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LAHORE (Jan 16, 2018): Chairman Steering Committee Sports Punjab Hanif Abbasi has said that the State of the Art International Swimming Complex is another remarkable landmark achieved under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, he expressed these views in the inaugural ceremony of State of the Art Punjab International Swimming Complex at Nishtar Park Sports Complex on Tuesday.

The grand opening ceremony of State of the Art Punjab International Swimming Complex was attended by Chairman Steering Committee Sports Punjab Hanif Abbasi, Punjab Minister for Sports Jahangir Khanzada, Punjab Minister for Mines and Minerals Ch Sher Ali Khan, Secretary Sports Punjab Muhammad Aamir Jan, Director SBP Cricket Academies, former Olympians Akhtar Rasool, Kh Junaid, former captain Intikhab Alam, Saeed Ajmal, several gold medallist players besides a large number of sports officials and enthusiasts.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Chairman Steering Committee Sports Punjab Hanif Abbasi said The Swimming Complex is a fresh addition in Punjab's world class sports facilities. "Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has built world's best sports infrastructure in Punjab. Punjab's extra-ordinary sports facilities have not only been praised within the country but also won plenty of appreciation abroad," he added.

He said Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, like other departments, put in special emphasis on building sports infrastructure in the province. Beside other endeavours, Punjab govt also allocated a hefty amount for the promotion of sports. "The State of the Art International Swimming Pool is ready to stage international swimming competitions. "Our swimmers will gain valuable experience from those international swimming competitions," he added.

Hanif Abbasi further said Punjab govt built a dozens of sports gymnasiums, playfields, grounds, stadiums across the province as per the vision of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. "The construction of such a large number of top standard sports facilities has never been happened in the history of country," he elaborated.

Punjab Minister for Sports Jahangir Khanzada, in his address, said Punjab is a lucky province to have a committed Chief Minister like Shahbaz Sharif. "The youth of Punjab got

best sports facilities near their homes due to untiring efforts of Sports Board Punjab,” he informed.

Elaborating the major features of State of the Art Punjab International Swimming Complex, Punjab Minister for Sports Jahangir Khanzada said: “The State of the Art Punjab International Swimming Pool is laced with world class facilities including the facility of warm and cold water. The temperature of the water can also be changed as

per requirement and weather conditions. The modern swimming facility is constructed with a cost of Rs 562.720m”.

“There are separate swimming pools for men and women. Men have 50m all weather open pool while women will swim in 25m all weather indoor pool. The Swimming Complex is also equipped with male/female gymnasium, video analysis room, steam rooms, lockers and changing rooms, game control room, kids play area, chess room, mini sports theatre and sports shop,” he explained.

Punjab Minister for Sports Jahangir Khanzada further said that Sports Board Punjab also conducted 4-day Coaches and Swimmers camp under the supervision of British swimming experts. “Dozens of boys and girls turned up for training in the elite swimming camp”.

Later, exhibition swimming competitions were also held. The students of PU, Brightway, Aitchison, LGS, UoL, GCU and Govt High School took part in 50m breast stroke and 50m freestyle swimming competitions.

Zain Younis, Abdullah Amir and Ali Raza grabbed the top three positions in 50m breast stroke while the title of 50m freestyle went to Azlan Khan whereas Salman Almas and Sheheryar Anwar were declared runner-up and third position holder respectively. The competitions were conducted under the supervision of Director Sports Aitchison College Shahid Faqeer.