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## Tennis academy for budding players on DAVV campus soon

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Indore: Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya sent a proposal to the directorate of higher education to construct four new tennis courts near existing ones on UTD campus as a move to develop an academy for budding players.

Following instructions of Sports, Youth Welfare & Higher Education Minister, Jitu Patwari on making the tennis academy on campus, the varsity sent a proposal to the department for the academy.

Director in charge of School of Physical Education Dr Sunil Dudhale who had made the detailed plan and sent the proposal said that the varsity has been



expecting to get it approved soon.

At present, DAVV has two asphalt tennis courts. As per the directions of Patwari, the varsity has proposed the construction of four synthetic courts in addition to the two existing ones in the varsity.

"We have enough space to get four more courts constructed. This will be extremely beneficial not only for our students but

for others as well. We will also be able to give the space to conduct competitions," said Dudhale.

After getting request from the varsity during his visit, Patwari had instructed commissioner (education), Raghvendra Singh to conduct a meeting and revise the DA, therefore, the varsity has also sent a second proposal to double to travel and daily allowance (TA/DA) for sports players.

"We have also demanded an increase in the daily allowance of students which is Rs 200 as it was revised in the year 2009 and since then it has not yet increased. The amount was decided by the vice chancellor, Dr Renu Jain," he added.

## Local volunteers to help revive botanical garden

Indore: Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya's (DAVV) botanical garden at the University Teaching Department (UTD) campus has caught the fancy of a local volunteer club.

The garden of Department of Life Science was lying in neglect for past several and DAVV had decided to bring it back to its lost glory. The redevelopment work of the garden had begun in February this year.

However, after the Section 52 of MP Universities Act 1973 was invoked, the redevelopment work on nearly eight acre land was affected for nearly two months. In charge of Takshashila campus, Dr Deepak Mehta said the city-based local volunteers club and private agency has been taken keen interest in redeveloping the botanical garden. TNN

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## Ending semester system will hurt MP students: UGC chief

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Bhopal: Emphasizing the importance of semester system in academics, DP Singh, chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) said that it is depriving students of modern education, and he would raise the matter with chief secretary SR Mohanty.

Singh was in the state capital on Wednesday, to inaugurate the teachers training and students' induction program at NEIU. Notably, semester system was discontinued in MP in 2017 during the BJP led government. Chairman Singh explained that since a three-year degree course called for six se-



UGC chairman Prof DP Singh addressing press conference in Bhopal on Wednesday

esters, it helped students learn new subjects in stipulated time, and doing away with this has thrown the state in an old era. "The semester system has been adopted across the world. It was implemented in the country so that the Indian students also study as per the

norms available across the world. "Discontinuing semesters was unexpected and not acceptable. This will adversely affect the students. I will talk to the chief secretary SR Mohanty in this regard. Students of Madhya Pradesh should not be deprived of such important method implemented in academics," he said.

Singh has also served as vice chancellor of Sagar's Dr Hari Singh Gour University; Devi Ahilya University, Indore and director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). He stressed that it is compulsory for the universities to get accreditation from the council.