

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

REPORT ON THE VISIT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TO JAMSHEDPUR FROM 7TH TO 8TH OCTOBER, 2015

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1.1 Visited JRD Tata Sports Complex and inaugurated a newly laid 400 mtr synthetic track. It is an excellent complex with state-of-the art facilities.

1.2 Also visited the sports gallery ("Action Replay") that documents Tata Steel's support to sport development since inception; elite sportspersons employed by SAI and their achievements. Tata Steel has supported a number of sportspersons across different disciplines, such as football, archery, athletics, etc. This (Sports Gallery) is something we could replicate in National Stadium, which has hosted 1st ASIAD Games.

1.3 Thereafter signed an MoU with Tata Steel for partnership in supporting the disciplines of Athletics, Boxing, Football and Hockey covering the departments of coaching, talent identification and development, strengthening competition structure and conduct of national camps.

1.4 Visited the Archery national camp. Interacted with the campers, who were fully satisfied with the training facilities and accommodation, food, etc. They have replicated the playing conditions existing in Rio (raised platform for targets and shooting). Also met with the cadets in the archery academy.

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2.1 In the morning, visited the Tata Football Academy (TFA) set up around decades ago, it is an excellent football training facility for 36 residential cadets and similar number of day boarders. The typical intake age is 14-18 years. But now, younger cadets are also being inducted, especially in the residential scheme. They have a tie-up with Sheffield Football Club, which provides for deployment of foreign high performance coaches. I found the systems and processes very well-designed, particularly training plan and curriculum, cadet dairy, coach diary, medical profile documentation, etc. The sports nutrition inputs were also well-articulated. TFA follows open schooling to maximize sports training along with in-house education (open schooling). ABSCs also follow open schooling. Operations Division to examine this urgently for replication in SAI.



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2.2 In short, I found it to be a very well-managed, no frills academy. It would be most appropriate for SAI to follow this approach for its newly established/proposed academies.

SAG, Ranchi

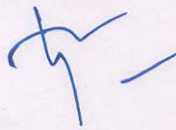
3.1 This Centre was set up in 1989. Initially, it functioned out of a school (St. John's), but was later shifted to Shahid Birsa Munda Stadium. It currently has Archery, Athletics, Football, Hockey and Volleyball. In all, 120 residential trainees are there (70 girls and 50 boys). There are 10 coaches in all including a Chief Coach, Football (Mr. Sushil Kumar Verma), who is also Centre In-charge.

3.2 I had a long interaction with the trainees. I emphasized on what their priorities should be and enquired about problems, if any, being faced by them. A large number of issues came up, such as, non-supply of equipment and consumables (hockey sticks, archery equipment, including arrows, balls, shin pads, etc.); poor quality of food; poor quality of shoes; lack of proper archery ground; and poorly maintained athletic ground.

3.3 I also spoke with the coaches and emphasized on talent identification, maintenance of training documentation, competition exposure, etc. I briefed them on safety of children in sports, measures required to prevent sexual harassment.

3.4 The following decisions were taken :-

- i. Estimates for repair of hostel building to be submitted within one week. The repair work may be undertaken immediately through the District administration (Deputy Commissioner) for speedy execution. It was indicated that around Rs. 40 lakh may be required. Once estimates are received, SE (Infra.) should take up the project on top priority. Separately, a proposal may be prepared to add another floor, as the Centre has immense potential to grow.
- ii. The Centre In-charge was advised to take immediate steps to procure small items of equipment like balls, shin pads, etc. Regarding hockey sticks, President, Hockey India (HI) promised 500 hockey sticks. RD (Operations) may get in touch with HI and we may arrange delivery of 60 hockey sticks at SAG, Ranchi.
- iii. The trainees had serious complaints about quality of spikes and practice shoes. I have received similar complaints from most Centres I visited. Hence, it may be better to provide the money to the trainees (NEFT transfer to their SB accounts) so that they can purchase shoes directly with the help of coaches. Bulk procurement of personal consumables is not a good practice, as size, personal preferences, etc., are involved. Operations and Finance Divisions to take immediate action on this. Director I/c., Kolkata, must implement this at SAG, Ranchi on pilot basis.



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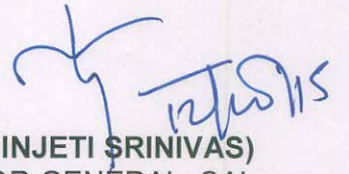
- iv. The Mess contract is ending this month. Hence, steps may be taken to shut departmental mess from 31st October. There is one cook and 2 bearers. Regional Office may post 1 more cook and 2 more bearers. If required, may be taken on contract basis. Director I/c. must provide necessary support to ensure this.
- v. Equipment Support (ES) Division should take immediate steps to provide 6 imported bows. Arrows may be procured locally by Centre In-charge following due process.
- vi. Presently, the Steno-typist is doubling as Lady Warden. Steps may be taken for a full-time Lady Warden.
- vii. The two groundsmen should be properly utilized for maintenance of the main ground, including watering. Compliance must be reported within one month without fail.
- viii. There is only one Safai Karamchari, which is not at all sufficient. Immediate steps may be taken to engage 2 more Safai Karamcharis through a man-power agency.
- ix. There are modern facilities at Khelgaon, which the SAI trainees can use. But it is 10 Km. away. A proposal may be submitted to arrange Bus Pass to the students.
- x. Each Centre must prepare an annual calendar for competition exposure, which may be approved in the first quarter itself. Coaches must compulsorily accompany the trainees.
- xi. Two TVs may be procured for recreation of the trainees. One hall with simple recreational items like carom-board, TT table, etc., may be kept. Similarly, one Reading Room may also be kept. Centre In-charge should take immediate action in this regard.
- xii. Some furniture was in bad shape, which may be immediately replaced. Centre In-charge must take immediate action in this regard.

4. The Director (Sports) met me and assured all support. The Hon. Gen. Secretary of Jharkhand State Wrestling Association met me and requested to introduce wrestling in SAG, Ranchi on day boarding basis. They have self-contained facility with wrestling mats, fitness equipment and coaches. Given the potential and available talent, we may immediately introduce wrestling for 15 boys & 10 girls on day boarding basis, following SAI induction norms.



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5. I could not visit SAG, Hazaribagh due to paucity of time. I propose to visit next month. In the meantime, Director I/c., Kolkata Regional Centre to prepare an action plan to resume the Centre.



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