GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 21/08/2025

PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

3351. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :-

(a) the details of schemes being implemented for promotion of sports during the last two years and the current year in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has signed any memorandum to strengthen digital engagement with the nation's youth;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is planning to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into sports programme to empower youth across the country, if so, the details of efforts taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports implements the following schemes to promote sports in the country, including the State of Himachal Pradesh:

i)	Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports;
ii)	Assistance to National Sports Federations;
iii)	Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches;
iv)	National Sports Awards;
v)	Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons;
vi)	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons;
vii)	National Sports Development Fund (NSDF); and
viii)	Running Sports Training Centres through Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Details of the above schemes are available in the public domain on the websites of this Ministry and the SAI.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has following major elements for digital access and mobile-friendly services for youth across the country:

i) A fully functional mobile application for Android and IOS;
ii) AI based Smart CV Builder & Digital Profiles;
iii) Integrated dash boards for event creating organisations and educational institutions to analyse the outcomes of the event;
iv) Advance features of speech to text, voice assisted navigation and AI chatbots;
v) Location intelligence and Geo-tag for searching opportunities near you and in any specific area;
vi) Learning modules and quizzes for youth engagement;
vii) Seamless integration to Aadhaar, Digilocker, Bhashini, and MyGov platform of Government of India etc.

(d) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration in this Ministry.

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