

**Sports & Youth Services Department
Government of Odisha**

Press Release

**Odisha Government signs MoU with Table Tennis Federation of India
and
Odisha State Table Tennis Association**

- **21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship to be held in Cuttack from 17th to 22nd July**

Bhubaneswar, 1st July 2019: Government of Odisha through its Department of Sports and Youth Services (DSYS) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and Odisha State Table Tennis Association (OSTTA) to host the **21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019**, in **Cuttack** at the **Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium** from **17th - 22nd July, 2019**. The MoU covered various obligations for the official conduct of the event.

Commissioner-cum-secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department, Odisha, Mr. Vishal K Dev signed the MoU with Senior Vice President, TTFI, Mr. S. N. Sultan and President, OSTTA, Mr. L.N. Gupta in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik and Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Shri. Tusharkanti Behera. Officials from all the three organising bodies were also in attendance.

Speaking on this occasion, **Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri. Naveen Patnaik** said, "Today's MoU signing for hosting the 21st edition of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in Cuttack is an important step for us in promoting sports and especially Table Tennis in the state. I congratulate TT Federation of India and the Odisha State TT Association for partnering with our Government in hosting this prestigious event. I hope this event will bring renewed focus on Table Tennis, in which India has been performing well in recent times. I extend my best wishes to the participating teams."

Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, Shri. Tusharkanti Behera, said, "This championship will see participation from some of the best players from across the globe. Indian paddlers have displayed unprecedented performance at the Asiad and Commonwealth Games in

2018 and the upcoming Championship will be exciting for all to watch. We look forward to welcoming the teams and its officials to Odisha.”

Commending the Odisha Government, **Shri Dhanraj Choudhary, Director, ITTF and Advisor, TTFI** said, “Odisha, with its finest sports infrastructure and expertise has a global recognition today for hosting international sporting events of repute. We are thankful to the State Government for organising this six-day Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships. We are confident participants and spectators will leave with a positive experience.”

OSTTA President, Shri. L. N. Gupta, IAS, said, “Odisha TT team is ranked 10 in the country and an international Table Tennis event in the home state is very encouraging for our players. They will get to witness great games, skills and tactics which they can observe and leverage in their individual performances. We are thankful to the State Government for taking a lead in promoting the sport.”

The Tournament has received a good entry with 14 associations. The list of Commonwealth countries participating are as follows:

1. India
2. Singapore
3. Malaysia
4. Bangladesh
5. Sri Lanka
6. England
7. Scotland
8. Wales
9. Jersey
10. Australia
11. Cyprus
12. South Africa
13. Nigeria
14. Pakistan

The main events and ceremonies which will be organised during the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship – 2019 are as follows:

Sl. No	Event	Title	Date
1.	Inaugural Ceremony	-	17.7.2019
2.	Men's Team Championship	Home Association's Cup	17.7.2019 to 22.7.2019
3.	Women's Team Championship	India Cup	
4.	Men's Singles	Singapore Cup	
5.	Women's Singles	Oceania Cup	
6.	Men's Doubles	Hong Kong Cup	
7.	Women's Doubles	Canada Cup	
8.	Mixed Doubles	Guernsey Cup	
10.	Closing & Award Ceremony	-	

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