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Respected Sir,

As you are kindly aware, the sports ecosystem in India is undergoing a period of significant transformation, driven by the national vision of positioning India among the world's top ten sporting nations by the 2036 Olympic Games. In alignment with this vision, governments and sporting institutions across the country are undertaking comprehensive reforms to strengthen sports education, governance, research, coaching, and athlete development through globally benchmarked academic and institutional frameworks.

The Government of Telangana, under its **Rising Telangana** vision, has taken several transformative initiatives to establish Hyderabad as a global hub for innovation, excellence and human development. Recognizing that youth and sports constitute vital pillars of this vision, the Government has established the **Young India Physical Education and Sports University (YIPESU)** with the mandate of creating a world-class ecosystem for sports education, research, leadership and high-performance athlete development.

As one of its flagship initiatives, the University proposes to launch the **Young India Sports Fellowship (YISF)**—an **11-month residential Post-Graduate Diploma in Sports Leadership and Management**. Conceived as the first programme of its kind in India, the Fellowship has been carefully designed to develop a cadre of professionally trained sports administrators, coaches, managers and leaders capable of strengthening India's sporting ecosystem in line with the national aspiration of **Mission Olympics 2036**. The curriculum has been developed by drawing upon international best practices and will be delivered with the support of eminent practitioners, distinguished academicians and leading international institutional partners, ensuring its relevance to officials, coaches, administrators and professionals serving across government departments, sports federations and allied organizations.

The Fellowship would also provide an excellent career pathway for former sportspersons who, despite their talent and dedication, were unable to continue competitive sport due to various circumstances. By equipping them with contemporary knowledge and professional competencies in sports leadership, governance and management, the programme seeks to enable them to continue contributing meaningfully to the development of Indian sport.

Considering the invaluable role played by your organization in nurturing and supporting sportspersons, I am confident that this Fellowship will present a unique opportunity for your athletes and professionals to build rewarding careers within the sports sector while leveraging their experience for the larger advancement of the sporting ecosystem.

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I would, therefore, request you to kindly bestow your personal attention to this matter and ensure that the details of the **Young India Sports Fellowship** are widely disseminated among the eligible and interested sportspersons, coaches and officials associated with your organization, so that they may avail themselves of this unique opportunity.

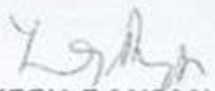
I would request that this information be circulated widely among your officers, affiliated units, districts, member associations, and eligible personnel, through such means as internal circulars, noticeboards, official websites, and social media channels, as may be considered appropriate.

A brief note on the Fellowship Program, along with eligibility criteria and the mode of application, are enclosed for ready reference and further circulation. Additional details, including the prospectus and admission timelines, may also be shared on request or accessed through YIPESU's official channels.

Please ensure that this opportunity reaches interested and eligible candidates within your organisation at the earliest, given the timelines associated with the current admission cycle. For any clarification or coordination in this regard, please feel free to reach out to the undersigned or to the YIPESU office at the contact details below.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely


JAYESH RANJAN

To
Shri Khilli Ram Meena IAS,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Government of Mizoram.

Received & acknowledged to Mr. Jayesh Ranjan
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Concept Note

Telangana Sports Fellowship Programme

India's First Sports Fellowship

(An initiative of Young India Physical Education and Sports University, Telangana)

Start Date: October 2026

1. Overview

The Young India Sports Fellowship is envisaged as India's first structured, interdisciplinary sports fellowship, designed to create a new generation of leaders, professionals, and thinkers for India's rapidly evolving sports ecosystem. Anchored in Telangana and delivered by the **Young India Physical Education and Sports University (YIPESU)**, the Fellowship will bridge critical gaps between sport, leadership, management, analytics, media, and policy.

2. What is the Indian Sports Education Ecosystem lacking?

→ Inter-disciplinary Exposure:

Integrating sport with management, analytics, history, media, law, and leadership

→ Leadership Development:

Nurturing ethical, visionary leaders for sport institutions and ecosystems

→ Large-scale Upskilling:

Creating a scalable model to build high-quality sports professionals at national scale

- Around 40,000 students graduate annually from sports undergraduate programmes in India, with only 10,000 from specialised non-B PEd courses such as sports management.
- The sports industry does not exclusively require sports-specific degrees; roles are often filled by strong management, analytics, and multidisciplinary professionals.
- There is a significant gap in multidisciplinary exposure, leadership development, and ecosystem-level thinking for young professionals aspiring to contribute to Indian sports.

➤ YIPESU's asset-light, pragmatic interventions can bridge this gap while supporting the vision of Telangana as a national sports hub.

➤ Alongside talent development, large-scale upskilling of PE teachers can enhance physical literacy statewide, including mandatory periodic training at YIPESU, aligned with Telangana Sports Policy 2025.

3. Academic Design & Curriculum

→ **Duration:** 11-month PG Diploma Programme in Sports Studies and Leadership from October 2026

→ **Cohort Size:** 30 highly motivated graduates and sports enthusiasts selected from across India

→ **Focus Areas:** Sports management, leadership, sports sciences, analytics, media, and governance

The programme is built around a visiting faculty-led academic model, drawing from the best in the sports industry, academia, and media. Eminent practitioners will design and deliver 30-hour, short-format courses (10 sessions each), ensuring cutting-edge, application-oriented learning.

The interdisciplinary curriculum will expose Fellows to a diverse set of sixteen short courses out of which six courses will be electives, including: History of Sports, Sports Analytics & Data-driven Decision Making, Management & Leadership in Sports, Sports Journalism & Media, Sports Law, Policy, and Governance. Each Fellow will engage with multiple disciplines, enabling holistic understanding of the sports ecosystem rather than siloed specialization.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Age: Candidates should ideally fall within the 21–28 age bracket.

Passion for Sport: A genuine enthusiasm for sports is highly valued and considered a key selection factor.

Sporting Career Qualification: Preference will be given to candidates who have represented any sport at the District, State, or National level, whether through school or university competitions.

Educational Qualification: A bachelor's degree is mandatory; candidates from any academic discipline are welcome to apply.

Work Experience: Prior professional or internship experience is an added advantage, though not a mandatory requirement.

5. Fellowship Fee Structure

The Young India Sports Fellowship follows a two-tier fee model across its 30-fellow cohort (11-month, fully residential programme):

Category A — Fee-Paying Fellows (10 seats)

Fellows in this category pay the full programme fee of ₹5,00,000, set at a level comparable to top postgraduate programmes in India.

Category B — Scholarship Fellows (20 seats)

Scholarships are awarded based on the University's selection process, with tiered tuition waivers; fellows contribute to residential costs on a sliding scale.

5. USP of the Programme

★ Visionary, Differentiated Academic Model

The Fellowship addresses a unique gap in Indian higher education by offering a curriculum that integrates **theory, practice, and global perspectives** in sports studies. Designed as a flagship postgraduate programme, it creates distinct value by combining academic rigor with real-world exposure across disciplines relevant to modern sport.

★ Faculty Model as a Core Driver of Excellence

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★ Trusteeship & Stewardship as an Institutional Backbone

The Fellowship will be guided by a trusteeship-driven governance philosophy, with strategic oversight provided by eminent industry leaders, sports professionals, and public-sector stalwarts. This stewardship model ensures long-term vision, institutional credibility, and continuity, while professional academic leadership manages day-to-day execution.

6. Fellows as Ambassadors

The 30 Fellows will serve as **Young India Sports Ambassadors**, representing Telangana and the University across sporting, academic, and professional platforms. As alumni, they will form the nucleus of a national network of sports leaders aligned with Telangana's vision for sports excellence.

7. Outcome & Impact

- Creation of a **national talent pipeline** for sports institutions, federations, leagues, and academia
- Positioning Telangana as a **thought leader in sports education and leadership**
- Establishing a **replicable national model** for interdisciplinary sports fellowships

8. Estimated Timeline of the Programme

Applications Open: **1st September**

Application Submission Deadline: **15th September**

Scrutiny and Finalisation of Applications: 15–20 September

Publication of Selected Candidates: 20–25 September

Commencement of the Fellowship Programme: 12th October

9. Contact Details

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