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# India's Quest for Olympic Gold

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## Genesis

*It is not the strongest of species that survives nor the most intelligent, but the one who is most responsive to change/challenge in life.*

— Charles Darwin

In view of above scientific and universal fact, it becomes mandatory for every individual or organization to be able to respond to fast changing and challenging environmental conditions/situations effectively for survival of the fittest and success of smartest in any walk of life. Evidently, it is confirmed that evolution leads to revolution, if scientific approach is applied with professional touch. The competitive sports and scientific research need to go ahead hand in hand in the process of pursuing excellence at national and international level.

Today, we live in a highly competitive world where those who cannot change and cope with rapidly changing times are always left behind in the race for future success. Similarly, professional sporting world has also increasingly become intensely competitive due to economic and political importance attached to the *Medal Tally* in Olympic Games. Now, the advantage goes to India on account of its public health awareness, progressive economic growth and sustaining political strength at local and global level as well. This is the right time for Indian sports to grow and glow in all dimensions by adopting a rigorous and scientific training schedule to inculcate the spirit of fight to the finish, amongst elite potential athletes.

## Vision

- To make India a vibrant and leading-edge sporting nation in the world within next decade, in the conviction that promoting a nation-wide, all embracing sports-culture for securing accelerated, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, through building sound stock of young human capital by equitable, balanced and wide-spread investment(s) in competitive sports and scientific research.
- To make Indian sports system put in place, fully accessible, accountable, affordable, spectacular and transparent, ensuring that hard earned money of taxpayers does not go down the drain, for the luxury of self-serving bosses of National Sports Federations for changing the mind-set of masses to take-up sports as an active life style.

## Rationale

In 21<sup>st</sup> century, a new practical vibrant society of experts and professionals is progressively emerging wherein professional knowledge with scientific approach is the primary production resource instead of capital and man-power. Therefore, one can feel digital revolution pulsating

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