

भारतीय कुश्ती संघ

## Wrestling Federation of India

Affiliated to: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India  
Indian Olympic Association  
United World Wrestling



Dated: 24.06.2026

### C I R C U L A R

**Subject: Request for Cooperation and Submission of Information for Talent Cluster Analysis of Wrestling in India**

This is to inform all stakeholders of the wrestling ecosystem that the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has constituted a Committee for conducting a comprehensive **Talent Cluster Analysis of Wrestling Discipline in India** with the objective of identifying major wrestling talent hubs, assessing grassroots development systems, evaluating coaching ecosystems, and strengthening athlete pathways from grassroots to elite performance levels.

The Committee has been entrusted with collecting critical data and field-level inputs relating to wrestling academies, akhadas, coaches, infrastructure, athlete performance pathways, and operational challenges across the country. The findings of this exercise will play an important role in shaping future policy interventions, resource allocation, infrastructure development, and support mechanisms for the growth of wrestling in India.

However, it has been observed that in several instances, the requisite information is not being provided in a timely and complete manner, which may adversely affect the quality and comprehensiveness of the report.

In view of the above, all affiliated State Associations, recognized academies, akhadas, coaches, and other stakeholders are requested to extend full cooperation to the Committee and promptly furnish any information, data, records, or clarifications sought by the Committee members or their authorized representatives.

Your cooperation is essential for ensuring that the rich wrestling tradition of India is accurately mapped and that deserving talent at the grassroots level receives the recognition and support required for future success at national and international platforms.

All concerned are therefore requested to treat such communications on priority and respond expeditiously. Your active support in this national exercise is sincerely solicited.

[Sanjay Kumar Singh]  
President

**Copy to: All Affiliated Units affiliated to WFI and All Wrestling Akharas & Wrestling Fraternity**

The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the aforementioned Committee are as following:

i. Undertake a comprehensive identification and mapping of talent clusters across the country through analysis of athlete performance data from the National Championships over the last 10 years. The analysis shall primarily focus on athletes securing positions within the Top-10 rankings in various categories across Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth and Senior National Championships, with the objective of identifying:

- Geographical talent clusters and emerging centres of excellence;
- States, districts, academies and training centres consistently producing high-performing athletes;
- Talent Development pathways till the SAI NCOEs and similar institutions like ASI, Pune etc. and further to International competitions;
- Coaching ecosystems associated with sustained athlete performance; and
- Trends in talent concentration, progression and retention over the 10-year period.

ii. Map the athlete development ecosystem linked to the identified talent clusters, including athlete-to-coach mapping, present place of training, institutional support systems and other enablers contributing to high performance. A structured database of grassroots, intermediate and elite coaches shall be developed based on athlete achievement analysis.

iii. Conduct a gap analysis of the grassroots and developmental coaching ecosystem within the identified talent clusters, including assessment of:

- Technical qualifications;
- Availability and quality of infrastructure and equipment;
- Access to sports science support;
- Competition exposure; and
- Key operational and developmental constraints.

iv. Recommend an integrated athlete and coaching pathway linking grassroots academies, STCs, NCOEs and High-Performance structures to ensure continuity of technical philosophy, athlete tracking and systematic progression of talent from identified clusters to elite levels.

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### परिपत्र

**विषय:** भारत में कुश्ती खेल के प्रतिभा क्लस्टर विश्लेषण हेतु सूचना उपलब्ध कराने एवं सहयोग प्रदान करने के संबंध में।

यह सूचित किया जाता है कि खेल विभाग, युवा कार्यक्रम एवं खेल मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा देश में कुश्ती खेल के समग्र विकास, प्रमुख प्रतिभा केंद्रों की पहचान, जमीनी स्तर पर उपलब्ध प्रशिक्षण तंत्र के आकलन तथा खिलाड़ी विकास मार्ग (Athlete Pathway) के सुदृढीकरण हेतु **कुश्ती खेल के Talent Cluster Analysis** के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया गया है।

उक्त समिति को देशभर में संचालित कुश्ती अकादमियों, अखाड़ों, प्रशिक्षकों, उपलब्ध खेल अवसंरचना, खिलाड़ियों की प्रगति, प्रशिक्षण पद्धति तथा जमीनी स्तर पर मौजूद चुनौतियों से संबंधित आवश्यक जानकारी संकलित करने का दायित्व सौंपा गया है। इस अध्ययन के निष्कर्ष भविष्य में नीति निर्माण, संसाधनों के बेहतर आवंटन तथा कुश्ती खेल के विकास हेतु महत्वपूर्ण आधार सिद्ध होंगे।

यह संज्ञान में आया है कि कुछ स्थानों पर समिति द्वारा मांगी गई सूचनाएँ समयबद्ध एवं पूर्ण रूप से उपलब्ध नहीं कराई जा रही हैं, जिससे इस महत्वपूर्ण अध्ययन की व्यापकता एवं गुणवत्ता प्रभावित हो सकती है।

अतः सभी संबद्ध राज्य संघों, मान्यता प्राप्त अकादमियों, अखाड़ों, प्रशिक्षकों एवं कुश्ती से जुड़े अन्य हितधारकों से अनुरोध किया जाता है कि वे समिति के सदस्यों अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों को अपेक्षित समस्त जानकारी, अभिलेख, आँकड़े एवं अन्य आवश्यक विवरण समय पर उपलब्ध कराते हुए पूर्ण सहयोग प्रदान करें।

भारत की समृद्ध कुश्ती परंपरा तथा जमीनी स्तर पर उपलब्ध प्रतिभाओं का समुचित मानचित्रण तभी संभव है जब समस्त कुश्ती समुदाय इस राष्ट्रीय महत्व के कार्य में सक्रिय सहभागिता सुनिश्चित करे। आपका सहयोग भविष्य के खिलाड़ियों के लिए बेहतर अवसर एवं सशक्त खेल पारितंत्र के निर्माण में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देगा।

अतः सभी संबंधितों से अपेक्षा है कि समिति से प्राप्त पत्राचार / अनुरोधों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर लेते हुए शीघ्र आवश्यक कार्रवाई सुनिश्चित करें।

J. K. Singh

(संजय सिंह)

अध्यक्ष

प्रतिलिपि: WFI से संबद्ध सभी इकाइयाँ और सभी कुश्ती अखाड़े व कुश्ती समुदाय।

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Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
Department of Sports

JLN Stadium, New Delhi  
Dated: 4 June, 2026

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Constitution of Committee in the Department of Sports on "Talent Cluster Analysis of Wrestling Discipline" – reg.**

A Committee with the following members is hereby constituted in this Department to study, examine and deliberate on the Talent Cluster ecosystem of Wrestling in the country and to submit its report with specific recommendations for improvement of the discipline's ecosystem.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

Sr. No.	Composition of Committee	Role in the Committee
i.	Smt. Ritu Pathik, ED Sonipat	Chairperson
ii.	Sh. Narendra Singh Ujjwal, DD, SAI	Member Convenor
iii.	Sh. K. Umesh Praveen Kumar, HPM, SAI	Member
iv.	Ms. Shilpi Sheoran, Assistant Coach, SAI	Member
v.	Sh. Giridhar VR, Coach	Member
vi.	Sh. Vinod Kumar, Chief Coach, WFI	Member
vii.	Sh. SB Prasad, Coach, Indian Air Force	Member
viii.	Sh. Emzarios Bentinidis, Expert, WFI	Member

3. The Terms of Reference for the Committee is enclosed.

4. The above Committee shall submit its report within 15 days from the date of its constitution.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: As above



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To

All Committee Members

Copy to:

1. OSD to Secretary (Sports)
2. PPS to JS (Khelo India), D/o Sports
3. DDG, Khelo India, SAI