



Sports Authority of India and Safdarjung Sports Injury Centre Sign MoU to Strengthen Sports Science and Athlete Care

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New Delhi | July 10, 2026: The Sports Authority of India (SAI), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), and the Safdarjung Sports Injury Centre (SIC), under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration in sports science, sports medicine, athlete rehabilitation, research, innovation, education and capacity building.

The MoU aims to create an integrated framework by combining the expertise, infrastructure and scientific capabilities of both institutions to provide comprehensive support for Indian athletes and support staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Rao, said, "The future of high-performance sport depends upon the seamless integration of sports science and sports medicine".

He further noted that this MoU establishes a strong institutional framework that will promote collaborative research, scientific innovation, athlete monitoring and rehabilitation, ultimately contributing towards building a world-class support ecosystem for Indian athletes.

Adding to it, Ms. Salila said, "Sports medicine and sports science have become indispensable components of athlete health and performance. This partnership reflects the shared commitment of both Ministries to integrate medical excellence with sports science expertise for developing robust systems of injury prevention, clinical care, rehabilitation and scientific research that will benefit athletes across the country."

Brig. Nayak, further said, "The partnership will facilitate multidisciplinary research, standardised clinical and sports science protocols, knowledge exchange and advanced athlete support services."

He added that by combining the strengths of both institutions, we will be able to develop sustainable scientific solutions that will directly translate into improved athlete performance and long-term athlete health.

Prof. Joshi also contributed and said, "This partnership will further strengthen research, education, rehabilitation and evidence-based sports medicine for the benefit of athletes across the country."

The MoU marks an important milestone in institutional collaboration between two of India's premier organisations in sports science and sports medicine.



The collaboration is aligned with the Government of India's vision of building a scientifically enabled, athlete-centric and globally competitive sporting ecosystem.

It also complements flagship initiatives such as Khelo India and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), while supporting the country's long-term aspiration under Viksit Bharat@2047 to establish India as a leading sporting nation.

By promoting research, innovation, capacity building and evidence-based athlete care, the partnership is expected to strengthen India's high-performance system and enhance the nation's preparedness for future international competitions, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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