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Dated: 19 August, 2026

To
Nodal Officers of Institutes/ Central Universities empanelled

Subject: Young India Sports Fellowship (YISF) – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a letter received from the Government of Telangana(copy enclosed) regarding the Young India Sports Fellowship (YISF), an 11-month residential Post-Graduate Diploma programme in Sports Leadership and Management proposed to be launched by the Young India Physical Education and Sports University (YIPESU).

2. The Government of Telangana has informed that, under its vision of establishing Hyderabad as a global hub for innovation, excellence and human development, the University has been established with the mandate of creating a world-class ecosystem for sports education, research, leadership and high-performance athlete development. In this context, the Young India Sports Fellowship has been conceived as one of the flagship initiatives of the University.
3. As per the communication, the Young India Sports Fellowship (YISF) is an 11-month residential Post-Graduate Diploma programme in Sports Leadership and Management. The programme has been designed with the objective of developing a cadre of professionally trained sports administrators, coaches, managers and leaders who can contribute towards strengthening India's sporting ecosystem in line with the national aspiration of positioning India among the leading sporting nations by the 2036 Olympic Games.
4. The programme has reportedly been designed by drawing upon international best practices and is proposed to be delivered with the support of eminent practitioners, distinguished academicians and leading international institutional partners. The programme is intended to cater to officials, coaches, administrators and professionals associated with Government Departments, sports federations and allied organisations.
5. The Fellowship also provides a potential career pathway for former sportspersons who, despite possessing talent and experience, could not

continue their competitive sporting careers due to various circumstances. Through structured education and professional training in areas such as sports leadership, governance and management, the programme seeks to enable such sportspersons to continue contributing meaningfully to the development of sports in the country.

6. The Government of Telangana has accordingly requested that the information relating to the Young India Sports Fellowship may be widely disseminated among interested and eligible sportspersons, coaches, officials and other personnel associated with the concerned organisations, so that eligible candidates may avail themselves of this opportunity. It has further requested that the information may be circulated among officers, affiliated units, districts, member institutions and eligible personnel through appropriate means, including internal circulars, notices, official websites and social media channels, as considered appropriate.
7. A brief note on the Fellowship programme, including the eligibility criteria and mode of application, has been enclosed by the Government of Telangana for ready reference and further circulation. Additional details, including the prospectus and admission timelines, may be obtained through the official channels of YIPESU, as indicated in the communication.
8. In view of the above, the enclosed communication along with the brief note on the Young India Sports Fellowship is forwarded for information and wide dissemination amongst the concerned officers, institutions, affiliated organisations, sportspersons, coaches, sports administrators and other eligible personnel, with a view to enabling interested and eligible candidates to take advantage of the Fellowship programme within the stipulated admission cycle.
9. It is requested that the enclosed information may kindly be circulated amongst the concerned stakeholders through appropriate official channels and brought to the notice of eligible candidates for information and necessary action at their end.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,

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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.

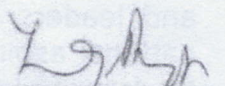
I would request that this information be circulated widely among your officers, affiliated units, districts, member associations, and eligible personnel, through such means as internal circulars, noticeboards, official websites, and social media channels, as may be considered appropriate.

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


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To
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