

:: DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS ::

Our Vision:

We are committed to meet all the physical and mental health and fitness needs required for the all round development of personality of the students and to have a transformative impact through diverse programmes that inspire leadership, teamwork, wellness, and resilience and offer students, staff and faculty the opportunities to develop the intellect, ethics, moral and character needed to lead a meaningful life in the society.

Our Mission:

We are dedicated to promote and foster sports and physical culture of high quality through proper training and coaching, serve the needs of the society by encouraging, generating and promoting excellence in sports performance, research and extensive activities in the field of various Games and Sports.

:: A Brief Profile ::

Shivaji University was established on 18th November 1962 at Kolhapur and has been named after Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the great Indian Maratha warrior king. It was inaugurated at the hands of the great educationist and the then President of India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

In the Initial stage, the jurisdiction of Shivaji University was spread over five districts, namely – Kolhapur, Sangli, Solapur, Satara and Ratnagiri. This university was started with 34 colleges situated in these five districts. But later Ratnagiri District was included in the jurisdiction of University of Mumbai and the Solapur University was established in the year 2004. Hence the affiliation of the colleges situated in those separated districts was automatically ceased and finally its jurisdiction was limited to only three districts namely, Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara. However, the number of colleges in these three districts gradually increased and presently more than 291 colleges and institutions are affiliated to this university and about 2.5 lacs of students are being enrolled every year in this University.

The campus of this university has spread over 849 acres of land. Presently we have about 39 post-graduate departments in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science, Engineering, Social Sciences, Technology, Management, etc. There are about 20 internal Administrative Departments and Sports Department is one of them. The Department of Sports was established in 1991 in the Shivaji University, Kolhapur it was greatly helped in conducting the various sports activities time to time and spread the scope and importance of Sports among the youngsters.

Main functions of the Sports Department of the University are - (1) to organize various programmes and coaching camps to promote different Games and Sports amongst the students enrolled in various Graduation and Post-graduation level courses in the university, (2) To prepare, maintain and provide sports Infrastructure and facilities to its students throughout the year as and when necessary, (3) To conduct Zonal and Inter-zonal Competitions and Tournaments in about 34 Sports disciplines as scheduled earlier. (4) To prepare the University Teams in about 34 Sports disciplines through selection procedure and train them for participating in Inter Varsity Competitions and Tournaments every year.

Since the past decade, the Sports Department of Shivaji University is strongly focusing on upgrading the physical and mental health of the players of individual sports as well as team games, which ultimately results in the development of dynamic personalities. It further leads an

individual to create a special place in the society. The sports persons of this university who have so far achieved success in various sports activities have been helped to secure better job opportunities in government offices, public and private sectors.

The tournaments at Zonal and Inter Zonal levels were conducted through the Department of Sports successfully. For these tournaments the financial support is provided by Department of Sports. The special coaching is being given to the players selected for different events to participate in the West Zone/All India Inter University Tournaments/Competitions.

Along with above important sports activities, Inter University Tournaments of various events like Kabaddi, Basketball, Table-Tennis, Wrestling and Handball have been organized successfully by the Department of Sports.

Shivaji University has a huge sports complex which is known as "Krida Maharshi Meghnath Nageshkar Krida Sankul". Existing pavilion, dressing rooms are available for practice, coaching and conducting different sports activities. The Sports Complex is provided with Athletics Track, Basketball Cement Courts, Cricket Ground, Kho-Kho Courts, Hockey, Volleyball Courts etc. Recently well equipped 8 Lane Athletics Synthetic Track with all equipments has been constructed at Sports Complex.

In addition to above facilities, there is a separate Gymnasium Hall. The hall serves as multipurpose hall, in which the indoor games like physical conditioning unit, Table-Tennis, Gymnastics, Wrestling, Judo, Weight Lifting, Power Lifting and Best Physique and Chess etc. are conducted. The unique feature of open air theater is available where cultural programmes are held.

The separate facilities are provided to the students of P. G. Gymkhana of the University. Teams of P.G. Students are sent for Zonal, Inter Zonal tournaments and selection trials for the selection in the University team. The Department of Sports has its own special importance in Shivaji University, Kolhapur. The Department is provided with achievements in various sports activities like Athletics, Cross – Country, Shooting, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Football, Malkhamb, Rope Malkhamb, Weight Lifting, Power Lifting, Best Physique. It has developed many renowned sports personalities.

The achievement of the sports personalities were highly honored by the Department of Sports. The awards like Krida Maharshi Meghanath Nageshkar Rolling Trophy is being distributed every year to the best performance in the academic year.

University has produced many National International Players for India and they have shown excellent performance at the National and International levels.

Shivaji University Shooting Team has secured **Chaudhary Charansingh Memorial General Championship Trophy for the year 2008-09 and this trophy has been achieved first time by a University in Maharashtra State.**

The Sports Department is focusing strongly and improving coaching techniques, modern scientific approaches and the development of infrastructure.

In future more attention shall be given to generate sportsman to complete the Inter National Competition.