

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA


**REPORT ON THE VISIT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
TO HYDERABAD ON 1ST AND 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2015**

The undersigned was on an official visit to Hyderabad on 1st & 2nd September, 2015. During the visit held detailed discussions with State Government officials on different issues concerning SAI activities in Hyderabad in particular and Telangana in general. Shri BVP Rao, Advisor to Government of Telangana, Shri Venkatesham, Principal Secretary, (Sports), Shri. Dinakar Babu, VC&MD, Sports Authority of Telangana (SAT) were present on behalf of the State Govt; and Shri Shyam Sunder, Regional Director, SAI Southern Region, Bangalore and Smt Srilata Reddy, Dy Director, STC, Hyderabad, were present on behalf of SAI. Issue-wise outcome is enumerated below:-

DAY-1

S.NO	SUBJECT	ISSUES/STATUS	OBSERVATIONS/DECISIONS
1.	MEETING WITH STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS		
	Shifting of STC, from Saroornagar to Gachibowli Sports Complex.	State Govt officials were keen that SAI should make use of the modern sports infrastructure available at Gachibowli Sports Complex.	After detailed discussion, it was decided that the STC would shift to Gachibowli Sports Complex, but certain disciplines shall be retained at Saroornagar Stadium as well. It was decided that the disciplines of athletics (synthetic track available at Gachibowli); hockey (synthetic turf available at Gachibowli); kabaddi (outdoor and indoor facilities available at Gachibowli), Judo and handball will be shifted to Gachibowli whereas badminton and gymnastics will be retained at Saroornagar on day-boarding basis. The State Govt officials were agreeable to signing the MoU with SAI accordingly.
2.	STC, NIZAMABAD		
	Re-starting of STC, Nizamabad	The State Govt officials were keen that the SAI activities in Nizamabad should re-start; to start within Archery and Wrestling disciplines.	It was agreed in principle to re-start the STC subject to availability of local talent in the two disciplines. Regional Director (Bangalore) was advised to have a feasibility study done immediately and submit his recommendations. It was noted that deployment of coaches for the two disciplines can be made easily from available strength.

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3.	STC, MEDAK	State Govt officials recommended inclusion of boxing and football.	At present, athletic discipline alone is in operation with 27 trainees (boys) and 2 coaches. Boys are accommodated in a hostel (dormitories with maximum capacity for 30 only). There is an indoor hall and 8 lane athletic mud track. The State Govt has recommended adding football and boxing disciplines at Medak. It was conveyed to the State Govt that SAI would be willing to add the two disciplines subject to availability of talent in Medak and nearby catchment area, and subject to the State Govt making available additional hostel facility, indoor hall and football ground. It was also requested that the existing mud athletic track may be improved. If required, this work may also be taken up by SAI.
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OTHER ITEMS:

- In the post lunch session, I visited various facilities in Gachibowli Sports Complex including hockey facility, indoor hall, swimming pool complex, sports tower (from outside), synthetic athletic track and football ground and the proposed hostel facility for SAI inmates. The facilities at Gachibowli were found to be of high standard and it is expected that our trainees would greatly benefit from the modern infrastructure. The local in-charge was advised to take immediate steps for shifting, which should be completed latest by the end of September, 2015.
- After that I visited the Pullela Gopichand Academy and met with national campers, coaches including foreign coaches and support staff. The doubles specialist badminton coach, Mr Tan Kim Her was also present. Shri Gopichand showed me the entire campus and the new complex which is coming up close-by (which has been funded substantially from NSDF). The academy is one of the finest examples of a high performance centre. It's compact and self contained and operates in the most professional manner. I have no hesitation in complimenting Shri Gopichand for the outstanding institution created by him, which has made a huge difference to promotion of excellence in badminton in the country.

DAY-2: VISIT TO SAROORNAGAR

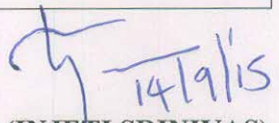
- I reviewed the activities of the STC. At present, there are 126 residential trainees and 24 day-boarders spread across 7 sports disciplines, namely, athletics, badminton, gymnastics, handball, hockey, kabaddi & judo(only 1 trainee). The performance has been, by and large, okay in terms of participation in State/National Championships, but the achievement has not been significant in terms of medal performance barring athletics. I took an elaborate review on performance of coaches and advised them to

make greater efforts with respect to talent scouting and nurturing. Shri Jitender Singh, Judo Coach was advised to induct more talented judo players. Shri Syed Rahim, football coach was advised to make sincere efforts to identify and support talented football players. A day boarding scheme can be run for this purpose, if required. Ms. Gloria, hockey coach was advised to improve her performance. The Centre In-charge was advised to also associate Shri Mukesh Kumar, Hockey Olympian as a mentor, once the centre shifts to Gachibowli. The kabaddi coaches, Shri Bhaskar Rao and Shri Jagan Mohan were advised to reduce the trainee's strength to around 24. The gymnastic coaches Shri K. Prabhakar and Shri Ravindra Kumar were advised to increase the number of day-boarders and also focus on results. It was decided that the gymnastic discipline will continue at Saroornagar even after the STC shifts to Gachibowli.

- Based on detailed discussion, it was agreed that the badminton training at Saroornagar can be strengthened by involving Shri Bhaskar Babu and Shri S.M. Arif, SAI retired coaches, along with Shri Vidhi Chaudhiury, SAI badminton coach, presently deployed at the centre. In the meanwhile, a proposal has been received from Shri Bhaskar Babu for upgrading badminton training facilities at Saroornagar, which may be quickly examined.

MEETING WITH A.P. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

- In the post lunch session, I had a meeting with officials of Government of Andhra Pradesh. Smt Jayalakshmi, Principal Secretary (Sports), Smt Rekha Rani, VC & MD, SAAP and Shri P.R. Mohan, Chairman, SAAP were present on behalf of the State Government; and Shri Shyam Sunder, Regional Director (Bangalore) was present on behalf of SAI. VC & MD, SAAP made a presentation on the activities of SAAP. She emphasized that SAAP would like to work in close coordination with SAI by following the model of convergence. The State Govt. briefed about the new facilities being created at different locations. During discussions, suggestions were made to shift SAI STC at Eluru to Mylavaram and the SAI STC at Vizag from the Port Trust Complex to Kommadi. Shri Shyam Sunder, Regional Director (Bangalore) was advised to examine and submit the feasibility report.
- With respect to new facilities being created by the State Govt., both under Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Schemes, it was indicated that SAI would be happy to consider introducing new disciplines subject to availability of talent and provision of necessary infrastructure support. I advised VC& MD, SAAP identify priority disciplines in which maximum focus would be given. I also informed that SAI would be willing to partner with the SAAP in setting up a sports academy.


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To,

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6. Director (Pers & Cg)
7. Dy Director STC, Hyderabad
8. SE(Infra)