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Civic body plans sports policy

NASHIK: Mayor Yatin Wagh called a meeting of the city's sports associations on Friday, inviting suggestions from them for a proposed sports policy by the Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC).

Wagh said, "The objective in preparing a sports policy is to promote sports in the city. Suggestions made by the associations about infrastructure facilities, financial assistance, sports festivals, appointment of dieticians for players etc., will be incorporated in the proposed policy. Written suggestions by sports enthusiasts will also be accepted."

Rajendra Satpurkar a member of the Body Building Association said, "The NMC must conduct sports competitions at the district-level to promote local sportspersons. The gymnasiums are constructed by the NMC and adequate equipment is provided to these gymnasiums, however they are not maintained properly. The management of these gymnasiums should therefore be given to sports associations."

Arjun Tile, an office-bearer of the National Congress Party (NCP) said, "There is a large number of gardens, but playgrounds are less. So, the NMC must focus on developing more playgrounds and set up a sports development committee

at prabhag-level."

Santosh Mandale, an office-bearer of a sports associations said, "There is a need for proper training for players by the municipal corporation. The NMC must adopt the players who shine at the state, national and international levels."

Deepak Sonawane of the Maharashtra Body Building Association said, "Apart from the training, a nutritious diet for the players is also needed. So a special dietician must be appointed by the civic body to provide dietary tips to players."

Prashant Bhabad of the Kabaddi association said that a special committee of sports experts should be set up to chalk out the sports policy of the municipal corporation. He added that a provision of funds should be made in the NMC's budget.

The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) is planning to come out with a sports policy to promote sports in the city.

The city mayor Yatin Wagh, who had called the meeting of sports associations on Friday said that the suggestions made by them would be incorporated in the proposed policy.

Wagh said, "The objective in preparing sports policy is to promote sports in the city. The suggestions made by the associations like infrastructure facilities, financial assistance, organizing sports festivals, appointment of dietician for players etc would be incorporated in the proposed policy. Moreover, the written suggestions by sports-lovers will also be accepted."

Earlier, while discussing the issue, Rajendra Satpurkar of the body building association said, "NMC must conduct various sports competitions at district-level to promote sportspersons. Moreover, the gymnasiums are constructed by the NMC and adequate equipments are also provided to gymnasiums, but they are not maintained properly. Hence, management of these gymnasiums be given to sports associations so that they will be maintained properly."

Arjun Tile, an office-bearer of the National Congress Party (NCP) said, "There are large numbers of gardens in the city, but playgrounds are very less. Hence, the NMC must focus on developing more playgrounds and set up sports development committee at prabhag-level.

Santosh Mandale, an office-bearer of one of the sports associations said, "There is need to create players and proper training be imported to them by the municipal corporation. Moreover, the NMC must adopt the players who shine at state, national and international levels."

Deepak Sonawane of Maharashtra Body Building Association said, "Apart from training, nutritious diet is also needed to players. Hence, special dietician be appointed by the municipal corporation to provide dietary tips to players.

Prashant Bhabad of Kabaddi association said suggested setting up special committee of sport experts to chalk out the sports policy of the municipal corporation and the provision of funds be made in the budget of NMC.

