

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
ON COOPERATION IN SPORTS AND YOUTH**

Recognizing the benefits of further developing relations in the field of sports and youth affairs, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Royal Government of Bhutan, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", inspired by the desire to promote and strengthen the existing friendly relations and cooperation between the two Countries, and in particular in the fields so mentioned, have now reached the following understanding:

Article 1: General Objective

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MoU", shall provide the framework within which, programmes of collaboration and cooperation, between the Parties in the fields of sports, including para sports, and youth affairs will be held on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

The Parties shall endeavor to encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the advancement of linkages and cooperation between, and through the agencies that pertain to the fields of sports, para sports, and youth affairs in their respective countries and shall endeavor to conclude such arrangements, for conducting cooperative activities and programmes in these fields.

Article 2: Fields of Cooperation

In order to achieve the objectives, the Parties shall encourage and promote the exchange of programmes, experiences, skills, information and knowledge, within the following fields of cooperation in sports and youth affairs:

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- a) training of professional and amateur sports persons, in various sports disciplines, including para sports,
- b) capacity development of sports administrators, trainers and coaches,
- c) holding of joint sports and para sport events,
- d) youth exchange programmes,
- e) sports science and sports medicine,
- f) anti - doping programmes,
- g) any other fields or subjects as deemed fit and necessary for the mutual benefit of the Parties, within the framework provided under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 3: Forms of Cooperation

Cooperation under this MoU shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Exchange of experts, government officials, administrators, coaches and athletes in the areas of sports and para sports, including holding of athlete and coach training;
- (b) Exchange of teaching and curriculum materials on sports, collaboration on curriculum development;
- (c) Exchange of information on sports development and training systems, including information on sports education qualifications and employment requirements;
- (d) Holding of joint sports events, including para sports events, after mutual consultations;
- (e) Collaboration in the areas of sports science, sports medicine, sports research & development, and anti - doping programmes;
- (f) Collaboration in the areas of physical education and fitness development programmes between the universities or physical education institutes of the two Countries;



- (g) Exchange of youth delegations for short duration to get acquainted with youth organizations and youth development programmes;
- (h) Exchange of experts and researchers in the field of youth development; and
- (i) Interaction through meetings, conferences and symposia;
- (j) Collaboration on the development of indigenous sports.

Article 4: Funding

All cooperative activities and programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed, the visiting Party shall bear its own travel expenses and the host Party shall provide local transportation, lodging and boarding, in connection with all forms of cooperation, as mentioned under Article 3 above.

Article 5: Implementation

The Parties will make arrangements for the implementation and development of specific programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding through meetings, exchanges of letters or other instruments. Each party will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of its side of plans/programmes. Such specific arrangements will cover the subject of cooperation, procedures, treatment of intellectual property, funding and other appropriate matters.

Article 6: Relationship with Foreign Ministries

Each agency that subscribes to this Memorandum of Understanding shall inform such to the Foreign Ministry and the Embassy of the respective Country.

Article 7: Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent in writing between the Parties. Such amendment will form an integral part of the MoU and it will come into effect upon the date of its signature or any date mutually organized by the Parties.



Article 8: Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute between the two Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably, by mutual consultation.

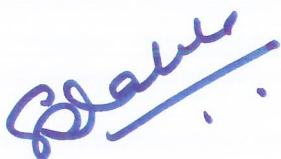
Article 9: Effect and Termination

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain valid unless terminated. Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time by giving a notice of six months to the other party of its intention to terminate this MoU through diplomatic channels. The programmes undertaken during the validity of this MoU shall continue to be governed by its provisions till their completion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments have signed this MoU.

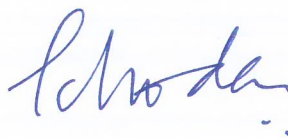
Done at Thimphu on the Twenty First day of March of the year Two Thousand Twenty Four, in two originals, each in English and Hindi languages, both text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH
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