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To,
The Director, Sports
AIU Member Universities

Subject: Invitation for Applications for Establishment of AIU High-Performance Training Centres (HPTCs)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)! The Association of Indian Universities (AIU), as the apex body for university sports in the country, is committed to strengthening the high-performance pathway for university athletes and creating a structured ecosystem that enables talented student-athletes to progress from university-level competition to national and international excellence.

In furtherance of this vision, AIU proposes to establish **High-Performance Training Centres (HPTCs)** in collaboration with selected Member Universities, with **one Centre in each AIU Sports Zone** for the following priority sports:

AIU Sports Zone	Priority Sport	AIU Sports Zone	Priority Sport
North Zone	Wrestling	South Zone	Swimming
East Zone	Archery	West Zone	Shooting

The selected HPTCs will function as **National Centres of Excellence** for the respective sports and will provide year-round, evidence-based training and integrated support encompassing high-performance coaching, strength and conditioning, sports science, physiotherapy, nutrition, performance analysis, recovery and athlete welfare. The Centres are also envisaged to facilitate linkages with National Sports Federations (NSFs), Sports Authority of India (SAI) and other high-performance agencies, thereby creating pathways towards FISU competitions and major national and international sporting events.

AIU now invites applications from its **eligible Member Universities** desirous of being considered for establishment of an HPTC in the designated sport for their respective Zone. Only one Member University in each designated sport and Zone shall ordinarily be selected. Recognition shall initially be for a period of three years, subject to annual performance review and compliance with AIU guidelines. Universities applying for the HPTC must, inter alia, fulfil the prescribed eligibility requirements, including:

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1. Being an AIU Member University in good standing;
2. Possessing adequate and appropriate **sport-specific infrastructure already in place**, either owned or under permanent institutional control;
3. Having the academic, administrative and institutional capacity to operate a **year-round HPTC**, including hostel, medical and sports science facilities;
4. Having qualified coaching and allied manpower, including a suitably qualified **NIS Diploma/SAI-recognised Chief Coach** in the concerned sport;
5. Having a demonstrated sporting track record at AIU, national, FISU and/or international level, with preference to universities that have successfully organised recognised sporting events; and
6. Obtaining formal approval of the Vice-Chancellor and undertaking to enter into an MoU with AIU and operate the Centre for a minimum period of three years.

The applicant University should also have the prescribed common and sport-specific infrastructure, integrated sports science and athlete-support facilities, safe residential accommodation for male and female athletes, appropriate medical and welfare arrangements, and adequate sport-specific equipment. AIU may undertake physical verification of the facilities before final selection. Selection will be **competitive, objective and evidence-based**. Applications clearing the mandatory eligibility criteria will be evaluated on a **100-mark matrix** provided in the enclosed Guidelines. The selected University will receive initial one-time financial assistance of ₹5.00 lakh from AIU for strengthening and operationalising the HPTC.

Interested universities are requested to submit their applications in the prescribed **AIU HPTC Application Proforma** enclosed herewith, along with all supporting documents and evidence specified therein. These would include institutional approval, infrastructure details and photographs, coaching and human-resource credentials, sporting achievements, athlete-welfare facilities, Annual High-Performance Training Plan, proposed three-year development plan and utilisation plan for the AIU financial assistance.

Universities are requested to ensure that the information furnished in the application is **complete, accurate, verifiable and supported by documentary evidence**. Incomplete applications or applications not meeting the mandatory eligibility requirements may not be considered for further evaluation.

The completed application, duly signed by the competent authority, may kindly be submitted to the Additional Secretary, Sports Division, Association of Indian Universities, 16 AIU House, CIG Marg, New Delhi by **06 October, 2026**.

AIU looks forward to partnering with leading Member Universities in creating a strong and sustainable University-to-National-to-International high-performance pathway, and in nurturing the next generation of Indian sporting champions.

With warm regards,



(Dr. Mamta Rani Agarwal)



Association of Indian Universities (AIU)

Application Form

for Establishment of a High-Performance Training Centre (HPTC)

(To be submitted by the applicant university to AIU for evaluation)

1. Name of University	
2. AIU Membership No.	
3. Complete Postal Address	
4. AIU Sports Zone (North / South / East / West)	
5. Sport Applied For (Wrestling / Swimming / Archery / Shooting)	
6. Date of Establishment of University	
7. Date of Application	
8. Application Reference No. (to be assigned by AIU)	

1. HPTC Nodal Officer / Centre Coordinator Details

Name	
Designation (Director of Sports / DPE)	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	

2. Administrative Governance Structure (as per Section 4.2)

Position	Name	Contact No. / Email
Vice-Chancellor (Patron)		
Registrar		
Director of Sports / DPE (Coordinator)		
Finance Officer		
Chief Head Coach (NIS Qualified)		

3. Gate Criteria Self-Declaration (Section 4.1) — Tick as applicable

- ☐ Recognised AIU Member University in good standing
- ☐ Possesses adequate sports infrastructure for the identified sport (owned / under permanent institutional control)
- ☐ Has academic/administrative capacity to operate a year-round HPTC with hostel, medical and sports science access
- ☐ Has organised AIU Inter-University Championships / National Championships / Khelo India / other recognised events in preceding 5 years
- ☐ Vice-Chancellor's formal resolution/approval enclosed
- ☐ Willing to execute MoU with AIU and comply with all operational, financial, monitoring and reporting guidelines
- ☐ Undertakes to operate the Centre for a minimum of 3 years, subject to annual performance evaluation

4. Sports Infrastructure Details (Section 5)

Please list all sport-specific and common infrastructure facilities available at your university, with dimensions/capacity, current condition, and ownership status (owned / long-term institutional access).

Facility	Details / Specifications / Capacity	Ownership Status

5. Sports Science & Athlete-Support Facilities (Section 6) — Tick available

- ☐ Strength & Conditioning Laboratory
- ☐ Physiotherapy & Sports Medicine Unit
- ☐ Sports Massage & Recovery
- ☐ Performance Testing
- ☐ Video & Performance Analysis
- ☐ Sports Nutrition
- ☐ Sports Psychology (Desirable)
- ☐ Biomechanics Analysis (Desirable)

6. Coaching & Technical Staff Details (Section 7)

Position	Name	Qualification	Years of Experience
Chief Coach / Head Coach (NIS)			
Assistant Coach			
Strength & Conditioning Coach			
Sports Physiotherapist			
Sports Nutritionist / Dietician			
Sports Psychologist			
Performance Analyst			

7. Residential and Athlete Welfare Details (Section 8)

Hostel Accommodation Capacity (Athletes)	
Separate facilities for Men / Women (Y/N, details)	
Meals/Feeding Opportunities per Day	
Name of Qualified Nutritionist/Dietician	
Hospital Tie-up (Name of Multi-Specialty Hospital)	
Ambulance Service Arrangement	

8. Sporting Performance Track Record (Section 10) — Preceding 3–5 Years

Level of Competition	Year	Athlete Name(s)	Medal / Result / Selection
AIU Inter-University			
Khelo India University Games			
National Championship / National Games			
FISU World University Games/Championships			
Asian / Commonwealth / World Championship			
Olympic Games / Qualification Events			

9. Evaluation and Selection Matrix — 100 Marks (Section 11)

The columns below reproduce the AIU 100-Mark Evaluation Matrix (Section 11). Applicant universities need not fill the "Marks Awarded" column — it is for AIU's official use during evaluation. This scored evaluation applies only to universities that have already cleared the Gate Criteria in Section 4.1.

A. Sports Infrastructure — 35 Marks

Component	Max Marks	Assessment Parameters	Marks Awarded (For AIU Use)
Competition Facility	15	Availability, quality, capacity and compliance with national/international standards	
Training Facility	10	Dedicated training areas, availability, quality and suitability for high-performance training	
Strength & Conditioning & Recovery	5	Gymnasium, strength equipment, conditioning facilities and recovery infrastructure	
Sports Science Facilities/Space	5	Physiotherapy, testing, video analysis, nutrition and other sports science facilities	
Total	35		

B. Human Resources — 20 Marks

Component	Max Marks	Assessment Parameters	Marks Awarded (For AIU Use)
NIS/SAI Qualified Chief Coach	10	Qualification, experience, national/international exposure and performance record	
Assistant Coach(es)	3	Qualification, experience and availability	
Sports Physiotherapist	3	Professional qualification and high-performance sports experience	
Strength & Conditioning Coach	2	Recognised qualification and relevant experience	
Nutritionist / Sports Psychologist	2	Qualified personnel and availability of athlete support services	
Total	20		

Mandatory condition: Availability of a suitably qualified NIS Diploma/SAI-recognised Chief Coach in the concerned sport is a Gate Criterion. Marks under this component are awarded in addition, based on the coach's qualification, experience and demonstrated performance record.

C. Sporting Performance — 20 Marks

Achievement	Max Marks	Assessment Parameters	Marks Awarded (For AIU Use)
AIU Inter-University Performance	8	Medals and consistent performance during the preceding 3–5 years	
National-Level Performance	6	National Championship/National Games medalists and national-level representation	
International/FISU Representation	6	FISU, Asian, Commonwealth, World Championship, Olympic or other recognised international representation	
Total	20		

D. Athlete Welfare & Support — 15 Marks

Component	Max Marks	Assessment Parameters	Marks Awarded (For AIU Use)
Athlete Hostel & Accommodation	5	Capacity, quality, separate facilities for men and women and proximity to training facilities	
Sports Nutrition	4	Qualified nutritionist, sports diet, hydration and food support	
Medical & Rehabilitation Support	3	Medical screening, physiotherapy, hospital tie-up and emergency services	
Athlete Safety & Safeguarding	3	Security, emergency response, safeguarding and athlete protection mechanisms	
Total	15		

E. Governance, Institutional Commitment & Sustainability — 10 Marks

Component	Max Marks	Assessment Parameters	Marks Awarded (For AIU Use)
Vice-Chancellor/Institutional Commitment	3	Formal institutional commitment, administrative support and resource allocation	
Financial Management	2	Transparent financial system, utilisation of grants and audit mechanism	
Annual High-Performance Training Plan	3	Scientific annual training calendar, camps, competitions, testing and monitoring	
Research, Innovation & Performance Development	2	Sports science research, technology, data analysis and collaboration with experts	
Total	10		

Summary

Evaluation Component	Max Marks	Marks Awarded (For AIU Use)
A. Sports Infrastructure	35	
B. Human Resources	20	
C. Sporting Performance	20	
D. Athlete Welfare & Support	15	
E. Governance, Institutional Commitment & Sustainability	10	
Grand Total	100	

Qualifying Threshold: A university must secure a minimum of 70 marks out of 100 to qualify for consideration for selection as an HPTC (Section 11.1).

10. Proposed Utilisation Plan for AIU Financial Assistance (₹5,00,000)

Component	% Proposed	Amount Proposed (₹)
Coaching & Technical Experts (up to 30%)		
Sports Science & Athlete Support (up to 20%)		
Sports Equipment & Training Aids (up to 25%)		
Athlete Recovery, Testing & Performance Assessment (up to 15%)		
Education, Capacity Building & Performance Analysis (up to 10%)		
Total	100%	₹5,00,000

11. Checklist of Documents Enclosed (Section 14)

- ☐ AIU Application Form (this document), duly completed
- ☐ Vice-Chancellor's formal resolution/approval
- ☐ Nodal Officer/Centre Coordinator details
- ☐ Undertaking to execute MoU with AIU
- ☐ Infrastructure Compliance Certificate
- ☐ Detailed infrastructure inventory with dimensions/specifications
- ☐ Minimum 15 recent geo-tagged photographs of facilities
- ☐ Coaching staff qualification certificates (NIS/SAI, etc.)
- ☐ Appointment/engagement letters of key personnel
- ☐ Sporting performance documents (results, certificates, ranking lists)
- ☐ Athlete welfare and hostel/medical facility details
- ☐ Hospital/medical tie-up documentation
- ☐ Annual High-Performance Training Plan
- ☐ Proposed 3-Year HPTC Development Plan
- ☐ Proposed Utilisation Plan for AIU Financial Assistance
- ☐ Financial declarations and undertakings

12. Declaration

We hereby certify that the information furnished in this application is true, complete and verifiable, and that the university agrees to abide by the AIU High-Performance Training Centre Guidelines, financial norms, monitoring framework and performance evaluation system. We undertake to make available, throughout the approved period, the infrastructure, coaches and support staff committed in this application.

Signature of Nodal Officer	Signature of Registrar	Signature of Vice-Chancellor (with University Seal)
Date:	Date:	Date:

Please submit the completed application along with all enclosures to the AIU Sports Division, New Delhi, within the timeline specified in the notification inviting applications.