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NOC NEWS

Looking for the right Sport



“What’s good for goose?”

This is the second of the three-part narration on what is the most suited discipline or sport in Sri Lanka. A sport that the authorities could concentrate research and develop to be regular medal winning entity in global terms like long distance running in Kenya.

When a certain organisation goes through a lean period for a prolonged phase you automatically begin to think “what’s good for goose?” Then people of authority begin to ponder where we have gone wrong and what remedial action we should be taking to move back into top gear.

Speaking of the fortunes of general sports besides cricket which is the Brand Ambassador of Sri Lanka, the rest have fallen by the wayside during the past two decades except sporadic small mercies and top achievements in the lowly placed -

South Asian Games. Here what we are looking at is medals that are portrayed globally like the achievements of Susanthika Jayasinghe.

There are 72 National Sport Federations in Sri Lanka which comes under Sports Ministry parasol while of it 34 National Federations are based on the International Olympic Committee nod and accepted by the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka.

There the National Olympic Committee is yearning to take the on us and is trying hard to support them to elevate them to the level of Medal -

winning entities in global terms.

For instance, athletes from Track and Field, Weightlifting, Shooting, and Archery have more likelihood of winning a medal in the international arena or qualify for the Olympic Games, or the at the Asian Games in 2022, Commonwealth Games in 2022, Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 and Paris Olympic Games in 2024 than rest of the others, some say.

Yes, the aim is to look for focused beyond, but having a set goal is more result oriented.

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Nonetheless, GoodSport was in conversation with Professor B.L.H. Perera who is a veteran on the subject sports administration sports philosophy. We asked him "What's good for the goose?"

The veteran sports administrator replied this is a vast subject that could not be explained haphazardly but, we could skim only the surface.

Taking an example, he explained "Talking of what is good for netball the other day I was explaining to a colleague of mine that is not only height that is necessary to become an effective netballer.

"In Jaffna and Batticaloa a majority of the schoolgirls' cycle to their schools and back and that is their main mode of conveyance.

"Then as time passes by, they develop balancing which is a vital ingredient to become an effective netballer.

"But I do not see any of the girls from the northern and eastern schools in the Netball main circle. In this fashion there is a lot of research to be done."

Then Professor Perera was explaining how he was impressed with the opinion of a schoolgirl from Batticaloa during the just concluded OVEP debater.

He said "She was discussing the problem of doping in our country. I learned a lot through her point of view.

"Here they say that they are going to open a huge lab to tackle the doping problem. Taking drugs is a social problem and it's not a technical problem.

"Just look at the sports development process in our country? Young kids not have the opportunity to indulge in childlike things like running about physical fitness.

"In the days gone by young children were exposed to the elements running about and playing out there in the yard, that, we explain that as bodily learning or physical literacy.

"There they develop the element of hand-eye co-ordination; from young days they begin to connect your brain and hand. But sadly, the young generation is all about mobiles and electronic connectivity."

He said to combat doping the best tool is awareness. At present this ingredient is almost missing. This is the responsibility of the school's system I mean the ministry and the other relevant National Federations.

"They seek and establish ways to develop these ingredients at that level.

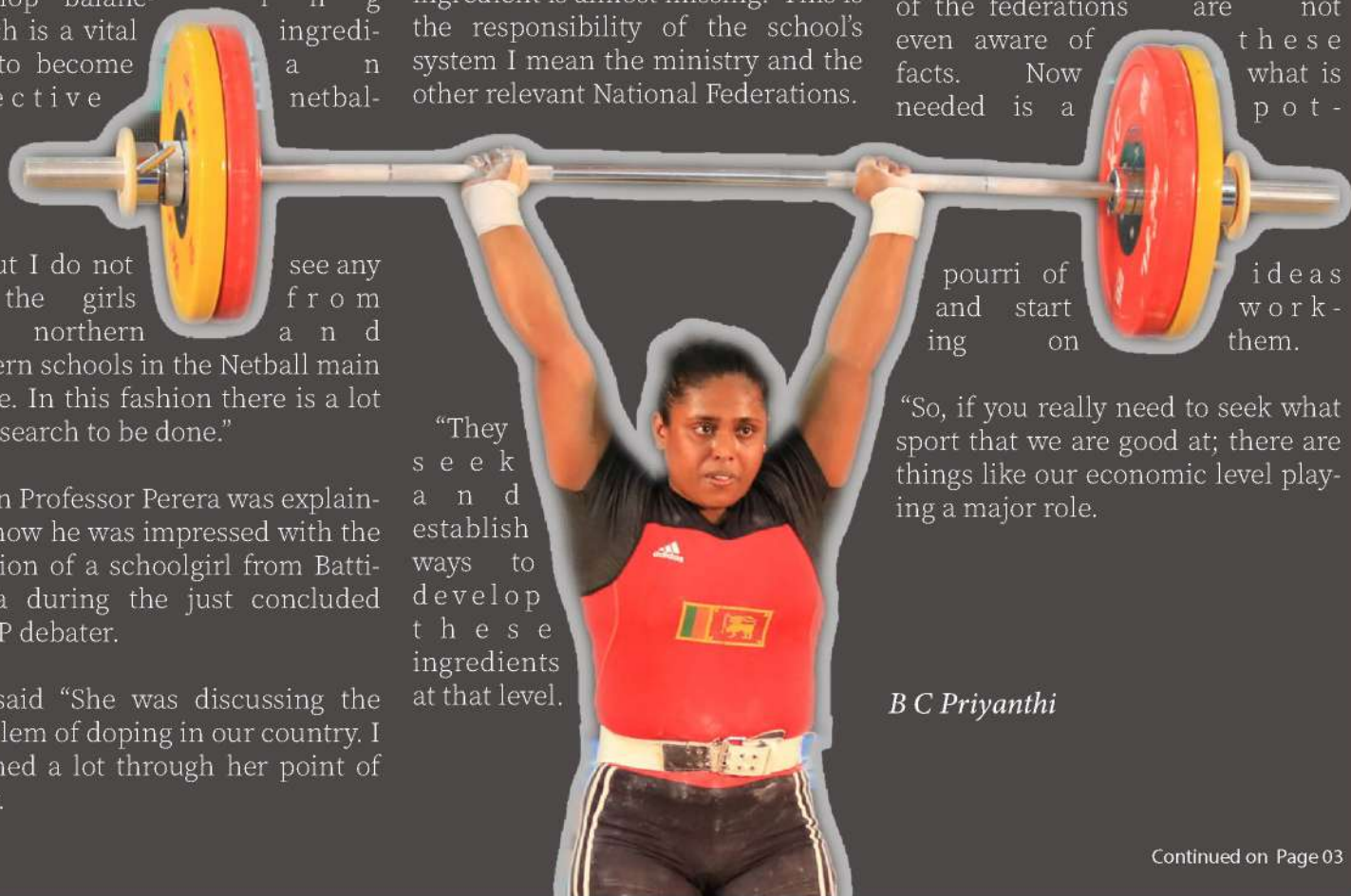
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"This is common phenomena most of the federations are not even aware of these facts. Now what is needed is a pot-

pourri of ideas and starting on work-them.

"So, if you really need to seek what sport that we are good at; there are things like our economic level playing a major role.

B C Priyanthi



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Sajeev De Silva

“What is championship that we are striving excellence – is it the Olympics? Asian Games or any other championship and the other thing is whatever sport they finally arrive at it should be accepted by the society in general.

”Now just take Volleyball for instance, though it is our national game by name the society has not accepted that norm.

Lakshika Sugandi

“It is all a very scientific strategy just because someone says that Volleyball is our National Game the game could t h e y

“The Indian modules are different. You must ponder as to how India has developed their cricket to dizzy heights and how they have made a special talking point on Kab-badi!

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develop it to international level?”

“One strategy that the NOC SL could adopt he said is by exchanging ideas with certain National Federation and probe into what their real shortcomings and what could really be done then the committee of people who sit delve into it scientifically and start formulating a module to work on said Professor Perera in conclusion.



Thomas Bach to stand unopposed for IOC presidency

The Members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) were informed on behalf of the IOC Ethics Commission's Chair, HE Ban Ki-Moon, by IOC Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer Pâquerette Girard Zappelli that President Thomas Bach will be the only candidate for the presidential election, which will be held during the 137th IOC Session in Athens in March 2021.

As decided by the IOC Executive Board, the elected President will take office after the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, which will take place from 23 July to 8 August 2021.

The length of the President's first term of office is fixed at eight years. If re-elected, his term will end in 2025.

An Olympic champion at Montreal 1976 (fencing, men's foil team), Thomas Bach was a founding member of the IOC's Athletes' Commission and became an IOC member in 1991.

EDUCATION

Studies in Law and Politics, University of Würzburg (Germany) (1973-1978); Further Law formation (1978-1982); Ph.D. in Law (1983)

CAREER

Founder of own law firm (1982); Director for Promotion, Adidas (1985-1987); Chairman of the SME Advisory Board of the Federal Minister for Economics (1988-1990);

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Michael Weinig AG (1998-) and Weinig International AG (2000-); Member of the Board of Administration of Siemens Schweiz AG (2000-2009); President of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2006-2013); Chairman of the Advisory Board of Melius GmbH (2008-2013); Member of the Supervisory Board of Nürnberger Versicherung AG Austria (2009-2013); Chairman of the Advisory Board of Bartec GmbH (2009-2013)

SPORTS PRACTISED

Fencing, tennis, football

SPORTS CAREER

Olympic champion, fencing, men's foil team, Montreal 1976; World Champion, fencing, men's foil team, Montreal 1976 and Buenos Aires 1977

SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

Chairman of the Athletes' Commission of the German Committee for Competitive Sport in the German Sports Confederation (DSB) 1979-1981); Athletes' representative at the 11th Olympic Congress, Baden-Baden (Germany) (1981); Founding member of the IOC Athletes' Commission (1981-1988); (Individual Member of the National Olympic Committee of Germany (1982-1991); Chairman of the Appeals division of the Court of Arbitration for sport (CAS) 1994-2013); Member of the Supervisory Board -



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of the Organising Committee of the 2006 FIFA World Cup; (Founding President (2006-2013) then Honorary President (2013-) of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB); Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Organising Committee of the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup (2007-2011); Chairman of the International Olympic Truce Foundation (IOTF) (2013-)

PUBLICATIONS

Various publications on law, economics, and sports .

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Numerous Honorary Professorships in different countries; -

numerous Doctor Honoris Causa degrees in different countries; numerous orders of Merit from various National Olympic committees and International Sports Organisations; numerous high-level distinctions from various States.

IOC HISTORY

Member (1996-2000) of the IOC Executive Board then Vice-President (2000-2004) and re-elected as Vice-President (2006-2013);

IOC President (2013-); Chair of the following Commissions: Evaluation for the XIX Olympic Winter Games (1994-1995), Evaluation for the Games of XXVIII Olympiad (1995-1997), Juridical (2002-2014), Sport and Law (2002-2014), TV Rights and New Media (2014-2015); member of the following Commissions: Athletes' (1981-1988), -

Press (1985-1988), Marketing (1992-2014), Juridical (1993-2001), Olympic Collectors (1994-1997), Olympic Movement (1996-1999), Sport and Law (as Athletes' representative, 1995-2001), TV Rights and New Media (2002-2014), IOC 2000 Reform Follow-up (2002);

Coordinator of the Working Group "Role of the IOC" of the "IOC 2000" Commission (1999); Remuneration Working Group (2004); Chair of the board of directors of the Olympic Channel Services S.A., Switzerland (2015-)





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