

Sports Transformation and Government Key Initiatives for “Viksit Bharat @ 2047”

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ABSTRACT:

This paper highlight how the Viksit Bharat @ 2047 vision uses sports transformation to build a development Indi by focusing on grass-roots talent development, infrastructure and scientific support though intimately like Khelo India and the National Sports Governance Act ultimately fostering national pride and a healthy, skilled population by 2047. The main objectives of this paper to know the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047 and the sports transformation and Government Initiatives for Viksit Bharat @ 2047. The study is based on purely from secondary data source. Secondary data have been collected from various sources like Various Reports, Research journal, Text books, Websites ect.

KEYWORDS:

Sports, Transformation, Role and Viksit Bharat.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

India's sports transformation is a vital component of the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, aiming to make India a developed nation by 2047. The government has launched several initiatives to promote sports development, infrastructure, and inclusivity. Under the leadership of Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State Raksha Nimhil Khadse, India is redesigning its sports landscape to empower its vast youth population 65% of whom are under 35 into champions of national pride. With a record Rs. 3794 crore allocation for FY 2025–26, a substantial 130.9% increase since 2014–15, the ministry of Youth affairs and sports is steering key schemes such as Khelo India. Of this Rs. 2191 crore is directed toward central programmes, signaling India's ambitious

drive toward Viksit Bharat 2047. The National Sports Day (NSD) 2025 celebrations will be led by the Fit India Mission and organized as a three-day, nation-wide sports and fitness movement from August 29 to 31 under the inspiring theme 'Ek Ghanta, Khel Ke Maidan Main'. Key Government initiatives involve significant investment in sports infrastructure, establishing centres for talent identification and development and promoting sports and fitness across the nation with the Fit India Movement. The strategy aims to make India a top 10 sporting nation by 2047, leveraging sports as a pillar for national development.

2. OBJECTIVES:

The following are objectives of present research study.

1. To know the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.
2. To understand the sports transformation and Government Initiatives for Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

This paper is basically theoretical background. It is based on secondary data source. Secondary data have been collected from various sources like Books, published reports, journals, Census Reports and websites etc.

4. VISION AND MEANING OF VIKSIT BHARAT @ 2047:

Vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047:

- Sport Development: Promoting sports as a tool for national development, youth empowerment and social change.
- Technological Innovation: Leveraging technology to drive growth, improve governance, and enhance national security.
- Inclusive and Sustainable Development: Achieving balanced growth and development across various sectors.

Meaning of Viksit Bharat @ 2047:

Viksit Bharat means transform India into a completely developed nation by 2047, the 100th anniversary of its independence. This comprehensive plan focuses on inclusive development, integrating aspects like economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability and good governance with a particular emphasis on the empowerment of youth, women, farmers and the poor.

5. SPORTS TRANSFORMATION AND GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES FOR VIKSIT

BHARAT @ 2047:

The Government of India views sports as a core pillar of youth empowerment and nation-building. To advance this vision, the central government has made a record allocation of Rs. 3,794 crores to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for FY 2025–26. A major portion, that is Rs. 2,191 crores, has been allocated to Central Sector Schemes, the budget allocations to the ministry in the FY 2014–15 were ₹1643 crore, marking a rise of 130.9% in 2025–26.

1. Sports Authority of India (SAI):

Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has been entrusted with the twin objectives of promoting sports and achieving sporting excellence at the national and international level. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is the successor organization to the IX Asian Games, established in 1984 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to promote sports and achieve sporting excellence in India. It operates through various regional and training centers, offering academic programs, implementing talent identification schemes, and providing training to athletes for national and international competitions.

2. National Sports Governance Act, 2025:

The National Sports Governance Act, 2025, establishes a statutory framework for Indian sports, replacing previous executive instructions with legally enforceable rules for transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct. Key aspects include the formation of a National Sports Board (NSB) and National Sports Tribunal, mandatory audits by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for recognized bodies, and supervision of elections by panels of retired election officials. The Act also mandates a Safe Sports Policy to protect vulnerable individuals, aligns governing bodies with international standards like the Olympic Charter, and facilitates a unified system for resolving sports-related disputes.

3. Khelo Bharat Niti 2025:

Launched in July 2025, Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 marks a paradigm shift in India's sports ecosystem. Building on the foundation laid by programmers like Khelo India, the policy aims to transform sports into a

nationwide movement and a viable career path, aligned with the goals of Viksit Bharat and the aspiration to host the 2036 Olympics. The policy integrates sports with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, strengthens infrastructure at grassroots and elite levels, and institutionalizes early talent identification through programmes like KIRTI.

4. Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports:

Launched in FY 2016–17, the Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports aims to promote mass participation and sporting excellence in both rural and urban areas. The scheme, carried forward strongly by the government, received an extension for five years in 2021 with an outlay of ₹3,790.50 crore, reinforcing Prime Minister Modi’s vision of nurturing a sporting culture across the nation. Its objectives include developing sports infrastructure, supporting talent search and nurturing through sports academies and centres, promoting community sports and competitions, and reviving India’s sports culture at the grassroots.

5.KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification):

KIRTI is a nationwide initiative to identify and nurture sporting talent among children aged 9 to 18. The program uses Talent Assessment Centres (TACs) across the country, standardized protocols, and advanced IT tools (including AI and data analytics) for transparent, merit-based selection. There are 174 TACs in the country as of present. This initiative reflects vision of building a strong pipeline of young athletes who can take India to greater heights in global sports.

6. Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):

The government has strengthened support for India’s top athletes in their preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Selected athletes are supported with funding from National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for customized training and other support not available under normal schemes of the Ministry. Out of pocket allowance (OPA) is paid at Rs. 50,000/- per month to Core group athletes. Further, a Development Group was added to support junior athletes with a stipend of Rs. 25,000/- per month. TOPS contributed to India’s medal-winning success in the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympics, showcasing the government’s commitment to making India a global sporting powerhouse.

7. National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR):

It was launched in 2017, the National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR) is a specialized initiative to strengthen scientific support for Indian athletes. With a budget of ₹260 crore until 2025–26, it includes the central NCSSR hub and supports six university-based Sports Science Departments and five Sports Medicine Departments in medical institutions. The scheme promotes advanced research, injury prevention, rehabilitation, and performance enhancement through sports science and medicine.

8. Fit India Movement:

It was launched with a view to make fitness an integral part of our daily lives. The mission of the movement is to bring about behavioral changes and move towards a more physically active lifestyle, reflecting Prime Minister Modi's call for a Jan Angolan (people's movement) for fitness. The movement has achieved several key milestones, including a special online series titled, 'Fit India- Healthy Hindustan' Programme, by eminent fitness experts and Fit India icons, was launched in 2023. Fit India Family Sessions were also conducted with experts with the objective of inculcating fitness routine amongst.

6. CONCLUSION:

From increased participation to global podium finishes, India's sports journey has been transformational. With reforms like the National Sports Governance Act 2025 and Khelo Bharat Niti 2025, India is building a robust ecosystem that transforms athletic potential into national and international achievement. Through athlete-centric governance, scientific training support, and transparent accountability mechanisms, the country is nurturing a generation that will drive both sporting excellence and national progress toward the Olympic Games of 2036 and the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision

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