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It is hereby brought to the kind notice of all concerned that the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI New Delhi** has extended the support and cooperation for implementing the Khelo Bharat Niti-2025. **Khelo Bharat Niti 2025** aims to transform **India's sports ecosystem** through five key pillars: achieving global excellence, boosting economic growth, promoting social inclusion and health, making sports a mass movement and integrating sports with educational. It is conceptualized to serve as a model policy for all and calls it as a whole-of-Government approach for **integration of sports promotion** into the activities, schemes and programs of all Ministries/Departments to achieve a holistic impact.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements the following schemes for the educational empowerment of Scheduled Castes (SC) students:

1. **Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes:**
   - Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC and Other Students.
   - Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students.
2. **Top Class Education Scheme for SCs**
3. **Free Coaching Scheme for SCs**
4. **Central Sector Scheme- SHREHTA (Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas)**

   This Scheme is implemented in two modes:
   - **Mode-I:** Financial assistance is provided to the private residential school affiliated by CBSE/State Boards for study of 3000 SC students per year from 9 to 12 classes; and
   - **Mode-II:** Financial Assistance to the projects of Non-Residential Schools/Residential Schools and Hostels run by NGO's at Primary & Secondary level.

Participation in Khel offers Scheduled Caste (SC) students **numerous benefits** that extend beyond **physical fitness** to include mental well-being, social empowerment and educational advancement. Engaging in sports helps improve their health, build confidence and develop essential life skills such as discipline, teamwork and leadership. Moreover, Khel provides a platform by **social integration**, helping to break caste barriers and promote inclusion by **fostering interactions with diverse peers**. Success in sports can also open **avenues** for scholarships and career opportunities, contributing to the **economic upliftment** of SC students. Overall, promoting sports among the students plays a critical role in empowering them, enhancing their self-esteem and supporting their holistic development in line with the goals of **social justice and equality.**

It has been informed that **Khelo Bharat Niti-2025** focuses on alignment with **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and integrating sports with education to nurture holistic development and life skills in youth, promoting both academic and athletic excellence.

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1. The Secretary (Edu.), to the Govt of Himachal Pradesh, HP Shimla-2 for kind information please.
2. The Under Secretary, to the Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi w.e.f. letter No.K-11036/4/2023-SCD-V dated 6th Oct, 2025.
3. The Registrars of Universities located in Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Head of Institutions of Higher, Technical and Professional education in Himachal Pradesh.

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5. The Director, All India Radio Centre, Shimla, Doordarshan Centre, Shimla.
6. The Editor, The Tribune Newspaper, The Indian Express Newspaper Shimla, The Times of India Newspaper, Hindustan Times Newspaper, Shimla,, Amar Ujala, Divya Himachal, Punjab Kesari, Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Jagran, Shimla to publish the Press Release on Newspaper.
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