

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2131  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024**

**Development of Sports-Related Education in India**

**2131. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the development of sports education in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to integrate sports education in schools and universities;**
- (c) the initiatives introduced for specialised training programs in sports management, coaching and sciences; and**
- (d) the progress in establishing National Centres of Excellence for sports education and research in the country?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

**(a) to (c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the primary responsibility for developing sports and sports-related education in the country lies with the respective State and Union Territory Governments. The Union Government plays a supplementary role in supporting these efforts. However, the Government of India has undertaken numerous initiatives to promote sports education and integrate it as a vital aspect of holistic development. The efforts aim to create a robust ecosystem for sports education and to nurture talent from grassroots to elite levels through Khelo India Program, Integration with NEP 2020, Sports Talent Identification, Skill Development in Sports and eKhel Pathshala. The**

**Samagra Shiksha Scheme of the Ministry of Education envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels. It includes the Sports and Physical Education component, under which provision for grants for sports equipment for indoor and outdoor games in all government schools has been made.**

**Various institutions under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports offer a range of courses, including certificates, diplomas, undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. programs in sports, physical education, sports management, sports coaching, sports sciences etc. to students from across the country through National Sports University (NSU) in Imphal, Manipur; Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNPE) in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh; Lakshmbai National College for Physical Education (LNCPE) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) in Patiala, Punjab and under National Centre of Sports Science and Research (NCSSR) Scheme.**

**d) A total of 24 National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) have been established under Sports Authority of India (SAI) to train athletes in specific disciplines while simultaneously focusing on research in sports sciences under the guidance and supervision of NCSSR, New Delhi. NSNIS, Patiala acts as a mentoring hub for existing and upcoming NCoEs through its faculty expertise and facilities. Further, National Centres of Excellence are also supported by initiatives like eKhel Pathshala, which disseminate cutting-edge research, training methods, and practical knowledge developed at these centres to a wider audience, ensuring a synergistic approach to sports education and training.**

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