



Athletics Federation of India (AFI)

Why in News?

The [Athletics Federation of India](#) has **disaffiliated 16 district associations** across the country for failing to send teams for the **National inter-district junior athletics meet held in Ahmedabad**.

Key Points

- The disaffiliated districts (with name of State/UT association) are **Panchkula** (Haryana), Budgam, Ramban & Shopian (all J&K), Lohardaga (Jhkd), Kalpeni (Lakshadweep), East Jaintia Hills, East Khasi Hills & Ri-Bhoi (all Meghalaya), Harda & Neemuch (both MP), Ferozpur & Fazilka (both Punjab), Jhalawar (Raj), Krishnagiri (TN), Purba Medinipur (WB).
- As per the AFI constitution, the **suspended districts will be removed** and **fresh associations will be formed**.
 - The State associations have been asked to take appropriate action, in consultation with the AFI, and form the new district units.

Athletics Federation of India (AFI)

- It is the apex body for running and managing athletics in India.
- It is a non-governmental and non-profitable autonomous body.
- It is affiliated to the World Athletics, the **Asian Athletics Association (AAA)**, and the [Indian Olympic Association](#).
- It was formerly called the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI).
- The AFI has as many as 32 affiliated state units and institutional units.
- It came into **existence in 1946**, and the federation organises the National Championships, **trains the Indian Athletics National Campers**, selects the Indian Athletics Teams for various international competitions, including the **Olympics, Asian Games, CWG, World Championships, Asian Championships**, and other international meets, conducts the National Championships for various age categories.
 - The AFI conducts **international and national championships** and various meets to promote the sport, popularise it amongst the masses, and make athletics commercially attractive for the further growth of the athlete and the sport.
 - The federation also **supervises and assists its state units** in their activities, plans and **sets up special coaching camps, coaches training**, and takes initiatives for development programmes and **grass root promotion of athletics in India**.