

## National Sports Policy 2025

*Mains syllabus: GS -II: Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.*

### Why in the news?

Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister approved the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025.

### What is National Sports Policy 2025?

- **Aim** - It is a landmark initiative aimed at reshaping the country's sporting landscape and empowering citizens through sports
- **Existing Policy** - The new policy supersedes the existing National Sports Policy, 2001.
- **Strategic Roadmap** - It lays out a visionary and strategic roadmap to establish India as a global sporting powerhouse.
- **Excellence in Sports** - To make a strong contender for excellence at international sporting events, including the 2036 Olympic Games.
- **Stakeholders** - It is the outcome of extensive consultations involving Central Ministries, NITI Aayog, State Governments, National Sports Federations (NSFs), athletes, domain experts, and public stakeholders.
- **Sports Regulatory Board** - The policy suggests setting up a Sports Regulatory Board to fix ongoing problems like internal fights and poor management in sports federations.
- This board will have the authority to give, renew, or cancel the recognition of sports bodies.

### What are the key pillars of National sports policy 2025?

- **Excellence on the Global Stage** - It focuses on achieving the nation's excellence on the global stage by enhancing infrastructure, talent identification and international competitiveness.
- Encourage the adoption of sports science, sports science, medicine, and technology to boost athletic performance.
- **Sports for Economic Development** - It emphasises leveraging sports to boost industries such as tourism, manufacturing and sports technology.
- Encourage private sector participation through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and innovative funding initiatives.
- **Sports for Social Development** - The policy emphasizes the role of sports in driving social inclusion by
  - Promoting participation among marginalized sections through focused programs.
  - Revitalizing and promoting indigenous and traditional games.
  - Positioning sports as a viable career option by integrating it into education.

- Engaging the Indian diaspora through sports.
- **Sports as a people's movement** - To make sports a national movement, the policy aims to
  - Drive mass participation and a culture of fitness through nationwide campaigns and community-based events.
  - Launch fitness indices for schools, colleges, and workplaces etc.
  - Enhance universal access to sports facilities.
- **Integration with Education (NEP 2020)** - It aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to integrate sports with education.

### What are the Strategic Frameworks of the Policy?

- To realise its objectives, the NSP 2025 lays down a comprehensive implementation strategy.
- **Governance** - Establish a robust regulatory framework for sports governance, including legal framework.
- **Private Sector Funding & support** - Develop innovative financing mechanisms and engage private sector participation through PPPs and CSR.
- **Technology & Innovation** - Leverage emerging technologies, including AI and data analytics, for performance tracking, research, and program implementation.
- **National Monitoring Framework** - Create a national framework with well-defined benchmarks, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and time-bound targets.
- **Model Policy for States** - The NSP 2025 will serve as a model for States and Union Territories, encouraging them to revise or formulate their own policies in alignment with national objectives.
- **Whole-of-Government Approach** - The policy calls for integration of sports promotion into the activities, schemes, and programs of all Ministries and Departments to achieve a holistic impact.

### What lies ahead?

- With its structured vision and forward-looking strategy, National Sports Policy 2025 sets India on a transformative path toward becoming a leading sporting nation globally, while creating healthier, more engaged, and empowered citizens.

### Reference

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