GROUP DISCUSSION ON SPORTS IN INDIA BY THE YEAR 2047

The Students of Synergy Club had a informative group discussion about the future of sports in India by the year 2047 held on 26-12-2023 at 11 a.m. in online mode. About 50 students participated.

It was anticipated that basic sports facilities and access to stadii will available to all by the year 2047.

The following points were also discussed: -

- 1. **The Rise of Cybersports**: The lines between physical and virtual athleticism will blur as augmented reality training techniques will become common place. Cybersports is expected to be firmly established as mainstream entertainment. Professional gamers will be revered as athletes, their skills honed through intense training in virtual reality.
- **2. Personalized Training:** Personalized training will take centre stage, we must navigate the ethical landscape with caution, ensuring that this technological revolution benefits all athletes, not just a select few.
- **3. Democratization of Sports:** Technology will play a crucial role in breaking down barriers to entry in sports. Affordable virtual reality simulators mimicking real-world training environment will be available.
- **4. The Future of Traditional Sports:** Traditional sports like Cricket, football, basketball etc. will be replaced these beloved sports with rule changes, technological interventions like video refereeing, and the increasing commercialization of leagues.
- **5. The Ethical Angle:** As technology becomes more deeply embedded in sports, ethical questions will arise. Discussions might touch upon issues like genetic manipulation, the use of performance-enhancing drugs in virtual reality.

