

**Press Release**

**Scoping Study and Coaches Conclave for Development of Coaching Framework in India in collaboration in ICCE inaugurated at NS NIS, Patiala**

The 5-Days International Conclave for Development of Sports Coaching Framework in India is being organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), in collaboration with the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE) took off here to-day, at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala to develop a workable Coaching Framework to face current challenges in the field of sports coaching and performance of Indian athletes.

Shri S.S. Chhabra, Secretary, SAI was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session.

The Conclave aims at development of Indian sports coaching framework, so as to bring it at par with the international coaching standards, through review and revamping of the existing sports coaching system, coach qualifications and development of coaching framework.

A 4-member delegation from ICCE consisting of Mr. John Douglas Bales, President, ICCE (from Canada); Dr. Ladislav Petrovic, Secretary General, ICCE (from Hungary); Mr. Sergio Lara-Bercial, Manager, Strategy & Development, ICCE ; and Ms. Penelope Mary Crisfield, leading specialist on coach developer programme and Head of the ICCE Working Group on Teaching and Learning, ICCE (from U.K.); are conducting the conclave. The conclave was also attended by eminent sportspersons, Dronacharya Awardees, Arjuna Awardees, namely Shri Bahadur Singh (Athletics); Shri Nihal Ameen (Swimming); Shri Gurcharan Singh (Cricket); Shri Biru Mal Sharma & Shri S.S. Hakim (Football); Dr. G.S. Bawa (Gymnastics) and a large number of officers, coaches and sports scientists of SAI attended the inaugural session.

The deliberations of the Conclave which is being financed under the Sports Scheme of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, are scheduled to continue upto 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 and is likely to be attended by Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of Sports of various States, & representatives of National Sports Federations during this period.

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