



Athletics Federation of India (AFI)

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Bahadur Singh Sagoo has been elected as the **new president** of the [Athletics Federation of India \(AFI\)](#).

- **Bahadur Singh Sagoo** is a one-time **Asian medallist** and **two-time national champion**, won a **gold medal** in the **shot put** at the **2002 Busan Asian Games**. He also competed in the **2000 and 2004 Olympics**.

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- **About:** AFI was established in 1946 as a **non-governmental, non-profit, autonomous** apex body for athletics in India.
 - It is affiliated with **World Athletics**, the [Asian Athletics Association \(AAA\)](#), and the [Indian Olympic Association](#).
- **Objective:** To **popularize athletics, improve athlete performance, and make the sport commercially viable**.
- **Structure:** AFI consists of 32 affiliated state and institutional units.
- **Functions:** It organizes **National Championships**, selects teams for **international events**, and **promotes athletics** through competitions. It also focuses on **grassroots development, coaching programs, and special camps to nurture talent**.

World Athletics Day:

- It is celebrated annually on **7th May** (first Day was celebrated on 15th May 1996).
- It was established in **1996** by the **International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)**, now known as **World Athletics**, to promote youth participation in athletics.

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