



**Embassy of India  
Belgrade**

Press Release

**Sports camp in Serbia for Indian School Children**

On 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Mrs Narinder Chauhan, Ambassador of India met with a group of Indian students visiting Serbia for sports and tourism.

The group of 21 children and 7 teachers/officials from renowned Delhi Public School in Vadodara, Surat and Gandhinagar, Gujarat visited Serbia to attend International Sports camp and for tourism. During the 12-day camp held in Vrnjacka Banja, students of the age group of 12-18 years, received training in multicultural environment under the guidance of international coaches in various sports including football, basketball, handball, etc. The program focused on skill development and enabled Indian students to interact with international level athletes, coaches and trainers. The camp was organized by the Serbian Institute of Sports & Sports Medicine and all the activities were done in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth & Sports of Serbia.

The group was very satisfied with the training received and expressed desire to return to Serbia for further training in future.

Serbia has a strong sporting history and professional sport has become an inseparable part of the national culture. The most popular sports in Serbia are football, basketball, tennis, volleyball, water polo and handball. Serbia is one of the traditional powerhouses of world basketball and have won World Championships, European Championships as well as Olympic medals. Serbian tennis champion Novak Djokovic is world renowned which has led to an immense growth in the popularity of tennis in Serbia. Serbian men's national water polo team is the second most successful national team after Hungary in the history of sport. Serbia's national youth football teams have won UEFA European Under-19 Championship 2013 and FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015. The Serbian football team will participate in FIFA World Cup 2018.

Indian and Serbian professional teams regularly visit for junior championships.

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