



**1st MEETING OF THE
ESPORTS WORKING GROUP 2024-25**

Friday, 21 June 2024: 1130 – 1230 Hrs: Virtual Platform

Minutes of the Meeting

The 1st meeting of the IDGS Esports Working Group for the year 2024-25 was held on 21 June 2024 over virtual platform. List of members who attended the meeting is attached in Annexure-I.

1. COMPOSITION OF WORKING GROUP FY 2024-25

Secretariat welcomed the Working Group members and requested all members to select the chair and co-chair for this year.

Mr Gautam Virk, Co – Founder NODWIN Gaming nominated Mr Shiva Nandy and Mr Anurag Khurrana to be the possible chair and co-chair. He also mentioned that he can continue to be chair, if all the members of the working group are comfortable.

All the members are comfortable with all suggested nominations.

Gautam welcomed all members to the meeting and took agenda of the meeting in following order.

2. OBJECTIVE SETTING AND WORK PLAN

Secretariat briefed the group on the objectives for the last year. The work plan discussed is listed below

- Joint working document structure to define Esports with distinction to initiate discussion with Central and State Governments to adopt Esports
- In-depth study for state level Esports tournaments to be initiated
- Discuss ways to attract and develop state level teams for Interstate Esports tournaments. Members share their interest in developing the state level tournaments model.
- Engage all stakeholders to create a strategy to improve the overall competitiveness of the country's esports sector.
 - a. Interstate Esports Competitions
 - b. Make Esports as part of Khelo India
- Goal Oriented groups to be planned with defined objective to address, Members to nominate themselves as per their expertise and interest

All the members deliberated and suggested the following plan:

- Preparation of Esports recommendation documentation for the ministry to be led by Mr Virk and Mr Khurrana.
- To promote esports at the state / grassroots level and have discussions with the state government to support eSports, the IDGS Esports Working Group plans to approach the state government with the companies present in the state as their representatives along with the IDGS Secretariat. Mr Nandy will lead these efforts for Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka State. Other members are suggested to provide the state they would like to lead.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Policy Recommendation - Members agreed and approved the idea of common representation from the IDGS eSports WG for the policy recommendations to the central and state government, with a common agenda point for the meetings. Secretariat to support and arrange the meetings.
- The Secretariat shared that the IDGS Annual General Meeting and Conclave is scheduled for Aug 12 at Hotel Le Meridien, Delhi. It will be an opportunity for the working group to meet state government officials.
- All the members suggested strengthening the working group and encouraging more members to join the working group; the secretariat requested members to suggest the members list to be invited for the working group.

Member acknowledged and will support.

4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monthly meeting was suggested to check overall progress. Meetings with Goal Oriented team will be scheduled with leads directly.

Members agreed for a Monthly meeting to check the progress of the Objective. Secretariat will share the Calendar Invite. Next meeting to be 19 or 22 July 2024.

Mr Virk and Secretariat thanked the group for Joining for the meeting.

LIST OF ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE-I : List of Participants

ANNEXURE-II: Suggested composition of the Working Group

ANNEXURE-III: Finalization of Working Group Objective

List of Participants

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Organization
1	Mr. Gautam Virk	Co - Founder	NODWIN Gaming
2	Mr. Anurag Khurana	Founder & CEO	PENTA Esports
3	Mr. Shiva Nandy	Founder	Sky Esports
4	Mr. Vamsi Krishna	Founder	Co-Founder, Basik Marketing & The Esports Club
5	Mr. Sharang Naicker	MD & CEO	Yuvn Esports
<u>Secretariat</u>			
1.	Mr Roy Jacob	Advisor	Confederation of Indian Industry
2.	Ms Neelam Bhagat	Sr Manager	Confederation of Indian Industry
3.	Ms Madhurima Maniyara	Manager	Confederation of Indian Industry

**Composition of the
IDGS ESPORTS Working Group**

Chair: Mr Gautam Virk, Co - Founder & Managing Director, NODWIN Gaming

Co-Chair: Mr Shiva Nandy, Founder – Sky Esports

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5.	Mr. Sharang Naicker	MD & CEO	Yuvini Esports
Suggested New Members			
1	Mr. Abhishek Agarwal	Co-Founder	Trinity Gaming
2	Mr. Rohit Jagasia	Founder & CEO	Revenant Esports
3	Mr. Soham Thacker	Founder	Gamerji
4	Mr Kartik Sabherwal	Founder	Upthrust Esports
5	Ms. Zerah Gonsalves	Co-Founder	GG SPACE
6	Mr. Shravanth Reddy	MD & CEO	League of Extraordinary Gamers (LXG)

**Suggested Objective of the
IDGS – ESPORTS Working Group**

- Engage all stakeholders to create a strategy to improve the overall competitiveness of the country's esports sector.
- Draft White Paper for Esports - Power of Esports in India
- Make Esports as part of Khelo India with Interstate Esports Competitions
- Represent IDGS Esports WG to Sports Ministry at Central Government and Department of Sports at State Government to adopt Esports and provide recommendations