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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to learn about the 35th Australian Sikh Games organised by Australian National Sikh Sports and Cultural Council in Brisbane. Greetings and best wishes to everyone associated with the Games.

The holy Gurus guided India and the world with many eternal and timeless values. If one looks closely at the lives and teachings of the holy Gurus, they emphasised the importance of physical health along with spiritual growth.

Further, the holy Gurus also gave the message of bringing people of different sections of society together as a team to achieve progress. These concepts are also relevant in the world of sport, where people come together to participate on an equal platform irrespective of their social background. Following in these footsteps, the Sikh community has always been actively involved in sports, teamwork and fitness.

It is in this context that the 35th Australian Sikh Games acquire a special importance. The organisation of these Games will help the Sikh community demonstrate its sporting skills, competitive spirit and teamwork on a bigger platform. The participation of players from different nations is also noteworthy.

India and Australia have several commonalities – a connected history, shared values, love for democracy, and respect for a rules-based international order. We are also strong partners in progress and prosperity.

Recently, I had the opportunity to witness a cricket match between India and Australia along with His Excellency, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Sport is adding a new dimension to our vibrant relationship. These Games will also serve to bring the two countries closer.

The Indian diaspora has carved out a niche for itself in the global landscape and these Games are yet another example of it. I am sure that this initiative will enhance the love and affection for our diaspora not just in Australia, but across the world.

My best wishes for the 35th Australian Sikh Games. May the Games serve as an inspiration to motivate younger generations of Sikhs to excel in every sphere of life.

(Narendra Modi)

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