

Sports Authority of India

Press Release

Key decisions taken at 50th Governing Body held on July 4, 2018.

New Delhi, 4th July: The 50th Governing Body Meeting of the Sports Authority of India was held today under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Information & Broadcasting, Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.

Some of the key decisions taken in the meeting are as follows:-

- The Sports Authority of India will explore options for entering into public private partnership with appropriate agencies, including global agencies to develop the stadia, utilize the extra land which is currently not being used by the athletes, so that the new facilities are created for sports which are accessible to the general public, the stadia are better maintained and revenue generation is augmented. Such development of the stadia will ensure that the rights of athletes in the coaching camps and other sports activities in the sports calendar are given priority and are fully protected. The sporting activities would not be disturbed and additional facilities would be available for the general public as well as to generate additional revenue which can be ploughed back into the development of sports. The Governing Body also advised SAI to bring in reputed companies in the hospitality sector to manage the residential and food facilities in SAI in the SAI Residential Scheme. It was emphasized that the highest quality of food and nutrition which is appropriate to the development of athletes at various levels should be ensured and there should be zero compromise on this issue.
- **Hiring the best construction and architectural companies for improving SAI infrastructure.** In order to develop infrastructure of global standards at the best possible price, SAI will develop its procurement system keeping in mind the rules of the GFR, so that higher standards of infrastructure are developed and maintained.

The Governing Body decided that the necessary Engineering Wing in SAI would be strengthened to undertake this activity. It was also decided that the process of procurement of the equipment would be streamlined through GeM and empanelment to cut down inefficiencies.

- **Modernisation of the Sports Library at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium** : The Library would be modernized to ensure greater access of resources on sports to researchers, coaches and athletes. The Library would make its resources available on e-platform that would be easily accessible throughout the country. Global benchmarks would be studied to improve the functioning of the Library.
 - **Cadre Restructuring** : The Governing Body approved the cadre restructuring proposal for SAI employees which would enable a lean and more efficient management structure. This would not involve creation of any additional posts and would be revenue neutral. The Governing Body also advised the SAI to encourage entry of professionals at various levels to manage critical activities for better accountability and efficient functioning. The Secretariat for the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) was also approved to provide support to the Mission Olympic Cell.
 - **Renovation of the Old Gymnastic Hall and Old Boxing Hall at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium:** While the repair work was deemed necessary, it was also decided that any redevelopment work will take place post August's Asian Games so as to not disrupt the athletes training program.
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