

Football4Schools initiative

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Why is in news? Shri Dharmendra Pradhan signs MoU with FIFA and AIFF for implementing Football4Schools initiative in India

Union Ministry of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, on behalf of the Ministry of Education signed an MoU in Mumbai with FIFA and All India Football Federation for the 'Football4Schools' initiative in India.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that **sports has been given a place of pride in NEP 2020** and the Football 4 Schools program espouses the spirit of NEP2020.

The football is an immensely popular sport and the Football4Schools program uses it as a positive tool to inspire children and ensure their holistic development. 'Football4Schools' aims to empower 25 million young boys and girls in India through sports-integrated learning.

Benefits of Football for Schools Programme:

Empower learners (boys and girls) with valuable life skills and competencies

Empower and provide coach-educators with the training to deliver sport and life-skills activities

Build the capacity of stakeholders (Schools, Member Associations and public authorities) to deliver training in life skills through football

Strengthen the cooperation between governments and participating schools to enable partnerships, alliances and intersectoral collaboration.