



Global Sports Education Convention (G-SEC) 2026

Key Issues, Deliberations & Policy Recommendations

1. Background and Context

The Global Sports Education Convention (G-SEC) 2026, organised under the aegis of the Confederation of Sports and Recreation Industry (CSRI), brought together policymakers, administrators, educationists, industry leaders, and domain experts to deliberate on the future of sports and physical education in India.

The Convention focused on building credible education-to-career pathways, strengthening institutional standards, aligning policy with global best practices, and preparing India's sports education ecosystem for national objectives such as CWG 2030 and Olympic excellence.

2. Inaugural Session – Strategic Vision for Sports Education



- **Shri Ravi Singhania**, Managing Partner, Singhania and Partners, Chair, National Committee CSRI & Chancellor, Singhania University
- **Shri Rajpal Singh**, DG CSRI
- **Shri Ahetesham Khan**, Executive Director, Nangia Global
- **General Dilawar Singh**, Secretary General, NYKS
- **Shri Mohammad Zubair**, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- **Shri Devendra Jaiswal**, Co-founder, Kids Chaupal



The inaugural session set the tone for the Convention by emphasising credibility, accountability, and career orientation in sports education.

Ravi Singhania underlined the urgent need to build credible pathways where education leads to careers, institutions are held to high academic and professional standards, and sports emerges as a respected profession across coaching, sports science, management, governance, and allied fields.

He emphasised that nationwide ranking of sports and physical education institutions is a timely and necessary reform, noting that rankings in other sectors have significantly helped institutions raise standards.

Rajpal Singh highlighted the encouraging trend of states establishing their own sports universities, calling it a positive step towards decentralised capacity building.

General Dilawar Singh described sports as the most meritorious activity for nation building and cautioned that without a strong ecosystem and a system-of-systems approach, India will struggle to match global sporting nations. He pointed out that only 1.7% of Indians receive structured training beyond school level, exposing a critical systemic gap.

Mohammad Zubair stated that the Government of India is in the process of launching a major new national project aimed at improving Olympic performance, with the stated ambition of reaching Top 10 by the 2032 Olympics and Top 5 by the 2036 Olympics.





3. Session I – Policy Barriers, Challenges and Opportunities in Physical Education



- **Moderated by Shri Norris Pritam**, Senior Sports Journalist
- **Shri Gurdip Singh**, Former Joint Secretary, Association of Indian University
- **Shri Manoj Kumar (IAS)**, President, Singhania University
- **Shri Mukesh Chetan**, Founder, Silver String Sports

This session examined long-standing policy distortions affecting physical education. Norris Pritam stressed that physical education teachers must be treated on par with other academic teachers, both in status and remuneration. He identified the School Games Federation of India as one of the weakest links, limiting India's ability to replicate structured systems like those in the USA.

Gurdip Singh observed that the New Education Policy (NEP) offers strong opportunities to integrate education with sport, where ideas flow from education and execution happens through sport.

He emphasised teamwork between athletes and officials, the role of media in presenting sports as a mainstream career, and noted that CWG 2030 could generate significant employment across the sports ecosystem.



Mukesh Chetan criticised the tendency of colleges and universities to treat sports as an optional activity rather than a core function, leading to sub-standard infrastructure and weak institutional commitment.

4. Session II – CWG 2030 and the University Ecosystem



- **Moderated by Shri G Rajaraman**, Senior Sports Journalist
- **Shri KN Harilal**, Director, MYAS
- **Professor JS Naruka**, Former Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE
- **Professor MK Singh**, LNIPE
- **Shri Ahetesham Khan**, Executive Director, Nangia Global
- **Dr J David Matthew**, Dean Sports, Hindustan University

This session focused on leveraging CWG 2030 to reform India's university-sports integration. KN Harilal pointed out that unlike foreign universities, India lacks a culture where international-level athletes emerge from academic institutions, including elite institutions. Ahetesham Khan cautioned against repeating mistakes made after CWG 2010, particularly regarding under-utilisation of infrastructure. He stressed the need for post-event usage planning and sustained investment in coaching programmes.

M K Singh advocated for deep involvement of universities and schools in CWG 2030, stating that exposure to such mega events can act as a strong motivational driver. He recommended that all Central Universities be formally involved in CWG 2030 organisation.



J David Matthew highlighted systemic imbalance between sports students and general students, both carrying identical academic loads.

He recommended:

Direct entry of combined university teams into Senior National Championships

Granting Centre of Excellence status to universities with proven sports infrastructure before CWG 2030

5. Session III – Sports & Physical Education Market in India and Best Practices



- **Shri Rajpal Singh**, DG, CSRI
- **Professor BB Singh**, Aligarh Muslim University
- **Dr. Raman Ramachandran**, Dean and Director, KJ Somaiya University
- **Shri Rajesh Save**, White Knight Ventures
- **Prof. Satyant Khatiyani**, Dean (Academics), Major Dhyanchand Sports College, Uttar Pradesh

This session examined the disconnect between education, research, and the sports market. Rajpal Singh highlighted a serious disconnect between what is researched, what is practiced, and what the market actually needs. He stressed that only 5–6% of sports-qualified graduates are absorbed into the system, raising concerns about the remaining 95%. He also pointed out that sports remains the only sector demanding performance without data-driven systems.



Dr. Raman Ramachandran shared that sports is a compulsory evaluation index at his institution, and that 40% of their MBA Sports Management programme involves live industry engagement.

Rajesh Save emphasised the role of data science and artificial intelligence in reducing coaching load and improving performance systems.

Sathyant Khathiyan noted that top global universities like Harvard and Stanford are known for sports centres, not sports degrees, and pointed out the near-zero linkage between sports education and the market in India.

6. Session IV – Globalising Indian Sports & Physical Education Institutions



- **Shri Vishal K**, Head Sports, Woxsen University
- **Shri Basab Pratim Chaudhary**, Associate Director (South Asia), Deakin University
- **Prof. SK Srivastava**, Domain Head-Education, Amity University
- **Dr. Koshy Alexander Vaidyan**, Secretary, Youth Empowerment, Gender, Sports/Physical Recreation, National Councils of YMCAs in India
- **Shri Amit Gupte**, COO, International Institute of Sports Management

This session addressed internationalisation and regulatory credibility.

Vishal K stressed the need to establish global standards within India, rather than exporting talent abroad for training.



Basab Pratim Chaudhari observed that India is becoming a hub for African and Asian students, but warned that without a regulatory body setting minimum standards, sustainability will be limited.

S K Srivastava emphasised that globalisation of Indian sports education depends on assurance of safety, security, and institutional reliability.

Amit Gupte advocated adapting international best practices into Indian conditions, rather than blind replication.

7. Session V – Financing and Return on Investment (ROI) in Sports Education



- **Dr. Sorabh Lakhanpal**, Executive Dean, Lovely Professional University
- **Professor Sandeep Tiwari**, Principal, Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences
- **Colonel Prem Rajpurohit**, Admin Giri
- **Shri Rahul Bajaj**, Former International Golfer and Coach

This session explored sustainability, funding efficiency, and outcomes.

Sorabh Lakhanpal defined ROI not only financially but also in health outcomes, employability, and interpersonal skills. He stressed the importance of KRAs and KPIs for outcome-based sports development.



Sandeep Tiwari stated that sports is a high-potential industry, particularly in areas like fitness, provided investment is structured.

Rahul Bajaj warned that despite substantial funding, wastage in the middle layers prevents athletes from reaching potential. He stressed that unless investment begins at ages 4–6, elite-level spending alone will not deliver results.

8. Key Recommendations to Government and Stakeholders



Based on the deliberations, G-SEC 2026 recommends:

For Government & Regulators

1. Establish a National Regulatory Framework for sports and physical education institutions
2. Institutionalise nationwide rankings for sports and PE colleges and universities
3. Ensure physical education teacher parity with other academic disciplines
4. Integrate data-driven performance systems across sports programmes
5. Mandate post-event legacy planning for CWG 2030 infrastructure

For Universities & Institutions

1. Treat sports as a core academic and professional function
2. Align curricula with market and employment outcomes
3. Reduce academic load imbalance for sports students
4. Develop centres of excellence in collaboration with government

For Industry & Funding Agencies

1. Focus on early-stage athlete development
2. Define outcome-based KPIs for funding
3. Encourage education–industry partnerships for employability



Conclusion

G-SEC 2026 reaffirmed that sports and physical education must be viewed as a strategic national investment, not a peripheral activity. Without systemic reforms in education, governance, funding, and market linkage, India's ambitions for Olympic excellence and global competitiveness will remain aspirational rather than achievable.

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Deakin University recognised as India's Best Foreign University for Sports and Physical Education

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NEW DELHI, Jan. 19, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Deakin University has been recognised as the Best Foreign University for Sports and Physical Education in India at the prestigious Global Sports Education Convention (G-SEC) 2026, held at the India International Centre, New Delhi, last week.

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MYAS-GNDU Department of Sports Sciences & Medicine Conferred National Best Institution Award

EARLY TIMES REPORT

AMRITSAR, Jan 20: The MYAS-GNDU Department of Sports Sciences & Medicine, Guru Nanak Dev University has been conferred with the prestigious "National Best Institution for Sports Sciences-Based Courses in India" award, by CSRI, New Delhi, at a formal ceremony held at India International Center, New Delhi.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Karamjeet Singh, termed the honour a proud moment for the university, highlighting Guru Nanak Dev University's state-of-the-art research laboratories, advanced sports rehabilitation facilities, and strong collaborations with national sports bodies. He stated that this prestigious national recognition is a reflection of the department's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, cutting-edge research, innovation in sports medicine, and holistic athlete development. Dr. Singh emphasized that the award, conferred by CSRI, New Delhi, validates years of dedicated efforts made by the faculty, researchers, students, and supporting staff of the department.

The award was formally received by Dr Amrinder Singh, Head, MYAS - GNDU Department of Sports Sciences & Medicine which was presented by Hon'ble

Justice Anish Dayal, Delhi High Court, Shri Ajit Kumar Sharan, Former Secretary Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra Former President, Indian Olympic Association and International Hockey Federation along with Col. Rajpal Singh President, CSRI.

Dr. Amrinder Singh highlighted that the MYAS-GNDU Department of Sports Sciences & Medicine has consistently focused on integrating scientific knowledge with practical application. The department's advanced research laboratories, modern sports performance analysis systems, and state-of-the-art rehabilitation and sports medicine facilities have played a crucial role in nurturing high-performance athletes and skilled sports science professionals at the national and international levels.

Prof Shweta Shenoy, Dean, Faculty of Sports Medicine & Physiotherapy stated that the award stands as a testament to the faculty's collective vision of promoting evidence-based sports sciences education in the country and the faculty remains committed to fostering interdisciplinary research, innovation, and excellence in teaching, while aligning academic programs with global standards.

The Faculty acknowledged the visionary leadership of Prof. Dr. Karamjeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, whose continuous support and emphasis on research-driven education have significantly strengthened the department's infrastructure and academic environment.

University officials described the award as a testament to GNDU's national leadership in Sports Sciences & Medicine.

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IIM Rohtak को मिली बड़ी उपलब्धि: 'खेल प्रबंधन' में बना देश का सर्वश्रेष्ठ सरकारी संस्थान

By Prime Haryana / January 16, 2026

रोहतक/नई दिल्ली, (प्राइम न्यूज़ ब्यूरो)। भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान (IIM) रोहतक ने शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में एक और ऐतिहासिक कीर्तिमान स्थापित किया है। संस्थान को खेल प्रबंधन (Sports Management) के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए "सर्वश्रेष्ठ सरकारी प्रबंधन संस्थान" के राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है। यह प्रतिष्ठित सम्मान नई दिल्ली में आयोजित ग्लोबल स्पोर्ट्स एजुकेशन कन्वेंशन (G-SEC) 2026 के दौरान प्रदान किया गया।





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Dr Choudhary honoured with ‘Most Innovative Professor in Sports and Physical Education’ Award

■ Staff Reporter
RAIPUR, Jan 16

PROFESSOR Dr Rajeev Choudhary of Pt Ravishankar Shukla University (Pt RSU), Raipur, was conferred with the national award ‘Most Innovative Professor in Sports and Physical Education’ by the Confederation of Sports and Recreation Industry (CRSI).

The award was presented during the Global Sports Education Convention 2026 ‘G-SEC 2026’ and National Ranking Awards held at India International Centre, New Delhi. The convention was supported by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (GoI) and witnessed participation from leading academicians, policy-makers and sports professionals from across the country.

The honour recognises Dr Rajeev Choudhary’s long-standing research-driven and innovative contributions to the fields of sports, physical education, yoga, sports science and academic innovation. His work has significantly contributed to integrat-



Professor of Pt Ravishankar Shukla University Dr Rajeev Choudhary receiving the ‘Most Innovative Professor in Sports and Physical Education’ Award.

ingsports-based education, yoga and scientific research with broader educational and social development. CRSI awards are presented based on national-level evaluation and ranking criteria acknowledging excellence among academicians and institutions associated with the sports and recreation sector.

Expressing his gratitude, Dr Rajeev Choudhary said that the recognition is a collective outcome of the guidance of his men-

tors, the support of colleagues, scholars, students, and his institution. He added that the award motivates him to further strengthen innovation and research in sports, physical education and yoga.

Dr Rajeev Choudhary is currently serving as Professor at Pt RSU, Raipur, and enjoys a distinguished national and international academic standing in the domains of sports sciences, yoga, physical education and research.

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रायपुर: पंडित रविशंकर शुक्ल विश्वविद्यालय, रायपुर के प्रोफेसर (डॉ.) राजीव चौधरी को Confederation of Sports and Recreation Industry (CRSI) द्वारा “Most Innovative Professor in Sports and Physical Education” के प्रतिष्ठित राष्ट्रीय सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया। यह सम्मान Global Sports Education Convention 2026 (G-SEC 2026) एवं National Ranking Awards के अंतर्गत 15 जनवरी 2026 को India International Centre, नई दिल्ली में आयोजित भव्य समारोह में प्रदान किया गया। उल्लेखनीय है कि यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर का सम्मेलन युवा कार्य एवं खेल मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के सहयोग से आयोजित किया गया, जिसमें देशभर के प्रतिष्ठित शिक्षाविदों, नीति-निर्माताओं एवं खेल विशेषज्ञों की सहभागिता रही।



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SHORT TAKES



SRMIST GETS AWARD FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES

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SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRM IST), through its Directorate of Sports, has been selected for recognition as the "Best Institution for Outdoor Sports Facilities" at the National Sports Physical Education Awards 2026.

The award was presented at the Global Sports Education Convention at the India International Centre in New Delhi. The convention was organised by the Confederation of Sports and Recreation Industry (CSRI) and powered by the Ministry of Youth & Sports.

The recognition reflects SRM IST's consistent efforts to create world-class outdoor sports facilities and foster a strong culture of sports and fitness among students. The institution has focused on encouraging student participation in sports while supporting overall physical and mental well-being.

