

## SPORT INDIA CONFERENCE 2026

### Theme:

**"Vision 2036: Integrating Sports Science, Physical Education, and Industrial Innovation for Global Hosting Readiness"**

21 August 2026, Auditorium, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Hall No. 8, Bharat Mandapam,  
Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India

### Tentative Schedule

| Time                | Programme                                     | Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 09:30 AM – 10:15 AM | Registration & Networking                     | Delegate Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:15 AM            | Arrival of Chief Guests and other Dignitaries |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 AM | Inaugural Ceremony                            | Lamp Lighting, Welcome Address, Introduction of Guests & Award Distribution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12:00 AM – 01:00 PM | Panel Discussion – I                          | <p><b>Dr. Shobhit Jain, IRS</b><br/>Joint Secretary (Policy), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports, Government of India</p> <p><b>Shri Yugal Kishore Joshi</b><br/>Programme Director, Youth Affairs &amp; Sports, NITI Aayog</p> <p><b>Shri Anant Kumar</b><br/>Director General<br/>National Anti-Doping Agency</p> <p><b>Prof. Kalpana Sharma</b><br/>Vice - Chancellor<br/>Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh</p> <p><b>Dr. Pushpinder Singh Gill,</b><br/>Vice-Chancellor<br/>Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University (MBSPSU)</p> <p><b>Moderator</b><br/>Prof. (Dr). Anukrati Sharma<br/>Head - Dept. of Tourism &amp; Hospitality<br/>Professor - Dept of Commerce and Management - University of Kota</p> |

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| 01:00 PM –<br>02:00 PM | Lunch &<br>Exhibition<br>Visit        | Networking                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 02:00 PM –<br>03:00 PM | <b>Panel<br/>Discussion –<br/>II</b>  | <i><b>The Decade of<br/>Indian Sports:<br/>Creating a Globally<br/>Competitive<br/>Ecosystem through<br/>Collaboration,<br/>Innovation and<br/>Leadership</b></i> | <p><b>Dr. A. K. Bansal</b><br/>Dronacharya Awardee (Hockey)<br/>Head, Sports &amp; Talent Development, Sports<br/>Authority of Gujarat; President, PEFI</p> <p><b>Sh. Ashok Dhyanchand</b><br/>Arjuna Awardee (1974)<br/>Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime<br/>Achievement Awardee (2024)</p> <p><b>Sh. Maha Singh Rao</b><br/>Dronacharya Awardee -Wrestling</p> <p><b>Dr. Tapan Panigrahi</b><br/>Dronacharya Awardee (Swimming)<br/>Swimming Coach Team India</p> <p><b>Sh. Sujeet Maan</b><br/>Dronacharya &amp; Arjuna Awardee<br/>Wrestling</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/>Sh. Rajendra Sajwan, Senior Sports Journalist</p> |
| 03:00 PM –<br>03:45 PM | <b>Panel<br/>Discussion –<br/>III</b> | <i><b>Transforming<br/>India's Sports<br/>Science Ecosystem:<br/>Current Landscape,<br/>Strategic Challenges,<br/>and the Roadmap to<br/>Vision 2036</b></i>      | <p><b>Prof. (Dr.) R. Subramanian</b><br/>Senior Consultant<br/>Young India Physical Education and Sports<br/>University</p> <p><b>Dr. Vikram Singh</b> (Brigadier - Retd.)<br/>Armed Forces, India</p> <p><b>Dr. Neha Singh</b><br/>Assistant Professor, Department of Sport<br/>Biosciences - Central University of Rajasthan</p> <p><b>Mr. Amitav Singh</b><br/>Program Director &amp; Assistant Professor, Sports<br/>Science, Woxsen University; Sports &amp; Exercise<br/>Physiologist</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/><b>Dr. Harish Kumar Tiwari</b><br/>Deputy Director of Sports<br/>Nagaland University, Lumami, Nagaland</p>    |
| 03:45 PM –<br>04:30 PM | <b>Panel<br/>Discussion –<br/>IV</b>  | <i><b>Industry as a<br/>Catalyst for Vision<br/>2036: Investment,<br/>Innovation,<br/>Technology and<br/>Infrastructure for</b></i>                               | <p><b>Prof. (Dr). Anukreetii Sharma</b><br/>Head - Dept. of Tourism &amp; Hospitality<br/>Professor - Dept of Commerce and<br/>Management - University of Kota</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|          |                  | <p><b><i>India's Sporting Superpower</i></b></p> | <p><b>Prof. (Dr.) Devendra Dev Darshan Arora</b><br/>President - Sports Academy Association of India</p> <p><b>Mr. VIKRAM GUPTA</b><br/>Co-Founder &amp; Managing Director   MSG Sports Infratek India LLP Sports Infrastructure Industry Veteran &amp; Author</p> <p><b>Mr. Shadab Karim</b><br/>Co-Founder &amp; Managing Director of PFS Sports</p> <p><b>Mr. Vibhore Kukreti</b><br/>Head - Government Affairs<br/>Krafton India</p> <p><b>Ms. Alka Gurnani</b><br/>National Manager - Public Affairs<br/>Amway India Enterprises Private Limited</p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b><br/><b>Sh. Sanjiv Choudhary</b>, Chief Executive Officer - PEFI Games</p> |
| 04:30 PM | Closing Ceremony |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |