

5TH EDITION

HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



**Online Program for Sports
Administrators by
ELMS Sports Foundation and
Abhinav Bindra Foundation**

Recognizing the need for competent high-performance administrators to drive India's aspiration of becoming a sporting powerhouse by 2028, ELMS Sports Foundation in association with Abhinav Bindra Foundation and Loughborough Sport launched its inaugural High Performance Leadership Program (HPLP) in July 2020.

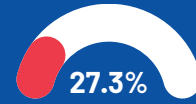
The High-Performance Leadership Program (HPLP) is a one-of-a-kind program that aims to create more leaders and strong influencers in the Indian sporting landscape.

This program is specifically designed to help India's sports administrators upgrade their knowledge, skills, and abilities in the area of management and leadership in High Performance Sports.

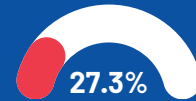
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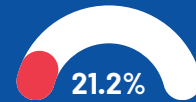
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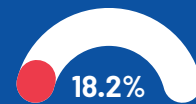
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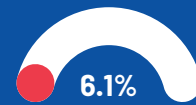
Army Sports
07



Non Profit Organisations
06



Independent
02



Total

33



PARTICIPANT PROFILES



**ADITI MUTATKAR
ATHALEY**
Program Head - Simply
Sport Foundation

A professional athlete with over 16 years of experience, Aditi has been part of the Indian National Badminton team, and has represented India at the World Championships and the Asian Games. She won silver in the mixed team event at the Commonwealth Games (2010). After her professional sports career, she completed her Masters in Public Administration with a specialisation in Non-profit Management.



AKASH NISAR
Consultant -
PricewaterhouseCoopers
(PwC) Pvt. Ltd.

A Sports Consultant at PwC, Akash works with high-profile projects in the sports arena, including the bidding process for the 2036 Olympic Games. Prior to this, he was involved in Athlete Management at Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ), working closely with elite junior athletes in the country. His aspiration through HPLP is to gain insight into the global high-performance landscape and contribute to the development of athletes.



**ANIKET
JIGNESHKUMAR PATEL**
Operations Manager -
Vijayi Bharat Sports
Academy

Aniket has seven years of work experience in the field of Sports Management under his belt. He has worked at all levels of sport, from the grassroots to High Performance Academies to integrate sports science departments. Working for the FIFA under-17 World Cup as a Volunteer during his MBA studies, and being a part of the National Games Organizing Committee has given him immense insights into sports events.



BADRINATH PRATHI
Zonal Head of
Sports Science &
Medicine - NCA,
BCCI

Badrinath is a sports physiotherapist who has been part of the contingent of elite sports teams and athletes upto the Olympic level across various sports like cricket, football, tennis, and sprints. He is an ultra-endurance athlete himself, participating in 100 kms marathons.

PARTICIPANT PROFILES



**BHAUMIKKUMAR
MALAYKUMAR OZA**
District Coach -
Sports Authority of
Gujarat

Bhaummikkumar is a former national Table Tennis player and medalist who currently works at Sports Authority of Gujarat as a District Coach. Since 2016, he has been posted in the Head Office of the Sports Management Department. He was also a member of the Games Technical Conduct Committee at the 36th National Games, Gujarat.



CHINTAN MEHTA
District Sports
Development Officer -
Sports Authority of
Gujarat

A seasoned tennis coach with 15 years of expertise, Chintan has represented India internationally as a coach at the ISF World School Championship. He now serves as a District Sports Development Officer, Anand. Proficient in coaching across different levels of the sport, Chintan excels in planning and adeptly organizing tournaments.



DARSHAN NK
Head of Programs -
Simply Sport
Foundation

Darshan is a sports enthusiast who is passionate about sports development, and hopes to bring a change to the Indian sports ecosystem through his contributions. He has 10 years of experience in the field, and presently works as Head of Programs at Simply Sport Foundation.



DAVINDER SINGH
Senior Pistol Coach -
Army Marksmanship
Unit, Mhow

Davinder is a Senior Pistol Coach in the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU). A former international shooter, he has 13 years of experience as an athlete, and seven years of experience as a coach.

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**DINESH SHIVAJIRAO
KADAM**
District Sports Officer -
Sports Authority of
Gujarat

Dinesh is a former hockey player who has represented both Guajrat and the Indian Navy in national-level tournaments. He served in the Indian Navy for 15 years, and has also been the head of the Sports Department at Baroda High School. Since 2016, he has been working with the Government of Gujarat as a District Sports Officer.



E ANAND SWAROOP
Deputy General
Manager, HR - Gujarat
Fluorochemicals Ltd
(GFL)

E Anand, with over 20 years of experience in HR, is passionate about his work in Learning and Development. As a trainer, he hopes to guide and assist others in their development. He has a Masters in Labour Welfare from VNSGU, and currently works as DGM - HR at GFL.



HEMANT GUPTA
Head, Adventure and
Sports Academies -
Tata Steel

Hemant is an engineer by training who switched to mountaineering and outdoor sports to follow his passion. He is presently head of the Tata Steel Adventure Foundation and Sports Academies, where he is building a one-of-a-kind holistic ecosystem for sport climbing in India. He also looks after the hockey, football and archery academies.



IMRAN HASAN KHAN
Rifle Team Coach -
Army Marksmanship
Unit, Mhow

Imran Hasan Khan is a decorated rifle shooter who has won gold (South Asian Games 2006, 2008, Commonwealth Games 2010), silver (South Asian Games 2006) and bronze (Asian Games 2006) for India across 10 metre, 50 metre, and 300 metre competitions. He has also won medals at the National Games over the years. A former Army officer, he is presently Rifle Team Coach at the AMU.

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KAMALA PAL
District Coach -
Sports Authority of
Gujarat

Kamala has over 8 years of experience as a Kabaddi Coach, with many of his players going to win medals at the National Games, Khelo India Games and Khel Mahakumbh Tournaments.



L N B SIVA GANGADHAR
Head Physiotherapist -
The Andhra Cricket
Association

L N B Siva is the Head Physiotherapist at The Andhra Cricket Association. A hard-working team player, he enjoys the sports of chess, volleyball and badminton in his time after work.



LAXMAN SINGH
Army Shotgun Trap Coach -
Army Marksmanship Unit,
Mhow

An Indian Army officer, Laxman Singh is a shotgun shooter who has competed in multiple tournaments nationally and at the World Military Games since 2004. He works with the Army Shotgun Team as a Trap Coach, and is adding to his qualifications as a sports professional through various programs.



LAXMAN SINGH BISHT
Training Officer -
Indian Army

Laxman Singh Bisht is the Training Officer for India's top national and international athletes. His charter of duty is to create a High Performance training environment for athletes, coaches and support staff at the AMU and the Infantry School, Mhow, with the aim of creating world-class athletes who succeed at the highest levels of their sport for the Indian Army and the country.

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NANDAN RAGHOTHAMA
Cricket Operations
Manager

Nandan is an experienced Cricket Operations Manager with a range of experience in the field of cricket management. His expertise includes handling cricket logistics, events, high performance management and sports operations.



NIKUNJ VIG
Sports Development
Officer - Lakshyan
Academy of Sports

Nikunj is a National Sports University Graduate and an AFC/AIFF certified football Coach. A former team member of the Delhi Dynamos FC, he has worked in coaching and sports science related roles at Bhaichung Bhutia Football Schools and Sudeva, Delhi. He has also overseen grassroot and youth development projects for Delhi and Manipur's State Football Associations. He presently works across 9 sports disciplines at Lakshyan Academy of Sports.



OM PRAKASH
Archery Coach -
Sports Authority
of Gujarat

Om has represented India as the Archery Coach of the Indian team at the Asia Cup, and has produced many national and international medalists through his coaching. He has completed his Diploma in Archery Coaching from NSNIS Kolkata.



RAJEEV GUPTA
Sports Advisor -
Gupta Sports
Academy

Rajeev is a former athletics medalist who has won gold for India at the 1994 International Athletic Competition and at national tournaments. A recipient of the Gujarat Sardar Patel Award, Rajeev has been a coach since 1997. He now contributes to sports development at state and national levels through his work as Sports Advisor for various organisations, including Gujarat Police and ONGC Ahmedabad.

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RAJESH KUMAR
Shooting Coach -
Army Marksmanship
Unit, Mhow

Rajesh is a shooter who has represented India internationally. Since 2021, he has been serving as Shooting Coach to the Indian Army Paralympic Shooters at the Army Marksmanship Unit. One of his shooters has won a place in the Olympics quota for the Paralympic Games in Paris, 2024.



RESHMA KARTHIK
Para Athletes
Manager - Olympic
Gold Quest

Reshma is a former International badminton player who ranked No. 1 in India, and entered the top 100 world ranking in the women's singles event. She had represented India nationally and abroad before her present role as Para Athletes Manager at OGQ.



ROBIN NIRWANI
Junior Consultant -
Sports Authority of
India

Robin is a sports management professional with a decade of experience in the sports sector, cutting across diverse spheres like grassroots development, event management and sports administration.



RONAK VORA
Senior Operations
Manager - Vijayi
Bharat Foundation

Ronak is a sports management professional with a career spanning more than 13 years. He has previously worked with EduSports, Sports Authority of India and EY before his present role as Senior Operations Manager at Vijayi Bharat Foundation.

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ROSHAN THAPA
District Coach -
Sports Authority of
Gujarat

Roshan Thapa is an experienced Fencing Coach who presently works as District Coach with Sports Authority of India. His goal is to learn more about implementing high performance concepts to his sport of fencing.



SANDEEP KUCHIBHOTLA
Head of Business
Development - Wild
Warrior Adventures

Sandeep is the head of business development at Wild Warrior Adventures, driving the expansion of Obstacle Course Racing as a mainstream sport in India. He has worked at GITAM University to formulate policies and guidelines for their recreational sporting ecosystems, and successfully established 31+ Sports Clubs and provided mentorship to over 1,000 students during his tenure. An enthusiastic rider, he holds an India Book of Records title as the Youngest person to complete a solo motorcycle expedition across all 28 states and 6 Union Territories of India.



SATYENDRA SINGH
Air Rifle Coach - Army
Marksmanship Unit,
Mhow

Satyendra is a shooter who has represented India 28 times on the international stage. He is presently 10-mtr Air Rifle Coach at AMU, Mhow.



SAURABH SHARMA
Coach, Badminton
Association of India

Saurabh is a professional badminton player who has represented India in multiple national and international tournaments. In his playing days, his highest world ranking was 44, and he participated in over 40 international tournaments across almost 30 different countries, winning 5 major titles. He is also co-founder of Sparring Player, a global e-commerce platform for badminton & tennis players.

PARTICIPANT PROFILES



SHAIKH MOHSIN ANIS
Army Shotgun Team
Coach - Army
Marksmanship Unit

Shaikh Mohsin Anis is a decorated Olympic double Trap Shooter, winning medals consecutively between 2021 and 2023. He has been serving in the Army since 2011, and presently works with the Army Shooting Team as a Trap Coach.



SUHEIM SHEIKH
President - The Yacht
Club of Hyderabad

An accomplished sailor and coach, Suheim is Head Coach and Founder of The Yacht Club of Hyderabad.



SURAJ KOTTA
Senior Product
Designer - Mindtickle

Suraj graduated from IIT Guwahati before going on to work as a Product Designer at Mindtickle. He has played roller hockey at the State level and field hockey at the college level, and enjoys playing tennis as a hobby. He is driven by a passion for developing systems and scientific evidence-based strategies for how talent in sports can be discovered, created, shaped and sustained.



VIRENDRASINH JADEJA
District Sports Officer -
Sports Authority of
Gujarat

A former national-level football, handball, volleyball and athletics athlete, Virendrasinh has over 10 years of experience in a variety of sports departments. As District Sports Officer, his main focus is in organizing and managing government sports competitions.

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VISHVA DHIMAN
District Coach,
Basketball - Sports
Authority of Gujarat

An experienced basketball coach, Vishva has worked with a variety of educational institutions like the Shiv Nadar University and Amity Group before her present role as a District Coach with the Sports Authority of Gujarat. She has a Masters degree in Physical Education from LNIPE, Gwalior, and a diploma in sports coaching from NSNIS, Patiala.



ABOUT ELMS SPORTS FOUNDATION



ELMS Sports Foundation is a not-for-profit initiative committed to accelerating the development of sports in India. We are a Physical Literacy and Sports Excellence promotion organization with a vision of creating and disseminating world-class sports knowledge among all Indians. We aim to act as a critical change agent to ensure healthy and happy children, empowered coaches/PE teachers, aware parents, performance-oriented administrators, and knowledgeable stakeholders.

ELMS Sports Foundation under the guidance of Pullela Gopichand and Abhinav Bindra is committed to accelerating the development of our country through a Physically Literate society and high-performing athletes. The Foundation is promoted by Mr Jalaj Dani and Ms Vita Dani. Reliance Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Reliance Industries Limited, is also committed to supporting ELMS' vision. The ELMS Board of Directors includes Mr. Kamlesh Mehta, Arjuna Awardee and 8 times National Table Tennis Champion, and Mrs. Monalisa Mehta, Arjuna Awardee and National Women's Table Tennis Champion.

ABOUT THE ABHINAV BINDRA FOUNDATION



The Abhinav Bindra Foundation is a non-profit organisation that has dedicated itself to Sporting Excellence. Through ensuring global best practice is made available to all, the Foundation identifies ways to educate, inspire, and help the Indian ecosystems accept nothing but excellence. Founded by India's first Olympic Gold Medalist Abhinav Bindra, the Foundation currently works with Sports Science and its implementation in India as a primary focus, with the intention to also ensure skill development, education, and social upliftment through sport can be explored.

The three Avenues of Outreach that the Foundation employs are:

- Education and Awareness
- Intervention
- Research

Using these Avenues, the Foundation has reached out to almost 800+ athletes across 6 cities, as well as the surrounding ecosystem, bringing all a step closer to excellence.



ABOUT LOUGHBOROUGH SPORT



Voted 'The Best University for Sport in the World' by QS World University Rankings for six consecutive years (2017-2022), Loughborough University boasts the greatest concentration of high-performance sports facilities than anywhere else in the UK and is proud to be associated with world-class sports organizations including the British Olympic Association and National Governing Bodies for Cricket, Swimming, Athletics, Triathlon, and Weightlifting.

Loughborough Sport, the knowledge partner for the program, plays host to many of the highest-performing athletes and teams in the UK. All its programs are led by expert coaching personnel who are constantly striving to improve both individual and team performance and are supported by a wide range of skilled support services.





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