

**TOUR NOTES ON VISIT OF DG SAI SHRI INJETI SRINIVAS, IAS TO ARMY
SPORTS INSTITUTE PUNE ON 19 MAR 2016**

1. The Director General of Sports Authority of India, Shri Injeti Srinivas, IAS visited Army Sports Institute, Pune on 19 Mar 2016. The DG SAI was briefed by Col PS Cheema, VSM, Comdt, Army Sports Institute, Pune. DG SAI was accompanied by Cmde Sudhir Setia, ED (TEAMS), SAI.
2. DG SAI addressed all Officers attending the presentation about the current and future status of Sports in India. DG SAI appreciated the efforts of 'Mission Olympic Programme' of Army and contribution by Army Sports Institute and its sportsmen in achieving the 'National Goal'. He also said that the achievements reflect commitment and professional approach to the task in hand.
3. DG SAI, stressed that as a Nation there is a requirement of investing in Sports rather than reducing the sports to medals. Sports is a medium of personality development & mind growth through which the young bodies blossom as adult as part of holistic development. Hence, correctly investing in young generation (Youth) is the necessity of the day.
4. DG SAI, affirmed that ASI is fully equipped and fortunate as compared to the other Sports Institutes in the nation and relatively at a better place, however, there is scope a growth. He laid stress on following issues:-
 - (a) To formalize an eco system to find talent with adequate reserve/ replacement/ bench strength.
 - (b) Institute a mechanism for growth, discussion, sharing of share ideas and exchange of notes with the other sporting nations and within.
 - (c) Recognition of the performance as a motivational measure and keep healthy and conducive atmosphere.
5. DG SAI, apprised that there is a plan for organizing interaction between SAI, Federations, Sports bodies and SSCB with a open mind for the betterment of the sports in India.
6. DG SAI directed ED (TEAMS) that as part of sharing the knowledge, the foreign Coaches available with SAI will be sent to ASI for a period of two weeks as part of the coaches interaction/ exchange programme during lean period.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)]

7. DG SAI, confirmed that a Coaches conclave is being planned in near future in Patiala wherein the Comdt will also be invited to contribute as well as enhance his knowledge.

[ACTION: SECRETARY(SAI)/DIRECTOR(COACHING)]

8. DG SAI, directed that there is necessity of integrating Sports experience, knowledge with technology for the professional growth. Coaches should and not to be working in isolation.

[ACTION: SECRETARY(SAI)/DIRECTOR(COACHING)]

9. DG SAI addressed all the Officers of ASI about many initiatives being put in place out of which few are in the advance stage of execution for the upliftment of sports. He mentioned about the four pillars of the vision for growth of Sports in India.


(a) **Coach Development Programme.**

As per DG SAI coach development plan is of great importance. In that certified accreditation courses have been planned along with NIS Course. The development and employment of coaches is considered as three level; Grass root/ Beginners-Developmental and High Performance. DG SAI also confirmed that he is alive to the issue of revision of the curriculum and NS NIS Patiala has been tasked to review the same with assistance from International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE).

[ACTION: ED(ACADEMICS)]

(b) **R & J Courses for Official.**

Proposal has been put up to Govt for conduct of the International Course, upgradation of the NIS Courses to International level and establishing of the academic councils. DG SAI, conveyed that there is a requirement of having clear verticals between high performance coach, development coach and grass root coaches while employment and nomination for higher professional growth. DG SAI also reiterated that Govt is open to the idea of 25 % extra deputation allowance to retain qualified staff to work for a sustained period for progression of sports. Even foreign training, accreditation and study at University of Lausanne is on the cards as part of this initiative.


[ACTION: ED(ACADEMICS)]

(c) **Sports Science.** In that, he stressed on following issues:-

- (i) To find the ways & means to integrate expertise of SAI & SSF of ASI to churn out indigenous cadre. As part of this drive DG, SAI confirmed that 80-90 research fellows have been employed by SAI.
- (ii) Publishing of journals for latest inclusion & update.
- (iii) Coordination & interaction between all Sports Science Centres.
- (iv) Conduct of clinics every quarter and enhancing hands-on knowledge on video analysis.

[ACTION: ED(ACADEMICS)]

(d) **Youth Development Programme.** DG SAI stressed on the identification of the talent and development for a long term to achieve the goals. He pointed out genetic strength of India's 1.2 Billion population that all kinds of talent is present in country and he has committed to the Ministry that if the country invests right capital and effort there is no reason why India cannot become a sporting power house, As of now, the majority of talent being attracted is from rural areas and economically weaker sections with primary aspiration of securing employment. A wider selection and integration of strong and efficient academic programme along with sports can throw up intellectually energized crop of Players and Coaches with high IQ & EQ which is of utmost necessity. He emphasized that sound academics play a very important role in achieving excellence in sports.

10. DG SAI, informed that many States are setting up sports academies as institutes of excellence in specific sports arena & ASI would also be integrated as part of the network. Eg :- National Hockey Academy and National Swimming Academy at New Delhi.

[ACTION: ED(OPS)]

Coaching Courses at National & International level are being planned & coordination has been done with UK in this respect. The Australian model is also being considered. The interaction on the following points projected by Commandant invited a positive discussion and the outcome of points projected and direction/clarification given by DG SAI are as under:-

(a) **Accreditation of Coaches and R & J.**

- (i) Comdt apprised about the advantage of a strong support team which is technically empowered and is a visible face of India in various International events. With the large presence in R & J India can avoid bad biased decisions. In addition, a strong presence of accredited coaches would reduce dependence on foreign coaches.
- (ii) DG SAI appreciated the point and conveyed that initiative has already been put in place and efforts are being concentrated for this HRD. For foreign coaches, DG SAI directed ED (TEAMS) that any High Performance Coach(es) identified by such institutes like ASI, can be considered for induction in national camps.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)]

(b) **Finalisation of Sports Calendar.**

- (i) Comdt apprised DG SAI, about the criticality of formulation of firm sports calendar to enhance predictability and assurance to the sportspersons.
- (ii) **Decision/ Direction by DG SAI.** DG SAI agreed that there is a requirement of finalizing the sports calendar well in advance so that the sportsmen are fully prepared for the trials/ competition. He directed ED (TEAMS) to sensitize the NSFs to work out the same to facilitate certainty of conduct of events as well as clarity on selection system on various events lined up at national and international level.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)]

(c) **Age Verification.**

- (i) Comdt apprised that the age verification for BSC Boys is strict; however, when they face competition in Jr/ Youth, they encounter higher age boys in their category from other states. Those boys, because of the nature of bone and muscle maturity, fair well at that level and mar the chances of boys who are of right age.

- (ii) **Decision/ Direction by DG SAI.** DG SAI agreed that this is a serious problem but complicated to be sorted out easily; he stated that Govt has brought out a code for prevention of age fraud, which should be followed by all. Further, with the help of NSFs, we must introduce first time correct registration and sportsmen getting a unique number/ID.

[ACTION: ED(Teams)/COMMANDANT]

(d) **Nomination of AIPT Officers for the NIS Course.**

- (i) Comdt apprised DG SAI on the points received from ASCB about nomination of AIPT officers for the NIS course who are graduate but not BPEd.
- (ii) **Decision/ Direction by DG SAI** DG SAI informed that a comprehensive proposal should be forwarded for consideration by ASCB and it would be considered.

[ACTION: COMMANDANT / ED(ACADEMICS)]

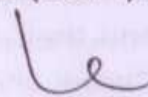
(e) **Declaration of BSC, ASI as Centre of Excellence (COE).**

- (i) Comdt apprised DG SAI about the performance of BSC, ASI at international level and requested for status of COE for all purposes.
- (ii) **Decision/ Direction by DG SAI** DG SAI agreed to the point & directed to forward the proposal based on scientific analysis for increase in Diet money as well other allowances including brick based equipment requirement to SAI and it will be considered & necessary action would be initiated.

[ACTION: ED(OPS)/ COMMANDANT]

(f) **Participation in the School Games.**

- (i) Comdt briefed DG SAI for inclusion of Sports Cadets of Boy Sports Coy to participate in the school games by approaching School Games Federation of India (SGFI).



- (ii) **Decision/ Direction by DG SAI** DG SAI agreed to the reqmt and asked for proposal. He directed ED (TEAMS) to pursue the case with SGFI.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)/ COMMANDANT]

(g) **NIS level Course in ASI.**

- (i) Comdt briefed DG SAI about conduct of NIS level Course in ASI under the umbrella of NS NIS Patiala to increase the strength of qualified coaches.
- (ii) **Decision/ Direction by DG SAI** DG SAI directed that to start with, ASI can have few short courses and later can initiate process for NIS diploma for 2-3 disciplines which can be managed with the available faculty.

[ACTION: COMMANDANT / ED(ACADEMICS)]

(h) **Nomination of Coaches from ASI with National Camp.**

- (i) Comdt apprised DG SAI for the nomination of the Army Coaches in the National Camp keeping in view the strength of the Army Sportsmen and to ensure continuity in the training pattern with the same coach thereby maintaining the Sportsmen Coach relation.
- (ii) DG SAI informed that this would be ensured when the programme of segregating grass-root level, Developmental level and High Performance level is worked out as per data base.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)]

(j) **Additional Assistance from SAI for Internationally acclaimed BSC Boys.**

- (i) Comdt apprised DG SAI that with concerted efforts, many boys have given medal winning performance at International level which can be sustained through continuous support to the Boys and their coaches who have to accompany them as guardians. Comdt cited the case of Sports Boy Karan Singh of Fencing and requested DG SAI to consider the case favorably.

- (ii) DG SAI approved the case in principle and promised that in future too, such cases of high performing international talent would be considered favourably based on its merit.

[ACTION: ED(OPS)]

(k) **Long Term Strategic Partnership with Strong Sporting Nation.**

- (i) Comdt apprised that India needs a sustainable long term strategic partnership with strong sporting nations for exchange programme in Sports as well as in Sports Medicine.
- (ii) DG SAI informed that the initiatives with UK are on and it would be exploited for larger good of training sportsmen, coaches, administrators and academicians.

[ACTION: SECRETARY(SAI)]

(l) **Making up of Posting of SAI Coaches with BSC, ASI.**

- (i) Comdt apprised that BSC, ASI is the only BSC which has largest number of sports disciplines and has given an enormous proof of its performance at national and international level. Posting of adequate number and quality SAI Coaches would further raise the bar.
- (ii) DG SAI accepted the point and promised that it would be looked into.

[ACTION: SECRETARY(SAI)/DIRECTOR(COACHING)]

(m) **Considerations of National Camp for small event strengths.**

- (i) Comdt apprised that in some events, especially in athletics, which is a multi-event discipline, camp for events like 400M Hurdles or any such event where max strength of qualified sportsmen is from Army, ASI may be considered as venue for camp.
- (ii) DG SAI approved the point and directed that ED (TEAMS) be approached on case to case basis.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)]

12. At the end, DG SAI appreciated the efforts and achievements of the Institute and stressed that there is a requirement of functioning together in a close net for upliftment of the Sports of India.

VISIT TO ARMY ROWING NODE

Thereafter, DG accompanied by ED(TEAMS) visited the Army Rowing Node (ARN) at Pune. This is a world-class Rowing facility that can be used for both practice and competition purposes. The facility is self-contained in all respects and ideally suited to be declared and used as a National Academy for Rowing.

Commander Rajeev Chaudhury made a presentation giving an overview of the facilities, including various activities being undertaken. The following decisions were taken to strengthen the Centre and make optimal utilization of the facilities for training, both development level and high performance level of rowers:-

- a) National Camps to be held more frequently at ARN, Pune, especially for preparation of National Teams in senior category. The funding relating to board and lodging to be released directly to ARN.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)/ED(FINANCE)]

- b) Coaching to be strengthened by inclusion of high performance coaches.


[ACTION: SECRETARY(SAI)/DIRECTOR(COACHING)]

- c) ARN can also function as a National Academy for Rowing. DG(MT) appointed foreign coach can be part of the Academy. In addition, SAI would also consider engaging Recovery Expert and other support staff.

[ACTION: ED(OPS)/AD(OPS-PK)]

- d) Efforts should be made to undertake PAN Indian Talent Scouting for identifying best talent inclusion in the development group for 2020-Olympics and 2024-Olympics.

[ACTION: ED(OPS)]



e) ARN can nominate some of its coaches for foreign training through SAI.

[ACTION: SECRETARY(SAI) / DIRECTOR(COACHING)]

f) ARN can forward applications for Dronacharya and Arjuna Awards for deserving candidates.

[ACTION: ED(TEAMS)]


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To

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- 3) ED (Operations & Finance), SAI
- 4) ED (Academics), NSNIS, Patiala
- 5) Director (Coaching), SAI
- 6) Commandant, ASI, Pune
- 7) AD (Operations)-PK (SAI)