



Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Launches Comprehensive Internship Policy to Build Next Generation of Sports Professionals

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The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) today launched a Comprehensive Internship Policy aimed at creating a structured, large-scale platform for nurturing young talent and strengthening India's sports ecosystem.

The 'Comprehensive Internship Policy for Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and its Autonomous Bodies' will provide meaningful internship opportunities to college and university students across the Ministry and its autonomous bodies, offering first-hand exposure to sports governance, administration and allied professional domains.

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said that the initiative will empower young minds to contribute meaningfully to India's sporting journey.

"The transformation of India's sports ecosystem requires strong institutional backing supported by skilled professionals and young talent. Through this internship programme, we are opening the doors of sports governance and administration to our youth, enabling them to gain hands-on experience and make a long-term impact in nation-building through sports," Dr. Mandaviya said.

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The initiative aims to build a robust talent pipeline in sports governance, administration, sports science, anti-doping, event management and athlete support services.

The programme aligns closely with the objectives of the National Sports Policy and Khelo Bharat Niti 2025, with a strong focus on youth empowerment, capacity building and professionalisation of sports administration.

The policy further supports India's long-term vision of developing a future-ready sports ecosystem capable of sustaining elite performance and hosting major international sporting events.

Dr. Mandaviya further noted that the programme addresses the growing requirement for professionally trained manpower as India expands its sporting infrastructure, strengthens governance reforms and enhances its global sporting footprint.

The interns will receive structured onboarding, mentorship from domain experts and real-time exposure to policy formulation and implementation. They will contribute directly to flagship initiatives such as Khelo India, Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), Target Asian Games Group (TAGG), and gain experience at SAI Stadia, Regional Centres (RCs) and National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs).

The internships will span over 20 functional domains, including sports management, sports science, event operations, media and communications, legal affairs, IT systems, international sports governance and anti-doping. Special focus will be given to sports science research, laboratory testing, data analysis and scientific support to athletes. Interns placed with NADA will assist in anti-doping awareness, legal compliance, case management and policy support, while those at NDTL will gain exposure to advanced laboratory-based anti-doping processes, including sample analysis and research.

The programme seeks to promote youth engagement, digital fluency, innovation and entrepreneurship while building a pipeline of trained professionals capable of contributing to policy, infrastructure development, media outreach, legal frameworks, sports science and sports management.

Two recruitment cycles will be conducted every year; in January and July, through a centralised online portal, ensuring transparency, inclusivity and merit-based selection.

The Comprehensive Internship Programme is a significant step towards promoting clean sport, transparent governance and scientific advancement, reinforcing India's commitment to fair play, athlete welfare and excellence in sports administration.

To know more about the Comprehensive Internship Policy [*click here*](#)

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