

## Sports Authority of India (SAI)

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### Sports Authority of India (SAI) Latest News

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) recently launched a four-day Sports Sciences Workshop for combat sports coaches at its Sports Science Division in New Delhi.

### About Sports Authority of India (SAI)

- It is the **apex national sports body** of India, established by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, Government of India.
- It was **set up in 1984** to **carry forward the legacy of the IXth Asian Games held in New Delhi in 1982** under the Department of Sports.
- It is a **registered society fully funded by the Government of India**.
- SAI has been entrusted with the twin **objectives** of **promoting sports** and **achieving sporting excellence at the national and international level**.
- SAI's primary efforts include widespread **talent scouting and training of selected individuals** by providing vital inputs like coaching, infrastructure, equipment support, sports kits, competitive exposure, etc.

- SAI has played a significant role in shaping India's sports development by providing **training to elite athletes** and at the same time **operating a number of schemes** for the identification and development of young talent.
- The **schemes** are being **implemented through various regional centres** and training centres of SAI spread throughout the country.
- SAI **implements the following Sports Promotional Schemes** across the country to **identify talented sportspersons** in various age groups and **nurture them** to excel at the national and international levels:
  - **National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)**
  - **SAI Training Centre (STC)**
  - **Extension Centre of STC**
  - **National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)**
- In addition to that, a number of **academic programmes in physical education and sports** are also offered by SAI.
- SAI is also entrusted with the responsibility of **maintaining and utilizing**, on behalf of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the **following stadiums in Delhi**, which were **constructed/renovated for the IXth Asian Games**.
  - **Jawaharlal Nehru Sports Stadium**
  - **Indira Gandhi Sports Complex**
  - Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
  - Dr. Syama Prasad Mookherjee Swimming Pool Complex
  - Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges

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