



NATIONAL SEMINAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSITY SPORT IN INDIA
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Sports have traditionally been an integral part of our education model, with some the earliest Indian sports superstars emerging from the School and University sports systems. Training and development of skilled human resource, though less capital intensive, are crucial factors that govern the development of an efficient and professional sports community. However, recent years have seen this trend decline, and there is an urgent need to revive the Sports Culture in our traditional education systems. Regions like North East India, with their distinct socio-economic and geographical aspects, have a long tradition of excelling in sports, and this can be the fulcrum to mainstream growth in these hinterland areas.

In this seminar the various themes and issues were addressed by leaders in physical education & Sports and industry experts and academia to chalk out an action plan towards to further quality sports education and capacity building in the country.

This seminar focused on the following themes:

- ✓ University Sport, humanity and social development.
- ✓ University Sport and its eco-environmental impact.
- ✓ University Sport and innovation through information technology
- ✓ University Sport and global education developments.

Sub-themes

- ✓ Present status of Sports in the Indian Universities
- ✓ Sports Model adopted by different foreign Universities
- ✓ Creating Sports infrastructure in the Universities under PPP mode
- ✓ Sponsoring sports events in the Universities
- ✓ Role of media in promoting University Sports
- ✓ Popularizing Sports in Society through University

The inaugural ceremony of the National Seminar started with the Saraswati Vandana. The policy makers who donned the seat on dias were Shri Rajiv Yadav, IAS (Secretary Sports), Dept. of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India , Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Mrs. Kiran Soni Gupta, Financial Advisor, Sports Authority of India, Brig. Labh Singh, Olympian, Prof. Dileep Dureha, Vice Chancellor, LNIPE, Prof. Vivek



Pandey, Registrar and Prof. Jayashree Acharya, Organizing Secretary were on dias for the opening ceremony.

This seminar was attended by 4 Vice Chancellors, 2 Dronacharya Awardees, 9 Arjuna Awardees, 5 Olympians, 15 International Athletes, 12 International Coaches, International Fitness Instructor, 10 Director of Physical Education, Principals, Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Additional Secretaries from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, MHRD, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, AIU, Sports Authority of India, Head of the Department of various Sport Sciences of different Universities of India, Scientific Officer of various sport sciences, Sports Guru's, experts in PPP from YES BANK and CII, retired professional from various part of India, media persons, research scholars and students from LNIPE.

The total numbers of Participants for this seminar were three hundred eighty five (385).

In his seminar a few things that were noteworthy:

1. Society should be made aware of the fact that sport and education should go hand in hand.
2. Corporate houses should be invited to be a part of University System.
3. Sports Federations should come under one umbrella so as to promote sports not have fight amongst them and spoil the career of the athletes.
4. PPP model should be adopted for creating better infrastructure and facilities to promote sports in University sports.
5. Media houses both Govt. and private sector should play an important role to highlight university sport.
6. Ways & means should be found out to get sponsorship for university students to participate at World university level.
7. In the university system provision should be made for athletes to continue their studies after active participation in sports and they should be given opportunity in the profession they would like to proceed further.
8. University must prepare a social equity model for generating fund so as to promote university research lab collaborate with industry, academia and Government.
9. In India we should prepare our own Indian model for developing sport through university system rather than blindly following an American, Chinese, Australian & Russian model.
10. This should be consider as a beginning not an end; every year there should be follow-up programmes for achieving objectives of the seminar.

In the Valedictory function the Chief Guest was Padmashri Kapil Dev (Former Cricketer of Indian Team) who had an excellent interaction with the audience and very diligently addressed the issues of lack of sport participation and passion for participation. He also encouraged the youth how to keep balance between sport and studies. The valedictory function was adorned by Padmashri Zafar Iqbal (Olympian and International Hockey Player) as Guest of Honour. Shri. Rajbeer Singh, Joint Secretary (sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India extended his full fledged support for the programme and in his address he emphasized with regard to the sports culture of various university abroad. Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Vice Chancellor, LNIPE, Gwalior presided over the function. Mr. Shaji Prabhakaran, FIFA India, shared his view on the seminar success. A brief report and vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Jayashree Acharya, Organizing Secretary.



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