

A study on the importance of sports education and the provisions of the national sports university bill, 2017

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Abstract

This paper analyses the importance of sports education and the establishment of the National Sports University. The Sports education teaches the students to maintain the physical stamina and also makes them learn the discipline and determination to win. For overall development in the personality of the students it is important to include the sports education in the academic curriculum. In this writing various definitions and important provisions of the National Sports University Bill 2017 has been discussed. It says that the University should establish a new centre and maintain it for the purpose of dissemination of sports education. It will be the duty of the University to encourage the development of the advance studies in the area of sport sciences and physical education including the research in this area of study and practice and also to conduct training programmes for advanced technologies related to sports. The encouragement should be given to tribal games and traditional sports.

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Introduction

The importance of sports in human life comes in a very natural way. There is an English saying that “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy”. It is very true that the academic learning and sports education compliment each other. There are numerous activities which can be included within sports. In the United States physical education initiated developing in the later part of the nineteenth century. There was a growing popularity in the physical education programme all across Europe. American schools also followed the European model and included the physical education in their curriculum. High quality physical education inspires the students to be confident and successful in competitive sports. Generally speaking, the physical education is included in schooling system to develop the fitness of the human body. Medical scientists observed that usefulness of sports and exercises are very important to remain healthy and active. In India there are many universities, most of them are state regulated, few of them are regulated by Central Government and now many of the universities are privately owned and well recognised by the University Grants commission. These specialised universities are also doing well in India for example, medical University, engineering University, business Administration University. From 1988^[1], a new venture started to bring out specialised universities to train the good lawyer and to do that the government encouraged to bring specialised National Law University in every state. Now, the Parliament of India is willing to bring out specialised national sports University in the state of Manipur for the purpose of promoting sports education. The preamble of the National sports University Bill, 2017 (hereinafter ‘sports University Bill’) mentions that

an educational institution is required to encourage the dissemination of sports education and which should be connected with sports technology, sports sciences, sports management and sports coaching and should also be involved in providing training to sports persons while adopting best international practices^[2].

To understand the efficacy of the various important provisions of the sports University Bill, I would like to give a general observation of some of the very important provisions from this bill.

Important definitions under the sports university bill

The sports University Bill defines the expression ‘college’ claiming that any academic institution either established or maintained by the University or college affiliated to the University mean for dissemination of sports education^[3]. Similarly, the expression ‘Department’ prescribes that there shall be Department of studies for dissemination of sports education and the department shall also have various centres of studies^[4]. The expression ‘Hall’ has been defined under this sports University Bill and describes that it will include the residence for the students admitted to this University, which could further mean to understand the corporate life of the

² The preamble of the National sports University Bill, 2017 “to establish and incorporate a National Sports University in the State of Manipur, a specialised University first of its kind, to promote sports education in the areas of sports sciences, sports technology, sports management and sports coaching besides functioning as the national training centre for select sports disciplines by adopting best international practices and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto”

³ “College” means a college or other academic Institution established or maintained by, or admitted to the privileges of, the University-S 2 e;

⁴ “Department” means a Department of Studies and includes a Centre of Studies-S 2 g;

¹ Prof Menon established first National Law University at Bangalore in 1988.

student admitted to this University^[5]. This will also include outlying campus including college or other institution affiliated by the University. The sports University Bill defines the expression 'institution', which means any academic institution either maintained or admitted to this sports University but shall not include any college^[6]. The expression 'regional centre' has been defined under this sports University Bill and prescribes that a regional centre shall in the capacity of supervisor/coordinator will supervise the original study centres for the dissemination of sports education^[7]. The sports University Bill defines the expression 'Study Centre' which means that University should establish a new centre and maintain it for the purpose of dissemination of sports education^[8]. The expression 'teachers of the University' under the sports University Bill describes that the expression shall include professors, associate professor is including assistant professors. The expression further means that any other teaching position shall come under the sports University Bill provided they are connected with the dissemination of sports education^[9].

Establishment of the university

The National Sports University is to be established by the Parliament and the head quarter of this University shall be at the State of Manipur. Under section 3 of the Sports University Bill, it is clearly mentioned that the University may come up with this outlying campus, regional centres, colleges at any places in India. The Sports University Bill also authorises the University to establish its outlying campus including study centres outside India, but for that purpose the University will have to seek an approval from the central government^[10]. The proposal for the establishment of National Sports University in Manipur was announced by the Prime Minister Mr.

Narendra Modi and the fund allocation has been announced by the Finance Minister Mr. Arun Jaitley in his budget speech in 2014-15. It was a great initiative taken by the Government in the field of sports.

Objects of the university

Section 4^[11] of the Sports University Bill, 2017 provides detailed objects of the University. The University shall encourage for the development of advanced studies in the field of sports sciences and physical education. The University shall also encourage research and development with regard to physical education and both sciences and shall provide training in advanced technologies related with sports. The University shall stream and then the existing sports training programme including tribal sports and games and also traditional sports. The University and also establish study centres and institution of excellence for the purpose of dissemination of knowledge in sports sciences and physical education. The University should also take serious role in providing vocational guidance and provide the ambience for proper placement services related with sports technology, sports medicine, sports sciences and physical education including other related fields. It is one of the objects of the University to encourage and bring highly qualified professionals in the field of sports education and also for providing extensive training programme to students of the University. It is also one of the objects of the University to come up with international collaboration in the field of sports

⁵ "Hall" means a unit of residence or of corporate life for the students of the University, or of an outlying campus or of a College or an Institution, maintained by the University-S 2 l;

⁶ "Institution" means an academic Institution, not being a college, maintained by or admitted to the privileges of, the University-S 2 n;

⁷ "Regional Centre" means a Centre established or maintained by the University for the purpose of co-ordinating and supervising the work of Study Centres in any region and for performing such other functions as may be conferred on such centre by the Executive Council;

⁸ "Study Centre" means a centre established, maintained or recognised by the 35 University for the purpose of advising, counseling, training or for rendering any other assistance required by the students-S 2 w;

⁹"teachers of the University" means Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and such other persons as may be appointed for imparting instructions, training or conducting research in the University or in any outlying 40 campus, College or Institution or Regional Centres and Study Centres maintained by the University and are designated as teachers by the Ordinances-S 2 x;

¹⁰ Sec 3. (1) There shall be established a University by the name of "National Sports University". (2) The headquarters of the University shall be in the State of Manipur and it may establish or maintain outlying campuses, Colleges, Regional Centres and Study Centres at such other places in India as it may deem fit: Provided that the University may, with the prior approval of the Central Government, also establish outlying campuses and Study Centres outside India.

(3) The first Chancellor, the first Vice-Chancellor and the first members of the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic and Activity Council, and all such persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "National Sports University". (4) The University shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and sue or be sued by the said name

¹¹ The objects of the University shall be— (i) to evolve as an institute of advanced study in the field of physical education and sports sciences; (ii) to provide for research and development and dissemination of knowledge in physical education and sports sciences by providing specially designed academic and training programmes in various areas of physical education and sports sciences and training in advanced technologies of sports; (iii) to strengthen physical education and sports training programmes to promote sports including traditional and tribal sports and games; (iv) to establish centres and institutions of excellence for imparting state of the art educational training and research in the fields of physical education and sports sciences, sports technology and high performance training for all sports and games; (v) to provide professional and academic leadership to other institutions in the field of physical education and sports sciences; (vi) to provide vocational guidance and placement services in physical education, sports sciences, sports medicine, sports technology and other related fields; (vii) to generate capabilities for the development of knowledge, skills and competences at various levels in the fields of physical education and sports sciences, sports technology and high performance training for all sports and games; (viii) to generate capabilities to provide infrastructure of international standard for education, training and research in the areas related to physical education and sports sciences, sports technology and high performance training for all sports and games; (ix) to prepare highly qualified professionals in the fields of physical education and sports sciences, sports technology and high performance training for all sports and games; (x) to serve as a Centre of Excellence for the elite and other talented sportspersons of all sports and games and innovation in physical education and sports sciences and to carry out, endorse and propagate research; (xi) to function as a leading resource centre for knowledge and development in the areas of physical education and sports sciences, sports technology and high performance training for all sports and games; (xii) to provide international collaboration in the fields of physical education and sports sciences, sports technology and high performance training for all sports and games; (xiii) to establish close linkage with sports academies, schools, colleges, sports and recreation clubs, sports associations and international federations for the purpose of teaching, training and research in physical education and sports sciences, sports technology and high performance training for all sports and games; (xiv) to train talented athletes so as to help them to evolve into elite athletes of international level; (xv) to make India become a sporting power;

sciences, sports technology and physical education for the purpose of maintaining international practices. It is also one of the objects of University to make India are sporting power and also train the talented athletes at the international level.

Powers and Functions of the sports university

Under section 5 ^[12] of the sports University Bill, 2017 many

¹² 5. (1) The University shall have the following powers and functions, namely:— (i) to plan, design, develop and prescribe courses of study and conduct appropriate academic and training programmes in physical education and sports sciences including sports technology and to provide for instruction and training in such branches of learning as the University may, from time to time, determine and to make provisions for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge; (ii) to grant, subject to such conditions as the University may determine, diplomas or certificates to, and confer degrees or other academic distinctions on, persons, on the basis of examinations, evaluation or any method of testing, and to withdraw any such diplomas, certificates, degrees or other academic distinctions for good and sufficient cause; (iii) to provide opportunities to the students of the University to participate in the sports tournaments and competitions in co-ordination with established International Sports Federations, National Sports Federations, Indian Olympic Association and Association of Indian Universities; (iv) to have liaison or membership with various international professional organisations or bodies; (v) to establish and maintain, with the prior approval of the Central Government, such outlying campuses, Regional Centres, specialised laboratories or other units for research, instruction and training as are, in the opinion of the University, necessary for the furtherance of its objects; (vi) to establish, maintain or recognise Study Centres in the manner laid down by the Statutes; (vii) to establish and maintain Colleges, Institutions and Halls; (viii) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions in the manner prescribed by the Statutes; (ix) to institute Principalships, Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and other teaching or academic positions, required by the University and to appoint persons to such Principalships, Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships or other teaching or academic positions; (x) to appoint persons working in any University or academic institution, including those located outside the country, as teachers of the University for a specified period; (xi) to create administrative, ministerial and other posts and to make appointments thereto; (xii) to co-operate or collaborate or associate with any other University or authority or institution of higher learning, including those located outside the country, in such manner and for such purposes as the University, may determine; (xiii) to provide facilities through the distance education system to such persons and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes; (xiv) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes for raising academic standards and research; (xv) to organise and to undertake extramural studies, training and extension services; (xvi) to make provision for research and advisory services and for that purpose, to enter into such arrangements with other institutions, industrial or other organisations, as the University may deem necessary; (xvii) to organise and conduct refresher courses, workshops, seminars and other programmes for teachers, evaluators, other academic staff and students; (xviii) to appoint on contract or otherwise visiting Professors, Emeritus Professors, Consultants and such other persons who may contribute to the advancement of the objects of the University; (xix) to determine standards of admission to the University, which may include examination, evaluation or any other method of testing; (xx) to demand and receive payment of fees and other charges; (xxi) to supervise the residences of the students of the University and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare; (xxii) to lay down conditions of service of all categories of employees, including their code of conduct; (xxiii) to regulate and enforce discipline among the students and the employees, and to take such disciplinary measures in this regard as may be deemed by the University to be necessary; (xxiv) to make arrangements for promoting the health and general welfare of the employees; (xxv) to receive benefactions, donations and gifts and to acquire, hold and manage, and to dispose of, with the previous approval of the Central Government, any property, movable or immovable, including trust and endowment properties, for the purposes of the University; (xxvi) to borrow, with the previous approval of the Central Government, on the security of the property of the University, money for the purposes of the University; (xxvii) to conduct innovative experiments and promote new methods and technologies in the fields of physical education, sports sciences, sports

effective functions have been prescribed, I will be mentioning some important powers and functions of the Sports University, which are worth mentioning. For example, it is the responsibility of the sports University to not only develop the prescribed courses of study but also to design and plan an appropriate academic and training programme in physical education and sport sciences. Similarly, the University has a duty to grant diplomas and certificates and must confer degrees to other academic distinctions. It is the responsibility of the sports University to provide opportunities to many students of the University to take role in sports tournaments and national and international competitions in coordination with international sports federations, national sports federations and Indian Olympic Association. It is the duty of the University to establish study centres which will help to fulfil the objects of the University in the dissemination of knowledge connected with sports sciences.

The authorities of the sports university

The sports University Bill, 2017 under section 17 ^[13] prescribes various authorities of the sports University, such as, The Court, the Executive Council, the Academy and Activity Council, the board of sports studies, the Finance committee. However, it is left to the University that it can establish any other authorities for the purpose of fulfilling the objects of the University.

Conclusion

Thus, it can be concluded that like the successful story

medicine, sports technology, and sports management and other related fields; (xxviii) to purchase or to take on lease any land or building or sports complex or sports infrastructure and scientific sports research equipment or indoor stadium or works which may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the University, on such terms and conditions as it may think fit and proper and to construct, alter and maintain any such building or work; (xxix) to start any new allied course or research programme or diploma or training programme and discontinue any course or training programme; (xxx) to invest the funds of the University in or upon such securities and transpose any investment from time to time in such manner as it may deem fit in the interest of the University; (xxxi) to execute conveyances regarding transfers, mortgages, leases, licenses, agreements and other conveyances in respect of the property, movable or immovable, including Government securities, belonging to the University or to be acquired for the purposes of the University, after taking prior permission of the Central Government; (xxxii) to act as a technical advisory body to Government of India and other National Organisations, State Governments and National Sports Federations on all matters related to sports; (xxxiii) to provide training, coaching and other back up to high level sports persons for achieving success in different national and international sports competitions; (xxxiv) to give effect to the procedures and standards provided under the Khelo India Scheme or the National Sports Talent Search and Identification Scheme; (xxxv) to confer autonomous status on a College or an Institution in the manner laid down by the Statutes; (xxxvi) to admit to its privileges any College or Institution in or outside India subject to such conditions as may be laid down by the Statutes: Provided that no College or Institution shall be so admitted except with the prior approval of the Central Government; (xxxvii) to provide for the preparation of instructional and training materials, including films, cassettes, tapes, video cassettes and other software; (xxxviii) to recognise persons for imparting instructions in any College or Institution admitted to the privileges of the University; and (xxxix) to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of its objects.

¹³ Sec 17. The following shall be the authorities of the University, namely:— (a) the Court; (b) the Executive Council; (c) the Academic and Activity Council; (d) the Board of Sports Studies; (e) the Finance Committee; (f) such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University.

connected with bringing a specialised University as National Law University the current National Sports University is also going to be a success story of this millennium. Recently, the government of Manipur initiated the process of acquisition of land for the establishment of a national sports university. Regarding the fund of the University, it is clear that there will be no dearth of financial issue, therefore, it will not be difficult for the University to establish and laying out campus including various regional and study centres for the purpose of dissemination of sports sciences, sports technology and physical education, so that the sportsperson of India can compete at the international level after maintaining international practices. It is expected that with the development of this type of sports institutions in the country will fulfil the requirement of acquiring the excellence in the knowledge and skill of learners in the field of sports to achieve success at the National as well as International level.

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