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SUB: Involvement of Past Champion Athletes (PCAs) of Khelo India Centres (KICs) in Khelo India Youth Games, FIT India campaigns and other Khelo India initiatives

The Past Champion Athletes play an important role in imparting specialized training to athletes in the grassroots level and form a significant resource base at the grassroots level of the sports ecosystem under Khelo India. The PCA is a key player in creating social conditions for positive youth development especially with respect to creation of a safe and motivational sports climate in which there are opportunities for life skill development.

2. Capacity building of past champion athletes in Khelo India Centres is important for the following reasons:

- *Mentorship and Guidance:* Serve as mentors and provide guidance to young and aspiring athletes. Their insights can help athletes understand the nuances of their respective sports, develop the right mindset, and navigate the challenges of competitive sports.
- *Skill Transfer:* Transfer their technical and tactical knowledge to young athletes, helping them improve their performance. This can lead to better results and a higher level of competitiveness in national and international events.
- *Motivation and Inspiration:* Their success stories can inspire young athletes to work hard, set ambitious goals, and believe in their own potential.
- *Building a Strong Sporting Ecosystem:* Help in identifying and nurturing talent at the grassroots level, which is crucial for the long-term development of sports in the country.
- *Community Engagement:* Engage with their local communities and promote sports as a way of life which can lead to increased participation in sports besides a healthier and more active population.

3. The Past Champion Athletes will be provided exposure in the following:

- Khelo India Youth Games:* PCAs, especially those deployed in the Host State may be requested for their involvement during the conduct of Khelo India Games. TA/DA for such PCAs directed to report for KIG duty shall be borne by Khelo India.
- FIT India campaigns:* Under the FIT India movement, PCAs may be deputed for execution and operational roles during any of the FIT India campaigns/events.
- Any other activity:* PCAs may be asked to be involved/ deputed in any important event, session, training, etc. under Khelo India scheme.

- iv. *Technical Capacity*: All PCAs shall be allowed to attend either NIS Refresher or NIS 6-week certificate courses where-in course fees shall be waived-off along with provision of lodging and boarding facilities. Besides, online courses in sports & physical education through e-Khel Pathshala platform shall also be encouraged.

4. In conclusion, capacity building of past champion athletes in Khelo India Centres is vital for the holistic development of sports in India. Their experience, knowledge, and dedication can significantly contribute to nurturing talent, improving performance, and fostering a culture of sports excellence in the country.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


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