FD/Tax/2023-104 dated 10th Feb 2023:

- Stamp duty reimbursement.
- Subsidy for sustainable infrastructure.
- Monetary support for one-time purchase of equipments.
- Electricity reimbursement for 7 years.
- The leasing of pre-existing infrastructure to facilitate turn-key projects.
- Investment Subsidy (SGST reimbursement for 7 years).

The government shall constitute a steering committee tasked with monitoring activities and providing recommendations for the enhancement of programs and schemes. The committee will comprise the following members:

- Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Secretary, Department of Finance
- Secretary, Department of Industries
- Secretary, RSSC

c) Leveraging CSR Funds

The government will actively collaborate with potential CSR partners to devise sports development initiatives, ensuring the achievement of sports development objectives while providing potential visibility for the CSR partners. The initiatives will be aligned with the following CSR areas:

- Development and maintenance of infrastructure,
- Grassroots training programs,
- Support for talent identification programs,
- Specialized sports equipment,
- Sports awareness campaigns,
- Promoting para-sports, and
- Providing support in sports science and medicine.

ii. Monetisation of Sports Assets

The government intends to monetize sports facilities, generating revenue by leveraging the assets and amenities associated with the facilities in the state. The government will use a mix of the following models:

- Leasing out model
- Pay and play model
- Service fee model
- Funder driven model
- Expense sharing model
- Revenue generation model
- Advertisement through hoardings in sports facilities etc.



iii. Sports Cess and Dedicated Expenditure on Sports Development

- The government may introduce a "sports cess" on specific sectors, allocating a fixed percentage of revenue from those sectors towards dedicated sports development initiatives. This approach would ensure a consistent flow of funds to enhance sports infrastructure, training programs, and athlete support.
- Along with this, by mandating that each department contribute a predetermined percentage of its budget for sports development, the government can foster a culture of investment in sports, promoting talent development and grassroots participation. This initiative not only aims to elevate the overall standard of sports in the country but also encourages collaboration across various departments for sports development.

19. Future Ready Programs

The government aims to leverage technological advancements, promote inclusivity, enhance performance, and create a sustainable and socially responsible environment within the evolving landscape of sports. The following initiatives will be implemented:

i. Yoga Across Districts

Incorporating yoga into sports training programs can provide a holistic approach to athlete development, addressing both physical and mental aspects. It is also important to consult with a qualified yoga instructor to design a yoga practice tailored to an athlete's specific needs, sport-specific requirements, and training goals. The government intends to establish a Yoga center in each district of the state, encompassing existing sports stadiums and training centres. A dedicated yoga instructor will be engaged at each center to impart training to the community at large.

ii. E-sports Development and Inclusion Program

Esports has witnessed significant growth and recognition worldwide. In recent years, Rajasthan has also seen a surge in esports popularity. The development and inclusion of esports in Rajasthan's sports are still evolving. The government will conceptualize and implement initiatives focused on supporting the growing esports infrastructure, stakeholders, private leagues and the recognition of sports organizations with due diligence for their future growth and integration.

20. Implementation and Monitoring: Digitalization of Sports

i. Implementation:

Technology has had a profound impact on various aspects of sports. While technology integration in sports is at an early stage in India, the government will take a lead in the integration of technology within sports. The digitalization of sports will involve the development of robust monitoring mechanism based on technology and digital platforms to enhance various aspects of sports, including administration, scheme implementation, promotion, training, and social media engagement.

The vision of government is to completely digitalise the sports ecosystem over a period of five years, the initiative for the same has already kick started with digitalization of 'cash reward' scheme.

The government, through the RSSC, will implement and monitor the execution of the policy under the guidance of the Department of Youth Services and Sports. The government will provide financial support to execute all the plans mentioned in the policy. The main function of the RSSC will be to:

- Prepare a framework to execute the policy.
- Form a High-Level committee to review the implementation of policy under the chairmanship of Sports Minister, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Rajasthan and inclusive of:
 - Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Rajasthan
 - Secretary, RSSC
 - Senior officials of RSSC and
 - 2 Former renowned sportspersons and coaches.
 - Representative from respective state departments
- Start various schemes mentioned in the policy such as schemes for Grassroots, Developmental and Elite Level athletes.
- Hiring of expert manpower and agencies required to execute the vision of the policy.
- Disburse all the funds to various stakeholders.
- Plan, construct, acquire, develop, take over, manage, maintain, and utilize sports infrastructure and the facilities in the state.
- Acquire funding and utilizing the central government schemes for development of sports and sportspersons of the athletes.
- Acquire funding through CSR.
- Act as a bridge between Ministry and various stakeholders such as SAI, NSFs, SA and State Sports Department.

ii. Monitoring:

To ensure integration, digital tools will be developed for a seamless experience through the following interventions:

a) Monitoring of Grounds and Stadiums:

Scheduled periodic checks on facility conditions to provide status reports with detailed updates on maintenance needs and usage to implement regular upkeep and prioritize upgrades.

b) Mapping Coaches and Manpower:

- **Current Staffing:** Maintain a database of existing coaches and support staff.
- **Requirement Analysis:** Assess coaching and staffing needs based on athlete numbers and activities.
- **Recruitment:** Plan and execute hiring to fill staffing gaps.
- **Training:** Offer ongoing professional development for staff.
- **Coach Performance Reviews:** Conduct regular evaluations and performance assessment for coaches and provide feedback for improvement. Rewards, promotions, exchange programs should be linked with coach performance assessments.

c) Software and Digital Tools for Sports Management:



- **Re-development of state council website** for better integration of tools e.g., digitalisation and integration of 'Out of Turn', 'Cash reward' schemes etc.
- **Athlete Data Management System (ADMS)** for creating online centralized database of academies and athletes and training records, including automated and customisable dashboards for administrators.
- **Coach Data Management System (CDMS)** for creating online centralized database of academies, coaches, support staff with detailed profiles, including performance metrics and training records, including automated and customisable dashboards for administrators.
- **Sports Talent Mapping and Digital Diary:** As part of the Sports Talent Mapping initiative, a digital diary will be developed to facilitate the identification and tracking of sports talents. This diary will include information about coaches and technical experts, as well as profiles and performance reports of athletes at regional, national, and state levels. It will serve as a comprehensive tool for evaluating and monitoring sports talent.
- **Software for Facility Management System:** Implement software to monitor the condition, usage, and maintenance schedules of sports grounds and stadiums along with updated lists and real-time pictures. Generate reports on facility usage, including booking schedules and event frequencies.
- **Sports Facility Locator (SFL):** Geo-tagging of sports facilities will be done in the state. The initiative to geo-tag every sports ground is a strategic move to digitally map and catalogue the location of all sports facilities within a region. This geo-tagging effort will serve as the foundational data for an innovative mobile application designed to function as a "Sports Facility Locator." The app will be user-friendly and equipped with a robust search feature that allows individuals to quickly and easily find nearby sports grounds or facilities for their sport of interest. By inputting their location, users will be presented with a list of available sports venues within their vicinity, complete with directions and details about the facilities, such as the sports offered, operating hours, and any associated fees. User can apply filters and can find the available sports facility of their choice in nearby premise. This technology aims to encourage community engagement in sports by simplifying the process of locating and accessing sports infrastructure, thereby promoting a more active and healthier lifestyle among the populace. This will be helpful for players to practice in their nearby sports facility.
- **Digital Checking for Khel Praman Patra** that includes **online application portal** to develop a digital platform for Khel Praman Patra applications and approvals along with digital checks for eligibility and compliance, streamlining the certification process.
- **Athlete Performance Management System (APMS)** for collecting and linking athletes' performance data to their ADMS profile.
- **Coach Performance Management System (CPMS)** for collecting and linking coaches' performance data to their CDMS profile.
- **Academy Management System (AMS)** for tracking residential and non-residential training facilities linked to ADMS, CDMS and APMS.
- **Online Tournament Calendar:** Develop a comprehensive calendar for all levels of sports tournaments, outlining scheduled events, dates, and participation guidelines, e.g., inter-hostel tournaments, state level tournament etc.
- E-filing and **E-office** portal for administrators enabling good governance.
- Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning will be incorporated to derive insights, optimize strategies, and make data-driven decisions.



- Geo-tagging of sports infrastructure.
- Online booking of sports facilities.
- Grievance redressal mechanism.
- Develop an engaging social media strategy to disburse real-time information.

21. Mass Media / Social Media Campaigns and Sports Events to Popularise Sports

To enhance the visibility and popularity of sports, government will run a mass media and social media campaigns focused on leveraging various media platforms to **create awareness**, foster public interest, and engage with the community. The government shall collaborate with media outlets, influencers, and sports personalities to run targeted campaigns that highlight **local talent**, promote upcoming events, and celebrate achievements. This shall promote a vibrant sports culture in Rajasthan.

Promotion of all kinds of games at local levels will also be prioritized. At the Gram Panchayat level, Block level, and Municipal levels, a diverse range of sports will be supported. This includes outdoor activities such as athletics, basketball, football, hockey, kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, handball, and badminton, along with indoor sports like boxing, wrestling, table tennis, weightlifting, and multi-gym facilities.

Entertainment Sports Olympics: State government will plan to organize 'Entertainment Sports Olympics'. Such Olympic events in the state will be promising to be a fusion of sports and entertainment. By inviting renowned celebrities from the entertainment industry to participate in various tournaments and matches, we aim to draw greater attention to sports and inspire the community.

These events will not only showcase athletic talent but will also serve as a platform to raise awareness about mental health and well-being. By integrating discussions and activities focused on mental health into the festivities, we aim to highlight the importance of sports in promoting mental wellness. This initiative will not only popularize sports in the state but also encourage a healthier, more supportive community for sports culture.

22. Conclusion

In conclusion, the Rajasthan Sports Policy-2024 has been meticulously crafted with a targeted objective of catapulting Rajasthan to the forefront of the sporting landscape in India. The enhanced focus of this policy is to reinforce Rajasthan as a dominion of aspiring champions, and also portray it as an exemplar state that seamlessly integrates sports into the core fabric of its active and healthy lifestyle.

The policy, steering the sports advancement of the state, outlines a set of ingenious initiatives. These will further be clarified and enforced in the form of concrete schemes and structured operational



guidelines. This will be a coordinated task shouldered by the relevant stakeholders and agencies intrinsically associated with the sports development spectrum.

The enforcement of this policy will not be confined to a singular authority; instead, it will underline the need for a collaborative, multi-stakeholder model engagement. This exercising approach will involve the active participation of multiple stakeholders, sharing common goals but bringing to the table diverse perspectives and expertise. Together, with shared responsibilities and understanding, they would work relentlessly to cultivate and nourish a dynamic, collaborative ecosystem conducive for sports development.

The policy's successful implementation will meticulously adapt and evolve the current sporting climates to artfully meet the needs of the present while laying a robust foundation for a prosperous future. The Rajasthan Sports Policy-2024 is not just a stride towards enhancing sports proficiency today but a foresighted plan stimulating a legacy of excellence in sports for future generations. Through this policy direction, we are not just celebrating a lifestyle of sport but are glorifying a future where Rajasthan is synonymous with sports in India.

