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**MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

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## ORGANISATION

### The Secretariat

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports functioned under the guidance of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Youth Affairs & Sports Minister and Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Hon'ble Minister of State.

In April, 2008, two separate Departments, namely, Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports, were created under the Ministry, each Department under the charge of a Secretary to the Government of India.

Out of the 4 sanctioned post of Joint Secretaries in the Ministry as on 31.12.2024, one Joint Secretary looks after the work of Department of Youth Affairs and 2 Joint Secretaries look after the work of Department of Sports. The matters relating to Accounts & Audit are under the charge of a Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser.

The sanctioned strength of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, as on 31.03.2025, was 223, whereas the staff strength in position was 161 comprising 46 Group 'A' posts, 71 Group 'B' posts (27 Gazetted and 44 Non-Gazetted), 44 Group 'C' posts. The Organizational Chart of the Ministry is at **Annexure-I**.

## FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY

The specific subjects being dealt by the two Departments, namely, the Department of Youth Affairs and the Department of Sports, as specified in the Second Schedule of the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, are as under:

### A. Department of Youth Affairs

1. MY Bharat
2. Youth Affairs/ Youth Policy.
3. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.
4. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development.
5. National Service Scheme.
6. Voluntary Youth Organisation including financial assistance to them (Financial Assistance to Youth Organisation for Youth and Adolescents' Development).
7. National Youth Corps.
8. Commonwealth Youth Programme and United Nations Volunteers.
9. Youth welfare activities, Youth festivals, etc. (National Youth Festival).
10. Boy-scouts and girl-guides.
11. Youth Hostels.
12. National Youth Awards (National Youth Awards and Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards).
13. Residual work of the erstwhile National Discipline Scheme.
14. Exchange of Youth Delegation with foreign countries.

### B. Department of Sports

1. Sports Policy.
2. Sports and Games.
3. National Welfare Fund for Sportsmen.
4. Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports.
5. Sports Authority of India.
6. Matters relating to the Indian Olympic Association and national sports federations.
7. Participation of Indian sports teams in tournaments abroad and participation of foreign sports teams in International tournaments in India.
8. National Sports Awards including Arjuna Awards.

9. Sports Scholarships.
10. Exchange of sports persons, experts and teams with foreign countries.
11. Sports infrastructure including financial assistance for creation and development of such infrastructure.
12. Financial assistance for coaching, tournaments, equipment, etc.
13. Sports matters relating to union territories.
14. Physical education.

#### **SUBORDINATE OFFICES / AUTONOMOUS ORGANISATIONS DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS**

The Department has one subordinate office, namely, the National Service Scheme (NSS) and three autonomous organisations, namely, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu (notified as an 'Institute of National Importance' by an Act of Parliament in 2012) and Mera Yuva Bharat (MYBharat), registered as a Society.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS**

The following autonomous organisations function under the administrative control of Department of Sports:

- (i) Sports Authority of India (SAI).
- (ii) Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE), Gwalior, MP
- (iii) National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- (iv) National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).
- (v) National Sports University (NSU)

#### **ALLOCATION OF BUDGET**

The total Budget Allocation (BE) for this Ministry for the year 2024-25 is Rs. 3442.32 crore and the Revised Budget Allocation (RE) for 2024-25 is Rs.3232.85 crore. For the year 2025--26, the Budget Estimate (BE) is Rs. 3794.30 crore, comprising of Rs. 3788.49 crore for Revenue and Rs. 5.81 crore for Capital. The details are given at **Annexure-II**.

#### **PROGRESSIVE USE OF HINDI**

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has a Hindi section with sanctioned strength of one post of Deputy Director (OL), one post of Assistant Director (OL), two posts of Senior Translation Officer, two posts of Junior Translation Officer and other supporting staff to increase the progressive use of Official Language Hindi in day-to-day official work and to implement the Official Language policy of the Union and rules made therein. An Official Language Implementation Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (YA) in the Ministry and its meetings are being held regularly. Workshops were organized in each quarter of the year to promote the usage of Official language amongst the officials of the ministry.

Hindi Fortnight was organized from 14-29 September 2024. During this period, 08 Hindi competitions were organized on 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of September, around 30 officers/ employees were given prizes. Besides, with a view to encourage the usage of Hindi among the Officers and employees of the Ministry, Incentive Scheme for Original Hindi Noting/Drafting is being implemented in the ministry on year-to-year basis. During the year, 03 officers/employees were given prizes under the Incentive scheme for Original Hindi noting/ Drafting. A Hindi message on behalf of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports was circulated amongst staff to do maximum Official work in Hindi.

During the year, First Sub Committee of Committee of Parliament on Official Language has inspected the Ministry along with Subordinate and attached office of the Ministry. Officers of the Ministry has inspected its 25 Subordinate/attached offices along with the sections of the ministry to assess the progressive use of Hindi.

The Ministry has its own website, which has been made bilingual in Hindi and English, and it is being updated regularly.

### **VIGILANCE CELL**

Vigilance Machinery during the period (January, 2024– December, 2024) functioned in the Ministry under the supervision and guidance of CVO, Secretary (YA) and Secretary (Sports).

The CVO of the Ministry also acts as the Nodal Officer for the subordinate and autonomous organizations (except Sports Authority of India and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan) under the administrative control of this Ministry and the vigilance cases relating to these organizations are routed to CVC with the recommendations of CVO, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The CVO provides necessary clarification to CVC in all such cases in consultation with the concerned organization. Meetings held by the CVC to review the old vigilance cases of concerned organizations under this Ministry are attended by the CVO of the Ministry and the cases are expedited as per directions of CVC. During this period, several CWG cases, which are pending for more than 10 years, and several other cases have been processed/ closed. During the period, several complaints from CVC and from other sources were received in Vigilance Section and processed as per laid down procedures & were followed up for appropriate action.

For emphasizing transparency, accountability in public procurement, the CVC is committed to raise awareness and expects public organizations to provide positive contribution in vigilance efforts.

The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed in the Ministry from 28th October, 2024 to 3rd November, 2024 on the theme "**Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity**". During the Vigilance Awareness Week-2024, following activities were undertaken/ conducted:-

- (i) Commenced with taking Integrity Pledge by the officials of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Videos taking pledge by Secretary (YA); CVO and officials of this Ministry were posted on the social media platforms of the Ministry.
- (ii) A list of 'do's and don'ts' was circulated to the employees of this Ministry as a measure of Preventive Vigilance.

- (iii) Creative based on last year's best slogan competition were circulated on the social media platforms for generating awareness, and banners & posters were displayed.
- (iv) Apart from the above, following four competitions were organized during VAW-2024:-
  - a) Essay Writing Competition on the topic "The Influence of Media in Promoting a Culture of Transparency".
  - b) Debate Competition on the topic "Role of Technology in combating Corruption".
  - c) Poster making Competition
  - d) Best Slogan Competition

In all, several participants participated during the Vigilance Awareness Week, 2024 competitions and prizes were distributed to the winners.

### **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN EMPLOYEES**

In pursuance of the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgement in the case of Vishaka & Others Vs State of Rajasthan & Others, an Internal Complaints Committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to look into the complaints of sexual harassment of women employees in the Ministry. No complaint has been received by the Committee during 2024-25 in r/o main secretariat of the Ministry.

### **RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES CELL**

All applications under Right to Information Act-2005 are received centrally in RTI Cell of this Ministry which is manned by a Section Officer, coordinated by an Under Secretary. Applications are forwarded to the concerned CPIOs for sending suitable reply to the Applicant within the stipulated time. During the current financial year **1815** RTI applications were received and disposed of by the Ministry. Similarly **278** number of Appeals were received in the Ministry and settled accordingly.

In pursuance of the provisions contained in Section 5 (1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Ministry has designated subject wise Public Information Officers at the level of Under Secretary. Officers at the level of Deputy Secretaries/Directors/Joint Secretaries have been designated as Appellate Authorities, under the Act. The details are also posted on the official website of the Ministry.

Director (RTI/PG) has been nominated as the Nodal Public Grievance Officer in the Ministry. DARPG has implemented upgraded version of CPGRAMS i.e. Version 7.0 for auto-routing of Grievances to last mile officer. Therefore, Public grievances are received with the concerned Public Grievances Officers. Some PGs are also received in the PG Cell.

For both the Departments in the Ministry, the Nodal PG Officers are separate. For Department of Youth Affairs, the Nodal Officer is Ms. Vanita Sood, Director and for Department of Sports, the Nodal Officer is Shri Subhabrata Karmakar, Deputy Secretary. Nodal Appellate Authority for both the Departments of the Ministry is Shri Kunal, Joint Secretary, and Department of Sports.

### **PENDING AUDIT PARAS**

The details of the pending audit paras/observations of the CAG of India are given at **Annexure-III**.

# Department of Youth Affairs

## CHAPTER-1 : INTRODUCTION

India has the largest Youth population in the world. This demographic dividend, in the light of its impact on work participation and dependency ratios, is a window of opportunity in terms of growth and development of our country, an opportunity which would need to be seized before the window closes. This situation presents both the opportunities and challenges of its own. While the youth have potential to contribute significantly to economic growth, there are some pressing issues related to inclusive growth, and bridging socio-economic divides that must be addressed. The requirements for this transcend sectoral programmes, and a variety of interventions and programmes aimed at addressing the youth in a multi-dimensional manner are needed.

To optimally tap constructive and creative energies of the youth, the Department of Youth Affairs pursues the twin objectives of personality-building and nationbuilding, that is, developing the personality of youth and involving them in various nation-building activities. The Department has also recognized “Adolescents” as an important section of the Youth as the Department aims to include youth in the nation-building activities while helping to address their developmental needs. This involves alliance with other ministries and stakeholders to create a supportive ecosystem for youth engagement and empowerment. The Department, along with state governments and various organizations, is working to create an environment that fosters the path of productive participation youth in the economy.

## CHAPTER-2 : MERA YUVA BHARAT (MY BHARAT)

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

In a momentous decision on October 11, 2023, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for the establishment of an autonomous body known as "*Mera Yuva Bharat* (MY Bharat)." Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) is a dynamic 'PHYGITAL Platform' (physical + digital) comprising physical activities along with an opportunity to connect youth digitally to inspire and empower them in their personal and professional development. **The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' platform for the youth of the country on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at Kartavya Path on the National Unity Day.**

MY Bharat, an autonomous body and India's largest youth engagement platform, offers volunteering, experiential learning and other opportunities. As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024, about 1.5 crore youth have registered on the MY Bharat platform (mybharat.gov.in), and various partners and organizations have been onboarded on the portal who are actively providing opportunities for youth engagement. This initiative will contribute to an *Atmanirbhar Bharat* (self-reliant India), with today's youth poised to advance the nation's vision for *Amrit Kaal*.

Empowering youth with Indian ethos, '*Seva-Bhaav*' (spirit of service), and '*Kartavya Bodh*' (sense of duty) is essential for harnessing their potential for a "*Sashakt-evam-Sabal-Bharat*" (Empowered and Resilient India). By building on the nation's "*darshan*" (philosophy) and "*itihaas*" (history) to create effective "*neeti*" (policy), MY Bharat enables youth to meet contemporary challenges. Realizing their aspirations and fostering innovation, youth can contribute to a "*Viksit Bharat*" (Developed India). This will be achieved through a comprehensive institutional framework providing equitable access to opportunities across all levels of government, both global and local.

### 2. THE VISION:

'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' is envisioned as a pivotal, technology-driven facilitator for youth development and youth-led development, with the overarching goal of providing equitable opportunities to empower the youth in realizing their aspirations and contributing to the creation of a "*Viksit Bharat*" (developed India), across the entire spectrum of the Government.

It envisions a framework where the youth of our country can seamlessly connect with programs, mentors, and local communities. This engagement is designed to deepen their understanding of local issues and empower them to contribute to building constructive solutions.

### 3. OBJECTIVE:

- a) **Whole-of-Government Approach:** To eliminate silos for a cohesive youth experience, aligning aspirations with community needs, through a "PHYGITAL" ecosystem.
- b) **Leadership Development:** To enhance leadership skills through experiential learning, by shifting from isolated physical interaction to programmatic skills, invest in youth as social innovators, and focus on youth-led development to make them active drivers of progress.

- c) **Feedback Mechanisms:** To establish a centralized feedback loop for refining youth policies and improving two-way communication between youth and stakeholders. It will also help in better alignment between the aspirations of the youth and the community's needs.
- d) **Unified Digital Platform:** To create an integrated platform to enhance service delivery efficiency, converge existing programs, and act as a one-stop shop for youth and Ministries, including a centralized youth database.
- e) **Continuous Training:** Provide ongoing, demand-driven training for implementing agencies to help youth develop a global outlook.

#### 4. Features of Technological Platform

The Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) initiative is designed to empower youth through a variety of programs and activities that connect youth to diverse experiences in different sectors. Experiential learning and volunteering activities are recognized as standard tools that help youth to improve their team building, problem-solving and communication skills and organizational abilities. To facilitate these efforts, the MY Bharat digital platform provides essential resources to each participating organization. The program structure includes the following key components

##### a) **Dedicated Web Page for Organizations-**

Each organization collaborating with MY Bharat Portal is provided with a dedicated web page on the MY Bharat platform. This page allows them to create an organizational profile and list activities for volunteering and experiential learning. This feature also enhances visibility and engagement for organizations seeking to connect with youth.

##### b) **Listing of Volunteer Activities**

The web page includes a comprehensive list of activities that volunteers can undertake. This resource enables organizations to effectively communicate available opportunities to youth, encouraging participation in various community service projects.

##### c) **Event Generation Facility (Mega Event/Event)**

This enables Organizations to generate events for different activities directly through the platform. This feature streamlines the process of organizing and promoting events, making it convenient for volunteers to participate in such opportunities.

##### d) **Media Upload Facility**

The MY Bharat portal provides a platform for organizations to upload related media content of their activities. This not only helps in showcasing the impact of their programs but also helps them in documenting the contributions of volunteers, encouraging a sense of community and achievement.

#### 5. Programs and activities under MY Bharat portal:

The initiatives undertaken by MY Bharat are designed to empower youth and facilitate their active participation in community development. These programs can be broadly classified into the following categories:

- a) **Volunteering Opportunities:** The Objective is to engage youth in community service projects, promoting social responsibility and fostering civic engagement. It connects youth to short-term (1–2 days) community volunteer opportunities and helps in fostering a spirit of service, civic responsibility and nation-building.
- b) **Experiential Learning Programmes (ELP):** Imbibing the values of ‘learning by-doing’, Experiential Learning Programmes offer a hands-on learning experience to develop practical skills and foster innovation among youth. The ELP durations range from 120 to 360 hours which can be completed over a period of 15 to 90 days. Enables youth to apply knowledge in real-world settings, gain practical exposure and contribute meaningfully to society. In line with the New Education Policy 2020, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has released an advisory to award academic credits to students who complete the Social/Community Work-related ELP through the MY Bharat portal. To ensure transparency, the MY Bharat provides for a digital trail of work done to be reflected on the profile pages of youth.
- c) **Mega Events:** Enables collaboration among multiple MY Bharat Organizations (MBOs) for large-scale events across locations ideal for state-wide initiatives with centralized event creation on the MY Bharat portal. Participants can upload photos and videos to a unified mega event page. A few examples of Mega Events on MY Bharat are Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, Road Safety Week and Padyatra.
- d) **Leadership Development Programs:** - Leadership Development Programs, equipping youth with leadership skills and qualities and empowering them to become leaders in their communities and beyond.
- e) **Policy Advocacy and Youth Engagement:** -Policy Advocacy and Youth Engagement within MY BHARAT focuses on championing youth-led development policies, providing robust platforms for young voices to contribute to and influence policy-making processes. This initiative empowers youth to actively participate in shaping the future direction of their communities and nation.
- f) **Collaborative Projects with Various Ministries:** - Projects in Collaboration with various Ministries to implement projects aimed at developing and empowering youth. These initiatives encompass a wide range of programs designed to enhance skills, foster leadership, and promote civic engagement among young people across India.

In view of the above objectives, **National Career Service (NCS) integration has been achieved in order to provide youth access to career guidance, job opportunities, skill development programs, and employment services.**

**E-Shram** integration will enable youth to register, access social security benefits, and avail government welfare schemes.

**Collaboration with I4C:** Youth to access I4C courses on Cyber Securities from the MY Bharat Platform.

**BHASHINI:** Users can build their profiles in local languages. *(Available in 12 languages, 11 more languages are to be integrated)*

To amplify the outreach of the initiatives, the Department has reached out to the youth of the country using various Social Media platforms and achieved a reach of more than 16 Lakhs with a total Impression of more than 70 Lakhs and Engagements crossing 4.5 Lakhs.

As of the end of FY 2024-25, about **1.70 Crore** youth have already registered on the MY Bharat Portal. Partners comprising Govt. Organizations, Knowledge Institutions, Not-for-Profit Organizations, Business Organizations, etc. have joined the portal. Community-Based Organization (CBOs) have also partnered with MY Bharat, comprising various Youth Clubs/Sports Associations. Youth can participate in Events published by Clubs.

A total of **4451 Colleges, 105 ITIs, 209 Polytechnics, 2632 Schools** and **445 Universities** are registered on the MY Bharat portal. More than **5,000** Experiential Learning Opportunities have been provided to the youth. Overall, a total of more than **1.15 Lakhs Partners** have been onboarded and about **57,000 MY Bharat Partners** have been onboarded who have conducted more than **5500** Experiential Learning Programs. More than **1 Lakh Volunteers for Bharat Opportunities** have been provided through the portal.

**6. The glimpse of the events conducted during FY 2024-25 is as under:**

**a) National Road Safety Week**

In today's scenario, a collective awakening to road safety is required. Initiatives focused on public education, strengthened enforcement of traffic regulations, and the development of safer infrastructure are crucial to reverse this alarming trend of road accidents. To achieve this goal, the Government of India observes National Road Safety Week annually from January 11th to 17th.

The objective of the above programme was to coordinate with the Traffic Police department to provide an opportunity for youth to be trained on Road Safety norms, facilitate collaboration with the Traffic police department to enable trained MY Bharat volunteers to become part of traffic management during National Road Safety Week and to conduct locally relevant intensive road safety awareness activities to enable awareness generation among the public.

- a. Volunteers engaged in Road Safety Awareness Campaign from 17th – 23rd January, 2025
- b. Over **3 Lakh** youth helped traffic police marshals to coordinate traffic and informed commuters about road safety.
- c. Youth volunteers were deployed nationwide in schools, colleges, marketplaces and public spaces.
- d. **Youth outreach:** Total no. of **21,84,712** youth and community members were sensitized by deployed volunteers



**b) Disaster Management Training:**

MY Bharat initiated a recruitment drive to train young men and women as civil defence volunteers for disaster management. This program aims to build a community-based response system, preparing volunteers to handle natural disasters, accidents, and other emergencies.

**c) FIT INDIA - Sundays on Cycle - Fight Against Obesity :**

Fit India Sundays on Cycle is a nationwide fitness movement launched in December 2024 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The initiative promotes cycling as a sustainable, inclusive and eco-friendly form of exercise with numerous health benefits. Adopting cycling as a form of exercise not only improves cardiovascular health and boosts mental well-being but also helps deal with the rising obesity problems among the youth. It's a simple yet powerful way to stay active, relieve stress, and reconnect with nature. Recognized and appreciated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the 117th episode of Mann Ki Baat, the campaign has witnessed nearly 2 lakh participations across 4,600 locations. From schoolchildren and doctors to the police force, government employees, and NSS volunteers— across all walks of life. Over 4,600 Sundays on Cycle events have been held nationwide, engaging nearly 2 lakh participants.

**d) Viksit Bharat Padyatra:**

The Viksit Bharat Padyatra is a nationwide initiative to mobilize youth on the ground and instil a deep sense of pride in India's progress. By honoring freedom fighters and local heroes, the padyatra fosters a strong, youth-led movement at the grassroots level. The initiative integrates pre-padyatra engagements such as talks, wellness camps, donation drives, and debates, ensuring active youth participation. Through various activities, the padyatras are shaping a strong, responsible youth cadre dedicated to nation-building.

**Padyatras that have been organized in year of 2024-25 are :**

- i. 3 Nov 2024 – Bhagwan Birsa Munda Mati Ke Veer, Jashpur, Chhattisgarh
- ii. 15 Nov 2024 – Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas, Chhattisgarh
- iii. 26 Nov 2024 – Samvidhan Diwas, Delhi
- iv. 15 Dec 2024 – Vijay Diwas, Sribhumi, Assam

- v. 24 Dec 2024 – Sushasan Padyatra, Vadnagar, Gujarat
- vi. 23 Jan 2025 – ‘Jai Hind’ Padyatra on Parakram Diwas, Shree Vijyapuram, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- vii. 19 Feb 2025 – Birth Anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Pune, Maharashtra



**e) Swachhata Drive :**

During this campaign culminating on Oct 02, 2024, a total of 704 beaches & sea shore areas were cleaned with the participation of 7,54,659 MY Bharat Volunteers who took part and collected 15,20,312 Kgs of Plastic Waste under Swacch Sagar Surakshit Sagar-2024. 2,681 activities under the Cleanliness Drive were organized.



**f) Seva Se Seekhein :**

Volunteering in Hospitals: Running since September, 2024, Seva Se Seekhein aims imbibe the Seva Bhav and Kartavya Bodh in the youth of this country. 9 State Health Departments/ Authorities across India are currently onboarded on the MY Bharat Portal. About 5000 volunteers have been engaged in various activities, such as to access basic healthcare services, managing OPD counters, operating information desks, and providing support with PM-JAY related documentation.



**g) Diwali with MY Bharat:**

As part of the celebration of the first anniversary of MY Bharat, the programme was conducted from 27th October to 30th October, 2024, in 500 districts across the country. The following key activities were undertaken under the programme:

Market Cleaning – Swachhata Drive in markets across the country in collaboration with the All India Traders Association. No. of Markets where the cleanliness drive was organised – 2,514

Traffic Volunteering – Assisting the Traffic Police in managing traffic choke points. Number of Traffic choke points where volunteers deployed – 2,445

A total of 5,275 locations across 500 districts have been covered with the participation of over 2.14 lakh MY Bharat volunteers.



**h) YUVA Connect:**

Yuva Connect aims to connect youth to top decision-makers of the country. 16 Yuva Connect Programs have been successfully conducted in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Delhi and Bihar. Pre-Event Activities include multilingual debates amongst students and Town halls with experts. Event Day comprised various activities like Interactive sessions with ministers & guest speakers, Youth icon presentations. Post-Event Engagement

includes tracking MY Bharat registrations, event feedback, influencer campaigns, resource sharing, etc.

To summarize, the Number of youth who participated in various ELPs in FY 2024-25 are:

S.No.	Events	Number of youth who engaged in the ELP
1	Health ELP (helping patients and disseminating information)	6300
2	Agriculture ELP (helping farmers and disseminating information)	6119
3	Urban Local Body ELP (participating in surveys/disseminating information/digitising records)	3080
4	Business ELP (learning by doing)	371
5	Cyber Security ELP (disseminating information about cyber security)	1063
6	Road Safety ELP (to disseminate information and help at black spots)	11

## 7) NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT FESTIVAL:

The National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) has been organised annually since 2019 to provide a platform for young voices in India based on the clarion call of the Hon'ble PM.

- The first edition in 2019 saw participation from 700 delegates representing each district, with 56 finalists at the national level.
- The second NYPF (2020- 21) was conducted virtually due to the pandemic, engaging over 2.34 lakh youth from 698 districts, culminating in 84 state awardees participating in the national event at the Central Hall of Parliament.
- The third edition (2021-22) saw increased participation, with 2.44 lakh youth from 748 districts, 45,350 competing at the district level, and 87 state awardees reaching the national stage and the finals were organized at Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi.
- The fourth NYPF (2022-23) involved 2.01 lakh participants from 763 districts, with 7,140 competing at the district level and 85 finalists at the national event. Each edition concluded with the top three winners sharing their thoughts at the Central Hall of Parliament.
- The fifth edition of NYPF (2023-24) was organized at all three levels covering 785 Districts of the country and the finals were held at Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi on 05<sup>th</sup>-06<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

### Transformation into Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament (2025)

The National Youth Parliament Festival has been reimagined as the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. The Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament embodies the vision articulated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji in 2017, when he called for the emergence

of one lakh young leaders to take the country forward. His vision was rooted in the belief that India's youth are not just the beneficiaries of development but also the architects of its future. Inspired by this clarion call, this year's Youth Parliament has been reimagined and expanded, aligning with the Viksit Bharat@2047 vision to prepare a new generation of dynamic, solution-oriented, and policy-aware youth leaders. This transformation reflects a more structured approach to youth engagement in policymaking, governance, and national discourse. Unlike previous editions, during 2024-25, the Youth Parliament adopted a more **structured, offline, multi-tiered format** at **district, state, and national levels** to ensure deeper youth engagement in policymaking and governance.

### Key Features of the 2024-2025 Edition

- All rounds were conducted **offline**, enabling immersive and impactful participation.
- The programme provided a **formal platform** for youth to deliberate on national issues, interact with policymakers, and contribute to nation-building.
- Unlike previous editions, **every state-level qualifier** had an opportunity to speak during the **opening and closing remarks** and **moderated caucuses** at the national level, ensuring **greater inclusivity**.
- The national round concluded with the **drafting of a final resolution**, consolidating the most pragmatic and forward-looking ideas shared by the participants.

The **Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025** was more than a programme—it was a **transformative movement**. The ideas, discussions, and resolutions generated during the event echoed beyond the **Central Hall of Parliament**, laying the foundation for a new era of **youth-led engagement in national development**.

- a. To hear the voice of youth between 18-25 years of age, through deliberations at District, State and National levels.
- b. To encourage the youth to engage with public issues, understand the common man's point of view, form their opinions and express them in an articulate manner.
- c. To develop and enhance decision-making abilities.
- d. To develop in them respect and tolerance for the views of others.
- e. To develop in them an understanding that respect for rules is essential for conducting any discussion systematically and effectively.
- f. To obtain and document their opinions on the Vision of Viksit Bharat.
- g. To make available their views to policymakers and implementers to take it forward.

### Structure

#### District Nodal Rounds

- Extensive discussions on *One Nation, One Election* were held across **300 district nodes**.
- Candidates qualified by uploading a **1-minute video** answering the question: *"What does Viksit Bharat mean to you?"*



**State Rounds**


- Conducted in over **17 State Assemblies** and other government establishments.
- Sessions were presided over by **State Speakers and Governors**, enhancing the significance of youth deliberations.

**National Round (1st – 3rd April 2025)**

- **Top 3 candidates** from each **State/UT** (a total of **108 youth**) participated.
- Key activities included:
  - **Question Hour:** Focused on *One Nation, One Election* and *Viksit Bharat*, leading to a collective resolution.
  - **Masterclass:** Delivered by a senior Member of Parliament on oratory and leadership.
  - **Parliamentary Experience:** Attendance in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha sessions.
  - **PM Sangrahalaya Visit:** Offering insights into India’s political history and leadership journeys.
  - **Awards Ceremony (3rd April 2025):** Presentation of the **Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament Awards** and **National Youth Awards**.

**National Youth Parliament Festival 2025 Awardees:**

<p><b>Category:</b> Winner of <b>Opening Remarks</b> Session</p> <p>Name - Dheerendra Singh                  District - Bareilly                  State - Uttar Pradesh                  Contact - 9815173459</p>	
<p><b>Category:</b> Winner of <b>Best Question</b> in Question Hour Session</p> <p>Name - Harshita Sharma                  District – Jaipur                  State – Rajasthan                  Contact - 7850949094</p>	

<p><b>Category:</b> Winner of <b>Best Reply</b> in Question Hour Session</p> <p>Name - V. Lasya Priya District - Anakapalli State - Andhra Pradesh Contact - 9550751322</p>	 A portrait of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow patterned top, against a light blue background.
<p><b>Category:</b> Winner of <b>Short Discussion Session</b></p> <p>Name - Riya Gupta District - Dhanbad State – Jharkhand Contact - 8210785463</p>	 A portrait of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a dark top, against a blue background.

## **CHAPTER-3 : RASHTRIYA YUVA SASHAKTIKARAN KARYAKRAM (RYSK)**

### **Overview:**

#### **I. Status of Schemes before Restructuring:**

Upto 2015-16, the Department was implementing 10 Schemes, namely,

- a) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan NYKS)
- b) National Youth Corps (NYC)
- c) National Service Scheme (NSS)
- d) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)
- e) National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development (NPYAD)
- f) International Cooperation
- g) Youth Hostels (YH)
- h) Promotion to Scouting & Guiding Organisations
- i) National Discipline Scheme (NDS)
- j) National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)

Out of the above Schemes, National Discipline Scheme (NDS) was a Non-Plan Scheme and the remaining 9 Schemes were Plan Schemes. National Service Scheme (NSS) was a Centrally Sponsored Scheme upto 2015-16, but has been made a Central Sector Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2016. All other Schemes are Central Sector Schemes. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) is a Statutory Body by virtue of the RGNIYD Act, 2012 (an Act of Parliament). Some were very small Schemes with outlay of less than Rs.10 crore.

#### **II. Restructuring of Schemes w.e.f. 01.04.2016:**

The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on HRD had been emphasizing the need for merger/ consolidation of the Schemes of the Department into a few Schemes, to improve their effectiveness. The Ministry of Finance, Government of India had also advised the Department to restructure the Schemes into a few compact Schemes for better synergy and more effective utilisation of resources. Accordingly, after due consideration, the Department of Youth Affairs re-structured/ consolidated all the Scheme implemented by the Department, into 3 Schemes, with effect from 01.04.2016, as follows:

S. No	Names of Schemes(Before Restructuring)	Names of Schemes (After Restructuring)
1.	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)	Merged into a new 'umbrella' Scheme called " <b>Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)</b> ".
2.	National Youth Corps (NYC)	
3.	National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development (NPYAD)	
4.	International Cooperation	
5.	Youth Hostels (YH)	
6.	Promotion to Scouting & Guiding Organisations	
7.	National Discipline Scheme (NDS)	
8.	National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)	
9.	National Service Scheme (NSS)	National Service Scheme (NSS)
10.	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

Thus, it may be noted that while National Service Scheme (NSS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) have been retained as separate Schemes due to the distinctive nature of their operational framework, all other Schemes have been merged into a single umbrella Scheme called the 'Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)', which will now act as the flagship programme of the Department for empowerment of the youth to enable them to realise their potential and in the process, to contribute to the nation-building process.

## CHAPTER-4 : NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN (NYKS)

### 1. Introduction

NYKS, launched in 1972, is one of the largest youth organizations in the world. NYKS at present has presence in 623 Districts through Nehru Yuva Kendras. The Objective of NYKS is to develop the personality of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities.

The areas of focus of the NYKS activities include education, health and sanitation, environment, awareness on social issues, women empowerment, civic education, disaster relief and rehabilitation, etc. The youth associated with Nehru Yuva Kendras are not only socially aware and motivated but are also inclined towards social development work through voluntary efforts.

### 2. Objective

The principal objective of NYKS is to mobilize, motivate, organize rural youth of the country and enhance their capacities to develop democratic institutional mechanisms in the form of village based Youth Clubs, empower them to become productive and responsible citizens, assume local leadership to act as active partners in the process of community development and nation building activities with the spirit of equity and voluntarism.

### 3. Programs and Activities of NYKS

The Programs and activities carried out by **NYKS under the auspices of MY Bharat** can be broadly classified in the following three categories:

- 3.1 Core Programs implemented by NYKS, with its own budgetary resources (Block grants released by the Department of Youth Affairs).
- 3.2 Projects in collaboration and funding from other Ministries for Youth Development and Empowerment.
- 3.3 Other Important Special Programmes/ Activities.
- 3.4 Scheme of Department of Youth Affairs

Programs are implemented with the participation and active involvement of district NYKs affiliated Youth Clubs, National Youth Volunteers and various Development Departments, Agencies, elected local bodies and other stakeholders at District and State level.

#### 3.1 Core Programs of NYKS

There are **Core Programs** which are developed in the form of **Annual Action Plan** every year and are finalized after the approval of **Board of Governors** of NYKS. These are funded through the **Block Grant** of Department of Youth Affairs.

Following is a brief description of each of the Core Programs implemented by NYKS during April 2024 to March 2025 in 763 Districts of the country.

### 3.1.1 Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar (14th April, 2024):

NYKS observed Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Ji on 14th April, 2024 through District NYKs, Youth Volunteers and Youth Club Members across the country.

The aim of the celebration was to enable citizen in general and youth in particular to know about the life, works and teaching of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and spread his message of equality among masses.

The key activities undertaken during the Observance were Garlanding the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Lectures/Seminar/Symposium on Life and Works of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Cultural Activities, Rallies, Knowledge Competitions (Quiz, Slogan writing, Declamation), Awareness through Poster Making, Wall Writing, Rangoli, Pledge Taking and Webinar.

As a part of the observance, **944 activities** were organized with the participation of **35,244 Youth** Volunteers, Members of Youth Clubs and others.

As part of the celebration and for amplification of messages, social media platforms such as Facebook, twitter and Instagram were utilized with 2394 posts and 6.90 lakh impressions.



### 3.1.2 Celebration of National Panchayati Raj Day (24th April, 2024)

Every year, NYKS celebrates Panchayati Raj Day across the country through district NYKs with support and collaboration with Youth Volunteers, Members of Youth Clubs and other stakeholders.

This year coinciding with the occasion, key activities undertaken were Seminar/Symposia on Panchayati Raj System, Knowledge Competitions such as Quiz, Slogan writing, Debates, Painting Competitions, Nukkad Natak, Rallies and Planation.

As a part of the above **143 activities** were organized by NYKS with participation of **6,299 citizens** including Youth Volunteers and Members of Youth Clubs.



### 3.1.3 Observance of World Environment Day (5th June 2024)

World Environment Day is celebrated on 5th June every year to raise awareness and encourage action for protection and conservation of environment. The world environment day 2024 was of immense significance as the entire world has been witnessing the consequences of unexpected rise in global temperature and deforestation and adverse effects on the wellbeing of people and the entire ecosystem. The theme of world environment day 2024 was “Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience”.

NYKS celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June 2024 across the country. As part of the WED 2024 celebration, NYKS organized various designated activities focused on awareness creation and promoting action for environment protection and conservation. Activities namely, Oath taking, Behavioral Change Communication activities, Plantation drive, Cleanliness drive, seminar and knowledge competitions (quiz competition, slogan writing, poster marking and painting competition) were undertaken to encourage the people and particularly the youth to adopt ecofriendly practices to have a green and clean environment.

NYKS as part of the programme, organized **4,346 activities** with participation of **1.28 Lakh people** including NYVs, members of Youth Clubs and others. More than 50,000 saplings were planted. As part of mass outreach programme, the celebration of WED 2024 had also social media footprints (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and WhatsApp) with 5,742 posts and 3.74 lakh outreach.



### 3.1.4 Observance of International Day of Yoga (21st June, 2024)

International Yoga Day is observed on 21st June every year across the world. It was the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji that led to the United Nations General Assembly declaration of 21st June as International Yoga Day. Yoga an invaluable gift of ancient Indian tradition, has emerged as one of the most trusted means to boost physical and mental well-being.

Like every year, this year also, NYKS has observed the International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2024 across the country to celebrate the essence and spirit of Yoga with the involvement and participation of people in general and youth in particular. The Theme of International Day of Yoga 2024 was 'Yoga for Self and Society'.

NYKS as one of the key stake holders of this year's IDY celebration, organized build-up activities such as buzz creation, social media campaign, sharing IEC material on Yoga to create awareness on Yoga from 14th to 20th June and organized Yoga activities adhering to Common Yoga Protocol and other Key Activities such as Yoga with family, administering pledge and knowledge competitions on 21st June, 2024.

NYKS, as part of the observance of International Yoga Day 2024, organized **733 programmes at District Level** and **5,389 programmes at Block level** wherein a total of 9,015 activities were organized with the participation of **22.93 Lakh people** including National Youth Volunteers, members of Youth Clubs and others.

With a view to ensure maximum outreach of the IYD 2024, NYKS took up the campaign through social media platforms with total 11,097 posts with 6.94 Lakh impressions.



### 3.1.5 Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee (6th July, 2024)

NYKS celebrated Birth Anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on 6th July 2024 across the country to motivate and inspire our succeeding generations by instilling the values and thoughts nurtured by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

As part of the celebration, NYKS conducted key activities such as Garlanding portrait of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Blood Donation Camp, Sapling Plantation, Knowledge Competitions (such as Essay writing, quiz, declamation and painting), Lecture, Workshop and Seminar /Talk by subject

expert on Life and works and Screening of short video/documentary on life and message of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

NYKS as a part of the celebration organized **1,095 activities** and planted **17,088 saplings** with the participation of **35,046 Youth Volunteers**, Members of Youth Clubs and others.



### 3.1.6 Observance of National Sports Day (29th August, 2024)

National Sports Day is observed every year on 29th August, the birthday of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, to commemorate India's deep-rooted tradition of sports. The Observance of National Sports Day aims to encourage culture of sports and fitness among people particularly youth and their participation in sports and games.

To mark the day, NYKS observed National Sports Day on 29th August, 2024 across the country and carried out various sports events and activities emphasizing the significance of sports and physical fitness.

NYKS, with a view to pay tribute to great sportsman Dhyan Chand and promote people, particularly youth, to take part in sports and fitness activities, organized **1,091 activities** such as sports focused Outdoor games namely Walk/Race, Hockey, Football, cricket and various Indoor and Fun activities. A total of **37,775 people** took part in these sports events across the country.



### 3.1.7 "Swachhta Hi Seva" Campaign from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 02<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024

As a befitting tribute to Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi ji on his Jayanti and celebration of 10th year of Swachh Bharat Mission, NYKS under the auspices of MY Bharat has conducted nation-wide campaign "Swachhta Hi Seva" with the theme of 'Swabhav Swachhata-Sanskar Swachhata' from 17th September to 2nd October, 2024.

The program is aimed at educating and generating awareness about the environmental and health impacts of single-use plastics and encourage the adoption of reusable products through community involvement in maintaining a cleaner and healthier environment. The campaign also aimed to reaffirm our commitment to the future of sanitation and sustainable waste management through behavioural change and support broader environmental conservation efforts.

The motto is to take cleanliness activities and waste collection mainly the Single Use Plastic waste throughout the country from 17th September to 2nd October 2024 along with village beautification activities of historical monuments and Heritage sites, community centres, Youth Club/Mahila Mandal Buildings, School Buildings, Panchayat Buildings and cleanliness of Amrit Sarovar surroundings through voluntary work camps. The programmes was organized with the strategy of Janbhagidari Se Jan Andolan.

The programme was organized in **99,131 villages** by undertaking **2.47 Lakh activities** of waste collection, cleanliness drives, village beautification and Behavioural Change Communication activities with the participation of **25.46 Lakh youth and others**. More than **80.22 Lakh Kgs wastes** were collected; out of which 80.15 Lakh Kgs wastes were disposed.



### 3.1.8 Coastal Cleanliness Drive on 02<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024

As part of the Campaign, on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, MY Bharat/NYKS conducted a Coastal Cleanliness drive in **76** coastal districts covering **791** beaches across the country by undertaking **2,942** cleanliness activities with the participation of **2,29,122** youth and others. More than **1.77 Lakh KGs** of wastes were collected and disposed off. This Cleanliness drive programme was graced by

01 Hon'ble Union Minister, 01 Hon'ble Minister of State, 06 Hon'ble Members of Parliament, 02 Hon'ble State Govt. Ministers and 12 MLA/MLCs.



### 3.1.9 Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti on 02nd October, 2024

Every year on 2nd October, Nation celebrates the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi Ji, the Father of the Nation as Gandhi Jayanti to remember his life and legacy.

MY Bharat/NYKS with a view to mark the day organized various activities across the country. Garlanding of portraits of Mahatma Gandhi Ji, Swachhata Rallies, Cultural activities, Skits/Plays/Nukkad Natak on his life and messages, Knowledge Competitions such as Quiz, Slogan Writing, Poster Making, Essay Writing and Debates and Discussions on Life, Teachings and Message of Mahatma Gandhi are some key activities organized by MY Bharat/NYKS.

A total of **4,357 activities** were organized with the participation of **2.28 Lakhs** youth and others.



### 3.1.10 Diwali with MyBharat

As part of celebration of first anniversary of **MY Bharat**, the programme “**Diwali with MY Bharat**” was conducted from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 in 500 districts across the country under the theme **This Diwali with MY Bharat - Ye Diwali MY Bharat Wali**.

The key activities undertaken under the programme were Hospital Volunteering – Helping patients at hospitals to access medical services, Market Cleaning – Swachhata Drive in markets across the country in collaboration with All India Traders Association and Traffic Volunteering – Assisting Traffic Police in managing traffic choke points.

The programme was organized in collaboration with Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), Traffic Police Department, Identified Hospitals and Market Associations. As part of preparatory arrangements, the representatives of CAIT, Market Associations, Traffic Police officials and authorities of Hospitals were consulted in advance for making the programme more effective and participatory. Further, hospitals, traffic choke points, market places, and volunteers to be deployed under the different activities were identified. To ensure wide publicity and visibility of the programme, events were created on MY Bharat portal in which photos and videos of the activities conducted under the program were uploaded. A pre-celebration press release was published by the concerned districts briefing about the details of programme activities, various stakeholders involved, coordinating departments and identified hospitals, market locations and identified traffic choke points.

Details of programmes conducted by MY **Bharat** (NYKS) (in 338 districts) is given as under:

- No. of Hospitals where volunteers deployed - **1,190** wherein **24,344 volunteers of MY Bharat** were deployed
- No. of Markets cleaned – **1,787** with the participation of **1.16 lakh youth volunteers** of MY Bharat
- No. of Traffic choke points where volunteers deployed – **1,591** wherein **35,676 volunteers of MY Bharat** were deployed

Thus a total of **4,561 locations** have been covered with the participation of **1.76 lakh MY Bharat youth volunteers** with a **total outreach to 10.64 lakh youth and others**.

MY Bharat/NYKS also took up the campaign through social media platforms such as Facebook, twitter and Instagram with **2,262** post and **25.86 Lakh** impressions.



### 3.1.11 National Unity Day (31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024)

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) is observed on 31st October every year in India to celebrate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India. National Unity Day is observed to pay a tribute to his significant contributions to our nation and endeavours to cultivate a sense of unity and integrity among our citizens.

MY Bharat/NYKS with a view to mark the occasion and spread the message of Sardar Patel among the youth and the society at large organized various activities across the country. Offering Floral Tributes, Taking Pledge for Rashtriya Ekta, Run for Unity, Essay & Painting Competitions, Lectures & discussions on works and contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel are some key activities organized by MY Bharat/NYKS.

MY Bharat/NYKS as part of the observance of National Unity Day 2024, organized a total of **3,411 activities** across the country with the participation of **1.78 Lakh people** including Youth Volunteers, members of Youth Clubs and others.



### 3.1.12 Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (15<sup>th</sup> November, 2024)

The Govt. of India has declared 15th November, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the legendary freedom fighter and tribal leader of the country, as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to commemorate the contributions of tribal communities in national history and culture and motivate the coming generations for protecting our cultural heritage and national pride.

Under Janjatiya Gaurav Divas celebrations, NYKS across the country conducted activities such as floral tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Ji, Padyatras, Seminar/Workshop/ Webinars on the life, works and Philosophy of Birsa Munda Ji, Knowledge Competitions, Swachhata Campaign and Plantation Drive.

As a part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas celebration, NYKS conducted 665 programmes wherein **3182 activities** were organized with the participation of **3.66 Lakh** youth and others. This includes 516

Padayatras with the participation of 81,568 youth and others and covered a distance of 1.45 Lakh K.M.



### 3.1.13 Constitution Day (26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024)

Constitution Day of India, also known as Samvidhan Diwas, is celebrated annually on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India across the country. The day is observed to highlight the values and principles enshrined in the Constitution of India.

NYKS with a view to propagate and highlight the significance of the day, observed Constitution Day on 26th November 2024 across the country. As part of celebration of the Constitution Day 2024, NYKS organized various designated activities such as Reading of the Preamble of Constitution, Padayatras, Talks/Seminar/Samvad on Constitutional values and fundamentals of Indian constitution, Street Plays/Nukkad Natak and Knowledge Competitions: Essay, Quiz, Painting etc.

At district level NYKS conducted **751 programmes** wherein a total of **4,308 activities** were organized with the participation of **5.90 Lakh** people including National Youth Volunteers, Youth leaders, members of Youth Clubs and others.

At State level as part of the observance of Constitution Day 2024 NYKS organised **27 Padayatras**. 32,338 youth and others participated in these Padayatras and covered a total distance of 1.51 Lakh K.M. These Padayatras were graced with the presence of 01 Hon'ble Speaker of Legislative Assembly, 03 Hon'ble Chief Ministers, 03 Hon'ble Dy. Chief Ministers, 25 Hon'ble State Govt. Ministers and 21 Hon'ble MLA/MLCs.



### 3.1.14 Viksit Bharat Ambassador - Yuva Connect

"Viksit Bharat 2047" is an initiative aimed at realizing India's aspiration of becoming a developed nation by its centennial year of independence. As India approaches its 100th year of independence in 2047, this initiative seeks to mobilize efforts across economic, social, environmental, and governance domains to achieve comprehensive and sustainable development. The concept envisions India as a leading global power with high standards of living, equitable growth, and environmental stewardship. To advance the same among youth "Viksit Bharat Ambassador- Yuva Connect" programme aimed at fostering youth engagement and leadership in the developmental transformation of India.

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Viksit Bharat Ambassador Program was officially launched in Maharashtra on September 19, 2024, at the SP Group of Institutes in Pune. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. During the program, youth icon Shri Swapnil Kusale, Bronze Medal winner at the 2024 Summer Olympics, inspired attendees by sharing his success story. Additionally, social media influencers and bloggers from various sectors, including agriculture, tourism, food, and lifestyle, engaged in fruitful discussions and shared their ideas with the Hon'ble Minister.

NYKS conducted 15 Programmes with a total student participation of 12,960.



### 3.1.15 "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" Campaign

Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam-Plant4 Mother Campaign, a mass plantation drive is an initiative launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on World Environment Day 2024 by planting a sapling of Peepal Tree at Budha Jayanti Park, New Delhi. On this occasion Prime Minister exhorted people to plant a tree as a mark of love, respect and honour for their own Mother and to take a pledge for

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protecting trees and Mother Earth. The campaign is of paramount significance considering the dying need of environmental protection and conservation and the success of the campaign largely depends on creating awareness among the community and individual and ensuring their participation in implementation of the campaign.

In this context MY Bharat/NYKS is conducting the campaign with the aim to raise awareness and inspire the public in general & particularly the youth, to plant saplings in the name of their Mother. Additionally, it aims to motivate people to adopt simple actions in their daily lives as a responsibility to protect the Mother Earth. Administering Pledge, Behavioural Change communication activities, Knowledge competitions (Essay Writing, Quiz, Slogan writing) and Plantation are the activities conducted under the campaign.

During the period under report, MY Bharat/NYKS conducted the campaign in 757 districts. Details are as under:

(a) No. of Plantation Drive organized	:	9,548
No. of saplings planted	:	10,89,684
No. of youth participants	:	4,05,790
Footfall (youth and others)	:	5,17,273
(b) No. of activities conducted (other than plantation):	:	6,358
Total No. of youth participants	:	2,56,849

Thus, under the campaign **11.31 lakh** saplings have been planted and total of **6.62 Lakh** Youth club members, MY Bharat volunteers, villagers, etc. were reached through the above mentioned activities.

MY Bharat/NYKS also took up the campaign through social media platforms such as Facebook, twitter and Instagram with **7,717** post and **5.70 Lakh** impressions.



### 3.1.16 Awareness and Education Programme on Drug-Addiction and Substance Abuse:

The country is facing a serious challenge-the increasing prevalence of drug addition and substance abuse among its youth. To tackle this issue effectively, a multi-faceted approach is necessary and there is an urgent need to work towards awareness programmes at large in this direction to prevent the menace of drug abuse and identification at an early stage.

MY Bharat/NYKS recognizes the detrimental impact of drug addiction and substance abuse on individuals and families and is conducting Awareness and Education Programme on Drug-addiction and Substance Abuse. The aim of the programme is to increase awareness by educating youth about the harmful effects of drug use, including physical, psychological and social consequences, Promoting healthy alternatives by encouraging engagement in positive activities like sports , arts, cultural events and community service, Develop life skills by enhancing communication, decision making, problem-solving and Break down stigma and coping skills to resist peer pressure and build resilience, Break down stigma by promoting understanding and empathy towards individuals struggling with drug addiction and substance abuse, encouraging them to seek help and Strengthen community action by fostering collaboration with local stakeholders to create a drug-free environment and offer support services.

During FY2024-25, MY Bharat/NYKS conducted the programme in **758 districts** whereby 60,611 youth have been trained with an outreach of **4.25 Lakh** youth and others.



### 3.1.17 Cluster of Block level Sports Meet & District level Sports Meet

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji launched the Fit India Movement on 29th August, 2019 on National Sports Day to bring about behavioural changes and move towards a more physically active lifestyle. Therefore, being fit and possessing sound health has become priority of the nation.

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In response to the call of Hon'ble Prime Minister for Fit India, MY Bharat/NYKS is conducting the programme Cluster of Block Sports Meet with an aim to promote the culture of fitness among youth to adopt it as a way of life with the theme of 'Swasth Rashtra - Samradh Rashtra'.

The objective of the programme is to spread awareness about physical fitness and mental health through sports activities, to promote establishment of Fit India Fitness Clubs, especially specialized clubs such as Walking Fit India Club, Cycling Fit India Club, Women's Fit India Club and to provide opportunity to rural youth to take part in sports meets to exhibit their talent and to promote sports culture, sportsmanship, fitness and competitive spirit among youth.

MY Bharat/NYKS conducted the **2812 programmes** of Cluster of Block Sports Meet with participation of **4.65 lakh youth** and **676 District level** sports meet were conducted with participation of **1.04 lakh youth**.



### 3.1.18 Inter District Youth Exchange Programme (IDYEP)

As we know that our country is so diverse that after every 50 km, language, and culture changes. Therefore, in order to promote the friendship and mutual understanding among the districts of same state, MY Bharat/NYKS is conducting the programme of Inter District Youth Exchange Programmes with the objective to promote the exchange of ideas and knowledge, fostering a deeper understanding among youth from various districts while providing a platform for sharing experiences and skills through well-organized activities and interactions.

The programme aims to facilitate the sharing of successful practices adopted by different districts and highlight the achievements of MY Bharat youth volunteers in the host district. It seeks to create meaningful bonds and friendships between participating youth and local residents, while also providing opportunities to understand and appreciate the traditions, customs, and cultural heritage of the host district.

MY Bharat/NYKS conducted **89 IDYEP** with participation of **2241** youth and 169 escorts.



### 3.1.19 Inter State Youth Exchange Programme (ISYEP)

There is no country like India, quite as diverse, multi-lingual and multi-cultural, yet bound together by the ancient bonds of shared traditions, culture and values. Such bonds need to be strengthened through enhanced & continuous mutual interaction between people of varied regions and ways of life so that it encourages reciprocity & secures an enriched value system of unity amongst people of different States in a culturally special country like India.

MY Bharat/NYKS is conducting the programme of Inter State Youth Exchange Programme with an aim to facilitate cultural exchange and enhance understanding among youth from different states through various means such as language learning, cuisine sharing, and structured activities.

MY Bharat/NYKS conducted **58 ISYEP** with participation of **1428** youth and 107 escorts.



### 3.1.20 Organisation of World Volunteers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Every year on 5th December, World Volunteers' Day is celebrated to recognize the contribution of volunteers worldwide.

MY Bharat/NYKS celebrated the day by organizing 456 activities with the participation of 21,605 youth and others.

### 3.1.21 Observance of Good Governance Day on 25th December 2024

The Govt. of India has declared 25th December, the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna former Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee as Good Governance Day to promote transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in governance especially youth.

MY Bharat/NYKS celebrated the day by organizing 555 activities with the participation of 25,138 youth and others.



### 3.1.22 National Youth Day

MY Bharat/NYKS celebrated National Youth Day on 12th January 2025 across the nation to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda Ji honouring the contribution made by Swami Vivekananda towards the betterment of Indian society and awaken our youth.

Various activities were organized by NYKS nationwide such as viewing live streaming of Hon'ble PM message, floral tribute to portrait of Swami Vivekananda, orientation and awareness programmes on the life and message of Swami Vivekananda, knowledge competitions, declamation contest on Swami Vivekananda's philosophy and teachings and other activities.

A total of **22.22 lakhs people witnessed** the live streaming of Hon'ble PM message and a total of **3917 activities** were organized with the participation of 2.38 lakh youth volunteers and others with an outreach of 24.61 Lakh youth and others.



### 3.1.23 Road Safety Awareness Campaign and Volunteering Support for Road Traffic

Considering the increasing cases of road accidents and loss of life of many and other consequences including economic burden on the families of the deceased/injured persons, MY Bharat/NYKS conducted an awareness campaign in collaboration with the Traffic Police Department across the country from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 with participation of a large number of MY Bharat Youth Volunteers at three levels viz. 10 Metropolitan Areas, 40 Large Urban Areas and in 752 districts.

The objective of the above programme was to coordinate with Traffic Police department to provide opportunity for youth to be trained on Road Safety norms, facilitate collaboration with Traffic police department to enable trained MY Bharat volunteers to become part of traffic management during Road Safety Awareness Campaign from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

Details of programmes conducted are given as under:

(i) Metropolitan Cities (10) :

- No. of Trainings conducted : 22
- No. of volunteers trained : 16,630
- No. of Traffic points covered :593
- No. of Volunteers deployed: 50,746

(ii)Urban Cities (40):

- No. of trainings conducted: 76
- No. of volunteers trained: 12,481

- No. of Traffic points covered: 767
- No. of Volunteers deployed: 27,260

(iii) Districts (752):

- No. of trainings conducted: 731
- No. of volunteers trained: 20,142
- No. of Traffic points covered: 7,853
- No. of Volunteers deployed 1,12,324

Thus a total **829** trainings conducted, **49,253** Volunteers Trained, **9,220** Traffic Points covered with the deployment of **1,90,410** volunteers.



### 3.1.24 Border Area Youth Exchange Programme

The Border Area Youth Exchange Programmes aims to bridge the gap between youth from border and non-border districts, fostering cross-cultural dialogue, enhancing national integration, and promoting peace. By providing youth an exposure to visit villages along the border area and interaction with people of border villages, this initiative enables youth from diverse backgrounds to appreciate the district socio-economic, cultural and environmental diversity of India.

The objectives of Border Area Youth Exchange Programme are to orient and sensitize the youth to become advocates for national unity, integrity and peacekeeping within their respective States and Union Territories, provide platform for youth to learn about each other's cultures, traditions and values, promoting tolerance, respect and appreciation for diversity, provide opportunities to the participants to know various schemes and programs for their development and empowerment for living a meaningful life, visit different places of cultural, industrial, historical, religious and education interest in the country, help the participants develop an appreciative knowledge so that

they understand their surroundings, misconceptions, gaps and situations as that are prevailing in their respective areas.

During the period under report NYKS conducted **47 Border Area Youth Exchange Programmes** with the participation of **1141 youth** & 50 escorts.



### 3.2 Projects in collaboration and funding from other Ministries for Youth Development and Empowerment

#### 3.2.1 LWE Tribal Youth Exchange Programme (Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India):

The aim of the programme was to sensitize LWE Tribal youth about the rich cultural heritage of the country and enable them to appreciate the concept of unity in diversity, expose them towards development activities and technological/ industrial advancement in various parts of the country and develop their personality by enhancing their understanding of the core life skills, identifying their skill development needs and providing necessary career counseling.

During the period under report, NYKS organized **24** Tribal Youth Exchange Programmes in Bangalore - 02 programs, North Delhi, East Delhi, Ahmedabad, Surat, Gurugram, Cochin, Thiruvananthapuram, Pune, Lucknow, Chennai, North West Delhi, Jaipur, Gautambudh Nagar, Kolkata (North), Vishakhapatnam, Mumbai- 02 programs, Thane, Bhubneshwar, Hyderabad, Chandigarh and Varanasi with the participation of 4,788 youth in the age group of 18-22 yrs along with 416 escorts. These tribal youth were drawn from 12 LWE affected districts of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Odisha.

The key activities organized during the programme were lectures by Resource Persons, Declamation Contest, Cultural Programme, Exposure Visit, Prabhat Pheri, Film/Video Shows on

freedom Fighters, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Thematic Discussions/Seminars, Yoga, Interactive sessions with dignitaries, eminent personalities & young professionals, Industry Visit etc.



### 3.2.2 Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme with the financial support of Ministry of Home Affairs:

The programme was organized in collaboration with MHA- Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. The aim was to expose Kashmiri youth to the technological and industrial advancement that have taken place in different states of the country with focus on various developmental activities, skill development, education & availability of employment opportunities. Also to develop appreciative knowledge so that they may understand their surroundings, misconceptions, gaps and situations as that are prevailing in Kashmir Valley.

Under this programme, during the period under report, NYKS organized **30** programmes in Khorda, Ajmer, Vadodara, Panaji, Guntur, Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai, Central Delhi, Mohali, Guwalior, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, Mysore, Prayagraj, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Meerut, Muzaffarpur, Surat, Faridabad, Nainital, Raipur, Ludhiana, Jamshedpur, Gandhinagar, Nangloi, Dhanbad, Cuttack with the participation of **3438** youth in the age group of 18-22 years along with **346 Team Leaders**. These participants were drawn from each of the 6 districts of Kashmiri Valley viz Anantnag, Kupwara, Baramulla, Badgam, Srinagar and Pulwama.

The activities organized during the programmes were Lecture Series, Industry Visit, Exhibition of Artefacts and Local Products of Kashmir valley, Food Festival, sharing of best practices, Culture and Customs, Language Learning, Career Guidance, Patriotism and Nation Building Programme, Cultural Programmes and visit to places of higher learning (Educational Institutions) and places of historical and cultural importance.



### 3.3 Other Important Special Programmes/Activities

#### 3.3.1 Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye Campaign

Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye Campaign is an initiative of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. The Ministry of Education had designed various activities in consultation with Election Commission of India which aimed at propagating Electoral literacy and the campaign symbolized the importance of election and the pride of voting in the largest democracy in the world.

NYKS as part of the programme conducted various activities such as administering Voter's Pledge, Workshop and Seminar on Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye and Knowledge Competitions such as debate, Quiz, Slogan writing, Essay writing, Digital content writing and poetry.

A total of **3163 activities** have been organized by NYKS with the participation of **1.50 lakh** youth and others.

#### 3.3.2 Voter Awareness Campaign

India is the world's largest democracy, with over 90 crore eligible voters. However, voter turnout in India has historically been low, with only 67% of eligible voters casting their ballots in the 2019 general election. Voter education and registration drives are essential to ensure that every citizen has the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

In view of this, NYKS undertook Intensive Voter's Awareness & Registration Drives in all blocks of the country with a view to increase voter registration and turnout in India by educating citizens about the importance of voting and the electoral process and to encourage citizens in the democratic process.

NYKS under the campaign organized key activities such as Workshops on Voter Education, Voter Awareness Drive through Wall paintings, Posters, Nukkad-Nataks, Flash Mobs and other outdoor activities.

As part of the programme, during the month under report, NYKS conducted **2,568 activities** with the participation of **1.68 lakh youth** and others.



### 3.3.3 Har Ghar Tiranga

NYKS conducted Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign from 9th to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 with the spirit of "Jan Bhagidari se Jan Andolan".

As part of the programme, NYKS conducted an extensive campaign of Har Ghar Tiranga covering **15.14 lakh Households in 36,387 Villages/Towns/Cities** spreading awareness about Har Ghar Tiranga Program with the active involvement of 9.46 lakh youth & others. The youth volunteers in the process motivated 51.29 lakh citizens of India to Hoist Tiranga on their Houses and more than **28.07 lakh households hoisted Tiranga** on their houses during 09th to 15th August 2024.



### 3.3.4 NYKS participation for witnessing Independence Day Ceremony (IDC) 2024:

On the occasion 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024, special guests from across the country were invited by the Government to attend the celebrations in New Delhi.

On the above occasion, selected youth who have actively participated in the events by NYKS on MY Bharat Portal and who have made significant contribution towards success of the events from different parts of the country, alongwith their guardian were given opportunity to attend the Independence Day 2024 celebrations in New Delhi. Thus, from NYKS a total 64 youth and 31 guardians attended the Independence Day 2024 celebrations in New Delhi.



### 3.3.5 Poshan Maah 2024

Like previous years, NYKS celebrated the Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 as a valuable partner in the crusade against malnutrition during the month of September 2024.

The Themes of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 were Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi and Use of Technology for better Governance.

District Nehru Yuva Kendras motivated the Youth Volunteers to sensitise the villagers on the issues of Malnutrition, importance of balance diet, traditional food in collaboration with District Administration, Anganwadi, ASHA Workers for effective implementation.

As part of NYKS intervention, various activities were organized, the details of which are as following:

- NYKS conducted **671** Activities of Shapath with the participation of **19,251** People.
- **777** activities on sensitising Youth and Villagers on the core issues of Poshan (nutrition) were organised with the participation of **24,407** People.

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- **749** sensitization activities of Youth and Villagers on benefits of Millets were organised in which **20,476** people participated.
- **438** meetings with eminent citizens and Gram Panchayat, Angawadi, ANM and ASHA workers were organised with the participation of **10,199** people.
- **1011** other activities such as Seminars, discussions, Lectures, Door to Door campaign etc. were organized with the participation of **29,538** people.

A total of **1.03 Lakh** Youth club members, villagers, etc. were reached through above mentioned activities and through social media engagement.



### 3.3.6 Seva Se Seekhen- Experiential Learning Programme at Hospital

To engage India's youth and bolster healthcare services, the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has launched the "**Seva Se Seekhen**" programme under the MY Bharat initiative on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. This volunteering service aims to provide hands-on learning experiences for young people while offering crucial assistance to patients in hospitals.

NYKS across the country coordinated between the Health department/Hospitals and Youth Volunteers in the deployment of volunteers under Seva Se Seekhen – Experiential Learning programme in various hospitals.

Thus during the period under report a total of **2,918** MY Bharat volunteers got deployed in various hospitals under Seva Se Seekhen-Experiential learning programme.



### 3.3.7 Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 5.0 from 02<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024

Considering the importance of cleanliness for healthy lifestyle, this year Fit India Freedom Run was organized with the theme of Swachh Bharat, Swasth Bharat. The month long campaign of the Fit India Freedom Run 5.0 culminated with a Unity Run on 31st October, 2024 commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The key activities conducted by MY Bharat/NYKS were Administering of Fit India Pledge, Dissemination of the theme of Fit India Freedom Run 5.0 among members of youth clubs and other MY Bharat volunteers, Plog Run and Walks.

MY Bharat/NYKS under the Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 5.0 has conducted **2,644** activities with a participation of **1.74 lakh** youth and covered a distance of **2.19 Lakh KM** distance.



### 3.3.8 Bhagwan Birsa Munda 'Mati Ke Veer' Padyatra – Jashpur, Chhattisgarh

To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the MY Bharat in collaboration with the Government of Chhattisgarh, organized the Bhagwan Birsa Munda “Maati Ke Veer” Padyatra on 13th November, 2024, in Jashpur, Chhattisgarh. The 7 K.M. long Padyatra started from the Purana Nagar Ground and concluded at Ranjita Stadium.

The Padyatra was aimed at paying homage to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and acknowledge his significant contributions to India's struggle for independence, to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities in India, particularly in Chhattisgarh, to promote awareness about the contributions of tribal communities to the nation, to foster a sense of unity and solidarity among the youth, inspiring them to actively participate in nation-building activities, to showcase the initiatives of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, particularly the MyBharat platform, and encourage youth engagement.

The Padyatra saw enthusiastic participation from over **15,000 persons including more than 10,000 MYBharat volunteers** from 150 colleges and others.

**Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh and Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** graced this Padyatra with their presence. Other VIPs and dignitaries graced the programme include the Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, 02 Hon'ble Members of Parliament, 04 Hon'ble State Govt. Ministers, 04 Hon'ble MLAs and Member, State Women Commission, Chhattisgarh.

The Padyatra served as a fitting tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda, celebrating his legacy and inspiring the youth to carry forward his vision of a just and equitable society.



### 3.3.9 Sushasan Padyatra – Vadnagar, Gujarat

To mark the 100th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna former Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and celebrate Good Governance Day, the MY Bharat in collaboration with Commissionerate Youth Services, Govt. of Gujarat and District Administration, Mehsana organized the Sushasan Padyatra on 24th December 2024 in Vadnagar, Gujarat. The 8 K.M. long Padyatra started from Tanariri Ground and concluded at Tanariri Temple.

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The Padyatra was aimed to celebrate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and to celebrate Good Governance Day promoting transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in governance especially youth.

The Padyatra saw enthusiastic participation of over 15,000 MY Bharat Youth Volunteers from local universities, colleges and others.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour & Employment, Smt. Raksha Khadse, Honorable Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports and Shri Harsh Sanghvi, Home Minister, Sports, Youth Affairs and Cultural Affairs Minister, Government of Gujarat graced this Padyatra with their presence. Other VIPs and dignitaries graced the programme include Shri Rushikesh Patel, Honorable Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Gujarat, Shri Haribhai Patel, Hon'ble MP, Shri Mayankbhai Nayak, Hon'ble MP and Shri Bharat Singh Dabhi, Hon'ble MP.

In order to deepen the engagement of young citizens, a number of activities were organized, including theme-based selfie points. Specially designed venues were designed to capture memorable moments. Cultural programmes, educational exhibitions and interactive sessions on surname points, showcasing Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji's contribution to the democratic character of India were also organized.

The padyatra organised cultural programmes at designated places on the way to celebrate the life and legacy of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and emphasised on the importance of constitutional values in building a 'Viksit Bharat 2047'. This padyatra is a tribute to Atal Bihari Vajpayee for his unparalleled legacy and unwavering commitment to democratic principles.



### 3.3.10 Vijay Diwas Padyatra – Sribhumi, Assam

To celebrate Vijay Diwas, on 15th December, 2024, Vijay Diwas Padyatra – an honorary walk celebrating unity, empowerment, and service was organized in Sribhumi District of Assam from KVK Akbarpur Farm to Sutarkandi Border Point, symbolizing a meaningful journey connecting rural and urban India covering a distance of around 7 K.M. The Padyatra was organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GoI, in collaboration with the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare,

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Govt. of Assam and the Sribhumi District Administration. The Padyatra was organized to inspire the public especially the youths towards patriotism and nation-building activities and to celebrate the indomitable spirit of the nation.

The event commenced with sapling plantation by Hon'ble Ministers. The Hon'ble Ministers who graced the event are Smt. Nandita Garlosa, Hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Welfare, Govt. of Assam as the Chief Guest, Shri Krishnaendu Pal, State Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry Veterinary and Public Works, Shri Ranjan Das, Rajya Sabha MP, Shri Kamalakshya Dey Purkayastha, MLA North Karimganj, Shri Mihir Kanti Shome, MLA Udharbond as distinguished guests.

The Padyatra witnessed the participation of around **5000 MY Bharat Youth Volunteers** from local universities, colleges and others. The day concluded with tributes at the Malegarh Sepoy Mutiny Memorial and the Chaman Lal Gupta Memorial, symbolizing respect for past sacrifices and a collective commitment to future progress.



### 3.3.11 'Humara Samvidhaan, Humara Swabhiman' Padyatra – New Delhi

To commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Constitution Day, on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, MY Bharat Volunteers organised a 6 K.M. long Padyatra themed "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" from Major Dhyan Chand Stadium which passed through Kartavya Path and India Gate.

The event commenced with the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative during which Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment alongside other Hon'ble Union Ministers, planted a tree. The Hon'ble Ministers who graced the event are Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Law & Justice and Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports.

The padayatra witnessed the participation of **12,025 MY Bharat youth volunteers**, along with prominent youth icons and Union Ministers. They also participated in the Preamble reading held at India Gate.

The event emphasised the role of youth in preserving and promoting constitutional values for Viksit Bharat.



### 3.3.12 "Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue" - National Youth Festival

The core objectives of this year's Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue was thoughtfully structured around two major goals. First, to bring new youth leaders in politics, responding to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's call during his Independence Day address to engage 1 lakh youth with non-political background in these spheres. The National Youth Festival was designed to identify and nurture young talent with leadership potential, providing them a platform to share their ideas and vision for a Viksit Bharat directly before the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Second, to ensure the meaningful contribution of youth towards a Viksit Bharat through a transparent and democratic, merit-based selection system. This initiative underscores government's commitment to empowering the next generation to drive India's progress and development.

As part of Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, NYKS organized Yuva Utsav at District Level with 06 components viz. Science Mela Exhibition- Group and Individual Event, Young Artists Camp- Painting, Young Writers Camp – Poem, Photography Workshop, Declamation Contest and Cultural Festival- Group events.

A total of **703 District level Yuva Utsav** were organized wherein more than **2.23 lakh** youth participated.



### **3.3.13 Awareness Generation about the 100-Day Intensified Campaign on TB Elimination from 07th December 2024 to 24th March 2025 among the youth**

To fulfil the commitment of ensuring TB free India, a 100-Day Intensified Campaign on TB Elimination has been launched from 07<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 with an objective of improving public health across the nation by eliminating TB through significant reduction in the incidence and mortality rates.

The key activities undertaken by MY Bharat/NYKS under the campaign were Administering Ni-kshay Shapath (pledge), Awareness generation regarding Nikshay Mitra among the youth and encourage them to register themselves as Nikshay Mitras and Awareness generation through inclusion of TB-related messages in NYKS programmes and Awareness about the campaign through social media platforms.

MY Bharat/NYKS has conducted 633 activities with the participation of 32,647 youth and others under the campaign.

MY Bharat/NYKS also generated awareness about the campaign through social media platforms such as Facebook, twitter and Instagram with 208 post and 22,526 impressions.

### **3.3.14 Parakram Diwas Padayatra at Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar**

On the occasion of Parakram Diwas 2025, to mark the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, a mega Padayatra was organized by MY Bharat/NYKS with the support of Andaman and Nicobar Administration at Sri Vijaya Puram on 23rd January, 2025.

The Padayatra saw enthusiastic participation of **2200 MY Bharat Youth Volunteers** from various colleges, Youth organizations and others. The 4.5 K.M. Padayatra started from Flag Point and concluded at Netaji Stadium.

Before flagging off the Mega Padayatra, Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse led the reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of India. This was followed by a pledge-taking ceremony, where all participants solemnly took oath of commitment to national integrity and service to the nation.

This Padyatra is a grand tribute to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose honouring his unparalleled contribution towards India's struggle for freedom.



### 3.3.15 Jai Shivaji Jai Bharat Padyatra in Maharashtra

On the occasion of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti on 19.02.2025, MY Bharat/NYKS organized Jai Shivaji Jai Bharat Padyatra across all 36 districts of Maharashtra with the support of State Govt. of Maharashtra.

The Jai Shivaji Jai Bharat Padyatra in Pune was jointly inaugurated by Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth

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Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports and Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation. Over 20,000 MY Bharat Youth Volunteers, showcasing immense enthusiasm and reverence for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's legacy joined the Padyatra in Pune.

The Jai Shivaji Jai Bharat Padyatra across Maharashtra State covered a total distance of 324 k.m. with enthusiastic participation of **1.17 lakh people** including various dignitaries, eminent persons, MY Bharat Youth Volunteers, Govt. officials and local community members



### 3.3.16 Pariksha Pe Charcha

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji interacting with students for another edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 at Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. NYKS amplified the event through display and sharing of E-posters/infographics and creatives/videos on PPC-2025 along with the #PPC2025 through NYKS social media handles. Besides, activities such as Cultural activities, Skits/Plays, Slogan writing and painting were suggestive activities to be undertaken to popularize the PPC-2025. A total of 276 activities were organized with participation of 14,406 youth participation. The program was witnessed by **2.33 lakh youth volunteers** and others.



### 3.3.17 National Convention of District Youth Officers in New Delhi

A Two Days National Convention was organised on 4th and 5th September, 2024 at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, wherein 357 Youth Officers from NYKS across the country participated.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the two-day National Convention on 4th September, 2024 and chaired the valedictory session on 5th September 2024. The Secretary (YA) and Joint Secretary (YA) graced the convention with their presence on both days.

The aim of the National Convention was to harness the dynamic potential of youth and channel it towards national progress. The convention fostered rich dialogue on pressing themes, including India's growth trajectory, youth led initiatives, and the role of technology in governance and civic engagement. Engaging sessions encouraged the officers to share innovative ideas and best practices on a range of themes, including Viksit Bharat 2047, Health, MY Bharat & Budget for Viksit Bharat Outreach, Youth in Public Life, Youth Exchange and Science Mela.

The ideas and strategies shared at the National Convention will serve as a catalyst for empowering field office officials and providing leadership and creating opportunities, these officials can inspire and guide our youth to realize their fullest potential.





### 3.4 Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025

Formerly known as National Youth Parliament Festival, was restructured in the form of Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament during 2024-25.

The Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament is a platform for young voices to engage in national discussions and shape the vision for Viksit Bharat@2047. It fosters leadership, civic participation, and policy discussions, enabling students to deliberate on key national issues.

For the first time since COVID-19, all District Nodal Rounds (301) were conducted in person, ensuring greater participation and direct engagement. Over 75,000 young people from every State and Union Territory submitted their video entries through the MY Bharat portal, showcasing their enthusiasm and commitment to shaping the nation's future.

**The Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament was structured into three key stages:**

#### **District Nodal Rounds:**

- The discussion on *One Nation, One Election* reached every town and village through massive dialogues held at 300 district nodes.
- To qualify, candidates uploaded a 1-minute video answering the question: "What does Viksit Bharat mean to you?"

#### **State Rounds:**

- Held in over 17 State assemblies and remaining 18 in other government establishments, these rounds marked a historic milestone in bridging the gap between youth and governance.
- Sessions were presided over by State Speakers and Governors, etc. lending credibility and significance to youth discussions.

**National Round (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025):**

- The top 3 candidates from each State/UT (totaling 105 youth) were selected to participate at the national level.
- Participants engaged in high-level discussions and activities, including
  - a. **Opening Remarks**
  - b. **Question Hour:** Focused on *One Nation, One Election* and *Viksit Bharat*, culminating in a resolution.
  - c. **Masterclass:** Conducted by a Sh. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, equipping youth with essential oratory and leadership skills.
  - d. **Short Discussion**
  - e. **PM Sangrahalaya Visit:** Providing insights into India's political journey and leadership stories.



## CHAPTER-5 : NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports introduced a scheme called National Youth Corps during 2010-11. The objective of the scheme is to set up a group of disciplined and dedicated youth, who have the inclination and spirit to engage in the task of nation building, to facilitate the realization of inclusive growth (both social and economic), to act as points for dissemination of information, basic knowledge in the community, to act as group modulators and peer group educators and to act as role models for the younger cohorts especially towards enhancement of public ethics, probity and dignity of labour.

Under this scheme, the target was fixed to select and deployed 13,206 Volunteers in 771 Districts of 36 States / UTs of India during the year 2024-25. Due to some administrative reasons, the selection was made only in 137 Districts of 08 States/UTs. A **total of 2066 volunteers** have been deployed during 2024-25. There is a selection committee under chairpersonship of DM/DC of the district for selecting volunteers. Volunteers in the age group of 18-29 years are deployed for maximum period of 2 years duration only. Each volunteer is paid Rs. **5000/-** as monthly honorarium with effect from October, 2016. Earlier each volunteer was paid the monthly honorarium of Rs. 2500/- only. These volunteers act as link between Youth Club members and concerned NYK/ various other departments.

Volunteers were actively involved in taking up the task of motivating and revitalization Youth Clubs in the village/ community level apart from implementing core programmes, special programmes and coordination activities of NYKS.

## CHAPTER-6 : NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

### 1. Introduction:

National Service Scheme (NSS) was introduced in 1969 with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. 'Education through Service' is the purpose of the NSS. The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Very appropriately, the motto of NSS is "NOT ME, BUT YOU" (स्वयं से पहले आप) . An NSS volunteer places the 'community' before 'self'.

### 2. Objectives of NSS Scheme:

NSS aims at developing the following qualities/ competencies among the volunteers:

- a) To understand the community in which the NSS volunteers work and to understand themselves in relation to their community;
- b) To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve themselves in problem-solving exercise;
- c) To develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility;
- d) To utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems;
- e) To gain skills in mobilizing community participation;
- f) To acquire leadership qualities and democratic values;
- g) To develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters; and
- h) To practice national integration and social harmony.

NSS attempts to establish meaningful linkages between 'Campus and Community', 'College and Village' and 'Knowledge and Action'.

NSS, was launched in 1969 in 37 Universities involving about 40,000 volunteers which has now spread over 694 Universities and 51 (+2 Councils/Directorates), covering 19808 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 13737 Senior Secondary Schools in which 4037975 (Including SFU) volunteers are enrolled. Since inception, over 7.4 crores students have benefited from NSS.

### 3. Basic Programme Structure of NSS:

NSS is being implemented in Senior Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities. The design of the NSS envisages that each educational institution covered under the Scheme has at least one NSS unit comprising of 100 student volunteers (lesser strength in some cases), led by a teacher designated as Programme Officer (PO). Each NSS unit adopts a village or slum for taking up its activities. A NSS volunteer is required to undertake the following work/ activities:

- a) **Regular NSS Activity:** Each NSS volunteer is required to put in minimum 120 hours of service per year for two years, i.e. a total 240 hours. This work is undertaken in villages/ slums adopted by NSS unit or in school/ college campuses, usually after study hours or during weekends/vacations. During the first year, 20 hours (out of total 120 hours) are earmarked for Orientation of NSS volunteers, to get them acquainted with the basics of NSS through lectures, discussions, field visits, audio-visuals, etc.
- b) **Special Camping Programme:** Each NSS unit organizes a Special Camp of 7 days duration in adopted villages/ urban slums during vacations, with some specific projects by involving the local communities. Each volunteer is required to participate in the Special Camp once during the 2-year period. Thus, about 50% of the NSS volunteers in a Unit participate in a particular Special Camp.

4. **Nature of Activities taken up under NSS:** The activities being undertaken under NSS can be broadly classified in two categories, as follows:

- i. **Core Activities:** The activities under NSS continue to evolve in response to the needs of the community. An illustrative list of some of the activities undertaken under NSS is as follows:
  - a) Education: adult literacy, pre-school education, continuing education of school drop-outs, programmes on eradication of social evils, etc.
  - b) Health, Family Welfare and Nutrition: immunization, blood donation, health education, AIDS awareness, etc.
  - c) Environment Conservation: plantation of trees and their preservation/ upkeep, cleaning and maintenance of streets, drains etc.,
  - d) Social Service Programmes: Work in hospitals, institutions for disabled persons, orphanages, old-age homes, women welfare institutions, etc.
  - e) Programmes for improving Status of Women: awareness generation regarding women's rights, imparting skill training to women, etc.
  - f) Production-oriented Programmes: educating people about improved agricultural practices, guidance in animal resource development, etc.
  - g) Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation: working with local authorities in rescue and relief operations.

5. **Other Activities/ Programme under NSS:** In addition to the Core activities, various other activities are taken up under NSS. For instance,

- a) Participation in Republic Day Parade Camp.
- b) Participation in Adventure Activities.
- c) Organisation of North East NSS Festivals.
- d) Self-Defence Training for NSS Volunteers.

- e) National Integrations.
- f) Programmes of line Ministries such as Ministry of Women & Child Development Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, etc.

## 6. Administrative Structure:

Each NSS unit in an institution is led by a teacher designated as Programme Officer (PO) who plays a pivotal role as an educator, organiser, coordinator, supervisor, administrator and public relations person for the NSS unit under him/her.

At University Level, there is an NSS Cell and a designated Programme Coordinator (PC) to coordinate the NSS activities in respect of all NSS units in the University and its affiliated colleges. Similarly, in respect of Senior Secondary Schools, NSS Cell is located in the Directorate of Senior Secondary Education.

At State level, there is a State NSS Cell located in the Higher Education/Youth Affairs and Sports department which controls the release of grant to the NSS units. There is a State NSS Officer (SNO) on deputation from the State Government in Readers/ Associate Professor scale, who looks after the activities and functions of the State NSS Cell. The entire expenses of the State NSS Cell is borne by Government of India.

At the National Level, there is a Directorate of NSS, which functions through 15 Regional Directorates located at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Patna, Pune and Thiruvananthapuram.

In addition to the above, there are Advisory Committees at National, State, University and Institution level, comprising of official and non-official members, to provide necessary guidance to the NSS functionaries.

### ➤ Financing Mechanism:

Currently, funding is provided for running of core NSS activities @Rs.400 per volunteer per annum for regular NSS activities and @Rs.700 per volunteer (50% of volunteers in a particular year) for special camping activities. All the funds are used for running NSS activities and no cash payment is made to any volunteer. Out of the total provision, the establishment costs in the educational institutions connected with NSS are also required to be met from the regular activities funds.

NSS was implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme upto 2015-16. However, from 01.04.2016, it is being implemented as a Central Sector Scheme.

➤ **Self-Financing Units (SFUs):**

The Department has introduced a mechanism for setting up of Self-financing Units of NSS so that the expansion of NSS is not constrained by lack of adequate Government funding. The units set up under this mechanism enjoy the same status as any other NSS unit. The only difference being that these units are funded by the institutions setting up the units. So far, 3556 Self Financing Units of NSS have been set up, involving **350449** volunteers.

**7. Performance Report in 2024-25**

**Adoption of Villages/ Slums:** NSS units adopted 33397 villages/ slums for various social activities in the community.

**Organisation of NSS Special Camps:** Special Camps are an integral part of NSS, wherein volunteers get the opportunity to move closely with the rural people, understand their way of life, stay with them for seven days and carry out various developmental activities. This year 18993 Special Camps have been organized by now in which 933639 volunteers participated.

**Plantation of Saplings under Ek Ped Maa ke Naam Campaign:** Plantation of saplings under “Ek Ped Maa ke Naam” Campaign and their maintenance is one of the most popular activities under NSS. 4684588 saplings were planted in various places such as Government buildings, Parks, University/ College campuses, Avenue plantations, Forest areas, etc.



**Blood Donation:** NSS Volunteers are always on the forefront in the country to donate blood to the poor, needy and during emergency cases in the hospitals. As part of regular programme, most of NSS units invariably organise blood donation camps in association with Indian Red Cross Society, Government Hospitals and Blood Banks. Most of the Universities/ Institutions maintain a directory of the NSS Voluntary blood donors, who can be contacted in times of need. Total of 161673 units of blood were donated by NSS Volunteers across India.



**Pulse Polio Immunization:** NSS carried out awareness campaigns in rural area during the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme. NSS Volunteers helped the local administration throughout the country in administering the pulse polio drops to the children. A total of 39319 NSS volunteers were involved in mobilizing the children for administering pulse polio immunization and 101645 children were benefitted through this programme.



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**Health/ Eye/ Immunization Camps:** NSS units played an active role in the organization of health, eye and immunization camps in the adopted villages, They mobilize the specialist and also collect general medicine for organizing general health camp, cancer awareness and detection camp , blindness control camp etc. in this line 12167 camps were organized, in which 559403 NSS volunteers participated.



**Awareness Programmes/ Rallies/ Campaigns:** As a part of regular activity NSS units across the country organized awareness programmes/ rallies/ campaigns on issues of relevance to the community, in 2024-25 total 152287 awareness programmes/ rallies/ campaigns, in which 7772280 volunteers participated.



**Self Defense Training:** Self-defense training was imparted to 19906 NSS Girl volunteers through respective NSS Units in the Country.





**Shramadaan:** As an integral part of the National Service Scheme 5373904 volunteer-hours of Shramadaan was contributed by the NSS volunteers.



**Voter Awareness Campaign:** During the Voter Awareness Campaign by the National Service Scheme, a total of 3,915,538 volunteers took part in 100,175 activities. Additionally, 3,611,376 individuals pledged to vote, contributing to the success of the campaign.



**My Bharat and Digital Literacy Training** : A total no. of 42943 NSS Programme Officers were trained in 240 MY Bharat training programmes for KI Registration, Volunteer Registration, CV Building, Event Creation and Public Profile training conducted by NSS with MY Bharat Section.



**World Environment Day:** NSS Units observed World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 all over the country in which 5,33,675 NSS volunteers participated in Various Activities.



**World Blood Donor Day, 2024:** World Blood Donor Day, 2024 were organized by NSS Units in which 71,023 volunteers participated and total of 6,371 units of blood were donated by NSS Volunteers across India.



**Daan Utsav:** Dan Utsav, or the Joy of Giving Week, is celebrated by NSS to promote selfless giving and kindness. Volunteers engage in activities like donation drives and community services. It strengthens bonds between volunteers and society, emphasizing empathy and social welfare. This week encourages collective action to support those in need.



**International Day of Yoga-2024:** NSS Units observed International Day of Yoga-2024 on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024. To mark the occasion various Yoga related 40,184 activities were organized in which 41,44,396 NSS volunteers & others participated from 18194 institutions all over the country.



**Digital Health Initiative of NHA:** NSS volunteers were deployed under the Digital Health Initiative of the National Health Authority (NHA) in 7 hospitals, where they assisted 63900 patients. A total of 26

volunteers contributed to the successful implementation of the initiative, providing essential support to improve digital health services.



**Flood relief Campaign driven by NSS Unit in Kerala in the Month of July, 2024:** Under the leadership of NSS Unit in The Dale View College of Pharmacy and Research Centre, relief supplies for the victims of the Wayanad landslide were collected and handed over to the Panchayat on August 2nd 2024. Food, clothing, medicines, and eco-friendly products were collected and handed over to the Aryanad Panchayat authorities. The Panchayat president appreciated these commendable services. He remarked that such activities once again demonstrate the role of the NSS in humanitarian efforts.

The college NSS Unit's second phase of aid for the Wayanad landslide disaster victims was collected fund with the help of college students, teachers, and non-teaching staff and handed over the same to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund.



**Cyber Security (I4C):** A total of 892 events were organized under the Cyber Security initiative, benefiting 77768 individuals. These events aimed to raise awareness and educate participants on the importance of online safety and security in today's digital world.



**Independence Day Ceremony, 2024 organized at Red Fort, New Delhi:** During the Independence Day Ceremony 2024 (IDC-2024) at Red Fort, New Delhi, NSS volunteers played a key role in organizing impactful activities, including the formation of the "My Bharat" logo by 500 volunteers, symbolizing national unity. The ceremony was graced by 440 special guests from the NSS and 210 special guests from the My Bharat initiative, marking the occasion as both memorable and meaningful. The pioneer batch of NSS volunteers at IDC this year displayed exceptional enthusiasm, dedication, and contributions, making the event a success. As this collaboration concludes, we look forward to making it an annual tradition, welcoming a new batch of energetic and committed NSS volunteers each year.





**Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign:** Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign was conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 by NSS across the country, with overwhelming participation. A total of 8,645 Tiranga marches were organized, engaging 5,68,477 volunteers nationwide. Additionally, 1,239 Tiranga runs and marathons were held, with 144,725 NSS volunteers actively participating.



**Experiential Learning Programme in Hospitals- “Seva Se Seekhe” ( 17.09.2024 to 02.10.2024):**

The "Seva Se Seekhe" Experiential Learning Programme in Hospitals, held from 17th September to 2nd October 2024, saw NSS volunteers deployed across 235 hospitals. A total of 2021 volunteers participated in the initiative, gaining valuable hands-on experience while providing essential service and support to healthcare facilities during this impactful period.



**Swachhta-hi-Seva Campaign in the Month of September, 2024 (17 September, 2024 to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024):** The Swachhta-hi-Seva Campaign held from 17th September to 2nd October 2024 saw active participation from 4089097 NSS volunteers across the country. Together, they contributed significantly to the cleanliness drive, collecting an impressive 6823077 kg of waste, highlighting their commitment to promoting sanitation and a cleaner environment.



**Observation of NSS Day :**

NSS Units observed NSS Day on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 all throughout the country. Various activities were organized to celebrate the NSS day.



**Adventure activities:** Adventure programs were organized for the NSS volunteers in the month of September, 2024, October, 2024 and November, 2024. Total 1060 NSS volunteers and 106 Program Officers (POs) participated in the Adventure Camps organized by Atal Bihari Bajpayee Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports at its four centers Manali, Dharamshala, Pong Dam and River Rafting Centre Pirdiin Himachal Pradesh.





**North East Youth Festival 2024:** The North East NSS Festival 2024 was held in Agartala, Tripura from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Total No. of 200 Volunteers & Programme Officers Participated in the event.





**National Unity Day 31st October, 2024:** On the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, celebrated as National Unity Day on 31st October 2024, NSS Units across the country organized a series of impactful events. A total of 303 universities and +2 councils participated, covering 3,934 institutions. NSS volunteers took a strong stand for unity, with 221,775 volunteers taking the National Unity Day pledge. The day featured 1,994 Unity Runs, with 105,765 volunteers participating and collectively covering 118,682 kilometres. In addition, 201 online activities engaged 48,347 volunteers, while 2,770 offline activities saw 193,301 volunteers actively involved. Notably, 200 volunteers participated in the "Run for Unity" at Major Dhyhan Chand National Stadium, reinforcing the spirit of unity and national integration.



**NSS Pre-Republic Day Camps:** 5 Pre Republic Day Camps were organized in five zones. In these camps 1000 NSS volunteers & 50 Programme Officers participated from all over the country. In these camps the best eligible volunteers were selected to participate in Republic Day Parade Camp-2025, New Delhi.



**My Bharat outreach Programme:** My Bharat Outreach Programme covered 633 districts across the country, conducting a total of 2946 programs. These initiatives reached 2954 institutions, with 3245 peer educators actively involved in spreading the message. A remarkable 169981 volunteers participated in the program.



**Diwali with MY Bharat by NSS from 27th Oct'24 to 30th Oct'24:** "Diwali with My Bharat" campaign, organized by NSS from 27th October to 30th October 2024, covered 380 cities and saw the active participation of 32,429 NSS volunteers. A total of 440 institutions were involved, and 451 markets were covered as part of the initiative. NSS volunteers were deployed at 427 institutions and 410 traffic choke points, collaborating with 361 trade associations and their office bearers. Additionally, 646 traffic police personnel were coordinated with, and volunteering activities took place in 384 hospitals. The campaign also saw the involvement of 356 NSS functionaries and led to the creation of 1,088 events on the My Bharat portal, showcasing the widespread engagement and impact of the initiative.



**Constitution Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2024:** On Constitution Day 2024, NSS volunteers across India came together in large numbers to honour the Constitution and its values. A total of 520 universities and 17,749 institutions participated in various activities. Over 1.26 million volunteers read the Preamble, while 382,670 engaged in additional activities. Floral tributes were organized in 9,669 locations, with 634,828 volunteers paying their respects. Additionally, 2,464 padyatras were organized, with 131,882 volunteers covering 26,083 kilometres in total. A significant event was held at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in Delhi, where 4,500 NSS volunteers participated in a Padyatra with the theme "Mera Samvidhan, Mera Swabhiman" (My Constitution, My Pride). This remarkable display of unity and dedication showcased the NSS's unwavering commitment to promoting the ideals of the Constitution across the nation.



**4th Janjatiya Gaurav Divas Celebration 2024 :** NSS organized workshops and awareness campaigns to educate tribal communities about their rights and government schemes, focusing on raising awareness of social, economic, and health programs. These efforts aimed to empower locals to access available resources and promote community development. On 4th January, during the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas celebrations, NSS volunteers in Chhattisgarh actively participated in the Maati Ke Veer Padyatra, a foot march held to honour the significant contributions of tribal communities. This central event saw the participation of 5,500 NSS volunteers, representing nearly 60 NSS units from across Chhattisgarh, highlighting the unity and dedication of the volunteers in celebrating and preserving the rich tribal heritage.





**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat:** Under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat 15 National Integration Camps were organized to inculcate the sense and spirit of patriotism and national integration among the NSS volunteers in different states of the country in the 2024-25. In these national level camps total 2998 NSS volunteers along with Programme Officers participated from all over the country.



**World AIDS Day on 01 December, 2024:** Awareness programmes on the occasion of World AIDS Day (01 Dec) were organized by various NSS Units. During the Campaign Rally, Pledge and workshops were organized by NSS Units on 01 Dec 2024.



**Good Governance Day on 24th December, 2024:** Padyatra was organised on 24th December, 2024 to celebrate Good Governance Day at Tanariri Garden, Vadnagar, Gujarat. This Programme was led by Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of State Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Smt. Raksha Khadse, Hon'ble Minister Higher Education Government of Gujarat Shri Rushikesh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Home, Youth Affairs and Sports Government of Gujarat Shri Harsh Sanghvi. Almost 15000 youth participated in the program.





**Celebration of Veer Bal Diwas on 26th Decmber, 2024:** 2680 Volunteers witness the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Programme at Bharat Mandpam, New Delhi as organized by Ministry of Women & Child Development. Additionally, Veer Bal Divas was observed in all NSS Units across the country by National Service Scheme (NSS)."





**National Youth Festival-2025 :** The National Youth Festival 2025, held on January 11-12 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, celebrated National Youth Day and featured the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue. Over 3,000 young leaders from across India engaged in discussions on the nation’s future, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi who urged them to play a key role in building a Developed India. The event aimed to empower youth, foster leadership, and promote responsibility toward India’s growth.



**Road safety Awareness Campaign from 17th to 23rd January,2025:** The Road Safety Awareness Campaign was held from 17th to 23rd January 2025 across the country, with NSS volunteers from various institutions actively participating. The campaign focused on promoting road safety through activities like workshops, awareness posters, and interactive discussions. It successfully engaged students and local communities in spreading the message of responsible driving and traffic rule adherence.

<b>National Service Scheme</b>	
<b>Road Safety Awareness Campaign from 17th to 23rd January,2025</b>	
<p><b><u>Metropolitan Cities: -</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of Trainings Conducted: <b>75</b></li> <li>• No. of Volunteers Trained: <b>5931</b></li> <li>• No. of Traffic points covered: <b>162</b></li> <li>• No. of Volunteers deployed: <b>5964</b></li> <li>• Outreach: Total no. youth and community members sensitized by deployed volunteers: <b>75073</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Urban Cities: -</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of Trainings Conducted: <b>593</b></li> <li>• No. of Volunteers Trained: <b>61282</b></li> <li>• No. of Traffic points covered: <b>985</b></li> <li>• No. of Volunteers deployed: <b>60621</b></li> <li>• Outreach: Total no. youth and community members sensitized by deployed volunteers: <b>376594</b></li> </ul>

**Districts: -**

- No. of Trainings Conducted: **650**
- No. of Volunteers Trained: **50444**
- No. of Traffic points covered: **807**
- No. of Volunteers deployed: **51131**
- Outreach: Total no. youth and community members sensitized by deployed volunteers: **247805**



**Republic Day Parade Camp-2025:** Republic Day Parade Camp organized at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi in the month of January, wherein 200 NSS Volunteers along with 15 Contingent Leaders participated from all the States and Union Territories of India. 148 NSS Volunteers marched on Kartavya Path on 26th January 2025.



**Meeting with Hon'ble President:** During the NSS Republic Day Parade Camp 2025, NSS volunteers, contingent leaders, NSS officials met the Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan. During the camp, they got an opportunity to meet the Hon'ble President, Hon'ble Vice President & Hon'ble Prime Minister at their respective residences.



**Meeting with Hon'ble Vice-President:** During the Republic Day Parade Camp, 2025, NSS Volunteers, Contingent Leaders, NSS officials met the Hon'ble Vice President of India at Parliament House.



**Meeting with Hon'ble Prime Minister:** During the Republic Day Parade Camp, 2025 NSS Volunteers, Contingent Leaders, NSS officials met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at Prime Minister House.



**Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports & Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (State):** During the Republic Day Parade Camp 2025, NSS Volunteers, Contingent Leaders, NSS officials met the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya**.



**Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025 in the Month of February, 2025:** A total of 370,954 NSS volunteers from 274 universities and 8,026 institutions across the country watched the live telecast of *Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025* held in February 2025. The Hon'ble Prime Minister's address provided valuable guidance on exam stress management, confidence building, and self-discipline. NSS volunteers actively participated and found the session highly motivating and beneficial.



**BUDS Training for Trainers (TOT) in the Month of March, 2025:**

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had decided to conduct the health & fitness test in collaboration with Bal Umang Drishya Sanstha (BUDS) to analyse the current health & fitness state of Youth & to detect early signs to any illness or health issues.

In this regard, in February 2025, the program officers who participated in the BUDS Training for Trainers (TOT) held in Delhi, they trained physical education teachers at the state level to conduct fitness tests.



**Youth Parliaments were held at District and State Levels in which NSS Volunteers participated across the country in the Month of March, 2025:** NSS Volunteers from all across the country took part in the events of District Youth Parliament and state Youth Parliament organized in the month of March, 2025.



## **CHAPTER-7 : RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (RGNIYD)**

### **1. Introduction**

RGNIYD is a vital resource centre with its multi-faceted functions of offering cutting-edge exclusive academic programmes encompassing various dimensions of youth development, engaging in seminal research in the vital areas of youth development and coordinating training programmes, besides conducting extension and outreach initiatives across the country.

The Institute serves as a think-tank of the Ministry and is a premier organization of youth-related activities in the country. As the apex institute, it works in close cooperation with the NSS, NYKS, MY Bharat and other youth organizations in implementation of training programmes. The Institute is the nodal agency for training youth as a facilitator of youth development activities in rural, urban as also tribal areas.



RGNIYD serves as a youth observatory and depository in the country, thereby embarking on surveillance on youth-related issues. It has a wide network with various organisations working for the welfare and development of youth. Hon'ble President of India is the Visitor of the Institute.

The multifarious activities of the Institute are monitored by its statutory bodies viz. Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee and the Building and Works Committee.

The Director is the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the Institute through various Schools, Departments and Centres.

### **2. Programmes and Activities of RGNIYD during 2024 – 2025:**

#### **i. Activities of Academic Division**

The Academic Division strives to develop a cadre of competent professionals for youth development in the country through appropriately-designed and proficiently delivered courses of studies in various academic areas that are relevant to the emerging developmental needs and aspirations of the young people and consistent with the national values and professional ethics of youth work functionaries. The academic courses being currently offered are patterned on those being offered by reputed educational institutions across the globe and measure up to international standards and curricula requirements.

**a) The major functions of the Institute include:**

- Coordinating training programmes, besides conducting extension and outreach initiatives across the country.
- Offering post-graduate degrees in youth development in relation to knowledge, skills, ethics, values, etc thereby providing wider access to the academic courses of the Institute to aspiring young professionals who wish to take up a career in the field of youth development within and outside the country.
- Organising exchange programmes for faculty members with institutes and universities of international repute to develop the professional capabilities of the teaching/training faculty of the Institute.
- Managing student exchange programmes with reputed institutes/universities, enabling the students to acquire proficiency in the subject of their choice.
- Offering internships and placements for the students with national and international organisations to provide them necessary interactive exposure to wider social and cultural diversities, thus, enabling them to compete in the global job market.
- Reviewing the existing curriculum of various courses to make them consistent with the needs of the employing agencies and to ensure parity with the standards of the reputed educational institutions of the country.
- Offering doctoral fellowships to assist in research, training and teaching academic programmes of the institute.
- Utilizing the expertise of eminent scholars, professors and outstanding activists to provide expert academic discourse to the students and faculties of the institute.

**b) As an apex Institution of higher learning in Youth Studies, RGNIYD continued to offer the following Master's Degree Programmes (Two-year duration) :**

- M.Sc. Computer Science (Data Science)
- M.Sc. Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)
- M.Sc. Computer Science (Cyber Security)
- M.Sc. Mathematics
- M.Sc. Applied Psychology
- M.A. English
- M.A. Sociology
- M.A. Development Studies\*
- M.A. Public Administration\*
- M.S.W. (Youth and Community Development)

*\*Courses offered in Regional Centre Chandigarh.*

These post-graduation programmes offered by RGNIYD are unique in terms of content and structure adopting an interdisciplinary approach to equip the students with competencies and theoretical knowledge about youth work and contemporary issues. A judicious blend of scholarly pursuit and field practice, each PG Programme moulds the learners into professionals in youth development.

**c) Besides the Post Graduate Programmes, RGNIYD offers the following Undergraduate Programmes:**

- B.Voc. Apparel Manufacturing & Entrepreneurship
- B.Voc. Fashion Design & Retail

These programmes are offered through 25 Centres across the country through a tripartite agreement among RGNIYD, Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC) and Institute of Apparel Management (IAM).

**d) RGNIYD MoU with Creative Arts Education Society (CAES), operating through its constituent academic facilities of Pearl Academy**

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Institute of National Importance, MoYAS, Government of India has partnered with Creative Arts Education Society (CAES) for offering Bachelor's and Master's degrees. The MoU was signed on 05 September 2023.

**3. The major highlights of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development during the year 2024-25 are as follows:**

**Orientation Programme on Safeguards against Cybercrimes 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of RGNIYD organized an Orientation Programme on the Safeguards against Cybercrimes for the Students of RGNIYD on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at RGNIYD. The orientation programme provided inputs on Introduction to Cybersecurity and its importance; Overview of Cybercrimes; Need for browsing the web safely; Essentials for protecting personal information; Potential cyber hazards to end-users; Forms of internet scams, frauds and cybercrimes; Common Cyber Hacking Methods; Brief about Phishing Methods; Real Time Case Studies about Cyber Crimes; Understanding the importance social media safety; Social media etiquette; Combating misinformation in Social Media; Effective utilization of privacy settings and Managing Passwords.



**Training of Trainers Programme on Youth Rights and Legal Aid for NSS Program Officers 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam**

The Centre for Training, Orientation and Capacity Building, RGNIYD organized a three-day Training of Trainers Programme on Youth Rights and Legal Aid for the NSS Programme Officers of Andhra University from 4-6 April, 2024.



The sessions included Constitution of India, Preamble, Fundamental Duties and Fundamental Rights, National Youth Policy, Youth and Child Rights, Prevention of Child Marriages, Cyber Crimes and Prevention, Gender Sensitization, Prevention of Crimes

against Young Women and Girls, Providing Legal Aid Services for the Youth through Legal Service Authority. The programme was attended by 35 NSS Programme Officers from the Constituent and Affiliated Colleges of Andhra University.

**Master Trainers Training Programs on MY Bharat and Digital Literacy & Financial Inclusion**

The Centre for Training, Orientation and Capacity Building (CTO&CB), Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) in collaboration with MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and National Service Scheme (NSS), organized 6 batches of Master Trainers Training Programs on MY Bharat and Digital Literacy & Financial Inclusion for the NSS District Liaison Officers.



The first batch programme was inaugurated by the Secretary (Youth Affairs), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Smt. Meeta Rajiv Lochan IAS. Dr. C. Samuel Chelliah, Deputy Program Adviser, National Service Scheme (NSS), MoYAS and Shri. Kunahmed, State Director, NYKS – Tamil Nadu were present during the inauguration). Prof. Vasanthi Rajendran, Head, CTO&CB, RGNIYD outlined about the need and objectives of the programme. Later the Secretary (YA) interacted with the participants and explained about their role after the training programme as facilitators for training the youth on digital literacy, financial inclusion and onboarding them on to the MY Bharat portal.

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**Celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

As per the directives of the Government of India, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development organized a programme on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 at its campus on the theme of the year **“Yoga for Self and Society - स्वयं और समाज के लिए योग”** for promoting the profound benefits of yoga in personal well-being and societal harmony.

Dr. P. Baskaran, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Education, Saveetha University and an International Yoga Champion delivered a special lecture on the International Day of Yoga 2024 and emphasized the biological benefits of Yoga for removal of toxins from the body, reduction of stress and tension, increasing body flexibility, improving brain functioning, reducing body weight and lowering of heart diseases and respiratory disorders. Later he demonstrated various Yoga Asanas and detailed their benefits.



Dr. P. David Paul, Training Officer extended a warm welcome to the students, officers, faculty members, and staff, providing insights into the program's objectives. Dr. S. Kumaravel, Head, Department of Social Work, RGNIYD gave an introduction to the programme and administered the International Yoga Day 2024 Pledge to the participants of the programme.

### Skill Training on Tally for Under privileged Youth of Kashmir

RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur in collaboration with the Indian Army organized a three-month Skill Training on Tally for Under privileged Youth of Kashmir.



The participants and the local population of Dawar Village, Gurez (Tehsil) Valley, Kashmir were excited by the opportunities and expressed their gratitude to both RGNIYD and the Indian Army. The participants received certificates upon successful completion of the program.

### Certificate of Accreditation by Capacity Building Commission (CBC) 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

The Capacity Building Commission (CBC) (set up under the Training Division, Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions based on the recommendations of NITI Aayog), Government of India was on-boarding of all Training Institutions under the Ministries/Departments involved in civil service capacity building on to the NSCSTI Web Portal created by CBC for accreditation of training institutions.

After the Onsite Visit for Assessment and Accreditation of RGNIYD, it was awarded the Certification of Accreditation as 'अति उत्तम' under the Capacity Building Commission's National Standards as assessed by National Accreditation



Board of Education and Training (NABET) on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and valid till 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

The Director, RGNIYD Smt. Sarah Jayal Sawkmie received the scroll from the Hon'ble Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge), Earth Sciences (Independent Charge), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space.



Prof. Vasanthi Rajendran, Head, Centre for Training, Orientation and Capacity Building who is also the Nodal Officer for Capacity Building Commission from RGNIYD received the Certificate of Accreditation under the Capacity Building Commission's National

Standards from Dr. Alka Mittal, Member-Administration Capacity Building Commission in the CSTI Convention on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

### Skill Training Programme on Crewel Craft for the Underprivileged Youth of Kashmir



Kashmiri Embroidery work is one of the most celebrated crafts of the region. Kashmiri Crewelwork is usually done on thicker fabric and the finished products are used to decorate drapery and upholstery. It takes an artisan anywhere between 8 to 10 weeks to complete the work according to the intricacy of the design. RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur in collaboration with the Indian Army, organized 2 batches of **Crewel Craft training in which** 35 Girls from Bagtore and nearby villages participated. This initiative was designed to help local youth, particularly women, secure employment and entrepreneurial opportunities in Kashmir.

### Observance of 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' (SHS) Fortnight-17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024

RGNIYD observed the Swachhata Hi Seva Fortnight from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in its campus with the theme of 'Swabhav Swachhata - Sanskaar Swachhata' (स्वभाव स्वच्छता - संस्कार स्वच्छता). The Faculty, Staff and Students of RGNIYD engaged in cleaning their workplaces and surroundings to ensure zero waste keeping in view the RRR Principle (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle activities aligned to Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).



### 3-Month Skill Training Programme on Sozni & Shawl Making for the Underprivileged Youth of Kashmir in collaboration with Indian Army 01 October - 29 December 2024, Baduab Village, Gurez Valley, Kashmir

The Centre for National and International Collaboration, RGNIYD in collaboration with the India Army, Gurez Brigade, Kashmir successfully conducted a 3-month Skill Training Programme (Batch-1) on Sozni & Shawl Making for underprivileged youth of Kashmir. The primary objective of this programme was to equipped 20 young scheduled tribe girls from Baduab Village, Gurez Valley, with the traditional



art of Sozni & Shawl Making. The programme aimed to provide advanced techniques and entrepreneurship skills to empower these young women.

### **Workshop on “Self-Hypnosis” -18th October 2024, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur**

The workshop was conducted by Dr. S. Kadiravan, Controller of Examinations (FAC) and Professor and Head of Department of Psychology at Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu. Dr. Kadiravan introduced the history of self-hypnosis by explaining about the significant figures like Sigmund Freud, James Brad, Emile Coue who led to the emergence of self-hypnosis by introducing concepts like unconscious, mesmerism, auto suggestions among others. Further the expert also explained the basic counselling skills and techniques, meditation and cognitive behavioural therapy.

### **Psychology Exhibition “MIND EXPO 2024” 06<sup>th</sup> November 2024, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur**

The Department of Applied Psychology, RGNIYD organised A Psychology Exhibition “MIND EXPO 2024” on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a part of World Mental Health Day 2024 observance.



The stalls were arranged under various themes in different branches of Psychology which includes Social Psychology, Consumer Psychology, Criminal Psychology etc. Some of the stalls like “Myth and Fact” which invited audience to guess and explore the various myths and facts which are prevailing around mental health and illness. The “Grey Matter Hub” was another stall which involved the use of various objects, blindfold, puzzles, and colour words, to beautifully illustrate sensation, memory, and cognitive interference.

At the end of the psychology exhibition the cultural programmes were held in the Seminar Hall. Dr. Suresh Sundaram, the HoD of Applied Psychology, RGNIYD, addressed the gathering shortly, and awarded the winners of stalls and other activities with the attractive prizes. Later, the programs such as singing, dance, and musical drama took place where students of Applied Psychology showed various expressions of attachment, trauma, and support.

### Activities of RGNIYD Regional Centre, Chandigarh

#### Field Work Camp cum Exposure Visit for the Students of MSW of University of Kashmir 21-26, October 2024

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Centre, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the University of Kashmir, organized a Field Work Camp and Exposure Visit for MSW students of the University of Kashmir at RGNIYD Regional Centre, Chandigarh. The program included 41 students, 3 faculty members, and 1 non-teaching staff.



#### Seminar on ‘Demographic Dividend and Policy Priorities: Significance of Mainstreaming Youth in Governance & Development’-19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

The Department of Public Administration organized a Seminar on the topic ‘Demographic Dividend and Policy Priorities: Significance of Mainstreaming Youth in Governance & Development’ on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 which was attended by postgraduate students, Ph.D. scholars and faculty members from the Dept. of Development Studies and Dept. of Public Administration. Discussion on different stages of demographic transition, highlighting the emphasis, the importance of integrating youth into governance and development to harness demographic potential for national progress was held.

#### RGNIYD Student’s Participation in International Programmes

#### RGNIYD’s Ph.D Research Scholar Represents India at BRICS Young Scientist Forum 2024 25-29 November 2024, Sochi, Russia

Shri. Vijay Velmurugan, Ph.D. Research Scholar, RGNIYD represented India at the prestigious BRICS Young Scientist Forum 2024. The event, held in Sochi, Russia, from November 25 to 29, 2024 brought together over 170 young scientists and innovators from BRICS nations—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—along with new members Iran, Egypt, the UAE, and Ethiopia.



**The Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2024 -11th and 12th December 2024, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Surathkal**

The Grand finale of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2024 was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.

RGNIYD's team from the Department of Computer Science (Data Science and AI & ML) presented their complete project to the evaluation panel, highlighting its features, practicality, and potential impact and got selected securing first place. The team was awarded a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh for their innovative solution.

Later Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's interaction with the finalists of Smart India Hackathon through virtual mode



**RGNIYD's Participation in the South Zone Inter University Table Tennis (Men) Tournament-10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, Vellore Institute of Technology**

RGNIYD Team consisting of Five Second Year Students participated in South Zone Inter University Table Tennis (Men) Tournament at Vellore Institute of Technology, held during 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

**RGNIYD's Participation in the South Zone Inter University Football (Men) Championship 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, University of Calicut, Kerala**

Twenty Two Students from RGNIYD participated in South Zone Inter University Football (Men) Championship at University of Calicut, Kerala held during 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. The Team RGNIYD secured victory over the Kerala Agricultural University (6-0) during the Football Championship.

## CHAPTER-8 : NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT

### 1. Introduction:

National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) Scheme is a component of the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK). Under NPYAD Scheme, financial assistance is provided to Government/ non-Government organizations for taking up activities for youth and adolescent development. The assistance under NPYAD is provided under 5 major components, namely,

- a. Youth Leadership and Personality Development Training
- b. Promotion of National Integration (National Integration Camps, Inter-State Youth Exchange Programmes, Youth Festivals, multi-cultural activities, etc.)
- c. Promotion of Adventure; Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards
- d. Development and Empowerment of Adolescents (Life Skills Education, Counselling, Career Guidance etc.)
- e. Technical and Resource Development (Research and Studies on Youth issues, Documentation, Seminars/ Workshops).

### 2. Operational Guidelines:

The organizations eligible for assistance include all the autonomous organizations whether partially or fully funded by the Government, registered societies, trusts, NGOs, Universities, Association of Indian Universities, State level Organizations i.e., State Government Departments, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies, Education Institutions, etc.

The Scheme beneficiaries are Youth in the age group of 15-29 years and Adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years. The financial norms for assistance have been laid down in the Scheme guidelines for each type of activity under the Scheme.

The assistance is sanctioned on the basis of recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC), headed by Secretary, Youth Affairs.

### 3. 28<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival-

#### **National Youth Festival, 2025: Viksit Bharat Young leaders Dialogue:**

Under component (b) Promotion of National Integration, of NPYAD, a National Youth Festival is organized during the month of January every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (12<sup>th</sup> January), which is celebrated as National Youth Day.

The **Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025 (VBYLD-2025)**, a restructured format of the **National Youth Festival (NYF)** commemorating Swami Vivekananda's 162<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary, was held on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The event was formally inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India on **11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**. It was graced

by the presence of the **Hon'ble Prime Minister** on **12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**.

**National Youth Festival** serves as an acknowledgment of the immense potential of India's youth, celebrating and inspiring them to become architects of a brighter and more prosperous future for the nation. The dialogue encouraged them to dream big and work towards the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

**VBYLD-2025** attracted **28,31,200 motivated youth nationwide**; a total of about 2500 dynamic youth, selected through a merit-based, multi-stage process, representing India's most vibrant demographic youth aged 15-29, attended the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025. The **VBYLD-2025** emerged as a landmark event, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators, and thinkers who will drive India's growth.

#### **Selection of youth:**

Youth were selected through Viksit Bharat Challenge and Traditional track to participate/perform at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

#### **A. Viksit Bharat Challenge:**

The selection process of youth under Viksit Bharat Challenge included four stages:

- **Stage I:** The **Viksit Bharat Quiz**, a nationwide online event in 12 languages, tested knowledge of India's achievements, attracting **28,31,200 participants**.
- **Stage II:** The **Viksit Bharat Essay**, where qualified participants submitted **essays** on key themes aligned with the "Viksit Bharat 2047."
- **Stage III:** The **Viksit Bharat State Championship Challenge**, where around 9,000 students participated and presented their ideas through Power Point presentations, which were evaluated by leadership moderators for their ability to lead and collaborate.
- **Stage IV:** The **Viksit Bharat National Championship** at Bharat Mandapam wherein **10 teams** presented their ideas based on 10 key themes before the **Hon'ble Prime Minister** on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

#### **B. Traditional track:**

Under traditional track, as a run up to the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, District and State Youth Festivals were organized in States/ UTs. Various competitions like Group Folk Dance, Group Folk Song, Science Mela (thematic competition), Poetry, Story Writing, Painting, Declamation etc. were conducted at district level and winners were selected to perform in the State Youth Festival. Further, winners of State Youth Festival were selected to perform at National level at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.



Fig-1&2: Traditional track (Music) competitions



Fig-3&4: Traditional Track(Dance) competitions

#### Prime Minister's Engagement with Youth on Presentations:

Thematic presentations and competitions focused on ten thematic tracks of the Viksit Bharat Challenge were as under:

- Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi
- Empowering Women And Improving Social Indicators
- Tech For Viksit Bharat
- Making India The Global Manufacturing Powerhouse
- Building The Infrastructure For The Future
- Enhancing Productivity In Agriculture
- Steering India Towards A fully Sustainable Future
- Empowering Youth For Viksit Bharat
- Making India The Startup Capital of The World
- Making India A Sporting And Fit Nation



An inspiring moment for VBLYD-2025 presenters with the Honourable Prime Minister

The engaging discussions, presentations, and interactions with the Hon'ble Prime Minister, reinforced the government's commitment to youth empowerment. The Prime Minister's vision of involving youth in leadership roles as key drivers of progress set the stage for a *Viksit Bharat*, where the youth play a central role in shaping the nation's future.

### Grand Plenary Session

Following the interactive lunch session, the Grand Plenary Session began, with the address by Hon'ble Prime Minister. He engaged with the youth leaders in a highly impactful manner. His address provided not only a reflection on the discussions but also a call to action for the youth to take charge of shaping India's future. He reiterated his belief in the power of India's youth to bring about transformative change, drawing inspiration from India's recent achievements and global recognition in shaping the future of the nation, stressing their potential to bring transformative change across economic, social, and cultural spheres.

### Social Media Report:

Sr No.	Platform	No. of Posts	No. of Impressions	No. of Engagements
1	Twitter	7874	27429442	13233002
2	Facebook	7610	10177748	9129818
3	Instagram	7439	24095860	12954691
	<b>Total</b>	22923	61703050	35317511



Honorable Prime Minister inspiring youth towards a 'Viksit Bharat' on January 12th during Grand Plenary Session

#### **Conclusion:**

The National Youth Festival – 2025: Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue served as a pivotal moment in empowering India's youth, offering them a platform to share their ideas and contribute to the country's growth. This initiative broke away from traditional models, creating an environment where young minds could collaborate, innovate, and engage with the country's leadership to shape a developed India.

The VBYLD-2025 proved to be more than just an event; it marked the beginning of a new chapter in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation, with the youth at the helm of this transformative change. This landmark initiative aligns with the nation's vision of achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047, paving the way for a future defined by innovation, inclusivity, and progress.

#### **4. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards (TNNAA)**

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air. The award is also conferred for lifetime achievement in the field of adventure. The award consists of a bronze statuette, a certificate, a blazer with a silken tie/a saree and an award money of Rs.15 Lakh to each Awardee. This Award is at par with the Arjuna Award for sporting excellence. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards are conferred by the Hon'ble President of India, along with various Sports Awards. This year, TNNAA 2023

were conferred on 17.01.2025 to 4 individuals for adventure in the field of Land, Water, Air and Lifetime Achievements.

## 5. Celebration of Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, 2025

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is organised every year by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on 9th January. Every alternate Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated as youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. Organisation of Youth Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas was started in the year 2014.

During the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD), Youth PBD was celebrated in association with Ministry of External Affairs on the theme "Beyond Borders: Diaspora Youth Leadership in a Globalized World" on 8 January, 2025 at Bhubaneshwar, Odisha. The Youth PBD was graced by Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Special Guest for the event was Dr. Dev Pragad, CEO, Newsweek from the USA. Other Speakers included diaspora leaders from the areas of politics, business and academia. A joint business session chaired by External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar and Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Mohan Charan Majhi highlighted the business opportunities in the State and how global investors can take advantage of its economic and technological growth. Further, the Government of Odisha also organized two thematic sessions on Odisha titled: "Unraveling India's Best Kept Secret" and "Viksit Odisha: The Road Ahead". The day ended with a mesmerizing cultural performance showcasing art forms from the State.

## 6. North East Youth Festival (NEYF)

The 8th North East Youth Festival was hosted by the Sports and Youth Affairs Department of the Government of Sikkim, under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), at Gangtok from 17th – 20th March, 2025. The theme of the festival was "Empowered Youth, Empowered Region – My Bharat, Viksit Bharat". Around 896 Youth from all the Northeastern States participated in the Competitive and Non-Competitive events and different items like as Solo Instrumental Guitar, Rock Band, One Act Play, Folk Dance, Folk Song, Youth Convention/Seminar/Suvichar for NSS (Motivational Talk), Adventure Activities, Martial Arts, Yuva Kriti and Food Festival etc. Also 29 officials from NSS, NYKS, and different State contingents Officials including Officials from Ministry Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India took part in the festival.

**Theme:** The Theme of the 8th North East Youth Festival was "Empowered Youth, Empowered Region-My Bharat Viksit Bharat"

**Mascot:** The Red Panda (*Ailurus Fulgens*) was the official mascot for 8th North East Youth Festival.

**Logo:** The logo of the 8th North East Youth Festival was powerful and artistic representation of unity, heritage and the aspirations of the youth from all northeastern states of India.

**The Inaugural Ceremony:**

The four-day long 8th North East Youth Festival was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Om Prakash Mathur on 17th March, 2025 at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok. It was followed by cultural parade by the participating states of the North East along with participants from National Service Scheme (NSS) and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS).



**Yuva Kriti & Food Festival:**

As part of 8th North East Youth Festival, the Yuva Kriti and Food Stalls were organized at M.G. Marg, Gangtok under the supervision of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) Gangtok, aimed to showcase the rich cultural heritage, art and cuisine of the eight northeastern states of India.

The event featured a variety of food stalls offering traditional delicacies from the northeastern states and art & craft displays highlighting the region's unique cultural identity. The festival provided a platform for youth from the northeast to engage in cultural exchange and promote regional heritage, further emphasizing the festival's significance in fostering unity and cultural appreciation among the northeastern states. A total number of 40 Stalls were installed for the Yuva Kriti exhibition & Food Festival.



**Youth Convention, Seminar & Suvichar:**

A two days life skill program such as Seminar, Youth Convention and Suvichar as part of 8th North East Youth Festival held at Chintan Bhawan on 18th & 19th March, 2025.

**Competitive Events:**

- a) Solo Event: Instrumental (Guitar),
- b) Group Events: Folk Dance, Folk Song, Rock Band, One Act Play.
- c) Quiz Competition: On the theme of “Know your North East

The two days cultural competitive events were held at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College Auditorium Hall, Tadong, Gangtok, on 18th & 19th March, 2025.

Quiz Competition on the theme “Know Your North East” between 8 North Eastern States was held at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok and Rock Band Competition was held at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok on 19th March, 2025. Participants from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura showcased their talent in the competitive events.



**Non- Competitive Events:**

To showcase the rich cultural diversity of the Northeast India with another vibrant showcase of traditional Culture Non-Competitive Events were held at M.G. Marg, Gangtok on 18th & 19th March 2025. Other non-competitive events such as Martial Arts Demonstration, Yoga Demonstration and Zumba Dance were held at Paljor Stadium. It provided the opportunity to the youngsters of North East to present their art and culture.



### **Adventure Programme:**

As part of 8th North East Youth Festival a two days Adventure Programme was held at Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary, Gangtok and Selep Tank, Gangtok on 18th & 19th March, 2025. Under the adventure programme, a total distance of 16 km trekking was conducted on 18th March, 2025 at Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary. Rock climbing Activities were conducted on 19th March, 2025 at Selep Tank where participants were trained in rock climbing techniques including rappelling, traversing, jumaring and the principles of rock climbing.

A total number of 68 participants from seven North Eastern States and 20 Instructors were engaged during the adventure activities programme.

### **The Closing Ceremony/Prize distribution**

The closing ceremony of 8th North East Youth Festival was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) as the Chief Guest and the Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse Prasad was present as the Guest of Honour on 20th March, 2025 at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok.

The event featured martial arts demonstrations by participants from Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura, and followed by dance and song performed by the winners of cultural competitive events, and a traditional Yak dance, theme song and integration dance performed by local artists.

During the course of the event, participating states were awarded certificates and cash prizes based on their performances in various competitions. Following this, the Chief Minister declared the festival officially closed.



## **CHAPTER-9 : INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

### **1. Introduction:**

The Department endeavors to create an international perspective among youth in collaboration with other countries and international agencies/ organizations on various youth issues. The Department also collaborates with United Nations Agencies like United Nations Volunteers (UNV)/ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) on various youth-related issues.

### **2. Events of International Cooperation**

Exchange of Youth Delegations with friendly countries is taken up on reciprocal basis for promoting exchange of ideas, values and culture amongst the youth of different countries and also to promote peace and understanding. It helps in developing international perspective among the youth. Details of youth exchange programmes and other events held during FY 2024-25 [01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025] are as under:

#### **i. Outgoing Youth Delegations**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Event Details</b>	<b>Participation</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Commonwealth Asia Regional Youth Leadership Summit	Two Indian Youth Delegates
17 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Brazil	Y20 Pre-Summit	Two Indian youth delegates
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024	Russia	10th BRICS Youth Summit	14-member Indian Youth Delegation
10 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024	Brazil	Y20 Summit	5-member Indian youth delegation

#### **ii. Incoming Youth Delegations**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Event Details</b>	<b>Participation</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2025	Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Porbandar, Sasan Gir, Kolhapur, Delhi	Poland Youth Delegation visiting India under Jamsaheb Memorial Youth Exchange Programme	21-member Poland Youth Delegation
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Delhi, Agra & Goa	Central Asia Youth Delegation	99-member Youth Delegation from 5 Central Asian Countries (Kazakhstan,

Date	Venue	Event Details	Participation
			Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

### iii. Participation of Department of Youth Affairs in International Events

Date	Venue/ Mode	Event Details	Participation
16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	New York	UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum	Secretary (Youth Affairs)
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Virtually	BRICS International Youth Forum on Public Diplomacy organised by Russia	Joint Secretary (Youth Affairs)
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Virtually	Second Meeting of the BRICS Youth Council organised by Russia	Joint Secretary (Youth Affairs) and Director (NYKS)
21 <sup>st</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Commonwealth Asia Regional Youth Leadership Summit and Senior Officials Meeting	Director (International Cooperation)
25 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024	Uzbekistan	Global Youth Festival	Joint Secretary (Youth Affairs) and Director (International Cooperation)
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024	Russia	10 <sup>th</sup> BRICS Youth Summit	Joint Secretary (Youth Affairs)
25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2024	Russia	BRICS Youth Ministerial Meeting	Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for Youth Affairs & Sports
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2024	Astana, Kazakhstan	Rally of Volunteer Movement Leaders of CICA Countries and the 7 <sup>th</sup> CICA Youth Council Meeting	5-member Indian Delegation (officials)
30 <sup>th</sup> October - 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2024	Kazan, Russia	BRICS Youth Council meeting	Director (International

Date	Venue/ Mode	Event Details	Participation
			Cooperation) and One Official (NYKS)

#### iv. Other International Events/ Meetings/ Seminars

Date	Venue/ Mode	Event Details	Participation
7th to 11 <sup>th</sup> February, 2025	Ahmedabad/ Gandhinagar, Gujarat	1 <sup>st</sup> BIMSTEC Youth Summit	(i) 55 International delegates (ii) 8 Indian delegates (iii) Department of Youth Affairs

At present, Department of Youth Affairs has 30 active bilateral Memorandum of Understanding/Joint Statement with different countries viz. Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Egypt, Fiji, Indonesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Nepal, Palestine, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Maldives, Malawi, Greece and Uzbekistan for International Youth Exchange Programmes and for cooperation on Youth matters. Further, 2 Multilateral MoUs were signed with BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa) and SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) for the same purposes.

### 3. COLLABORATION WITH UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES/ COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME

#### i. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/United Nations Volunteers (UNV):

The Ministry is closely working with these Agencies on various youth issues. The Ministry releases US \$20,000 per annum as India's voluntary contribution to the UNV Programme, with the approval of Department of Economic Affairs.

#### ii. Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP):

The CYP is in existence since 1973 and was earlier being operated from HQ at London and 4 Regional Centres in India, Guyana, Zambia and Solomon Islands. However, during 2013-14, CYP decided to close down all its Regional Centres including that at Chandigarh. India contributes annual pledge money to Commonwealth Secretariat. Ministry releases a contribution of GBP 138,968 (approx. Rs.1.50 crore) to Commonwealth Secretariat as Annual Contribution of India.

#### 4. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

##### i. Visit of Poland Youth Delegation to India:

The Polish Youth Delegation to India is an initiative under the "Jamsaheb Memorial Youth Exchange Program," announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during his visit to Poland on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. This exchange program reflects the historical ties between India & Poland and underscores India's commitment towards promoting people-to-people connections, youth exchanges, and youth engagement at a global level.

The delegation is inspired by the humanitarian legacy of Maharaja Jamsaheb Digvijaysinhji of Nawanagar, Gujarat who provided refuge to Polish children during World War II, and seeks to strengthen the enduring friendship between the two nations. The 21-member Polish youth delegation visited India from 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025, covering several culturally and historically significant locations, including Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Porbandar, Gir, Diu, Kolhapur, and Delhi.

The visit honours the historical ties between India and Poland. The Balachadi Memorial in Jamnagar, which the Polish delegation visited, is an example to this humanitarian act and serves as an enduring symbol of Indo-Polish friendship. This delegation also signifies the growing youth collaboration between India and Poland that will encourage mutual understanding, strengthen bilateral relations, and pave the way for future cooperation in different fields.

The delegation experienced India's historical legacy, cultural richness, and modern achievements.

The visit of the Polish Youth Delegation to India is a historic and transformative initiative that commemorates the enduring friendship and shared history between India and Poland.

##### **Glimpses of the visit of Poland Youth Delegation to India under Jamsaheb Memorial Youth Exchange Programme:**



Poland youth delegation visited the historic Diu Fort, Explored its grand architecture



Poland Youth Delegation visited Kirti Mandir, the birthplace of Mahatama Gandhi in Porbandar, Gujarat.

**ii. Visit of Central Asia Youth Delegation to India:**

The Department of Youth Affairs has been actively working to instil a global perspective among Indian youth through collaboration with international partners. One of its flagship initiatives, the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP), is designed to facilitate reciprocal exchange of youth delegations with friendly nations. These exchanges aim to nurture mutual understanding, peace, and cultural harmony among the youth of participating countries, thereby contributing to stronger bilateral and multilateral relations.

In line with this vision, the Department hosted the third Central Asian Youth Delegation from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The 100-member delegation explored historical, cultural, and academic landmarks across Agra, Goa, and Delhi. The visit offered both cultural immersion and intellectual engagement.

These high-level engagements were structured to showcase India's youth-centric policies and its commitment to international partnerships for development.

The program emphasized cross-cultural learning and highlighted India's emphasis on youth diplomacy and shared regional development. From engaging with young Indian leaders and volunteers to understanding India's technological progress and cultural vibrancy, the Central Asian youth delegation gained a comprehensive view of India's journey as a democratic and pluralistic society with a rich heritage and progressive vision.

This initiative reflected a growing convergence between India and Central Asia in the fields of youth development, education, and cultural diplomacy. It represented a forward-looking partnership that empowered youth, built bridges across borders, and strengthened historical ties for a shared and sustainable future.

**Glimpses of the visit of 5 Central Asian Countries Youth Delegation to India:**



Central Asian Youth Delegation visited Taj Mahal



Central Asia Youth delegation visited Sahakari Spice Farm in Goa, exploring the rich world of Indian Spices.



The youth delegation from Central Asia wandered through the vibrant lanes of Fontainhas, Goa's charming Latin Quarter, soaking in its rich Portuguese heritage, colorful streets, and timeless beauty



Central Asian Youth Delegation had an insightful interaction with Hon'ble External Affairs Minister

## 5. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### i. BIMSTEC Youth Summit, India 2025:

As part of India's commitment to strengthening youth engagement within BIMSTEC, the country host the **1st BIMSTEC Youth Summit** from **7th - 11th February 2025** in **Ahmedabad/ Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The summit aims to provide a platform for young leaders from BIMSTEC nations to share experiences and ideas, particularly in the context of youth initiatives and sustainable development.

**Key objective of the Summit:**

- Encouraging youth participation in addressing global economic and social challenges.
- Facilitating strategic discussions on empowering young leaders.
- Building innovative ideas for regional development and cooperation.

The theme of the summit, "**Youth as a Bridge for Intra-BIMSTEC Exchange**", highlights the role of young leaders in fostering collaboration across member countries and contributing towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030.

63 delegates (from BIMSTEC countries) participated in the summit, the summit included discussions on business growth through digital infrastructure, ICT for governance, and cultural exchanges.

BIMSTEC continues to be a key driver of regional development, reinforcing economic ties and people-to-people connections among its member nations.

**Major Glimpses of BIMSTEC Youth Summit, India 2025:**



BIMSTEC Youth Summit commenced with an auspicious lamp lighting with Shri Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Hon'ble MoYAS and MoS extending a warm welcome to the attendee



Smt. Meeta Rajivlochan, Secretary(YA), Mr. Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary Gen (BIMSTEC), & Mr. Monik Parikh, Director Parikh Infracon discussed key youth initiatives, highlighting the MY Bharat portal as a catalyst for youth empowerment & nation-building



BIMSTEC Youth Summit concluded on a high note with inspiring Valedictory session at Mahatama Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat



The delegates visited the Sabarmati Riverfront, a beautiful fusion of nature and modernity

**ii. BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Pre-Consultation:**

In the BRICS Youth Council, India was entrusted with leading the Entrepreneurship Working Group, aimed to showcase its vibrant start-up ecosystem and leverage this forum to foster collaboration, skill-building, and international economic integration among BRICS youth.

As part of this, the Department of Youth Affairs organized eight thematic run-up events. These events were aimed at expanding grassroots engagement and deepening understanding of the central theme "Youth Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Growth."

The identified themes for regional engagements included innovative and forward-looking topics such as digital innovation, sustainable economies, and public-private partnerships, emphasizing youth leadership across BRICS economies.

These engagements were vital in creating a coherent narrative and impactful outcomes that may be presented during the main Working Group Meeting. These run-up events were held in different parts of the country to ensure participation of youth from all sectors and walks of life. The details of the engagements are tabulated below:

Date	University	Place	Theme
15.01.2025	Miranda House, University of Delhi	New Delhi	Youth Leadership in Public-Private Partnerships: Driving India's Economic and Security Agendas
17.01.2025	Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi	New Delhi	Youth as Innovators of Inclusive Economies: Driving Sustainable Growth in India
24.01.2025	Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir	Youth-Led Innovations for Entrepreneurship, Sustainability, and India's Frontier Growth
28.01.2025	National Forensic Science University (NSFU), Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar	Heritage Meets Innovation: Youth Entrepreneurship for Reviving Traditions and Sustainable Growth in India
04.02.2025	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Empowering Youth: Odisha as India's Hub for Blue Economy and Sustainable Tech Entrepreneurship
07.02.2025	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati	Guwahati	Empowering Northeast India: Youth Innovation for Sustainable Growth and National Connectivity
15.02.2025	Mansarovar Global University, Bhopal	Bhopal	Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Empowering India's Youth for a Resilient Future
19.02.2025	Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru	Bengaluru	Deep Tech for Tomorrow: Youth-led Innovations driving India's Leadership in Emerging Technologies

Glimpses of the 8-run up events :



Smt. Meeta Rajivlochan, Secretary (YA), Prof. Bijayalaxmi Nanda & dignitaries arrive at Miranda House, DU, for BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Pre-Consultation.



Dr. Simer Preet Kaur & Dr. Priyadarshini Bhattacharya, Asst. Professors, Mata Sundri College, outline the BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship Pre consultation, emphasizing its goals, innovation, and sustainable growth in India.



Panel discussion on entrepreneurial innovation and strategies for impactful growth



The speakers, guests and participants during the National Anthem at IISc, Bangalore, Karnataka



Over 1000+ participants marks the successful commencement of the event at International Convention Centre, Bhopal



A diverse gathering of students, entrepreneurs, academicians, and industry, reflecting the keen enthusiasm and engagement at National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

### iii. Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS)- Youth Ministers' Session

In 2023, India successfully hosted the 1st and 2nd editions of the Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS) in January and November, respectively, virtually. These summits provided a platform for over 100 developing countries to voice their developmental concerns, share perspectives, and collaborate on pressing global challenges.

Building on the outcomes of the previous Summits, the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, placing strong emphasis on concrete deliverables to institutionalize youth collaboration across member countries.

The Youth Ministers' Session, chaired by Secretary (Youth Affairs) on the theme "Youth Engagement for a Better Future" brought forward actionable proposals aimed at empowering young people as key stakeholders in development. These included the creation and expansion of technology-driven platforms for youth empowerment, modelled after India's MY Bharat initiative, which offers experiential learning and volunteering opportunities at scale.

The session also advocated for a comprehensive Youth Engagement and Empowerment Framework tailored to the diverse socio-economic contexts of the Global South, ensuring holistic support across education, mental health, social participation, and sports. These deliverables marked a forward-looking blueprint for long-term, youth-centric cooperation among Global South nations.

### **Glimpses of the Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS) - Youth Ministers' Session**



Secretary (Youth Affairs) representing the Department of Youth Affairs in the Youth Ministers' Session of the Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS)

# CHAPTER-10: NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME (NYLP)

## 1. Background

In pursuance of the 2014-15 Budget announcement, a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, 'National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)' was launched in December, 2014, with a view to develop leadership qualities among the youth to enable them to realise their full potential and in the process, to contribute to the nation-building process.

## 2. Programme Beneficiaries

The Programme beneficiaries are youth in the agegroup of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'youth' in the National Youth Policy, 2014.

## 3. Objective of the Programme

The aim of the programme is to create an institutional platform where youth can articulate their views and draw the attention of the local administration to such issues/ concerns affecting their lives, educate youth about contemporary socio-economic development issues and enable them share their experiences and ideas on community development and social welfare activities. As a part of the programme, issues were drawn from eight categories of topics. During the programmes, besides subject experts, large number of Hon'ble MPs, Hon'ble Ministers, Public Representatives, Members of PRIs, Members of Youth Clubs and Youth Volunteers participated during the deliberations of the programmes.

## 4. Neighbourhood Youth Parliament:

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has entrusted NYKS with the responsibility to implement its major component of the scheme namely 'Neighbourhood Youth Parliament' (NYP) at District, Block and Village levels.

The Objectives of NYP are as under:

- To create an institutional platform right up to the village level, where the youth can articulate their views on various issues and draw the attention of the local administration to such issues/ concerns affecting their lives.
- To develop platform of youth clubs further in the shape of vibrant 'neighborhood youth parliament' so as to educate the youth club members about contemporary socio-economic development issues confronting local communities in general and the youth in particular and to involve them in debate/ discussions on such issues.
- Share their experiences and ideas; debate various issues concerning the society and youth in particular by means of neighborhood youth Parliament in presence of representatives of PRIs, development partners, service providers, village communities and local administration.
- Strengthen and enhance existing network of Youth Clubs and Mahila Mandals with representation from all sections of society.

## CHAPTER-11: YOUTH HOSTELS

Youth Hostels are built to promote youth travel and to enable the young people experience the rich cultural heritage of the country. Youth Hostels are joint venture of the Central and the State Governments. While the Central Government bears the cost of construction, the State Government provides fully developed land, free of cost, with water supply, electricity and approach roads. Youth Hostels provide good accommodation for youth at reasonable rates, and are looked after by Managers and Wardens, appointed by the Central Government.

Keeping these objectives in view, Youth Hostels are generally established in areas of historical and cultural significances, in educational centres, tourist destinations etc. Hostel Management Committee (H.M.C.) is constituted for management of the Youth Hostels. For the Youth Hostels located in districts other than State capitals, the Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate is the chairperson of the H.M.C., whereas for the Youth Hostels located in State capitals, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs of the concerned State Govt. is the Chairperson of the H.M.C.

A total of 84 Youth Hostels have been constructed across the country and one more Youth Hostel at Kota is under construction. Out of 84 youth hostels, currently 73 Youth Hostels are under the administrative control of Department of Youth Affairs (List at Annexure-IV) whereas 11 Youth Hostels have been transferred to the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)/ Sports Authority of India (SAI)/ concerned State Governments for optimum use for youth and sports development (List at Annexure-II). A total of Eighteen Youth Hostels have got the ISO 9001 : 2015 Certification (List at Annexure-V)

## **CHAPTER-12: PROMOTION TO SCOUTING AND GUIDING ORGANISATIONS**

The Scheme of Scouting and Guiding, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched in the early 1980s, to promote the Scouts and Guides movement in the country. This is an international movement aimed at building character, confidence, idealism and spirit of patriotism and service among young boys and girls. In the process Scouting and Guiding also seeks to promote balanced physical and mental development among the people.

Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to scouting and guiding organisations for various programmes such as organization of training camps, skill development programmes, holding of jamborees, etc. The activities, inter alia, include programmes related to adult literacy, environment conservation, community service, health awareness and promotion of hygiene and sanitation.

There are two non-government organisations, namely, the Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) and the Hindustan Scouts & Guides (HS&G) which have been provided financial assistance by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for conducting the activities of Scouting and Guiding across the country. During the year 2023-24, the Department sanctioned Grant amounting to Rs.75 Lakh to the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi for conducting various Scouting and Guiding Activities.

# Department of Sports

## CHAPTER-13: INTRODUCTION TO DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

Sports and games are crucial for holistic human development, serving not just as entertainment and physical exercise, but also fostering a spirit of healthy competition and community bonding. Athletic accomplishments on the global stage have long been a source of national pride.

The significance of sports for the nation has transcended from merely showcasing excellence on the global stage to playing a multifaceted role in contributing to the holistic growth of the country by promoting healthy lifestyles, driving economic activities, fostering community engagement, and providing opportunities for national pride through international achievements. Recognizing this multidimensional importance in nation-building, the Government of India has implemented several key schemes and initiatives through the Department of Sports, aimed at supporting athletes and stakeholders in reaching their full potential across disciplines. With flagship programs like Khelo India, the National Sports University, and the National Centre for Sports Science and Research, the aim is to develop India's sporting infrastructure and capabilities at par with major nations. While sports garnered attention for decades, it received dedicated push after hosting the 1982 Asian Games, leading to the National Sports Policies of 1984 and 2001 which outlined an organized framework for development and promotion of sports, with the twin pillars of "Broad-basing" and "Achieving Excellence" reflecting the commitment to fostering a vigorous sporting culture and elite talent.

As modern sports have become highly competitive, the use of advanced infrastructure, equipment, and scientific support has transformed the international sporting landscape. Recognizing the growing demands for such state-of-the-art resources, the Government of India has also undertaken several initiatives to assist athletes by providing training, exposure to international competitions, and access to scientific backing and cutting-edge equipment. This comprehensive support aims to equip Indian sportspersons with the tools necessary to excel on the world stage.

### **Schemes of the Department of Sports (DoS)**

All schemes of the Department of Sports have been tailored to achieve the objectives enumerated in the National Sports Policy-2001 viz. "Broad-basing of Sports" and "Achieving Excellence in Sports" at the national and international levels. Brief of such schemes are as follows:

#### **1.1. Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports**

A Central Sector Scheme, namely, 'Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports' or Khelo India Scheme was implemented with effect from the Financial Year 2016-17 and was

formulated by merging the existing erstwhile schemes of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS), and National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS). Taking from the experience gained in implementing the Scheme during the year 2016-17 and on the basis of consultations with major stakeholders, especially the State Governments and of inputs received from them, the Khelo India Scheme was further revamped with 12 verticals and notified on 14.10.2017 with a total outlay of ₹1756 crore. The revamped Khelo India Scheme was approved for three Financial Years 2017-18 to 2019-20 i.e., up to 31.03.2020. The Scheme was given an interim extension of one year up to 31.03.2021. The scheme has again been continued for a further period of five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Further, the outlay was enhanced by ₹625 crore, thereby increasing the total outlay of the Khelo India Scheme by ₹3165.50 crore to ₹3790.50 crore.

### **1.2. Assistance to National Sports Federations**

Through this scheme, the Government of India extends support to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and other sports organizations. This assistance encompasses organizing National championships, hosting International tournaments within India, facilitating participation in international tournaments abroad, conducting coaching camps, procuring necessary sports equipment, and engaging the services of foreign coaches to enhance training and skill development.

### **1.3 Scheme of Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches**

Introduced in 1986, the 'Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches' scheme aims to encourage and motivate outstanding sportspersons to strive for higher achievements while attracting the younger generation to pursue sports as a career. Through this initiative, cash awards ranging from ₹1.00 lakh to ₹75.00 lakh are conferred upon medal-winning sportspersons and their respective coaches in recognition of their accomplishments at major international sporting events. This financial incentive serves as a means to reward exceptional performances and foster an environment conducive to sporting excellence.

### **1.4. National Sports Awards (NSAs)**

The prestigious National Sports Awards are conferred annually by the Honorable President of India usually on National Sports Day (29th August, birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand). These awards honor outstanding sportspersons, coaches, and entities engaged in promoting sports. The National Sports Awards includes:

- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award:** Launched in 1991-92, this award recognizes a sportsperson's spectacular and outstanding performance over the preceding four years. It includes a medal, certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of ₹25 lakh.

- **Arjuna Award:** Instituted in 1961, this award is given to players who have consistently exhibited excellent performance at the international level for the previous four years, displaying leadership qualities, sportsmanship, and discipline. Awardees receive a statuette, certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.
- **Arjuna Award (Lifetime) Award:** This award is given to the sportspersons who have outstanding achievements and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career. Awardees receive a statuette, certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.
- **Dronacharya Award:** Instituted in 1985, this award honors eminent coaches who have assisted national athletes and teams in achieving outstanding international results. Awardees receive a statuette, certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh (lifetime category) or ₹10 lakh (regular category).
- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy:** Aimed at promoting competitive sports in colleges and universities, the MAKA Trophy, with a cash award of ₹15 lakh, is given to the winner of Khelo India University Games. The second and third-ranked in Khelo India University Games receive ₹7.5 lakh and ₹4.5 lakh, respectively.
- **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar:** Instituted in 2009, this award recognizes contributions to sports development by any private, corporate entity and non-governmental organization (NGO's) which plays a vital role in any more than one area of sports promotion and development will be eligible to be considered in Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar. It has four categories: (a) Identification and nurturing of budding/young talent, (b) Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility, (c) Employment of sportspersons and sports welfare measures, and (d) Sports for Development

### 1.5. Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons

The Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons scheme, launched in 1994, aims to provide financial support to outstanding Indian ex-sportspersons who have brought laurels to the country through their achievements in major international sporting events. Under this scheme, those who have won gold, silver, or bronze medals in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Cup/World Championships, Asian Games, Para Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games are eligible for a lifelong monthly pension upon attaining the age of 30 years and retiring from an active sports career. The current pension rates range from ₹12,000 to ₹20,000 per month, ensuring that these meritorious sportspersons receive due recognition and support after dedicating their lives to sporting excellence.

### **1.6. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons**

The Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons (formerly known as the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons - PDUNWFS) was started in March 1982 with the aim of supporting outstanding former sportspersons who had brought glory to the nation through their achievements but are currently facing financial hardships. This scheme provides assistance ranging up to ₹10 lakhs to eligible individuals on various grounds, including medical treatment, procurement of equipment, and participation in national and international sporting events. By extending this support, the program ensures that the contributions of these eminent sportspersons are recognized and their welfare is safeguarded during time of need.

### **1.7. Human Resource Development in Sports**

In the financial year 2013-14, the Department of Sports launched the Human Resource Development in Sports Scheme, a Central Sector Scheme, after a comprehensive revision of the previous "Scheme of Talent Search and Training." The primary objective of this new scheme is to emphasize the academic and intellectual aspects of sports management by awarding fellowships to deserving candidates for specialized studies at the Master's and Doctoral levels in specific sports and games disciplines where there is a shortage of human resources. By fostering advanced education and research in these areas, the scheme aims to develop a skilled workforce capable of effectively managing and promoting sports in the country.

### **1.8. National Sports Development Fund**

In 1998, the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) was established under the Charitable Endowment Act of 1890 with the primary objective of mobilizing resources from non-governmental sources. This initiative aimed to tap into funding from the private and corporate sectors, as well as contributions from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs). By diversifying the sources of funding, the NSDF sought to augment the financial resources available for the development and promotion of sports in the country, complementing the government's efforts in this domain.

### **1.9. National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research**

Initiated in 2017, the National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR) scheme aims to promote high-level research, education, and innovation to enhance the performance of elite athletes. With a total budget of Rs.260 crore allocated until FY 2025-26, this central sector scheme is dedicated to advancing the field of sports science, including sports medicine. To achieve its objective, the NCSSR scheme focuses on establishing and supporting the following institutional mechanisms:

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- A. National Centre of Sports Sciences & Research (NCSSR) is to be set up as in the Hub and Spoke Model. (Rs.123.70 cr). NCSSR centre has been set up at Indira Gandhi Stadium New Delhi.
- B. It also supports Sports Science Departments in select 6 Universities/Institutes and Sports Medicine Departments in select 5 Institutes/Medical colleges. (Rs.136.30 cr).

## CHAPTER-14: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN SPORTS DURING THE YEAR 2024-2025

**2.1. 33<sup>rd</sup> Olympic Games 2024:** Indian contingent comprising 117 athletes competed across 16 disciplines in the Olympic Games 2024 held at Paris, France from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. India won six medals which includes a silver and five bronze. Manu Bhaker won two bronze medals in shooting and became the first Indian to win two medals in a single Olympics since India gained independence. Neeraj Chopra, who won a silver medal in the men's javelin throw event, became the first Indian individual medalist to win a gold and silver at the Olympics.

**2.2. 17<sup>th</sup> Paralympic Games 2024:** The Indian para team marked its highest ever medal tally in 17<sup>th</sup> edition of Paralympic Games held at Paris France from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 by winning 29 medals (7 Gold, 9 Silver and 13 Bronze) surpassing the previous best of 19 medals in the 2020 Games and secured 18<sup>th</sup> rank in the medal table. 17 out of 29 medals were won in the discipline of Athletics.

**2.3. 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games:** Indian contingent comprising 88-member which includes 59 athletes and 29 team officials participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Winter Games (AWG) 2025, held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February in Harbin, China. For the first time, full financial support has been extended under the Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF) Scheme to athletes competing in Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, and Speed Skating (Long Track).

**2.4. 38<sup>th</sup> National Games:** The 38th National Games concluded on 14th February, 2025 at Haldwani, Uttarakhand, in the presence of the Shri Amit Shat, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports. The Games were inaugurated on 28th January, 2025, by the Honorable Prime Minister of India in a ceremony held at the Maharana Pratap Sports College in Dehradun, in the presence of the Governor of Uttarakhand Gurmeet Singh and Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, and other dignitaries 2.4. Special Olympics World Summer Games. Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) claimed the overall title by winning 121 medals - 68 gold, 26 silvers and 27 bronze - at the National Games 2025 in Uttarakhand followed by Maharashtra, who came second with 201 medals - 54 gold, 71 silver and 76 bronze. Over 10,000 athletes participated through 37 teams in the Games.



**2.5. Badminton French Open Super 750 and Thailand Super 500 tournaments:** Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's doubles pair clinched titles at both the French Open Super 750 and Thailand Super 500 tournaments. In the French Open final in Paris in March, they defeated the Chinese Taipei duo of Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan. In May, they overcame China's Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi in the Thailand Open final.

**2.6. 10th Asia Pacific Deaf Games:** The 10th Asia Pacific Deaf Games was held from 01st December – 08th December, 2024 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The 2024 Games feature nine sports, including Badminton, Athletics, Football, Judo, Taekwondo, Chess, Bowling, Table Tennis, and Wrestling. Over 1,130 athletes from 24 countries were participated. 68-member Indian team, including 42 men and 26 women were participated, in which India won 55 medals, including 8 gold, 18 silver, and 29 bronze to finish the Games in 5th position on the medal tally.

**2.7. 4th Asian Roll Ball Championship 2024:** Held in December 2024 at the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium in Margao, Goa, India, and this championship featured participation from 12 countries. Both the Indian men's and women's teams emerged victorious, clinching the championship titles.

**2.8. ISSF World Cup 2024:** India hosted the ISSF World Cup Final 2024 shooting meet from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at New Delhi's Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range after seven years. The Indian players won 2 silver and 2 bronze medal in the said event.

**2.9. Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025:** India delivered a stellar performance at the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025, held in Turin, Italy, by securing a total of 33 medals. The Indian contingent showcased exceptional skill and determination across various winter sports, bringing home 8 gold, 18 silver, and 7 bronze medals. The final day of the event was particularly remarkable as India added 12 more medals to its tally.

**2.10. Khelo India Winter Games:** The 5th edition of Khelo India Winter Games was organized from 23rd to 27th Jan 2025 in Leh, Ladakh for Ice Sports and 22nd to 27th February 2025 in Gulmarg, J&K for Snow Sports. The games were organized across 4 venues in Leh and Gulmarg across 6 sports Disciplines with the participation of about 700 athletes. Army finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the medal tally with 18 medals (07 gold, 05 silver, 06 bronze), followed by Himachal Pradesh with 18 medals (06 gold, 05 silver, 07 bronze) and Ladakh with 07 medals (04 gold, 02 silver, 01 bronze).



**2.11. Khelo India Para Games:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Khelo India Para Games hosted by New Delhi was organized successfully between 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025. With over 1,300 para-athletes from all States/UTs. In terms of the results, Haryana finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the medal tally with 104 medals (34 gold, 39 silver, 31 bronze), followed by Tamil Nadu with 74 medals (28 gold, 19 silver, 27 bronze) and Uttar Pradesh with 64 medals (23 gold, 21 silver, 20 bronze).



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## CHAPTER-15: KHELO INDIA – NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS

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The components of the revised Khelo India Scheme have been rearranged and rationalized, merging or subsuming similar components to streamline the program and enhance its effectiveness. This restructuring has led to the reduction of twelve verticals to five distinct components. The updated Khelo India Scheme (2021-22 to 2025-26) is organized into the following five components:

S.No	Components of revised Khelo India Scheme (2021-22 to 2025-26)	S.No	Verticals of Khelo India Scheme (2017-18 to 2019-20)
1	Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure	1	Utilization of Creation / Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure
		2	Play Field Development
2	Sports Competitions and Talent Development	3	Annual Sports Competitions
		4	Talent Search & Development

S.No	Components of revised Khelo India Scheme (2021-22 to 2025-26)	S.No	Verticals of Khelo India Scheme (2017-18 to 2019-20)
		5	Community Coaching Development
3	Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies	6	State Level Khelo India Centres
		7	Support to National / Regional / State Sports Academies
4	Fit India Movement	8	Physical Fitness of School going Children
5	Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports	9	Sports for Peace and Development
		10	Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games
		11	Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities
		12	Sports for Women

**The details of Budget allocation and utilization under Khelo India Scheme since inception.**

Budget allocation and utilization of Khelo India Scheme is as under: -

(₹ in crore)

Financial Year	Approved allocation		Actual Expenditure
	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	
2016-17	140.00	118.10	118.10
2017-18	350.00	350.00	346.99
2018-19	520.09	376.09	342.24
2019-20	500.00	578.00	575.52
2020-21	890.42	328.77	338.06
2021-22	657.71	869.00	764.29
2022-23	974.00	600.00	596.39
2023-24	1000.00	880.00	872.20
2024-25	900.00	746.541	620.745

### 3.1. Components of Khelo India Scheme

#### 3.1.1. Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure

The component, Creation & Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure under this Khelo India Scheme aims at creating and upgrading sports infrastructure throughout the country by providing capital to States/ UTs, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and other eligible entities such as Central/State educational institutions, Defence/ Paramilitary organizations, etc. to create modern sports infrastructure as well as to improve existing sports, sports science and sports equipment and other related infrastructure. The Scheme envisages providing support to a wide variety of sports infrastructure projects, both Greenfield and Brownfield projects, provided they aim at bridging critical gaps in sports infrastructure to meet existing demands.

Under this component, a total of 326 new sports infrastructure projects (235 complete and 91 ongoing) have been approved in 32 States / Union Territories at a total sanctioned cost of ₹3119.81 crore. Under this component, this Ministry renders financial support for creation of sports infrastructure, such as Synthetic Athletic Track, Synthetic Hockey Field, Synthetic Turf Football Ground, Multipurpose Hall, Swimming Pool, Playground etc. The details are as follows:

S. No.	State/UT	No. of projects	Amount sanctioned (in ₹ Crore)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	10	56.24
3	Arunachal Pradesh	21	180.68
4	Assam	8	47.68
5	Bihar	8	47.82
6	Chandigarh	0	0.00
7	Chhattisgarh	8	48.51
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	0.00
9	Delhi	9	91.98
10	Goa	1	4.24
11	Gujarat	5	606.37
12	Haryana	11	96.85
13	Himachal Pradesh	8	186.51

S. No.	State/UT	No. of projects	Amount sanctioned (in ₹ Crore)
14	Jammu and Kashmir	4	20.76
15	Jharkhand	5	32.38
16	Karnataka	20	131.13
17	Kerala	7	75.08
18	Ladakh	3	17.28
19	Lakshadweep	0	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	17	107.53
21	Maharashtra	14	117.82
22	Manipur	8	80.45
23	Meghalaya	6	28.00
24	Mizoram	8	50.50
25	Nagaland	12	66.58
26	Odisha	5	71.96
27	Puducherry	2	10.25
28	Punjab	12	106.21
29	Rajasthan	48	125.09
30	Sikkim	7	33.34
31	Tamil Nadu	5	29.50
32	Telangana	6	23.58
33	Tripura	7	38.34
34	Uttar Pradesh	31	508.46
35	Uttarakhand	7	34.28
36	West Bengal	3	44.42
	<b>Total</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>3119.81</b>

Two special infrastructure projects have been initiated under this component of Khelo India Scheme. The details are as under:

**a. Construction of Sports Complex at Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-** Construction of Sports Complex at Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat is to be constructed in 115636.99 (BUA) Sq.Mt. having Excellence Sports Centre (Academy & Hostel with food facilities), Indoor Multisport Arena (Olympic Competitions), Aquatic Stadium, Community Sports Centre (with outdoor courts & Fit India Zone) and other sports related facilities.

Total Financial outlay of the project is ₹583.99 cr, out of which ₹578.14 crores are already released.

- As of now, the physical progress project is 98%
- Financial progress is 90% (overall).
- Date of completion of this project is likely to be in April, 2025.



**b. Development and Modernization of Srigra Stadium, Varanasi-** Development and Modernization of Srigra Stadium in Varanasi to be done in three phases viz. I, II and III, within the area of 64,182 Sq.Mt.. Phase I of the project involves creation of an International Sports Competition venue, including an Olympic size swimming pool and a spectator capacity of 2000. In Phase II and phase III of the project various indoor and outdoor sports facilities.

Total Financial outlay of the project is ₹ 315.48 crore, out of which ₹ 265.81 crore are already released.

- As of now, the physical progress project is 100%
- Financial progress is 96% (overall).
- Inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi on 20th October, 2024.



### 3.1.2. Sports Competitions and Talent Development

- a. **Annual Sports Competitions:** Under “Sports Competition and Talent Development” component, Khelo India helps to provide a platform for talented athletes for development of pathways for gifted and talented children to achieve excellence. The Central Government organizes National –level competitions, i.e., Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games, in r/o high priority/priority sports disciplines, like, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling etc. at various places across the country.

The Khelo India Youth Games and University Games are organized in association with various stakeholders such as NSFs, States/UTs, AIU etc. The athletes in Khelo India Youth Games represent the States / UTs.

The Details of various Khelo India Games conducted so far are as under:

S. No.	Name of the Event	Venue	Date	No. of Athletes participated
1.	Khelo India School Games, 2018	New Delhi	31.01.2018 to 08.02.2018	3507
2.	Khelo India Youth Games, 2019	Pune	09.01.2019 to 20.01.2019	5922
3.	Khelo India Youth Games, 2020	Guwahati	10.01.2020 to 22.01.2020	6130
4.	Khelo India Youth Games, 2021	Panchkula	04.06.2022 to 13.06.2022	4453
5.	Khelo India Youth Games, 2022	Bhopal	30.01.2023 to 11.02.2023	4783
6.	Khelo India Youth Games, 2023	Chennai	19.01.2024 to 31.01.2024	4454
7.	Khelo India University Games, 2020	Bhubaneswar	22.02.2020 to 01.03.2020	3182
8.	Khelo India University Games, 2021	Bengaluru	23.04.2022 to 03.05.2022	3894
9.	Khelo India University Games, 2022	Lucknow	25.05.2023 to 03.06.2023	3613

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10.	Khelo India Winter Games, 2020	Gulmarg	07.03.2020 to 11.03.2020	1123
11.	Khelo India Winter Games, 2021	Gulmarg	26.02.2021 to 02.03.2021	1208
12.	Khelo India Winter Games, 2023	Gulmarg	10.02.2023 to 14.03.2023	2023
13.	Khelo India Winter Games, 2024	Gulmarg & Ladakh	02.02.2024 to 06.02.2024 & 21.02.2024 to 25.02.2024	650
14	Khelo India Winter Games, 2025	Gulmarg & Ladakh	23.01.2025 to 27.01.2025 & 22.02.2025 to 27.02.2025	750
15	Khelo India Para Games, 2023	New Delhi	10.12.2023 to 17.12.2023	1370
16	Khelo India University Games 2023	NE States	19.02.2024 to 29.03.2024	4600
17	Khelo India Para Games 2025	New Delhi	20.03.2025 to 27.05.2025	1233

Further the details of the Khelo India Games along with Achievers held in the year of 2023-2024 are as under:

S No	Name of the Event	Venue	Winners and Achievements
1.	Khelo India Youth Games, 2022	Bhopal	Maharashtra 161 Medals (56 Gold, 55 Silver, 50 Bronze)
2.	Khelo India Youth Games, 2023	Chennai	Maharashtra 158 Medals (57- Gold,48- Silver, 53- Bronze)

S No	Name of the Event	Venue	Winners and Achievements
3.	Khelo India University Games, 2022	Lucknow	Punjab University 69 Medals (26- Gold, 17-Silver, 26-Bronze)
4.	Khelo India University Games 2023	NE States	Chandigarh University 71 Medals (32-Gold, 18-Silver, 21-Bronze)
5.	Khelo India Winter Games, 2024	Gulmarg Ladakh	& Army 21 medals (10 gold, 05 silver, 06 bronze)
6.	Khelo India Winter Games, 2025	Gulmarg Ladakh	& Army 18 Medals (07 gold, 05 silver, 06 bronze)
7.	Khelo India Para Games, 2023	New Delhi	Haryana 105 Medals (40-Gold, 39-Silver, 26-Bronze)
8.	Khelo India Para Games, 2025	New Delhi	Haryana 104 medals (34 gold, 39 silver, 31 bronze)

**b. Talent Search and Development:** - Based on the laid down guidelines, selected talent is identified as Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) who are given an option to join SAI or Non-SAI accredited academy for training purpose. The KIAs who train in the Khelo India accredited academies are entitled for the financial support in tune of ₹6.28 Lakhs per annum and inclusive of Rs. 10,000/- per month as Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA). The KIAs, who have not joined any academy, are provided only OPA. The details of the KIAs inducted in 2024, up to 31/03/25 under the Khelo India Scheme are as follows:

S. No.	Discipline	No. of Athletes
1	Archery	144

S. No.	Discipline	No. of Athletes
2	Athletics	235
3	Badminton	159
4	Basketball	93
5	Boxing	150
6	Cycling	128
7	Fencing	147
8	Football	104
9	Gymnastic	96
10	Hockey	190
11	Judo	127
12	Kabaddi	99
13	Para Sports	82
14	Rowing	118
15	Shooting	213
16	Swimming	148
17	Table Tennis	116
18	Tennis	75
19	Volleyball	111
20	Weightlifting	146
21	Wrestling	164
<b>Total</b>		<b>2845</b>

Further, the details of funds release for the Year 2024-25 are as under:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
5.91	6.02	6.05	6.03

### 3.1.3. Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies

For better utilization of sports infrastructure belonging to States/UTs through suitable Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and provide support for engagement of coaches, providing

day-boarding facilities, stipend to trainees, etc. Provision of maximum funding to the State Centres of Excellence and Khelo India Centres is being done for the priority sport selected by the State under the “One State, One Game” initiative. Capacity building and Viability Gap Funding support is being provisioned for State Centres of Excellence and Khelo India Centres that may include universities (including private universities).

The progress made in the establishment of Khelo India Centers is listed below:

Details	KIC (till date 01.05.2025)	KIC for FY 2025-26 (till 01.05.2025)
<b>KIC's planned</b>	1250	-
<b>KIC's notified</b>	1048	0
<b>KIC's Operational</b>	958	04
<b>Funds Released/ Disbursed</b>	₹ 149.29 Crore (Recurring: ₹ 123.24 Crore and Non-Recurring: ₹ 26.05 Crore)	₹ 0.40 Crore (Recurring: ₹ 0.40 Crore and Non-Recurring: ₹ 0.00 Crore)
<b>Athletes Trained</b>	<b>28110</b>	<b>199</b>

**Sports Academies:** A total of 301 academies (232 Non-SAI and 69 NCOE & SAI) have been accredited for the training of the Khelo India athletes (KIAs). The total cost per trainee per annum under the norms for the funding of residential Khelo India Athlete under accredited sports academies is ₹ 6,28,400. State-wise Summary of Accredited Academies under Khelo India Scheme is as under:

S. No.	State/UT	Number of Accredited Academies
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	0
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4
4.	Assam	5
5.	Bihar	0
6.	Chandigarh	4
7.	Chhattisgarh	6
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0
9.	Delhi	9
10.	Goa	1

S. No.	State/UT	Number of Accredited Academies
11.	Gujarat	13
12.	Haryana	20
13.	Himachal Pradesh	11
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
15.	Jharkhand	10
16.	Karnataka	39
17.	Kerala	16
18.	Ladakh	0
19.	Lakshadweep	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	16
21.	Maharashtra	42
22.	Manipur	10
23.	Meghalaya	0
24.	Mizoram	0
25.	Nagaland	0
26.	Odisha	8
27.	Puducherry	0
28.	Punjab	24
29.	Rajasthan	7
30.	Sikkim	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	20
32.	Telangana	14
33.	Tripura	0
34.	Uttar Pradesh	14
35.	Uttarakhand	0
36.	West Bengal	11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>

### 3.1.4. Fit India Movement

The Fit India Movement was launched by the Prime Minister of India on August 29, 2019, with the vision to promote healthier lifestyles by encouraging individuals and communities to incorporate physical activity and sports into their daily routines. It is a voluntary, people-centric initiative focused on fostering health and wellness across all age groups. By inspiring citizens to prioritize fitness, the movement seeks to create awareness about its importance, motivate people of all ages to embrace active routines, and encourage widespread community participation. Through these efforts, it strives to instill a culture of health and wellness at the grassroots level, making fitness an integral part of everyday life for all.

#### Key Activities:

- **Fit India Week:** Schools/Colleges/Universities across India engage students in physical activities and sports to promote fitness. Last year marks the 6th edition of Fit India Week, which was scheduled to take place from November 15, 2024, to December 31, 2024.. A total of 27,856 organizers and 85 Lakhs individuals have celebrated Fit India Week.
- **Fit India Freedom Run:** A run combining fitness with cleanliness, where participants collect plastic waste while running. Last year, the Freedom Run commenced on October 2, 2024, to mark Gandhi Jayanti, as part of the month-long Fit India Freedom Run 5.0 campaign, and the campaign was culminate in a Unity Run on 31st October 2024 commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. A total of 10,433 organizers and 1,27,62,063 individuals participated in celebrating Fit India Freedom Run 5.0.
- **Fit India Quiz:** A quiz to raise awareness about health and fitness. In the latest edition of the Fit India Quiz, A total of 41,789 schools and 1,03,671 students registered for the Fit India Quiz 2023.
- **National Sports Day:** To commemorate the birth anniversary of the hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, the National Sports Day (NSD) 2024 was celebrated on 29th August 2024. This year the Fit India Mission approached and encouraged all key stakeholders i.e., ministries & department of Government, school, colleges etc to organise this event, both fun and competitive sports throughout the country and are free to choose any day between 21st August to 29th August 2024 to observe this day. A dedicated portal for registering the events was developed which is accessible from its website and Fit India Mobile App. The National Sports Day 2024 has seen an impressive participation of over 25 lakhs citizens.
- **Fitness Challenges:** Online and offline challenges encourage people to track their fitness goals.
- **Fit India Mobile App:** An app launched to help users track fitness progress and set goals. As of now total number of 9.5 lakhs downloads are attained by this app.
- **The Fit India Cycling Drive:** It is another key initiative under the Fit India Mission, which aims to promote cycling as an integral part of maintaining physical fitness. The campaign was officially launched on December 17, 2024, at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi. It encourages people across the country to take part in cycling activities every Sunday starting from December 17, 2024. This nationwide event seeks to raise awareness about healthy living and the benefits of cycling. A total of 2000+ organizers and 21 lakhs individuals have already registered in “Fit India Cycling Drive” campaign, and these campaigns are still ongoing.

### 3.1.5. Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports:

#### a. Sports for Peace and Development

To channel the energy of youth productively by organizing rural-level competitions in sports disciplines that are popular in Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, the north-eastern states, and Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected states.

- The Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2020 and 2021 were held in Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh respectively. The games have been made a regular part of the National Sports Calendar. Over Rs. 25 crores were spent in disturbed areas to promote peace and harmony, including in north-eastern states, through local and regional rallies.

The Khelo India Scheme aims to promote peace and development in terrorism-affected areas and along international borders by using sports to build confidence and engage youth in healthy activities. The Indian government is funding sports facilities in Jammu and Kashmir under the Special Package.



- Local and regional bike and car rallies are supported under this vertical in north-eastern states to promote the spirit of integration and harmony among the youth.

#### b. “EK Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” Programme

- **The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Programme** is aimed to enhance interaction between people of diverse cultures living in different States and UTs in India with the objective of promoting greater mutual understanding amongst them.
- **To achieve the aim of EBSB, Pairing of State/UTs** has been given by the Cabinet Secretariat. Ministry of Education is the Nodal Ministry for EBSB Programme. The programme is monitored at the Cabinet Secretariat. The details of the events held in Year 2023 are given below:
  - EBSB Shooting Ball Championship Youth Boys & Girls ZONE 2 was held at Sports ground Kaveripura, Kamakhshipaliya Bengaluru, Karnataka from 21 to 23 January 2023. 122 Participants from paired states Punjab - Andhra Pradesh, Delhi –Sikkim, Gujarat – Chhatisgarh, Himachal Pradesh- Kerala Sh. Dr Anil Agarwal, MP Rajya Sabha was the Chief Guest of Inaugural Function of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Shooting Ball Championship in Youth Boys & Girls to motivate all the participants.
  - The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Zone -2 Roll Ball Championship for Senior Boys and Girls (two events) was held in South Goa from 27th to 29th January 2023. The event was inaugurated by Govind Gaude, Minister of Sports, Art & Culture, and attended by participants from various states, including Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Rajasthan.

- The Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat Roll Ball Championship 2023 for Senior Boys and Girls was held at Birla Open Mind International School in Jammu, J&K, from February 14-15, 2023. The event featured participants from various states/UTs, including Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Jharkhand, Goa, Delhi, and Sikkim.
- Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Zone 1 SQAY Championship in senior Boys and Girls U/21 was held from 17th to 19th February 2023 in Panchkula, Haryana. The event featured 133 players, coaches, and technical officials from paired states of Telangana, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand, J&K, Ladakh, and Tamil Nadu. The chief guest, Shri Ratan Lal Katraria, welcomed guests and players, expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for launching the scheme. The Chief Guest praised hosts and management for bringing diverse youth together for better understanding and strengthening national integration.

### c. Sports for Women

It aims at encouraging participation of women in sports through various activities. Under this initiative, various ASMITA Khelo India Women's League – are being conducted. Till now women leagues have been organized in 20 sports disciplines across the country. Total 901 competitions have been organized for Women athletes more than 970654 participants. This initiative has significantly increased women participation in sports across the nation and has provided ample opportunities to



women athletes to compete, learn and grow in all age groups.

Ministry aims to provide support to National Sports Federation (NSF)/ State Governments to conduct Khelo India Women's League Tournaments for multiple age groups, where-in funding in

The Promotion of Inclusiveness component under the Khelo India scheme, through the Promotion of Sports among Women component, endeavors to provide additional avenues for the development of sports, competitions, leagues, and tournaments specifically for women and offer opportunities to women for participating in and excelling in sporting activities. In this regard, the government has started the following activities:

- Women's Sports Leagues organized in 20 Sports Disciplines in 25 States/UTs.
- This year 14402 Women Athletes participated in 145 Competitions.

part or whole for technical conduct and other incidental expenses is provided by SAI. The allocation of budget as per sports discipline is as follows:

(in ₹ crore)

Budget Sanction	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	₹ 0.32cr	₹ 0.55cr	₹ 21.29cr	₹ 13.60cr	₹ 25.54 Cr

### 3.2. Special Achievements

The implementation of a Dashboard, Online form submission, and Geo-tagging within the Khelo India Scheme are significant achievements in leveraging technology to streamline processes and enhance accessibility in the sports sector. These initiatives can greatly contribute to better organization, management, and participation in sporting activities across the country.

- **Dashboard and Digital Booklet Launched:** The Government of India has developed the Khelo India Dashboard to monitor and track the progress of the Khelo India initiative. This platform enables stakeholders to access real-time data, analyze trends, and make informed decisions to enhance the program's impact and reach. Alongside the launch of the Dashboard, Hon'ble Minister sir also introduced a digital booklet featuring updated athletics details, improving access to relevant information. These initiatives underscore the government's commitment to transparency and efficacy in promoting sports in India.
- **Online application Submission-** The Online application submission process is an essential element of the Khelo India scheme. The Government of India has developed an online portal where athletes, coaches, and other sports enthusiasts can submit their applications for various schemes and programs under Khelo India.
- Additionally, **Geo-tagging** facilitates transparency and accountability in the utilization of funds allocated for sports development, as it allows stakeholders to monitor progress and assess the impact of investments in real-time. Overall, the implementation of a Geo-tagging system within the Khelo India scheme marks a significant step towards fostering a culture of sports excellence and promoting active lifestyles nationwide.

### 3.3. Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) - Enhancement of Sports Infrastructure Facilities In J&K

Hon'ble Prime Minister approved and announced the special package for J&K on 07.11.2015 which inter-alia includes ₹260 crore Packages for sports infrastructure facilities of coaches / trainers / furniture/ competition / incentives / prize money. The works are under progress. Once the sports infrastructure projects are completed, those would be operated and utilized by Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir for sports promotion activities in the State.

#### a. Projects being executed by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports:

(in Rs Crores)

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

S. No	Projects	Amount Embarke d	Amount Sanctione d	Amount Released	Committe d Liability	Status
1	Renovation and Development of Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar to FIFA Standard	44	40.85	37.68	3.17	Completed
	Additional work at Bakshi stadium, Srinagar		9.05	0	9.05	
2	Renovation and Development of Maulana Azad(M.A.) Stadium, Jammu to ICC Standard for international cricket matches	40	42.17	39.18	2.99	Completed
	Additional work at MA stadium, Jammu		5.78	4.62	1.16	
	<b>Total (A)</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>97.85</b>	<b>81.48</b>	<b>16.37</b>	
3	Construction of 22 Multipurpose Hall (4 crore each)	88	88	85.57	2.43	Out of 22 MPH, 17 are completed and in 5 work is under progress.
	Up gradation of existing stadiaat Rajouri and Poonch	4	4	4	0	Completed
	Up gradation/ Completion of Subhash stadium at Udhampur, Jammu	10	10	10	0	Under Progress
	Development of water sports infrastructure at Jammu and Srinagar(Nehru Park, Srinagar & Ranjit Sagar Dam, Basohli)	6	6	6	0	Nehru Park completed RanjitSagar work under progress (80%)
	Lighting Syatem at TRC Ground/ Gani Stadium	2.63	2.63	2.63	0	Completed
	Sports equipment, coaches/trainers etc.	5.37	5.37	5.37	0	Under Progress
	<b>Total (B)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>113.57</b>	<b>2.43</b>	
4	Construction of Mini Stadium in Kathua district of international level in memory of Late Shri Arun Jaitley	60	58.23	0	58.23	Land Acquisitionis complete, Design Finalization is in final stages.
	<b>Total ( C )</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58.23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58.23</b>	
	<b>Total (A+B+C)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>272.08</b>	<b>195.05</b>	<b>77.03</b>	

**b. Projects being executed by the Jammu & Kashmir State Government**

 (in ₹  
crore)

S. No.	Projects	Amount earmarked	Status
1.	Construction of 22 Indoor Halls i. Sehpora Ganderbal ii. Shadipora Sumbal, Bandipora iii. Qaimoh, Kulgam iv. Bijbehara, Anantnag v. Tral, Pulwama vi. Ramnagar, Udhampur vii. Samba viii. Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu ix. Billawar, Kathua x. Mir Gund Pattan, Baramulla xi. Soibugh, Budgam xii. Rajpora, Pulwama xiii. Zadibal, Srinagar xiv. Shopian xv. Kubathang, Kargil xvi. Koternanka, Rajouri xvii. Mandi, Poonch xviii. Gool, Ramban xix. Doda xx. Kishtwar xxi. Reasi xxii. Handwara, Kupwara	88.00 (₹4.00 crore each for 22 indoor halls)	Seventeen indoor hall (Sehpora at Ganderbal, Shadipora Sumbal Bandipora, Ramnagar Udhampur, Billawar Kathua, Bhagwati Nagar, Samba, Qaimoh Kulgam, Bijbehara Anantnag, Tral Pulwama, Budgam, Ellahibagh Srinagar, Koteranka, Rajpora, Mir Gund Pattan, Doda, Handwara and Reasi are completed and work of other indoor halls is under progress.
2.	Upgradation of existing stadia at Rajouri and Poonch	4.00	Completed
3.	Upgradation / Completion of Subhash stadium at Udhampur, Jammu	10.00	Under Progress
4.	Development of water sports infrastructure at Jammu and Srinagar (Nehru Park, Srinagar & Ranjit Sagar Dam, Basohli)	6.00 (3 for each project)	Nehru Park has been completed and Ranjit Sagar Dam, Basohli work is 80%.
5.	Lighting System at TRC Ground/Gani Stadium	2.63	Completed
6.	Sports equipment, coaches/ trainers etc.	5.37	Under Progress
<b>Total (B)</b>		<b>116.00</b>	
<b>Grand total (A+B)</b>		<b>200.00</b>	

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Projects	Amount earmarked	Status
Construction of Mini Stadium in Kathua district to international level in memory of Late Shri Arun Jaitley	58.23	Land Acquisition is complete, Design Finalization is in final stages
<b>Total (C)</b>	<b>58.23</b>	

c. Budget allocation and utilization of Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) - enhancement of sports infrastructure facilities in J&K during the financial year 2023-24

(in ₹ crore)

Year	Approved allocation		Actual Expenditure
	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	
2023-24	15	20	0

## CHAPTER-16: SCHEMES RELATING TO INCENTIVES TO SPORTSPERSONS

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements various schemes for giving incentives to sportspersons to take up sports:-

### 4.1 National Sports Awards Scheme

#### 4.1.1. Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

Instituted in 1991-92, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award (formerly known as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award) is the highest sporting honor in India. It recognizes an athlete's exceptional and extraordinary performance in their respective sport over the four-year period leading up to the award year. The recipient is presented with a medal, certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of ₹25 lakh. Typically, only one sportsperson is bestowed with this prestigious award annually. Since its inception, 61 athletes have been conferred the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for their outstanding achievements in the sporting arena. The following sportspersons have been conferred with Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award during 2024:

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Gukesh D	Chess
2.	Shri Harmanpreet Singh	Hockey
3.	Shri Praveen Kumar	Para-Athletics
4.	Ms. Manu Bhaker	Shooting

#### 4.1.2. Arjuna Award

Instituted in 1961, the Arjuna Award is an esteemed honor bestowed upon Indian athletes who have consistently demonstrated exceptional performance at the international level over the preceding four-year period. The award recognizes not only their sporting excellence but also their qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and disciplined conduct. Recipients are presented with a statuette, certificate, ceremonial dress, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh. Normally not more than 15 Arjuna Awards can be conferred each year. Since its inception, 1017 outstanding sportspersons across various disciplines have been honored with this prestigious award, acknowledging their remarkable achievements in their respective fields. The following 32 sportspersons have been conferred with Arjuna Awards for the year 2024:

S.No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Ms. Jyothi Yarraji	Athletics
2.	Ms. Annu Rani	Athletics
3.	Ms. Nitu	Boxing
4.	Ms. Saweety	Boxing

5.	Ms. Vantika Agrawal	Chess
6.	Ms. Salima Tete	Hockey
7.	Shri Abhishek	Hockey
8.	Shri Sanjay	Hockey
9.	Shri Jarmanpreet Singh	Hockey
10.	Shri Sukhjeet Singh	Hockey
11.	Shri Rakesh Kumar	Para-Archery
12.	Ms. Preeti Pal	Para-Athletics
13.	Ms. Jeevanji Deepthi	Para-Athletics
14.	Shri Ajeet Singh	Para-Athletics
15.	Shri Sachin Sarjerao Khilari	Para-Athletics
16.	Shri Dharambir	Para-Athletics
17.	Shri Pranav Soorma	Para-Athletics
18.	Shri H Hokato Sema	Para-Athletics
19.	Ms. Simran	Para-Athletics
20.	Shri Navdeep	Para-Athletics
21.	Shri Nitesh Kumar	Para-Badminton
22.	Ms. Thulasimathi Murugesan	Para-Badminton
23.	Ms. Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan	Para-Badminton
24.	Ms. Manisha Ramadass	Para-Badminton
25.	Shri Kapil Parmar	Para-Judo
26.	Ms. Mona Agarwal	Para-Shooting
27.	Ms. Rubina Francis	Para-Shooting
28.	Shri Swapnil Suresh Kusale	Shooting
29.	Shri Sarabjot Singh	Shooting
30.	Shri Abhay Singh	Squash
31.	Shri Sajan Prakash	Swimming
32.	Shri Aman	Wrestling

#### 4.1.3. Arjuna Award (Lifetime)

This award is given to the sportspersons who have outstanding achievements and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career. Awardees receive a statuette, certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh. Normally not more than 3 awards will be given in a particular year. The following 2 sportspersons have been conferred with Arjuna Award (Lifetime) for the year 2024:

S. No.	Name of the sportsperson	Discipline
1	Shri Sucha Singh	Athletics
2	Shri Murlikant Rajaram Petkar	Para-Swimming

#### 4.1.4. Dronacharya Award

Instituted in 1985, the Dronacharya Award is a prestigious honor bestowed upon eminent coaches who have played a pivotal role in guiding national athletes and teams to achieve outstanding results in international competitions. This award recognizes the invaluable contributions of these coaches in nurturing and shaping the success of Indian sportspersons on the global stage. The awardees receive a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh for the Lifetime category or ₹10 lakh for the Regular category. Typically, up to five Dronacharya Awards can be conferred each year. Since its inception, 159 esteemed coaches have been honored with this award, acknowledging their dedication and impact on the development of Indian sports. The following coaches have been conferred with Dronacharya Awards for the year 2024:

##### A. Regular Category

S. No.	Name of Coach	Discipline
1	Shri Subhash Rana	Para-Shooting
2	Ms. Deepali Deshpande	Shooting
3	Shri Sandeep Sangwan	Hockey

##### B. Life- Time Category

S. No.	Name of Coach	Discipline
1	Shri S Muralidharan	Badminton
2	Shri Armando Agnelo Colaco	Football

#### 4.1.5. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy

In an effort to foster a culture of competitive sports within academic institutions, the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy, accompanied by a cash award of ₹15 lakh, is presented to the winner of Khelo India University Games. The second and third-ranked in Khelo India University Games receive ₹7.5 lakh and ₹4.5 lakh, respectively. Chandigarh University, Punjab was conferred with the MAKA Trophy for the year 2024

#### 4.1.6. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

Recognizing the invaluable contributions made towards the development of sports by any private, corporate entity and non-governmental organization (NGO's) other than athletes and coaches, the Government of India instituted the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar in 2009. This award aims to acknowledge and encourage the efforts of private, corporate entity and non-governmental organization (NGO's) who have played a significant role in any or more than one area of sports promotion and development will be eligible to be considered in Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar. It has four categories: (a) Identification and nurturing of budding/young talent, (b) Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility, (c) Employment of sportspersons and sports welfare measures, and (d) Sports for Development. Through this initiative, the Government seeks to foster a conducive environment for the growth and nurturing of sporting talent across the nation. The following entities were conferred the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for the year 2024:

S. No.	Name of the Entity
1.	Physical Education Foundation of India

#### 4.2. Scheme of Cash Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches

This scheme was introduced in the year 1986 to encourage and motivate outstanding sportspersons for higher achievements and to attract the younger generation to take up sports as a career. The Schemes was last revised on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The Ministry has revised the procedure for forwarding the application of sportspersons for Cash Award through a dedicated online portal (<https://dbtyas-sports.gov.in/>) and the payment to Sportspersons is made through Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) mechanism. The eligible applicants can submit their applications online within 6 months from the conclusion of their respective events/tournaments. Under the scheme, special awards are given to sportspersons and their coaches for winning medals in recognized international sports events as per the table below:

##### (a)Category: Open Category Sports

S. No.	Name of Event	Amount of Award Money (In ₹)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1.	Olympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75 lakh	50 lakh	30 lakh
2.	Asian Games	30 lakh	20 lakh	10 lakh
3.	Commonwealth Games	30 lakh	20 lakh	10 lakh
4.	World Championships or World Cup (conducted in four year cycle)	40 lakh	25 lakh	15 lakh
5.	World Championship/ World Cup (held once in two years)	20 lakh	14 lakh	8 lakh
6.	World Championship/ World Cup	10 lakh	7 lakh	4 lakh

	(held annually) / All England Badminton Championship			
7.	Asian Championships (held once in four years)	15 lakh	10 lakh	5 lakh
8.	Asian Championships (held once in two years)	7.5 lakh	5 lakh	2.5 lakh
9.	Asian Championships (held annually)	3.75 lakh	2.5 lakh	1.25 lakh
10.	World University Games	3.75 lakh	2.5 lakh	1.25 lakh

**(b) Category: Para-Sports**

S. No.	Name of Event	Amount of Award Money (In ₹)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1.	Paralympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75 lakh	50 lakh	30 lakh
2.	Para Asian Games	30 lakh	20 lakh	10 lakh
3.	Commonwealth Games (Para Athletes)	30 lakh	20 lakh	10 lakh
4.	IPC World Cup/ Championship* (held biennially)	20 lakh	14 lakh	8 lakh
5.	IPC World Cup/ Championship* (held annually)	10 lakh	7 lakh	4 lakh

\*The event which are not organized as part of International Paralympic Committee (IPC) but are organized by International Sports Federation for able-bodied sportspersons with the authorization of IPC are also eligible for cash incentives, subject to the condition that the sports disciplines should be included in Paralympic Games.

**(c) Category : Diverse Ability Athletes Sports Disciplines**

S. No.	Name of Event (held once in 4 years)	Amount of Award Money (In ₹)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1.	IBSA World Championship/World Cup	20 lakh	14 lakh	8 lakh

2.	Blind Cricket World Cup	20 lakh	14 lakh	8 lakh
3.	Deaflympics	20 lakh	14 lakh	8 lakh
4.	Special Olympics World Games*	20 lakh	14 lakh	8 lakh
5.	World Championship in deaf sports @	20 lakh	14 lakh	8 lakh

- The cash incentives stated above, unless otherwise specified, are events held quadrennially.
- The cash incentive for events held biennially shall be half (50%) of the amount allocated for quadrennial events.
- The cash incentive for events held annually will be one-fourth (25%) of the amount allocated for quadrennial events.

\* *The able-bodied sportsperson(s) playing with para sportsperson(s) will not be eligible for the cash incentive.*

@ *Eligible only for those sports disciplines which are included in the Deaflympics Games.*

- Budgetary allocation of Rs.38.65 crore has been made in RE stage during 2024-25 for the scheme on Cash Awards.
- During Financial Year 2024-25, the lump sum Cash Award of Rs. 38.55 Crores was given to 425 beneficiaries (including the National Sports Awards).

#### 4.3. Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons:

This scheme was launched in the year 1994, for those sportspersons, who are Indian citizens and have won gold, silver or bronze medals in Olympics/ Paralympics Games, World Cup / World Championships, Asian Games or Commonwealth Games; attained the age of 30 years; and have retired from active sports career are eligible for life pension. The present rates of pension are as follows (w.e.f. 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2018):

S. No.	Category of meritorious sportspersons	Rate of Pension (₹ per month)
1	Medalists at the Olympic Games / Para Olympic Games	20,000
2	Gold medalists at the World Cup/World Championship* in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	16,000
3	Silver and Bronze medalists at the World Cup in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	14,000
4	Gold medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	14,000
5	Silver and Bronze medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/ Para Asian Games	12,000

\* *World Cup/World Championship held once in four year only shall be considered.*

The pension payments are made through Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India, for which Ministry purchases annuities for individual pensioners by making onetime lump sum payment to LIC. Budgetary allocation of ₹4.00 crore has been made for the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons during 2024-25. During Financial Year 2024-25, the lump sum annuity of Rs. 3.82 Crores was released to LIC for grant of Lifelong Pension given to 17 beneficiaries.

#### **4.4. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons**

Instituted in March 1982, the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program (formerly known as the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) (amended as on 10.10.2023) was established with the aim of providing assistance to outstanding former sportspersons who had brought laurels to the country but were facing financial hardships.

The scope of the program has been expanded over time to include more sportspersons eligible for financial aid. In September 2017, the scheme was renamed the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons. Subsequently, in January 2019, revisions were made to incorporate timelines for processing applications within the Ministry in a time-bound manner, while also significantly enhancing the quantum of assistance from the fund. Further reviews and revisions took place in May 2020 and, most recently, on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The latest revision raised the annual income eligibility threshold for receiving financial assistance from the fund to Rs. 8 lakh from all sources. This measure aims to extend support to a broader range of former athletes who have represented the nation with distinction but may be facing economic challenges.

Under the revised scheme, sportspersons and family members of the sportspersons will be eligible for the following amounts of financial assistance:

- (i) Financial assistance to an outstanding sportsperson now living in indigent circumstances, subject to a maximum of ₹5.00 lakh.
- (ii) Financial assistance subject to a maximum of ₹5.00 lakh may be granted to the families of the deceased sportspersons.
- (iii) Financial assistance not exceeding ₹10.00 lakh may be provided for medical treatment to the sportspersons or their dependent family members.
- (iv) Financial assistance not exceeding ₹10.00 lakh may be provided for injuries sustained during training for and participation in sports competitions listed in the scheme but will also include Sub Junior and Junior category competitions.
- (v) Financial assistance not exceeding ₹2.50 lakh may be provided for training, procurement of equipment and participation in national and international sports events to sportspersons, whose parents are living in indigent circumstances. Sportspersons belonging to those sports disciplines whose federations are either de-recognized or whose recognition has been suspended by the Government or the federations, and who have so far not got the recognition from the Government, will also be eligible for assistance for this purpose.
- (vi) Financial assistance up to ₹2.00 lakh may be provided to coaches and support personnel who have been attached to national coaching camps for senior category players and national teams (senior category), and umpires, referees and match officials, who have been associated with recognized national championships (senior category) and international tournaments (senior category) in the

sports disciplines included in Olympics, Asian games and Commonwealth games who are living in indigent circumstances or to family members of such deceased support personnel living in indigent circumstances.

- (vii) Financial assistance up to ₹4.00 lakh may be provided for medical treatment to coaches and support personnel who are living in indigent circumstances or to family members of such deceased support personnel living in indigent circumstances.

During Financial Year 2024-25, the lump sum financial assistance of Rs. 93.50 lakhs was given to 45 beneficiaries.

## CHAPTER-17: MAJOR INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

### **1. Sports Authority of India:**

Sports Authority of India (SAI) was set up as a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 in pursuance of the Resolution No. 1-1/83/SAI dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1984 to carry forward the legacy of the IX<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in New Delhi in 1982, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS). SAI has been entrusted with twin objectives of promoting sports and achieving sporting excellence at the National and International level.

Subsequently, in order to facilitate development of SAI as a robust sports promotion body, necessary knowledge and skills in the field of sports coaching and physical education were incorporated by amalgamating the erstwhile Society for National Institutes of Physical Education & Sports (SNIPES) consisting of Netaji Subhash National Institute for Sports (NSNIS), Patiala and its Centres along with two other educational institutes, namely, Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE) located at Gwalior and Thiruvananthapuram, with SAI w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1987. The LNCPE, Gwalior was however, delinked from SAI in September, 1995 on attaining the status of a “Deemed University”. Today, SAI stands out as an apex body for promotion of sports and sports excellence in the country.

**1.1. General Body & Governing Body of SAI:** As per the Memorandum of Association and Rules of SAI, the General Body (Society) and the Governing Body of SAI are constituted by the Government of India. The Hon’ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports heads the General Body and Governing Body of SAI as its Chairman.

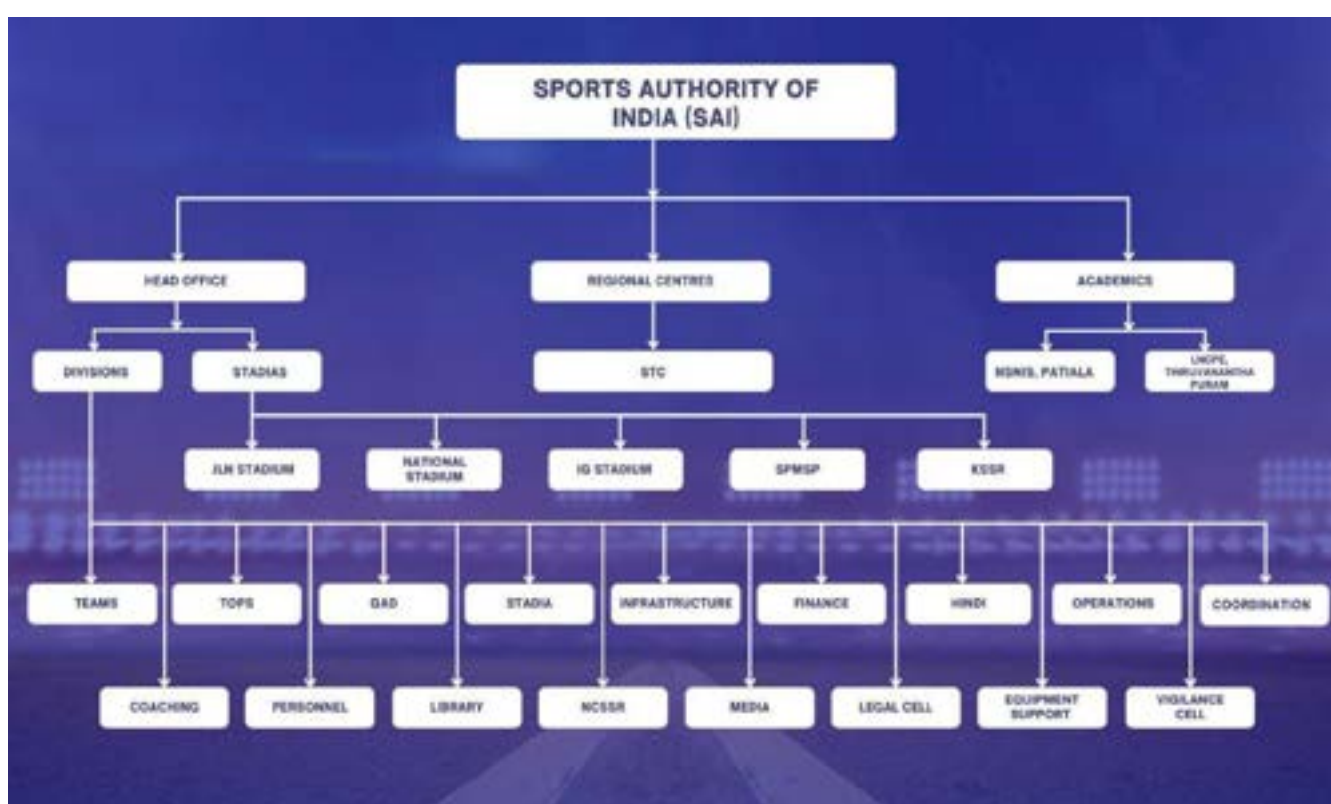
#### **1.2. The Aims & Objectives of SAI:**

- To promote and broad-base sports in the country;
- To identify/ scout sports talent and nurture it;
- To implement schemes/ programmes for achieving excellence in sports in different disciplines at international level in order to establish India as a major sporting power;
- To manage the Stadia in Delhi, which were constructed for the IX<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in 1982;
- To act as an interface between the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and respective State Governments, as well as other agencies responsible for promotion/development of sports in the country;
- To establish, run, manage and administer institutions to produce high caliber coaches, sports scientists and physical education teachers;

- To plan, construct, acquire, develop, manage, maintain and utilize sports infrastructure and facilities in the country;
- To initiate, undertake, sponsor, stimulate and encourage research projects related to various sports sciences for upgradation of sports, sportspersons and coaches; and
- To initiate issues and/ or cooperate with other Central or State bodies and other institutions involved in sports promotion and development of sports excellence in the country.

### 1.3. Organizational Set-Up

Director General SAI is the Principal Executive Officer of the Organization. He is assisted by a team of senior functional heads of various Departments/ Divisions which include Secretary SAI, Executive Directors and Heads of the Academic Institutions/ Regional Centres. An Organizational Chart for the year 2024-25 is as under:



1.4. The major Divisions/ Institutions of SAI and their functional responsibilities are briefly described as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Division	Functions
(i)	Academics (Coaching) NS NIS, Patiala	Conducting Certificate and Diploma Courses in sports coaching. Upgrading skills of the coaches by conducting regular refresher courses.

Sl. No.	Name of the Division	Functions
(ii)	Academics (Phy. Edu.) LNCPE, Thiruvananthapuram	Conducting Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses in Physical Education.
(iii)	Operations Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Planning, implementation and monitoring of SAI Sports Promotional Schemes.
(iv)	TEAMS Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Training of Elite Athletes and Management Support on behalf of MYAS in collaboration with the National Sports Federations including holding of National camps, facilitating foreign exposure and services of foreign coaches.
(v)	Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)	To assist Mission Olympic Cell in fulfilling its mandate inclusive of selection, exclusion and approval of proposal. It aims to provide assistance for end-to-end requirement of the athlete who is selected under the scheme i.e. selection, proposal, sanction and performance review.
(vi)	Equipment Support SAI HO, New Delhi	Consolidation of requirement of various sports equipments for SAI and/or other sports bodies and its sourcing from local as well as foreign vendors.
(vii)	Stadia Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Maintenance & Utilization of SAI Stadia in Delhi.
(viii)	Infrastructure SAI HO, New Delhi	To create, develop and maintain sports and sports related infrastructure at SAI Centres across the country.
(ix)	Personnel Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Deals with recruitment of Officers and Staff and service matters of Employees of SAI.
(x)	Coaching Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Deals with recruitment and service matters of Coaches of SAI.
(xi)	Finance Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Deals with Financial planning and Budget allocations for various Divisions of SAI at Delhi, Academic institutions and Field Units.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Division	Functions
(xii)	Coordination Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Nodal Division for liaising with MYA&S/ other agencies and various Divisions of SAI, particularly on matters related to Parliament and RTI.
(xiii)	Media & International Cooperation Cell SAI HO, New Delhi	Liaison with print & electronic media, release of NIT/advertisements, organizing press briefings and maintaining SAI Officials' website. Also Liaison with MYA&S on issues related to cultural exchange programmes / bilateral relations in the field of sports with foreign nations.
(xiv)	General Administration SAI HO, New Delhi	Procurement and maintenance of General Stores. Maintenance of House Building, Computerization and Housekeeping, Transport, Meeting and Seminars, Official Telephones and Air Ticketing.
(xv)	Legal Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Deals with all legal matters pertaining to SAI.
(xvii)	Vigilance Cell SAI HO, New Delhi	Deals with all vigilance matters related to SAI.
(xviii)	Official Language Division SAI HO, New Delhi	Implementation of Official language policy of the Government of India.
(xix)	Khelo India Division, SAI HO, New Delhi	To achieve the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports
(xx)	Fit India Division, SAI HO, New Delhi	To promote fitness as easy, fun and free, spread awareness on fitness and various physical activities that promote fitness through focused campaigns, encourage indigenous sports and activities around fitness, make fitness reach every school, colleges/universities, village, panchayat, etc.
(xxi)	Coach Development and Training	Coach Development and Training Division is established with an objective to conduct trainings for Coaches, Scientific Staff and Administrative Staff to upgrade their knowledge and skills.

Sl. No.	Name of the Division	Functions
(xxii)	National Centre for Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR)	The scheme of National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR) aims to support high level research, education and innovation with respect to high performance of elite athletes.

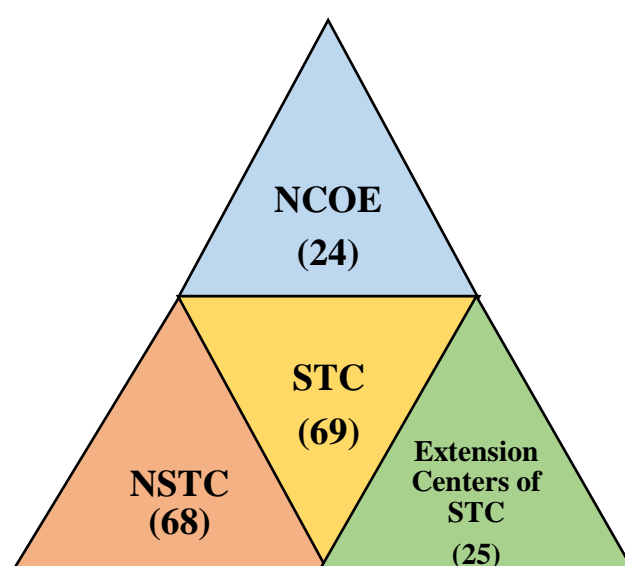
The following Stadia in Delhi which were constructed/ renovated for the IX<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held at New Delhi in 1982 and subsequently renovated for the XIX<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Games held at New Delhi in 2010 are being maintained and utilized by SAI:

- a. Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex
- b. Indira Gandhi Sports Complex
- c. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex (Formerly known as
- d. Talkatora Swimming Pool)
- e. Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium (Formerly known as National Stadium)
- f. Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges (Formerly known as Shooting Range Tughlakabad)

### 1.5. Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI

Operation Division deals with implementation of different Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI aimed at spotting and nurturing the talented sportspersons in various age groups for achieving excellence at the National/International level.

These schemes are being implemented by SAI through its Regional Centres located at Bengaluru, Kolkata, Gandhinagar, Kandiveli (Mumbai), Bhopal, Sonapat, Lucknow, Chandigarh (Zirakpur), Guwahati and Imphal alongwith Academic Wings located at NS NIS, Patiala and the LNCPE, Thiruvananthapuram. The Sports Science Centre set up is well developed at Patiala, Bengaluru and Kolkata and these facilities are also being upgraded in other Centres.



The salient features of the schemes are as under:

**A. SAI National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)**

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) was implementing various sports promotional schemes, in the Regional Centres, Academic Institutions and SAI Training Centres (STC), across the country to identify talented sports persons and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions.

To maintain uniformity of the financial norms and to dispense with the differentiation between athletes in the same campus/premises at SAI Regional Centre/Academic Institutions/Stadia, a decision was taken by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India vide Office Memorandum No K-11020/4/2019-Sports-V dated 18.09.2019 to merge all Schemes Operating in the same Campus/premises in SAI Regional Centre/Academic Institutions and Stadia as SAI National Centre of Excellence (NCOE).

After merger of SAI promotional Schemes operating in the same campus and stadia etc. COEs were upgraded to National Centre of Excellence. However, considering the potential and infrastructure 3 more NCOEs were added later. As of now, out of 24 approved NCOEs, 23 NCOEs are operational across India (*Zirakpur are not operational*) in 13 priority and 11 other sports disciplines.

**Aim and Objectives:**

In its endeavor to train athletes to achieve excellence in Olympics and other International Events, Sports Authority of India has established National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) across the country to impart specialized training to promising athletes by providing state of the art infrastructure and playing facilities, sports science backup, individualized diet prescribed by trained nutritionists and overall supervision under the best coaches, qualified support staff and High Performance Directors. National Centres of Excellence operate as regular coaching camps for the best available talent among juniors in India and provide concurrent layers of prospective sports persons, giving a wider choice of talent and continuity for selection to National Teams and provide alternative second and third options too. NCoE is capable of accommodating elite to development athletes.

**Disciplines covered by NCOEs:** NCOEs cover 13 focused/ priority disciplines and 11 other disciplines where Indian athletes are performing well and have chances to win medals in the International Events/ Championships/ Games.

**Focused Sports Disciplines:** Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Hockey, Judo, Rowing, Swimming, Shooting, Table Tennis, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

**Other Disciplines:** Football, Gymnastics, Badminton, Handball, Kabbadi, Kho-Kho, Kayaking & Canoeing, Para Sports, Taekwondo, Volleyball & Wushu.

Disciplines covered in each NCoE are given below:

SN	Name of the Centre	Discipline(s)
1	Alleppey	Rowing, Kayaking & Canoeing
2	Thiruvananthapuram	Athletics, Cycling, Football, Taekwondo, Volleyball
3	Aurangabad	Boxing, Fencing, Hockey, Weightlifting, Gymnastics
4	Kandivali	Hockey, Kabaddi, Wrestling
5	Bengaluru	Athletics, Hockey, Taekwondo, Weightlifting
6	Bhopal	Athletics, Boxing, Hockey, Judo, Wushu, Kayaking & Canoeing
7	Zirakpur	Kept on Hold
8	Dharamshala	Athletics, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball for <b>Girls</b> only
9	Hamirpur	Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Hockey, Judo, Wrestling
10	Guwahati	Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Taekwondo
11	Gandhinagar	Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho & Athletics, Power lifting, Swimming, Table Tennis ( <b>for Para</b> )
12	Imphal	Archery, Athletics, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Weightlifting, Wushu
13	Itanagar	Boxing, Weightlifting, Wushu
14	Jagatpur	Rowing, Kayaking & Canoeing
15	Kolkata	Archery Athletics Gymnastic Hockey, Table Tennis
16	Cooch Behar	
17	Lucknow	Athletics, Hockey, Taekwondo, Weightlifting, Wrestling
18	Patiala	Athletics, Cycling, Fencing, Hockey, Judo, Weightlifting
19	Rohtak	Boxing
20	Sonepat	Archery, Athletics, Hockey, Kabaddi, Wrestling
21	IG Stadium, Delhi	Cycling, Gymnastic
22	Dr SPMSPC, Delhi	Swimming
23	M.D.C.N.S., Delhi	Hockey
24	Dr. KSSR, Delhi	Shooting

**Sanctioned Strength:** Depending on infrastructure availability, medal prospects, sport's popularity, and several other factors SAI from time to time prescribes the number of athletes which can be trained in each discipline at each NCOE. Total sanctioned strength is further divided into residential and non-residential athletes and further into male and female athletes to ensure adequate representation for all genders. The current approved sanctioned strength of athletes in the NCOEs is 4232 (3787 Residential, 445 Non-Residential). However, the working strength for the current year is 3733 athletes (1978 Boys & 1755 Girls).

**Admission Criteria:** Talent Identification and Development Committees of all the discipline comprising of eminent athletes, eminent coaches, NSF Representatives etc. of their respective disciplines have been entrusted the responsibilities to select/weed out athletes from NCOEs.

**Trained and Skilled Manpower:**

- i. **Coaching Staff:** NCOEs are providing the best training environment and coaching to the athletes training at NCOEs. To provide best training to the athletes, apart from qualified SAI Coaches, reputed and experienced coaches are being hired or taken on deputation from other departments.
- ii. **Scientific Staff:** In order to evaluate/support the performance of young athletes, the scientific experts in the specialized field of Sports Anthropometry, Exercise physiology, Strength & Conditioning, bio- mechanics, Sport Psychology, Sports Medicine, Physiotherapy etc. are being hired at each NCOEs.
- iii. **Administrative Staff:** To ensure smooth functioning of NCOEs, adequate administrative staff has been posted in the each NCOE.
- iv. **Mess Staff:** Specialized mess staffs have been engaged to look after the effective functioning of mess to provide quality food as per requirement of each athlete on day to day basis.

**Sports Science Facilities:** As regard to scientific back up at NCOEs, the specialised equipment required for evaluating/ enhancing performance of young athletes are being made available in the NCOEs. The latest scientific equipment has been/ is being procured in the NCOEs. The total cost for setting up scientific facilities across NCOEs is Rs.80.00 Crores in the following departments are being set up in NCOEs:

1. Anthropometry
2. Biometry
3. Biomechanics
4. Nutrition
5. Performance analysis
6. Physiology
7. Physiotherapy
8. Psychology
9. Strength and Conditioning

**B. SAI Training Centre Scheme (STC):**

**Objective:**

In order to groom the Grassroots level/ discipline appropriate age group athletes, SAI Training Centres (STC) are established in States where the sports infrastructure is provided by the respective State Governments.

**Disciplines Covered:**

Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Karate, Kayaking & Canoeing, Kho-Kho, Rowing, Sepaktakraw, Shooting, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling & Wushu (27 Disciplines).

**Selection Criteria:**

**Age: 12 to 18 years**

**(a) Individual Events:**

Upto eighth (08) place in Sub-Junior (including Cadet) and Junior National Championships organized by a recognized National Sports Federation and upto sixth (06) place in Inter-University Championships conducted by Association of Indian Universities, and School Games Federation of India during the current or the year preceding admission.

OR

Sports persons who obtain first three (03) places in the State Championship Conducted by the recognized State Sports Association.

OR

Sports persons who secure any of the first three (03) positions in the North East Games & National Rural and Women Championships.

OR

Sports person who has represented India in any recognized Championship/ Tournament by the recognized international federation concerned.

OR

The first three (03) position-holders of District Championships, Inter-Education District Level small Competition, Championships held by Confederation of Public Schools, CBSE, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya etc.; may be considered for participation in the selection trials.

**Age: 10 to 18 years**

**b) Team Events:**

The talent who could not reach the minimum level of motor quality as per battery of tests may be provisionally selected for six months and only after passing the motor quality tests and specific skill test subsequently, formal induction may be made, if found fit.

**Performance criteria for induction:** Any member of a team which has obtained first four (4) positions in Sub-Junior and Junior National Championships organized by recognized National Sports Federation and first two (02) position holder in Inter-Zonal and Inter-University Championships conducted by Association of Indian Universities and School Games Federation of India.

OR

Member of a team which obtained first (01) or second (02) position in the State Championship organized by a recognized State Sports Association.

OR

Sports person who has represented India as a member of the Sub-Junior and Junior team in any recognized Championship/ Tournament for which team was officially sent by the Govt. of India.

OR

Member of Winner and Runners-up in team games in the North East Games.

OR

Sports persons who have participated in the recognized State level competitions organized by State Sports Associations, State Sports Council, and State Sports Departments may be considered for participation in the selection trials.

**Pre-condition for Admission:** The admission in the above two categories may be made based on the performance indicators, Anthropometric measurement, Physiological & Psychological tests and depending on age, discipline, event and evaluation of future potential by appearing in the selection Tests. There will be no direct admission. The admission will be only on the basis of performance and battery of test result and are to be documented at the time of induction.

**Lateral Entry:** Those who achieved the desired performance in the District, State, National and International level competitions and successfully completed the battery of tests, technical and specific skill tests may be inducted at any time of the year.

**Retention Criteria:** Retention of the athlete is based on his/her maintaining the minimum level of performance on the basis of which he/she was admitted and also achieving the target set for the year.

Battery of test result, specific test result and performance appraisal record considered at the time of admission should be properly documented as base performance so as to compare the performance enhancement of the athletes periodically.

Training diary of each individual athlete is maintained, which is taken into consideration at the time of retention and weeding out.

**Medical Checkup, and Age Verification** is essential especially when admission is done on the basis of performance in the Sub-Junior and Junior level Competitions as an effective preventive measure against age fraud.

**Weeding out:**

- a) Not maintaining the expected level of performances.
- b) Injury in incapacitating for more than six months from training and or competition;  
and
- c) Dope abuse, age fraud, misconduct etc.

**Monitoring, Half Yearly Scientific Assessment & Academic backup for athletes admitted:**

- a) Close monitoring and half yearly scientific assessment of all athletes admitted is done by the Institutional/ Regional Heads by engaging the services of in-house sports science facilities or through renowned Sports Science Institutions.
- b) As far as possible, efforts are made admission in nearby schools;
- c) Induction of talent may be a continuous process instead of linking with Academic session so as to enable SAI to admit the talent whenever a talent is spotted and found eligible for admission

Relaxation in the retention of athletes beyond the age of 18 years of age and upto 21 years can be considered by the Head of Academic Institutions/ Regions in special cases only where there is strong justification based on performance and future prospects.

The current approved sanctioned strength of athletes in the STCs is 4819 (3840 Residential, 979 Non-Residential). Presently there are 69 STC Centers in the country having a total strength of 4473 athletes (2708 Boys & 1765 Girls).

In addition, salary of coaches, supporting staff and maintenance are provided by SAI.

**C. Extension Centres of STC Centres:**

**Objective:**

The scheme of extension centres of STCs was started in **16** disciplines to cover schools and colleges for wider coverage, with a view to develop sports standard in schools and colleges having requisite basic sports infrastructure and have shown good results in sports. The athletes are selected under Non-Residential basis for regular training.

**Disciplines Covered:**

Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kayaking & Canoeing, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Taekwondo & Wrestling.

**Selection of the Institution:**

Schools and colleges actively involved in sports and having adequate infrastructure are eligible under this scheme. The institution should have a past history of producing national and international sports persons.

**Selection of Athletes:**

Upto 20 athletes in a School/ College are adopted under the Scheme. The students of nearby schools/colleges can also be admitted. The selection of athletes is done by a duly constituted Committee consisting of (1) Regional Director (SAI) or his representative (2) The Head of the College/Institute or his representative (3) Experts/ Coaches from the school/ college of the concerned discipline (4) Outstanding sports persons of the area. Age is relaxed in cases of commendable results / exceptional talent.

These Extension Centres are attached to nearest STC and monitored by Heads of SAI Regional Centres under whom the respective School/College falls.

**Selection Criteria:-**

**a. Schools**

- **Individual Events Sports Event:** Any of first four positions holders of District Championships, Inter-Educational Institutions District Level Competitions held by the Confederation of Public Schools, CBSE, KVs, JNVs.
- **Team Games:** Winner or Runners-up of District Championships, Inter-Educational Institutions District Level Competitions held by the Confederation of Public Schools, CBSE, KVs, JNVs and qualify under Battery of Tests as per the norms.

**b. Colleges:**

- **Individual:** Upto 4th place/ position holders in the Sub-Junior and Junior State Championships organized by recognized State Sports Associations, Inter-College Championships conducted by the University and State level SGFI Championships organized as per SGFI norms.
- **Team Games:** Winner or Runners-up of District Championships, Inter-Educational Institutions District Level Competitions held by the Confederation of Public Schools, CBSE, KVS, JNVS and qualify under Battery of Tests as per the norms.

**c. Universities: Individual & Team:** Sports persons who have represented University, State in the Zonal / National Championships organized by Association of Indian Universities and by recognized State Association/ National Sports Federations.

The performance of the athletes in the battery of tests and achievements at the time of induction should be clearly documented.

The athletes, who failed in the Battery of tests are provisionally selected and will be evaluated after six months for retention.

Battery of tests result, specific test result and performance appraisal record considered at the time of admission should be properly documented as base performance so as to compare the performance enhancement of the athletes periodically.

**Pre-condition for Admission:** The admission in the above two categories may be made based on the performance indicators, Anthropometric measurement, Physiological & Psychological tests and depending on age, discipline, event and evaluation of future potential and battery of test results and are to be documented at the time of induction.

**Lateral Entry:** Those who achieved the desired performance in the District, State, National and International level competitions and successfully completed the battery of tests, technical and specific skill tests may be inducted at any time of the year.

**Retention Criteria:** Retention of the inmate will be based on his/her maintaining the minimum level of performance on the basis of which the inmate was admitted and also achieving the target set for the year.

**Weeding out:**

- Not maintaining the expected level of performance.
- Dope abuse, age fraud, misconduct.

**Monitoring, Half Yearly Scientific Assessment & Academic back up for athletes admitted:**

- a) It is recommended that close monitoring and half early scientific assessment of all athletes admitted may be done by Institutional/Regional Heads by engaging the services of in-house sports science facilities or by engaging the services of renowned Sports Science Institutions.
- b) As far as possible, efforts must be made to set up National Open Schooling System under NIOS, Ministry of HRD and Indira Gandhi Open University to do away with the regular academic pressure on the talent admitted.

- c) Induction of talent may be a continuous process instead of linking with Academic session so as to enable SAI to admit the talent whenever a talent is spotted and found eligible for admission.
- d) Concerted efforts may be under-taken with various Public Sectors/Armed Forces/Corporate to ensure social/job security of the inducted inmates.

**Relaxation:** However, relaxation both for lower and upper age limit as well as induction can be granted in exceptional cases based on outstanding performance in Battery of Tests and also taking into account specific nature of sports limited to 25% of the new induction.

**Financial Norms:**

SN	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1	Sports Kit (per athlete, per annum)	5000.00
2	Competition exposure (per athlete, per annum)	3000.00
3	Stipend (per athlete for 10 months in a year)	6000.00
4	Insurance (per athlete, per annum)	150.00
5	Infrastructure and equipment support in the identified institutions, per athlete, subject to ceiling of Rs.1.00 lac	5000.00

At present, there are 25 Extension Centres in the country with a total strength of 277 athletes (193 Boys & 84 Girls).

**D. National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)**

**Objective:**

- National Sports Talent Contest, (NSTC) Scheme is being implemented to scout sports talent in the age group of **8-14** years from schools and nurture them into future medal hopes by providing scientific training.
- Under the Scheme, schools having good sports infrastructure and record of creditable sports performances are adopted by SAI. The Scheme enables the budding sportsperson to study and play in the same school. In addition to the main scheme of NSTC (launched 1985) wherein regular schools are adopted, a few distinct sub-schemes were launched to further reach out to sports talent in India, even those participating in indigenous sports and games. These sub-schemes of NSTC include:
  - (i) Regular Schools
  - (ii) Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA)
  - (iii) Akharas

**Disciplines covered under the NSTC:**

**Regular Schools** - Athletics, Basketball, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kho-Kho, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball (**09** Disciplines).

**IGMA** - Gatka, Kabaddi, Kalariapayatu, Mukna, Malkhamb, Thang-Ta, Silambam, Khomlainai (**08** Disciplines)

**Akharas** –Wrestling (**01** Discipline)

**NSNIS trained coaches are provided to adopted schools & akhara for regular training.**

**Selection Criterion of Regular Schools (NSTC):** The performance of the athletes in the battery of tests and achievements at the time of induction should be clearly documented.

**Individual/Team Events:**

- a. Athletes, who are medal winners in State/National Level Competitions are admitted into the scheme, subject, to their being found medically fit.
- b. Athletes who are medal winners at District Level Competition or have participation in State Level Competitions are admitted subject to their being found fit medically and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of tests.
- c. For selection from the remote, tribal & coastal areas, the athletes are also selected by organizing competitions among participants. Selection is done by a selection committee consisting of representatives of SAI, School/ Akharas, SAI coaches, sports scientists etc. The sports persons identified on this basis are offered admission after age verification, medical examination and on found suitable by applying battery of tests.

**Pre-condition for Admission:**

The admission in the above two categories may be made based on the performance indicators, Anthropometric measurement, Physiological & Psychological tests and depending on age, discipline, event and evaluation of future potential and battery of test result and are to be documented at the time of induction.

**Retention Criteria:** Retention of the athletes will be based on his/her maintaining the minimum level of performance on the basis of which the inmate was admitted and also achieving the target set for the year.

**Weeding out:**

- a) Not maintaining the expected level of performance
- b) Dope abuse, age fraud, misconduct.

**Monitoring, Half Yearly Scientific Assessment & Academic back up for athletes admitted:**

It is recommended that close monitoring and half yearly scientific assessment of all athletes admitted may be done by Institutional/Regional Heads by engaging the services of in-house sports science facilities or by engaging the services of renowned Sports Science Institutions.

**Relaxation:** However, relaxation both for lower and upper age limit as well as induction can be granted in exceptional cases based on outstanding performance in Battery of Tests and also taking into account specific nature of sports, for which prior approval of DG, SAI would be needed

**Indigenous Games and Martial Arts (IGMA) (Sub-Scheme of NSTC):** With a view to promote indigenous games & martial arts in the schools in rural and semi-urban areas and scouting of talent in these games for nurturing in modern sports this scheme was launched in November, 2001 schools runs by Educational Institutions having cluster of Schools like Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, DAV, Vidya Bharati & similarly placed institutions for promotion & development of indigenous games & martial arts were also included as part of NSTC Scheme.

**Selection Criteria: Age: 8 to14 years.**

The performance of the athletes in the battery of tests and achievements at the time of induction should be clearly documented.

**Selection Criteria for Induction:**

- Talents, who are medal winners in State/National Level Competitions are admitted into the scheme, subject, to their being found medically fit.
- Talents who are medal winners at District Level Competition or have participation in State Level Competitions are admitted subject to their being found fit medically and physically.
- The scouting of the talent in indigenous games is to be done on the basis of open competitions among participants. Selection is done by a selection committee consisting of representatives of SAI, Institutions, SAI coaches, guru/mentor of the concerned game. The sports persons identified on this basis are offered admission after age verification, medical examination etc.

**Retention Criteria:** Retention of the inmate will be based on his/her maintaining the minimum level of performance on the basis of which the inmate was admitted and also achieving the target set for the year.

**Weeding out:**

- a) Not maintaining the expected level of performance
- b) Dope abuse, age fraud, misconduct.

**Monitoring:** Close monitoring and half yearly evaluation of the adopted Clubs/Institutions is carried out through Institutional Heads/ Regional Centres. Exceptionally talented boys & girls may be admitted in the SAI SAG Centre or SAI Sports Academy as per the discipline and eligibility criteria.

**Relaxation:** However, relaxation both for lower and upper age limit as well as induction can be granted by concerned Regional Head in exceptional cases based upon outstanding performance in Battery of Tests and also taking into account specific nature of sports, for which prior approval of DG, SAI would be needed.

### Adoption of Akharas Under NSTC Scheme:

#### Introduction

Wrestling has been a traditional indigenous sport in the country and mostly played at village level. India has won many international medals in the past and has been a force to reckon with. Therefore, efforts are being made to create a broader base for modern wrestling and supplement the efforts made by various akharas in the country.

#### Adoption of Akharas

Keeping in view the peculiar nature of wrestling sport adoption of akharas having a minimum 20x20m covered hall for placing wrestling mats, 15x15m cover hall for installing a multi-gym and other allied facility, is approved.

**Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria of NSTC regular adopted schools are applied for selecting talented wrestlers.

**Facilities Provided Under the NSTC Scheme:** Presently under the Scheme, selected athletes are admitted on non-residential basis. However as an exceptional case the athletes have been admitted in two schools on a residential basis and they are provided boarding & lodging facilities instead of stipend.

#### Financial Norms:

##### REGULAR SCHOOLS

S No	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1	Sports Kit (per annum per athlete)	2000.00
2	Insurance (per annum per athlete)	150.00
3	Competition exposure (per annum per athlete)	2000.00
4	Stipend for 10 months (per head per annum)	3000.00
5	Annual grant to the school for purchase of sports equipment (per annum)	20000.00

**INDIGENOUS GAMES & MARTIAL ARTS**

S No	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1	Sports Kit (per annum per athlete)	1500.00
2	Insurance (per annum per athlete)	150.00
3	Stipend for 10 months (per head p.a.)	3000.00
4	Annual grant to the school for purchase of equipment (p.a.)	20000.00
5	Annual grant to the school for organizing compt. for scouting talent (p.a.)	25000.00

**AKHARAS**

S No	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1	Sports Kit (per annum per athlete)	3000.00
2	Competition exposure (per annum per athlete)	3000.00
3	Stipend (per athlete per month)	1000.00
4	Accidental insurance (per annum per athlete)	150.00
	The adopted Akharas in addition to the service of experienced coaches is also provided one set of Wrestling Mat and /or Multi-Gym.	

At present there are 09 Regular adopted schools, 09 schools adopted to promote indigenous games/martial arts. 50 Akharas adopted being trained? There are total 1072 athletes (857 Boys & 215 Girls) athletes under the NSTC Scheme.

**Summary at a Glance**
**Number of SAI Centers and Strength of Athletes 2024-25**

SN	Name of the Schemes	No. of Centres	(Resi.)			(Non-Resi.)			G. TOTAL
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
<b>1</b>	SAI National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)	<b>24</b>	1785	1593	<b>3378</b>	193	162	<b>355</b>	<b>3733</b>
<b>2</b>	SAI Training Centres (STC)	<b>69</b>	2271	1418	<b>3689</b>	437	347	<b>784</b>	<b>4473</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Ext. Centre of STC</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	193	84	<b>277</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>NSTC</b>	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
i)	Regular Schools	<b>9</b>	0	0	0	69	12	81	<b>81</b>
ii)	IGMA	<b>9</b>	0	0	0	72	67	139	<b>139</b>

SN	Name of the Schemes	No. of Centres	(Resi.)			(Non-Resi.)			G. TOTAL
			Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
iii)	Akharas	50	0	0	0	716	136	852	852
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>4056</b>	<b>3011</b>	<b>7067</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>2488</b>	<b>9555</b>
			<b>BOYS</b>		<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>G. TOTAL</b>		
			<b>5736</b>		<b>3819</b>		<b>9555</b>		

### 1.6. Regional Centres of SAI

SAI Regional Centres and Academic Institutions are the implementing agencies for its Sports Promotional Schemes and academic programmes across the country.

#### Objectives and Functions

- To conduct coaching camps and to assist the national teams for participation in International competitions;
- To implement and monitor the sports promotional schemes of SAI and Govt. of India, in the region;
- To conduct Diploma course in Coaching in collaboration with the Academic Wing of SAI at NSNIS Patiala;
- To raise the technical competence and knowledge of the coaches by conducting refresher course;
- To conduct refresher course for Physical Education teachers;
- To provide organizational support, documentation and sports science information to all concerned with a view to achieve excellence in sports through knowledge enhancement;
- To liaise with other organizations/sports bodies, State Government /UT Administration and provide information on sports related subjects;
- To identify sports talent among different age groups and grooming them for achieving excellence in their performance; and
- To provide scientific back-up to sports persons in achieving high level performance in sports

#### I. SAI Netaji Subhas Eastern Regional Centre (NSEC), Kolkata

The SAI Eastern Centre was established on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1983 at Salt Lake City, Kolkata. The centre is responsible for implementing and monitoring SAI schemes in the Union Territory of A&N Island and the states of Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Tripura and West Bengal.

This Centre also conduct National Coaching Camps, Diploma Course in Sports Coaching for various sports disciplines, Six weeks Certificate Course in various discipline, Skill Development Course and Refresher Course for the SAI Coaches as well Coaches of State Government.

This Centre also provides organisational support, documentation and scientific back-up with a view to achieve excellence in sports.

Extensive talent scouting programmes are conducted for identifying and nurture young talents from one UT and six States through FIT India movement. The selected talents admitted in various sports promotional Residential and Non-Residential schemes in this region for latest training with the scientific back-up.

## **II. SAI Netaji Subhas Southern Centre (NSSC), Bengaluru**

The Southern Centre was established on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1974 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru and later shifted to its present location at Jnanabharathi Campus, Bengaluru University, Mysore Road, Bengaluru on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1985. NSSC Bengaluru is responsible for implementing and monitoring SAI Sports Promotional Schemes in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telengana.

## **III. SAI Netaji Subhas Western Centre (NSWC), Gandhinagar**

SAI Western Regional Centre was established on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1987 to implement the sports promotional schemes of SAI in the following States /UTs:

1. Gujarat
2. Rajasthan

The State Govt. of Gujarat handed over the Sports complex with 64 acres to SAI initially. On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010, the State Govt. of Gujarat took back over 7.5 acres out of the 64 acres for the development of the Mahatma Mandir Project and allotted 7.5 acres in Sector 25, Gandhinagar with a commitment to construct a new Guest House, Swimming Pool Filtration plant and a portion of the boundary wall affected in the process. Due to the regular National Coaching Camps conducted for Para Athletes in the discipline of Athletics, Power Lifting, Table Tennis & Swimming, the Centre has been nominated as a "Nodal Centre".

## **IV. SAI Udhav Das Mehta (Bhai ji) Central Centre, Bhopal**

As per decision taken in the Governing Body in 2000, SAI Central Regional Centre has been shifted to Bhopal w.e.f. 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2001. The Centre was renamed as "Udhav Das Mehta (Bhai Ji) Central Regional Centre" on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2002 as per Governing Body decision dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2002. SAI Sports Complex in Bhopal is spread over 97 acres and the land was provided by the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. The Centre was made operational since September, 2005, having 144 bedded Hostel, Astro Turf Hockey field (2 Nos.), Multipurpose Hall, 400 Mtr. Cynder Athletics track, Basketball, Volleyball, Football fields. At present Central Regional Centre, Bhopal has been identified by Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt. of India from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 as National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) which caters to the focused disciplines like- Athletics, Boxing, Judo, Hockey & Wushu.

**V. SAI Ch. Devi Lal Northern Regional Centre, Sonapat**

Ch. Devi Lal Northern Regional Centre situated at GT Road, (near Bahalgarh) in District Sonapat is spread over 83 acres of the land came into existence in the year 2005. This is a prestigious centre in the state of Haryana for producing National and International level sportspersons.

Further, since 2009 this Centre has been identified by SAI as Wrestling Hub for training of wrestling probables for preparation of Indian Teams for participation in various prestigious international competitions. This centre has produced Olympic Medalists like Shri Sushil Kumar and Shri Yogeshwar Dutt in Wrestling and Vijender Singh in Boxing. Apart this, there are innumerable wrestlers who have achieved excellence at the international level. The Centre is now responsible for implementing and monitoring SAI Sports Promotional Schemes in the States of Haryana and Delhi.

**VI. SAI Regional Centre, Chandigarh (Zirakpur)**

The Sports Authority of India, NRC, Sonapat was bifurcated and a separate Regional Centre, Chandigarh was created and established in Chandigarh in the Month of March, 2009 which was functioning from 1st April 2009 in the space provided by the U.T. Administration at Hockey Stadium, Sector-42, Chandigarh till 31.10.2020 is now functioning in its own campus at Nabha Sahib, Near Gurudwara, Patiala Road, Zirakpur (Mohali) in a land (73 Bhigas 06 Biswa) provided by Punjab Government. The administrative jurisdiction of this Regional Centre are two States of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and three UTs Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh .

**VII. SAI Netaji Subhas North-East Regional Centre, Imphal**

Considering the talents available in North Eastern States of India in the field of Sports, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports Regional Centre for the North East Region was established at Takyel, Imphal in 15<sup>th</sup> September 1986, to provide sports facilities to conduct training camps and diploma courses. The Centre is responsible for implementing and monitoring SAI Sports Promotional Schemes in the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland.

**VIII. SAI Regional Centre, Lucknow**

Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhas Sub Centre, Lucknow was established at Lucknow in the year 2004. This Centre was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee (Bharat Ratna) on 23<sup>rd</sup> February' 2004. The present complex sprawls over 52 acres of land provided by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. All the modern infrastructures, sports facilities required for the elite class of sportspersons are available at this Centre.

This Centre was under the jurisdiction of Central Centre Bhopal till March 2009. After bifurcation from Bhopal this Centre is functioning independently w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April' 2009. In the February 2013 this Centre was notified as independent Regional Centre with the jurisdiction of two states i.e. Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand which caters about 22% population of the country. SAI Regional Centre was notified as nodal Centre for holding National Coaching Camps, especially for Women Wrestling in all categories and other discipline Judo, Handball, Kabaddi, Table Tennis.

**IX. SAI Regional Centre, Guwahati**

With a view to promote the Games and Sports in the North East the Sports Authority of India had set up its Sub Centre at Guwahati in 1987 under the SAI North East Regional Centre, Imphal. The foundation stone of the SAI Regional Sub Centre, Guwahati was laid by Mrs. Margaret Alva, former Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India in the year 1987. The Centre is located in the heart of the Guwahati City at a very congested area comprising 9.3 acres of land only. The plot of land was handed over by the State Govt. of Assam to the SAI on lease for 99 years @ Re. 1.00 per year. In the year January 2013 Sub Centre Guwahati is upgraded to Regional Centre, Guwahati. Various SAI Promotional Schemes are operating in the four North Eastern States, namely, in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim.

### **X. SAI Regional Centre, Mumbai**

The Sports Training Centre in Mumbai was established in 1989 with the primary objectives of overall promotion and development of sports in Maharashtra. An agreement was executed on 31st August 1989 between Sports Authority of India and Government of Maharashtra for handing over the premises and other facilities to SAI for establishing Sports Hostel. SAI RC Mumbai started working independently from June 2015 with the states of Maharashtra, Goa and UT's of Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli. On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016 Government of Maharashtra handed over 140 acres of land at Nagpur to open Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhas Deendayal Upadhyaya Regional Centre.

SAI, RC, Kandivali, Mumbai has been renamed as "SAI, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee National Centre of Excellence, Mumbai".

### **1.7. Academic Institutions of SAI**

#### **i) Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala**

The National Institute of Sports was inaugurated on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1961 to herald an era of systematic and scientific sports coaching in country. In the year 1973, the Institute was dedicated to the memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. After merger of SAI & SNIPES in 1987, the Institute became the Academic Wing of Sports Authority of India. It is considered a Premier Sports Institute in Asia. The Institute is located at Moti Bagh Palace, Patiala (Punjab). The total area of the Institute is 268 Acres.

#### **Aims & Objectives of the Institute**

- i. To conduct short & long term academic courses in sports coaching, sports sciences and other related fields
- ii. To raise the competence of the coaches through the organization of refresher courses.
- iii. To conduct the National Coaching Camps for elite sportspersons, for international competitions
- iv. To provide scientific back up to the elite sportspersons, for achievements of high level performance.
- v. To organize conferences, seminars, workshops, on sports-related subjects
- vi. To serve as a source of information and counseling, on sports infrastructure, through experts.
- vii. To implement the sports promotion schemes of SAI

- viii. Organization of National level competitions of the sports promotion schemes of MYAS
- ix. Identification of sports talent at national level competitions of sports promotion schemes of Govt. of India, for further grooming.

**ii) Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE), Thiruvananthapuram**

Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram came into existence on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1985 under the auspices of the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. With the amalgamation of SNIPES with Sports Authority of India on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1987, the College became a part of the academic wing of the Sports Authority of India at par with Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala and Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior. It was established in 50 acres of land taken over from University of Kerala, Karyavattom campus on the northern side of NH-47, 1 Km away from Karyavattom Junction, Thiruvananthapuram.

**Major Objectives:**

- i. To prepare highly competent and skilled leaders, teachers, coaches, scholars and administrators in the field of physical education, sports and games as well as associated areas.
- ii. To serve as a Centre of Excellence for research in physical education and allied areas.
- iii. To provide technical, professional and academic leadership to other institutions of physical education elsewhere in India and abroad.
- iv. To provide vocational guidance and placement services to the people in the field
- v. To develop and promote programmes of mass physical education activity.
- vi. To provide infrastructure, boarding and lodging facilities for State and National level Coaching Camps as well as make this College as reputed centre for ongoing schemes of SAI.

**1.8. Training of Elite Athletes and Management Support (TEAMS)**

TEAMS (Training of Elite Athletes & Management Support) Division is entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the National teams in the different disciplines Other than 14 Sports Disciplines being looked after by TOPS Division) like Chess, Bridge, Rugby, Handball, Wushu, Kayaking & Canoeing, Billiards & Snooker, Tennis, Volleyball, Squash, Basketball, Deaf Sports, Sepaktakraw, Football, Para Sports, Special Olympic Bharat, Sailing, Kho-Kho etc. for various National & International Sports events in coordination with the National Sports Federations concerned, on behalf of the Ministry of YA & Sports. In other words, it provides necessary facilities to elite sport person preparing for International Sports events like Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and World Cup and other International Competitions in India and Abroad. It implements the plans prepared by various National Sports Federations vide their Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) and approved by the Committee for preparation of National Teams for National and International competitions by providing the following facilities:

**Coaching Camps:** A total of 39 National Coaching Camps in 14 disciplines were held under the Scheme for “Financial Assistance to National Sports federations”.

**International Competitions/Training:** The Indian teams took part in 78 International competitions in 17 sports disciplines.

**Sports Science Backup:** It provided assistance of scientific back-up in the form of doctors in Sports Medicine, Scientists, Physiotherapists and Masseurs etc. during national coaching camps for which necessary budgetary allocation was made for enhancing their fitness, recovery from injury and recovery from medical deficiency.

**Equipment Support:** Necessary equipment support both imported as well as indigenous, were provided to the National campers and Indian teams for their preparation and participation in international competitions in India and abroad, including major competitions like Olympics, Paralympics and Chess Olympiad.

**Major tasks completed:** Successful conduct of ACTC Meetings in major Sports disciplines. Successful organization of the felicitation of Olympic, Paralympic and Chess Olympiad Indian teams and medal winners.

## 1.9. COACHING

The role of Coaching Division originates from an important objective of Sports Authority of India which is to produce high-caliber coaches for upgradation of sports in the country. To ensure that this objective is fulfilled, the primary functions of Coaching Division are as follows:

1. Deals with postings, transfer, recruitment, disciplinary matters and service matters (Promotion, MACP) of Coaches of SAI;
2. Matter related to Finance Committee, Governing Body, EDs/RDs meeting/DG's Review meeting and any other meeting;
3. Matters related to all contractual recruitment including Regional Centres;
4. Deployment of SAI Coaches to assist other organizations and federations to conduct several sports related activities.

In addition to the above, a continued database of all coaches is maintained. Their performance review is done periodically and monthly as well as yearly reports are made for every coach. Matters relating to RTI, Audit and Public Grievance, Retirement, Deputation are also overseen by the Division. Legal Matters and Disciplinary Proceedings are treated with utmost priority. PIMS portal where profiles of coaches of SAI are maintained has been generated and is regularly updated.

## 1.10. SAI Stadia

The Stadia Division is responsible for formulating policy guidelines for utilization of five SAI Stadia in Delhi, having different facilities created with the twin objective of broad-basing sports and to achieve excellence in sports. The following Stadia were built for holding the Asian Games in 1982 and were later renovated / remodeled for conducting the Commonwealth Games in 2010. All the stadia have state-of-art facilities.

**Objectives**

To provide facilities and venues for:

- a) National/International competitions
- b) National Coaching Camps
- c) National Centre of Excellence
- d) Come & Play

However, to optimize utilization of sporting facilities and to put optimum utilization of sporting facilities and to promote sporting culture, the scheme of ‘Come & Play’ was launched in May’2011. Further the sports infrastructure at SAI Stadia in Delhi has been made accessible without fee, to all sports persons across the country from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. National and State Sports Federations, league and Club will be allowed/encouraged to organize sports events in all sporting facilities owned by the Government, free of cost. The sporting facilities will also be accessible free of cost to coaches training athletes who are not part of camps organized in Sports Authority of India Centres. Admission can be done through offline or the web portal [sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in /online sports facility](http://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in/online_sports_facility).

These stadia are also being provided to Educational Institutions/Federations/Associations to conduct their sports tournament(s) at different levels at free of cost, Meetings & Seminars, Food Festival under Sports and for Non-Sports events (on payment basis) and space (exclusively not meant for sports purposes) are rented out to Govt. Offices to generate the revenue which can be used for the maintenance of these stadia.

**Utilization of unutilized / underutilized infrastructure of SAI Stadia**

The proposal for Utilization of Un-utilized/under-utilized infrastructure of SAI Centers on Highest Fixed Revenue basis (H1) for a period of contract of 3 years extendable by 2 years for JNS and 5 years extendable by 2 years for other stadia was approved in the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of SAI. Accordingly, with the approval of GB of SAI the H1 bidders has been appointed as Operator for operation and maintenance of the following Non-FOPs and FOPs at SAI Stadia, Delhi and agreement has been signed with them.

Stadium	FOP/Non-FOP	Remarks
JN Stadium	Auditorium	Agreement has been signed
MDCNS	Open space in front of Gate No.5	
	Open space in between Gate No.2 & 2A Bajri Ground	
	Swimming Pool	
IGSC	Indoor sports facility	NOA issued 01/07/24

**A. Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex (JNS) - 100 Acres land area**

- Out-door stadium (Synthetic Athletic Track & Football Ground) with 60,000 fixed seats, covered by PTFE membrane roof.
- Fully Air-conditioned Weightlifting Auditorium (26000 sq.mtr.) with 2172 fixed seats
- 150 bedded and 100 bedded Sports Hostel

- Replacement of Synthetic Athletic Track at JNS work in progress likely date of completion in August 2024.
- Available sports facilities – Athletics, Football, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Badminton, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Archery, Fitness Centre.

**B. Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex (IGSC) - 104 Acres land area**

- Gymnastic Hall wooden floor (fully AC) with 15000 fixed seats,
- Wrestling Hall (fully AC) with 6000 fixed seats
- Cycling Velodrome (fully AC) with 3800 fixed seats
- 150 bedded Sports Hostel.
- 300bedded hostel - The work has been awarded to M/s NBCC Ltd. The cost of the work is Rs. 29.46 Cr and work is in progress likely date of completion in 31<sup>st</sup> may, 2025.
- 275 KLD Construction of Sewage Treatment plant has been completed & maintenance and operation of HTP is been maintained by NBCC for 2 years w.e.f. from 01.07.24.
- Medical Centre with modern Physiotherapy & other equipment's as well.
- Available sports facilities - Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Gymnastic, Judo, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Sepaktakraw, Cycling, Wrestling, Multi Gym

**C. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex (Dr. SPMSPC) - 12.3 acres land area, fully AC Indoor Stadium with 5000 fixed seats**

- 50 Mtr. Swimming pool (10 lane)
- 25 Mtr. Diving pool
- 50 Mtr. Warm-up pool (six lane)
- Available sports facilities – In addition to Swimming & Diving there is facilities for Volleyball and Skating.

**D. Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium (MDCNS) - 37 acres**

- Land area Outdoor Stadium, VIP seating covered with standing seam roof, 14,000 fixed seats in new open gallery and 6000 seats in covered area. Three International standard competitions Hockey Astroturf.
- Available sports facilities – Hockey, Kabaddi, Tennis, Swimming Cricket, Squash Court and Multi Gym

**E. Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges (Dr. KSSR) - 72.41 Acres**

- The final Range capable of converting from a fully air conditioned 10 Mtr. Range to non-air conditioned 25 Mtr. and 50 Mtr. Ranges within 10 minutes.
- Fully covered Air conditioned 10 Mtr. with 80 firing points, 25 Mtr. range with 50 firing points and 50 M range with 80 firing points and 6 ranges for Trap and Skeet.
- Newly constructed 162 bedded fully air-conditioned hostel with attached washroom facility.
- 300-bedded Sports Hostel is under construction.

**1.11. Coordination**

Coordination Division of SAI deals primarily with issues relating to Parliament/Parliamentary Standing Committee, Memorandum of Association & Rules of SAI, including facilitating meetings of the General Body and Governing Body of SAI. It is also responsible for preparation of the Annual Report,

and its submission to MYAS along with Audit Report & Audited Accounts of SAI for laying before both the Houses of Parliament. This apart, it also liaises with various Divisions of Head Office and Regional Centres/Sub-Centres/Academic Institutions/MYAS on issues of general nature.

- **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:** Sports Authority of India virtually celebrated the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on the occasion of on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 02/10/2024 for keeping the country clean.
- **Rashtriya Ekta Divas:** Sports Authority of India virtually celebrated the Rashtriya Ekta Divas on occasion of birth anniversary of Shri Sadar Ballabh Bhai Patel on 31/10/2024.
- **Constitution Day:** Sports Authority of India virtually celebrated the Constitution Day on 26th November 2024. The officers, coaches and staff working under SAI and its field units along with the participants celebrated the constitution day by organizing the following activities:
  - Reading the Preamble along with Hon'ble Prime Minister by Officers, Staffs and Coaches of SAI.
  - Zoom Session on Constitutional values and its importance for Officers, Staffs and Coaches of SAI Head Office/ SAI Stadia and Regional Centres by an expert.
  - Preamble Wall on Constitution fixed at SAI Head Office/ SAI Stadia and its Regional Centres.
  - Preamble of Constitution was also uploaded on SAI website.
  - The participants including grassroot level to elite level athletes have also signed the preamble wall to show their commitment towards the Constitution of India.
  - SAI Stadia's in Delhi had organized a talk on "Fundamental Rights and Duties" under Indian Constitutions for Officers and Coaches of SAI Stadia through Zoom Conference.
  - Organized a lecture on Preamble, Fundamental Duties and Fundamental Rights for all the Employees.
  - Conducting an E-Quiz / Quiz on Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties with monetary prizes to encourage refreshing the values of constitution.

### 1.12. Coach Development and Training

**Objective:** Coach Development and Training Division was established with the objective of planning training programmes for the Coaching, Scientific as well as Administrative Cadre which includes establishing a relationship with training organizations, trainers and institutions which may be the Govt./Semi- Govt. The Division also undertakes the induction programmes for the new recruits in the administrative cadre.

**Target:** Up-gradation of knowledge and skills in the respective fields.

For the period starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the activity undertaken is being detailed below:

1. Online Workshop on Stress Management (SM-11) conducted by Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM)- Two days online workshop on Stress Management was conducted by Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM) from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in which 10 officers of SAI were nominated for the training and 9 Officers had attended the above workshop.

2. Training of Newly joined Assistant Directors of SAI at three institutes namely Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Hyderabad, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi and Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management, (AJNIFM) Faridabad, Haryana – Three institutes namely SVPNPA (24.06.2024 to 28.06.2024), IIPA (02.07.2024 to 12.07.2024) and AJNIFM (15.07.2024 to 26.07.2024) had conducted a training program on various Administrative matters in which 27 newly joined Assistant Directors (Batch 2022 & 2023) of SAI were nominated and attended the training program.
3. Training Program on Public Procurement for Government Officers at Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) Hyderabad -An Offline training session of 05 days each was approved for 11 Batches starting from 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and continue till March 2025 at ASCI, Hyderabad. A total number of 21 Officers were nominated by Competent Authority from different RC's and Khelo India and NCSSR.
4. One Day Long Breakaway Session on Administrative Mechanism organized by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on collaboration with the International Arbitration & Mediation Centre (IAMC), Hyderabad – A one-day long breakaway session on Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of Commercial Dispute (AMRCD) was organized by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on collaboration with the International Arbitration & Mediation Centre (IAMC), Hyderabad, (03) three officers of SAI were attended a session at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 09<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
5. Orientation Programme for 17 High Performance Directors (HPDs) of SAI from various Sports Disciplines at NS NIS Patiala from 20<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024- A Two-day Orientation Programme for 17 High Performance Directors (HPDs) of SAI posted across various Sports disciplines was held from 20<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 at NSNIS Patiala.
6. Athletics Level - I & II: Athletics Federation of India (AFI) organized the World Athletics CECS Level-II from 02<sup>nd</sup> November to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in which 06 Coaches were attended the training program at various centers i.e. at NS NIS Patiala and Trivandrum and World Athletics CECS Level-I courses from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in which 06 Coaches were attended the training program at NS NIS Patiala. Total 12 coaches of SAI were nominated by the Coaching Division who attended the World Athletics CECS Level- I & Level- II in the month of November, 2024.
7. 2nd International Conference of the Indian Society of Sports and Exercise Medicine, "ISSEMCON-2024" The Conference was held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Banaras Hindu University, Lanka, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India. A total number of 17 Officers/Officials of Scientific cadre of SAI from different Regional Centers and 5 Officers/Officials of Scientific cadre of SAI (RC Bangalore) (Total 22 Officers/Officials) were nominated by the Competent Authority from different Sports Science Principles and attended the conference.
8. Rowing Coaches and Refresher Seminar cum Clinic in which 05 Rowing Coaches from different Regional Centers were nominated for Coaches Education and Refresher Seminar Cum Clinic for Flat Water and Coastal Rowing held at Army Rowing Node, Pune from 02<sup>nd</sup> to 04<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

9. Hockey Level-2 Coaching Course: Hockey Level-2 Coaching Course (Batch- 1) was conducted by the Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE) at Gwalior (MP) from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in which 06 Coaches were recommended by the HPD Hockey and further approved by the Competent Authority for attending the Hockey Level-2 Coaching Course.

**1.13. IT Division:** Major activities undertaken are given below:

- i. **National Sports Repository System (NSRS):** The National Sports Repository System (NSRS) serves as a comprehensive digital platform for streamlining various aspects of sports administration. Its key features include:

- Digital Database: A centralized repository containing information about athletes, coaches, and support staff.
- End-to-End Mapping: Tracks athletes' connections to coaches, sports disciplines, training centers, camps, foreign exposures, and competitions.
- Performance and Government Support: Provides centralized access to athletes' performance data and details of government support.
- Attendance Monitoring: Implements face verification technology for monitoring the attendance of athletes, coaches, and support staff.
- Awards Management: Offers an online platform for the application, nomination, and finalization of awards for athletes and coaches.
- Infrastructure Booking: Facilitates online booking of sports stadia and other facilities, complete with processing and payment options.
- Job Application Process: Provides an online platform for the shortlisting and selection of coaches and support staff.
- Paperless MIS Platform: A management information system (MIS) for administrators, talent scouts, and other stakeholders to access relevant data.
- This system enhances efficiency and transparency in sports management processes.

- ii. **Fit India Mobile Application:** The Fit India mobile application offers the following features:

- Multilingual Availability: Supports 11 languages for broader accessibility.
- Customized Diet Plans: Provides personalized diet plans based on user responses to a questionnaire.
- Cycling and Running Activities: Tracks trips and history, includes checkpoints with selfie uploads, and enables sharing on social media.
- Integration with Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission: Allows users to create an ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) ID seamlessly.

- iii. **KIRTI - Khelo India Rising Talent Initiative-Ph. 2:** The KIRTI initiative focuses on talent identification with features such as:

- Integration with MyBharat: Ensures streamlined registration and data management.
- Seamless Onboarding: Facilitates smooth onboarding for all stakeholders.
- Intuitive Dashboards: Provides exportable data for analysis and benchmarking.
- Digital Report Card: Enhances the viewing experience of athlete performance data.
- Broad-Based Talent Identification: Leverages advanced technologies for identifying talent.

- Enhanced Data Analysis: Aims to establish a Bharat Benchmark for talent assessment.
- iv. **Khelo India Digitization:** This initiative encompasses the following features:
- Khelo India Centres: Manages proposals, sanctions, and monitoring.
  - Talent Identification: Covers scouting, induction, weeding out, and Other Performance Assessment (OPA).
  - Sports for Women: Facilitates the creation of leagues, winner lists, prize distribution, and certificate issuance.
  - Khelo India Dashboard: Acts as a centralized platform for all Khelo India-related information.
  - Real-Time Monitoring: Tracks the progress of the Khelo India Scheme.
  - Seamless Information Flow: Ensures efficient communication among stakeholders.
- v. **Athlete Management System (AMS):** The Athlete Management System provides an end-to-end digital solution for managing potential and elite athletes, with key features including:
- Periodization Planning: Covers macro, micro, and meso cycles for athletes.
  - Data Recording & Analysis: Tracks load, wellness, injury, nutrition, and overall performance.
  - Performance & Health Improvement: Focuses on enhancing both athlete performance and health.
  - Planning & Monitoring: Supports better planning, monitoring, and competition tracking.
- vi. **Performance Assessment:** The performance assessment module includes:
- Recording & Monitoring Achievements: Tracks athlete performance in various competitions and championships.
  - Customization of Tests: Configures performance assessment tests based on specific requirements.
  - Tracking Performance Indicators: Monitors data against set targets defined by coaches and support staff.
  - Visualization: Provides graphical and report-based analysis of performance metrics.
  - Real-Time Updates: Delivers up-to-date information on athlete performance.
  - Effective Monitoring: Enables coaches and support staff to access verified data for improved tracking.
- vii. **Biometric Attendance Implementation:** The biometric attendance system features:
- Facial Recognition: Includes geo-fencing capabilities for tracking attendance of athletes and coaches.
  - Report Generation: Produces detailed and summary attendance reports.
  - Trend Analysis & Visualization: Analyzes and visualizes attendance patterns.
  - Customizable Module: Configurable for recording attendance during competitions and events.
  - Benefits: Enhances academy management, reduces pilferage, and improves support targeting.
- viii. **Games Management System:** This system includes:

- Online Registration & Nomination: Manages the registration and nomination of athletes and stakeholders.
- Comprehensive Management: Oversees verification, accreditation, sports kit distribution, accommodation, and travel details.
- Competition Management: Publishes draws, schedules, fixtures, results, and records.
- DigiLocker Integration: Generates certificates through DigiLocker.
- Enhanced Transparency: Offers real-time monitoring for stakeholders.
- Cost Reduction: Lowers the cost of organizing games.

ix. **TOPS/ACTC Module:** The module provides:

- Online Proposal Submission & Processing: Allows federations and TOPS athletes to submit and process proposals online.
- Proposal Tracking: Enables real-time tracking of submitted proposals.
- Paperless Solution: Includes an in-built editor for publishing sanctions, e-signatures, and more.
- Real-Time Performance Updates: Keeps stakeholders informed about athlete performance.
- Effective Monitoring: Provides coaches and support staff with verified data for better monitoring.

x. **Online Booking of Stadia Portal:** The portal offers:

- Online Application & Payment: Facilitates the booking and payment process for stadia and facilities.
- Dedicated Dashboards: Provides dashboards for users and administrators to manage bookings and updates.
- Admin Access Controls: Allows admins to manage venues, fees, and other settings.
- Benefits: Ensures transparency, ease of booking, and effective decision-making.

xi. **Online Job Portal:** The job portal features:

- Online Registration & Application: Enables coaches and stakeholders to register and apply for positions.
- Shortlisting & Selection: Supports online shortlisting, selection, and result publication.
- Notifications/Alerts: Sends updates to stakeholders.
- Benefits: Enhances transparency, simplifies application processes, and improves recruitment management.

xii. **Awards Module:** The awards module includes:

- Online Registration & Application: Allows athletes, coaches, and stakeholders to register and apply for awards online.
- Nomination & Shortlisting: Facilitates nomination, shortlisting, and finalization processes, with digital publishing.
- Notifications/Alerts: Sends timely updates to stakeholders.
- Benefits: Simplifies the award process, ensures transparency, and enhances efficiency in selection

## 2. Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior (Deemed to be University)

### 2.1. Introduction

The Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education was established initially as a College on 17<sup>th</sup> August in 1957 i.e. the centenary year of the war for India's Independence. The Institute is located at Gwalior, where Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi had laid her life for the country's freedom struggle. In recognition of the services rendered by the Institute in the field of physical education and sports, Deemed to be University status has been conferred upon it by the Government of India on recommendations of University Grants Commission under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 in the year 1995. The Institute is an autonomous organization under administrative control of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and is run through the Society registered under the Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 1973.



## 2.2. Objectives:

The objectives of the Institute are as under:-

1. To provide higher education leading to excellence and innovations in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit primarily at post-graduate and research degree levels fully conforming to the concept of university, namely, University Education Report (1948) and the Report of the Committee on Renovation and Rejuvenation of Higher Education in India (2009) and the Report of the Review Committee for Deemed to be Universities (2009).
2. To engage in areas of specialization with proven ability to make distinctive contributions to the objectives of the university education system that is - academic engagement clearly distinguishable from programmes of an ordinary nature that lead to conventional degrees in arts, science, engineering, medicine, dental, pharmacy, management, etc. routinely offered by conventional institutions.
3. To provide high quality teaching and research and for the advancement knowledge and its dissemination through various research programmes undertaken in -house by substantial number of full time faculty/ research scholars (PhDs and Post-Doctoral) in diverse disciplines.
4. To prepare highly qualified leaders in the field of Physical Education, other Inter-Disciplinary subjects and Sports/Games.
5. To serve as a Centre of excellence and innovations in Physical Education, and to undertake, promote and disseminate research and also publish literature in this field.
6. To provide professional and academic leadership to other Institutions in the field of Physical Education.
7. To provide vocational guidance and professional services to the people in this field.
8. To promote mass participation in physical education activities.
9. To undertake extra mural studies, extension programs and field outreach activities for contributing to the development of society.
10. To develop and promote programs of physical education and games/ sports in Educational Institutions and other organizations.
11. To provide for instructions and training in such branches viz. health & fitness, wellness, yoga and indigenous activities of learning as it may deem fit.
12. To do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable for or conducive to attain or furthering the objectives specified above as may be expedient for functioning of the LNIFE.

### 2.3. Faculty and Department: (2024-25)

The Institute has the following eight academic Departments under two faculties:-

(i) **Faculty of Physical Education Pedagogy and Allied Areas:**

Department of Physical Education Pedagogy
Department of Sports Management & Coaching
Department of Yogic Sciences
Directorate of Open and Distance Learning

(ii) **Faculty of Sports Sciences:**

Department of Exercise Physiology
Department of Sports Psychology
Department of Sports Biomechanics
Department of Health Sciences

### 2.4. Courses Offered: (2024-25)

The Institute presently runs the following Courses:-

<p><b><u>Department of Physical Education Pedagogy</u></b></p> <p>(i) B.P.Ed. – 8 Semester                  (ii) M.P.Ed. – 4 Semester (Physical Education Pedagogy)                  (iii) Ph.D. in Physical Education</p>
<p><b><u>Department of Exercise Physiology</u></b></p> <p>(i) M.P.Ed. – 4 Semester (Exercise Physiology)                  (ii) Ph.D. in Physical Education</p>
<p><b><u>Department of Sports Psychology</u></b></p> <p>(i) M.P.Ed. – 4 Semester (Sports Psychology)                  (ii) Ph.D. in Physical Education</p>
<p><b><u>Department of Sports Biomechanics</u></b></p> <p>(i) M.P.Ed. – 4 Semester (Sports Biomechanics)                  (ii) Ph.D. in Physical Education</p>
<p><b><u>Department of Health Sciences</u></b></p> <p>(i) M.P.Ed. – 4 Semester (Health Sciences)                  (ii) Ph.D. in Physical Education</p>
<p><b><u>Department of Sports Management &amp; Coaching</u></b></p> <p>(i) M.P.Ed. – 4 Semester (Sports Management &amp; Coaching)                  (ii) M.A. (Sports Management) – 4 Semesters                  (iii) Ph.D in Physical Education                  (iv) Diploma in Sports Coaching (2 Semester)                  (v) Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Coaching (2 Semester)                  (vi) Post Graduate Diploma in Fitness Management (2 Semester)                  (vii) Post Graduate Diploma in Strength &amp; Sports Conditioning (2 Semester)</p>
<p><b><u>Department in Yogic Sciences</u></b></p>

<p>(i) Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga Education (2 Semester)                  (ii) M.A. Yoga (4 Semester)</p>
<p><b>Directorate of Open &amp; Distance Learning</b>                  (i) Diploma in Sports Management (2 Semester)                  (ii) Diploma in Sports Journalism (2 Semester)                  (iii) Diploma in Yoga (2 Semester)                  (iv) Diploma in Sports Analytics (2 Semester)                  (v) Diploma in Sports Nutrition (2 Semester)                  (vi) Diploma in Sports Psychology (2 Semester)                  (vii) Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Event Management (4 Semester)</p>

## 2.5. Governance System:

The Institution is registered as a not-for-profit society under the M.P. Societies Registration Act, which is a public funded deemed to be University, by the Central Government, through Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The highest governing body of the Institution is Board of Management headed by the Vice Chancellor. The Board of Management consists of a minimum of ten members and a maximum of fifteen members.

The Board of Management of the Institute is independent of the Sponsoring Society with full autonomy to perform its academic and administrative responsibilities. The number of representative(s)/ nominee(s) of the society on the Board of Management is limited to a maximum of four. The Sponsoring Society is headed by the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports as President in ex-officio capacity.

The Board of Management consist of eminent persons capable of contributing to and upholding Institute's ideals and traditions.

The Board of Management consists of:

- (i) Vice Chancellor - Chairperson.
- (ii) Deans of faculties not exceeding two to be appointed by the Vice- chancellor (by rotation according to seniority).
- (iii) Three eminent sports academicians as nominated by the president of the Institute, who shall have worked at the rank of Professor & shall neither be from the Institute or the sponsoring society nor be their relatives.
- (iv) A representative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Sports, Government of India, not below the rank of Joint Secretary/Professor.
- (iv) Two teachers (from Professors and Associate Professors) appointed by the Vice-chancellor by rotation based on seniority.
- (vi) One teacher (from Assistant Professors) appointed by Vice Chancellor by rotation based on seniority.

- (vii) Maximum of four nominees (Academician) of the sponsoring Society (Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports), who shall be Sports Academicians not below the rank of Professor.
- (viii) Registrar – Secretary.

## **2.6. North East Regional Centre:**

The establishment of North East Regional Centre at Guwahati was approved by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in the year 2009 and the first batch during academic session 2009-10 functioned from Gwalior as off-campus. Thereafter, upon taking over Tepasia Sports Complex from Government of Assam in May, 2010, the NERC commenced physical functioning from the academic session 2011-12, where many facilities like Indoor Multi-purpose Hall, Football ground, Hockey ground, Velodrome and Volleyball Courts were already in place and thereafter, the Institute created many infrastructures required for academic purposes. The Institute is now running BPEd as well as MPEd there in a full-fledged and regular manner. Recognizing the need of regular man-power for the NERC, Guwahati, the Government of India, Ministry of Finance has sanctioned a total of 11 posts during the year 2011-12 and most of the appointments against these posts have since been made. Laying of Hockey turf, Track and Field (Synthetic), Auditorium, Library and Quarters for faculty and staff are under construction.

## **2.7. Grants-in-Aid:**

The Institute is fully funded by the Grants-in-Aids from the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The allocation of Grant for Financial Year 2024-25 is Rs. 68.51 Crore for LNIPE, Gwalior and Rs. 10.00 Crore for NERC, Guwahati.

## 2.8. Academic Details:

## Category-wise Strength of Degree Courses during the Year 2024-25 (Gwalior)

Class	Total Strength	Gender wise		STUDENT STRENGTH									
				ST		SC		OBC		Gen		E. W.S.	
	Regd.	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
B.P.Ed. I Sem	110	79	31	07	02	12	05	31	15	17	05	09	05
B.P.Ed. III Sem	102	74	28	05	01	13	06	23	11	21	06	10	04
B.P.Ed. V Sem.	113	81	32	05	02	14	05	31	12	23	11	06	02
B.P.Ed. VII Sem.	104	70	34	04	02	13	06	32	11	12	09	09	05
M.P.Ed. I Sem.	88	66	22	02	02	10	04	29	06	14	06	11	04
M.P.Ed. III Sem.	84	63	21	05	-	07	05	27	06	11	07	11	02
M.A. Yoga I Sem.	04	01	03	0	0	0	01	0	01	0	01	0	01
M.A. Yoga III Sem	08	03	05	-	-	01	-	01	03	01	02	-	-
PGDSC I Sem	227	177	50	08	06	20	12	68	18	71	12	10	02
PGDSSC	06	6	0	0	0	0	0	04	0	02	0	0	0
PGDYD I Sem.	06	02	04	0	0	0	0	01	03	01	01	0	0
DSC- I Sem.	23	23	0	0	0	01	0	07	0	15	0	0	0
Ph.D. 22-23	56	32	24	02	01	06	04	06	08	15	10	03	01
Ph.D. 23-24	10	06	04	0	-	02	-	01	02	01	01	01	-
Ph.D. Old (19-20,	66	46	20	01	01	06	01	21	08	14	09	03	00

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

20-21 & 21-22)													
<b>Total</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>26</b>

## Category-wise Strength of Degree Courses during the Year 2024-25 (Guwahati)

Class	Total Strength	Gender wise		STUDENT STRENGTH									
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	Regd.	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
B.P.Ed. I Sem	104	75	29	04	02	12	03	19	08	37	14	05	0
B.P.Ed. IIISem	85	58	27	07	03	09	05	17	07	17	12	08	0
B.P.Ed. V Sem.	106	74	32	06	02	09	05	17	09	35	15	08	01
B.P.Ed. VII Sem.	101	71	30	04	02	09	05	18	06	33	14	06	03
M.P.Ed. I Sem.	45	29	16	02	01	02	04	08	04	15	06	02	01
M.P.Ed. III Sem.	43	27	16	01	01	05	03	07	04	13	08	0	01
Ph.D. 2021-22	14	11	03	04	0	0	0	0	01	07	02	0	0
Ph.D. 2022-23	07	05	02	0	01	01	01	01	0	03	0	0	0
Ph.D. 2023-24	05	05	0	0	0	01	0	01	0	03	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>

## OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES STRENGTH 2024-25 (GWALIOR)

COURSE NAME	Student Details		
	Female	Male	Total
PG Diploma in Sports Event Management (PGDSEM)	06	41	47
Diploma in Sports Management (DSM)	07	36	43
Diploma in Sports Journalism (DSJ)	-	03	03

COURSE NAME	Student Details		
	Female	Male	Total
Diploma in Yoga (DY)	03	08	11
Diploma in Sports Analytics (DSA)	01	14	15
Diploma in Sports Nutrition (DSN)	08	16	24
Diploma in Sports Psychology (DSP)	04	08	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>155</b>

### 2.9. Infrastructural Facilities:

The Institute is co-educational and fully residential ever since its inception, it is well equipped with the infrastructural facilities including play-fields, buildings etc. in Gwalior, while such facilities are being created at NERC, Guwahati in a phased manner keeping into consideration the priorities as well as availability of funds.

### 2.10. Important Events:

- i. Ms. Harshita Mishra, B.P.Ed. 5th Semester participated in the Republic Day Parade Camp and Parade organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India from 01.01.2024 to 31.01.2024.
- ii. Swami Vivekananda's Jayanti was celebrated as National Youth Day on 12.01.2024.
- iii. On 18.01.2024, Dr. K.K. Sahu, Associate Professor, Dr. Y.S. Rajupat, Associate Professor and Dr. Ashish Phulkar, Associate Professor participated in the online meeting with Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for preparing various courses under Retired Sportsperson Empowerment (RESET) Scheme.
- iv. The 75th Republic Day was celebrated by the Institute on 26.01.2024.
- v. From 05.02.2024 to 07.02.2024, a workshop was organized on the topic of Leadership and Personality Development in which the students were enlightened on the related subject by motivational speakers Mr. Surendra Hull and Ms. Mona Verma of Diksha Foundation.
- vi. On 22.02.2024, the Group Commander Brigadier KDS Jhala and Commanding Officer of 8MP NCC Battalion Lieutenant Colonel Lokesh Dev imparted knowledge to the students on the importance of NCC in student life and the importance of NCC in relation to the development of the country, discipline etc. The program was organized by Dr. Brij Kishore Prasad, Associate Professor and In-charge NCC.
- vii. Dr. K.K. Sahu, Associate Professor and Dr. Ashish Phulkar, Associate Professor participated in the National Conference on 'Design and Development of Self &

- Learning Materials for Distance, Online and Blended Learning' face to face mode organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi from 22.02.2024 to 28.2.2024.
- viii. Leaders' Training Camp for B.P.Ed. Students was organized from 20th to 27th February, 2025 at Thurman Park, National Training Center, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Pachmarhi (M.P.).
  - ix. On 01.03.2024, Badminton (Men & Women) Intramural Competition was organized under the guidance of Mr. Manmohan Kushwah, Coach (Badminton).
  - x. On 06.03.2024, Football (Men & Women) Intramural Competition was organized under the guidance of Mr. Mahesh Kapadwal, Coach (Football).
  - xi. On the occasion of International Women's Day on 07.03.2024, an online webinar was organized on the topic of Women Sporting Spirit in which a lecture was given by Dr. Suman Pandey, Pune and the program was concluded in the presence of the Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor of the Institute, Prof. Indu Bora.
  - xii. On 07.03.2024, a Women's Sports Competition was organized on the occasion of International Women's Day.
  - xiii. An International Conference on Physical Education and Sports in Perspective of National Education Policy and Vision-2047 was organized on 14th & 15th March, 2024 in which 10 International Speakers and 40 National Speakers were present. In the said conference, 136 participants presented paper presentations and 32 participants presented poster presentations. A total of 410 delegates were present during the conference.
  - xiv. A seven-day special camp was organized by the National Service Scheme unit of the institute at Swami Vivekananda Needam Gwalior from 18.03.2024 to 24.03.2024. During the special camp, various cultural programs and cleanliness programs and Shramdaan programs were organized under the cleanliness program. The camp was organized under the guidance of Dr. Gaurav Sanotra, Assistant Professor and Program Officer National Service Scheme.
  - xv. On 19.03.2024, a CPR workshop was organized in the Institute in which 40 students of the institute were given CPR training. In the workshop, as the Chairperson, Dr. Rashmi Gupta informed the students about the disease of Heart Attack and its prevention.
  - xvi. On 3.5.2024, B-certificate distribution ceremony of National Service Scheme was organized in which Prof. Indu Bora, Acting Vice Chancellor, Dr. K.K. Sahu, Associate Professor and Dr. Gaurav Sanotra, Program Officer National Service Scheme were present in the program.
  - xvii. Dr. Krishna Kant Sahu, Associate Professor was appointed as a member of the delegation led by Shri Kunal IAS Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India from 9.5.2024 to 12.5.2024 and visited Ranchi and Netarhat.

- xviii. On 15.5.2024, Dr. Braj Kishore Prasad, Associate Professor was awarded the Defence Secretary Commendation Letter 2023 by the National Cadet Corps.
- xix. A three-day course was organized for a total of 55 Indian Hockey Officials from North India from 03.06.2024 to 05.06.2024 and the course was successfully completed by all the participants and on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5.6.2024, an oath was also taken for the protection of the environment. The said program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Braj Kishore Prasad, Associate Professor.
- xx. On the occasion of World Environment Day on 05.06.2024, a tree plantation program was organized in the institute in which the Institute's Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Indu Bora, Registrar-in-Charge Dr. Sanjeev Yadav, Dr. Joseph Singh, Professor, Dr. K.K. Sahu, Associate Professor, Dr. C.P. Bhati, Dr. Dilip Tirkey, Dr. Braj Kishore Prasad, all faculty members, administrative officers and employees participated in the tree plantation program.
- xxi. On 10.06.2024, a webinar on "Holistic Development of Children through Yoga" was organized by the Department of Yogic Science.
- xxii. On 18.06.2024, a program was organized to pay tribute to Jhansi's queen Veeragna Lakshmibai on her martyrdom day.
- xxiii. On the occasion of 10th International Yoga Day on 21.06.2024, Yoga Day was organized under the joint aegis of the Institute and District Administration Gwalior, in which about 2000 participants participated, including Institute Vice Chancellor Prof. Indu Bora, Registrar-in-Charge Dr. Sanjeev Yadav, Dr. C.P. Singh Bhati, Dr. Neebu R. Krishna Co-Acharya, all faculty members, administrative officers and employees and officers of District Administration Gwalior participated in the program.
- xxiv. On 19.7.2024, Akshita Shikon, a research scholar studying in the Department of Sports Psychology of the Institute, was appointed as a Sports Psychologist in the Indian Shooting Olympic Team. Before the Olympic team left for Paris, Akshita Shikon participated in a discussion with the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- xxv. On 1.8.2024, under the program 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', a tree plantation program was organized in the institute campus.
- xxvi. On 1.8.2024, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India organized Basic India Sign Language Online Awareness Training Program in which the institute's Vice Chancellor Prof. Indu Bora, Registrar Dr. Sanjeev Yadav participated online in the said program.
- xxvii. On 5.8.2024, on the occasion of National Organ Donation Day, a seminar was organized by the Department of Health Sciences on the topic of "Organ and Tissue Donation".
- xxviii. On 6.8.2024, a cleanliness program was organized in Vivekanand House and Azad House under the Swachhta Pakhwada in which the students residing in the hostel,

Warden Hostel, Dean Student Welfare and Incharge Sanitation participated in the cleanliness program.

- xxix. On 7.8.2024, in a meeting held in Raipur with the Youth Affairs and Sports Minister and Revenue Minister of Chhattisgarh Government, Hon. Tankaram Verma, for the purpose of promoting physical education and sports in Chhattisgarh, Sports Secretary Mr. Him Shekhar Gupta, Sports Director Mrs. Tanuja Salam, Institute Vice Chancellor Prof. Indu Bora, Registrar Dr. Sanjeev Yadav, Dr. K.K. Sahu, Associate Professor participated in the meeting. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Indu Bora honored the Youth Affairs and Sports Minister and the Revenue Minister by presenting a bouquet and a memento of the Institute.
- xxx. On 12.8.2024, the institute organized a cleanliness run on the occasion of International Youth Day during Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan and Swachhata Pakhwada 2024. The said run was inaugurated by Prof. M.K. Singh, Professor by flagging off. All the faculty members and students participated in the said program. The said program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Nibu R. Krishna, Associate Professor and Dean Student Welfare. On this occasion, Prof. M.K. Singh motivated the employees and students to be aware about cleanliness.
- xxxi. On the occasion of Anti-Ragging Week from 12.8.2024 to 18.8.2024, "UNITE AGAINST RAGGING" Anti Ragging Vigilance Festival was organized.
- xxxii. From 12.8.2024 to 15.8.2024, the Institute organized 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Abhiyan 2024.
- xxxiii. On 15.08.2024, a flag hoisting program was organized in the institute on the occasion of 78th Independence Day.
- xxxiv. The 67th Foundation Day of the Institute was celebrated and on the occasion of Foundation Day, the flag was hoisted by Vice Chancellor Prof. Indu Bora and tribute was paid to the statue of Veerangana Maharani Lakshmibai located in the Institute and a tribute program was also organized at the Samadhi Sthal.
- xxxv. National Sports Day was celebrated on 29.8.2024. Sports Quiz Competition, Tug of War Competition, Cricket Match, Hockey Match etc. were organized to celebrate the Sports Day.
- xxxvi. On 13.9.2024, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized by the Institute's Health Center in collaboration with the Blood Bank of Jayarogya Hospital, Gwalior, in which 70 blood donors donated blood, which was provided by the Institute to the Blood Bank of Jayarogya Hospital, Gwalior. The said camp was organized under the guidance of Dr. Brajkishore Prasad, In-charge Health Center.
- xxxvii. Hindi Pakhwada was organized by the Institute from 14th to 27th September, 2024. Various competition like English to Hindi Translation, Hindi Noting and Drafting, Essay writing, Hindi Workshop etc. competition were organized for group A, B & C staff during the Hindi Pakhwada 2024.

- xxxviii. On 28.9.2024, the selection process of District Level Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp 2024 was organized in the institute under the joint aegis of National Service Scheme, Madhav Mahavidyalaya, Gwalior and the institute, in which the students of the institute, Ms. Devahuti Das, B.P.Ed. - III Semester, Shri Harish Yadav, B.P.Ed. - VII Semester, Shri Ayush Bisht, B.P.Ed. - VII Semester and Shri Ritesh Kumar, B.P.Ed. - VI Semester was selected. Dr. Gaurav Sanotra, Program Officer was present in the said program.
- xxxix. On 30.9.2024, under the Swachhata Hi Seva Program 2024, work was organized for identification and auction/disposal of waste materials lying in the institute campus under the guidance of Dr. Nibu. R. Krishna, Dean Student Welfare and Nodal Officer.
- xl. The 10th Convocation of the Institute was organized on 04.10.2024. On this occasion, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya ji, Honorable Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Chancellor of the Institute was present as Chief Guest. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya awarded the Gold Medal to Mr. Ritesh Nagar, B.P.Ed. and Ms. Shruti Mukhopadhyay, M.P.Ed. and degrees to 574 students.
- xli. On 04.10.2024, the newly constructed 400 capacity Centre of Excellence Sports Hostel (constructed with financial assistance from Coal India Ltd. and CSR) and Digital Studio of the Institute were inaugurated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya ji, Honorable Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Chancellor of the Institute.
- xlii. On 4.10.2024, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya ji, Honorable Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Chancellor of the Institute inaugurated the first RESET course online at the Institute.
- xliii. On 21.10.2024, a 07 km mini marathon race was organized under the joint aegis of Madhya Pradesh State AIDS Control Committee, National Service Scheme, Jiwaji University and National Service Scheme of the Institute.
- xliv. On 4.11.2024, a meeting was held with the Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examinations, all Heads of Departments/Dean Deans and all Section Heads under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Indu Bora regarding the inspection and preparations of the NAAC Peer Team.
- xlv. On 18.11.2024, a one-day workshop on Food Production and Food and Beverage Service was organized in collaboration with Hotel Management Institute, Gwalior for the personnel working in the canteen of the institute.
- xlvi. On 18.11.2024, the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Department of Sports), New Delhi organized a meeting related to the Institute's MOA at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in which Dr. M.K. Singh, Professor and Shri Roshanlal Verma, Assistant participated in the meeting.
- xlvii. From 20.11.2024 to 9.12.2024 (30 days) RESET Course was organized on the subject of Certificate Program for Fitness Center Manager in which a total of 05 participants are participating.

- xlvi. On 24.11.2024, the 7th PEFI National Award 2024 (National Award for Excellence in the field of Physical Education and Sports) was organized by Physical Education Foundation of India at NDMC Convention Center New Delhi in which Lt. Dr. Brij Kishore Prasad Co-Acharya was awarded the Dr. G.P. Awarded Gautam Award (Best Physical Education Teacher (Central Zone)).
- xlix. NAAC Inspection conducted by NAAC PEER TEAM from 26.11.2024 to 28.11.2024.
- i. Dr. Vinita Bajpai Mishra, Associate Professor participated in the Women Leadership Program "Women leaders Shaping Academic Excellence for VIKSIT Bharat @ 2047" organized at IIT Delhi on 13.12.2024. 4. On 14.12.2024, a three-day Hockey India Course was inaugurated at the Institute.
  - ii. National Integration Camp 2024-25 was organized in the institute from 21.12.2024 to 27.12.2024 under the joint aegis of N.S.S. Unit Jiwaji University and the Institute. The theme of the said camp was- My youth-Developed India, Empowered India-Prosperous India (Under the cultural and folk arts and creative activities of India such as folk dances, devotional songs, literary activities and educational activities, singing, dancing, quiz, debate etc. competitions were organized on various topics from My Youth India, Vocal for Local, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Women Empowerment and Developed India 2047. The manager of the said camp was Dr. Gaurav Sanotra, Assistant Professor.
  - iii. A 03-day health camp was organized by the local district administration in the Institute campus from 25.12.2024 to 27.12.2024 to commemorate the birthday of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Pandit Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

### 3. National Sports University, Manipur

The establishment of the National Sports University (NSU) dates back to 2017, initiated under the Manipur Societies Registration Act, 1989. Its operations commenced in 2018 at a temporary location within the Khuman Lampak Sports Complex in Imphal, offering two undergraduate programs: Bachelor of Physical Education and Sports, and Bachelor of Science in Sports Coaching. On 17th August 2018, NSU was formally legislated as an Act of Parliament, marking a significant milestone as India's first university of its kind. Over its seven-year journey, the University has expanded its offerings to include four postgraduate programs and two undergraduate programs.

The University's primary goals encompass fostering sports education in diverse areas such as sports sciences, sports medicine, sports technology, sports management, and sports coaching. Additionally, it functions as the national training hub for selected sports disciplines, adhering to best international practices. These objectives in academics, research, athletic performance, and extension services distinguish NSU from other universities or higher education institutions.

#### ❖ Academics

To impart undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in Sports Psychology, Exercise Physiology, Sports Nutrition, Biomechanics, Physical Education and Sports Coaching

in various disciplines, etc.

Specialised degree programmes in various disciplines of Sports Education and Coaching are also envisaged for the future.

❖ Research

To collaborate with leading researchers within and outside the country to undertake pioneering research programmes and exchange information in various research areas, particularly in the field of sports coaching and performance enhancement of athletes.

❖ Performance

Conducting sports training programmes is one of the significant functions of the university, and it enables athletes to enhance their performance and attain excellence in sports.

❖ Serving the Community

One of the key functions of NSU shall be providing extension services to the local community with the aim of improving their health and lifestyle and giving impetus to sports of local origin like Sagol Kangjei (Polo), Thang Ta (Manipuri martial art), Yubi Lakpi (rugby), Mukna, Kang, etc.

The following are the authorities of the University:

- i. Court.
- ii. Executive Council.
- iii. Academic and Activity Council.
- iv. The Board of Sports Studies.
- v. Finance Committee.

The Executive Council, Academic & Activity Council, Finance Committee and Board of Studies have been constituted.

### **3.1. Academic Activities:**

Presently, the University has 4 academic departments. These are:

- i. Department of Sports Coaching.
- ii. Department of Physical Education.
- iii. Department of Sports Psychology.
- iv. Department of Sports Physiology and Nutrition.

### 3.2. Programmes Offered:

The University is currently offering the following programmes:

Name of programme	Degree	Duration	
		Years	Semester
Master of Science in Sports Coaching	M.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2	4
Master of Arts in Sports Psychology	M.A. (Sports Psychology)	2	4
Master of Physical Education and Sports	M.P.E.S.	2	4
Masters of Science in Applied Sports Nutrition	M.Sc. (ASN)	2	4
Bachelor of Science in Sports Coaching	B.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	4	8
Bachelor of Physical Education and Sports	B.P.E.S.	3	6

#### **New academic programme introduced in the Academic Session 2023-24:**

<b>DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)</b>	
Department of Physical Education and Sports	Physical Education
Department of Sports Coaching	Sports Coaching
Department of Sports Psychology	Sports Psychology
Department of Sports Physiology and Nutrition	Sports and Exercise Physiology
	Sports Nutrition

### 3.3. Admission:

All India Common Entrance Written Test, physical fitness, games proficiency test, medical test, and viva voce for the academic year 2024-2025 was conducted from 09/07/2024 to 12/07/2024 physically by the National Sports University at seven SAI Centre's in India.

### 3.4. Student Enrolment:

The number of students on the rolls of the university as on 15/01/2025 is 333. The details break-up is given below:

Semester	Course Name	Batch	Male	Female	Total	Grand Total
Semester -VII	B.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2021-25	15	6	21	21
Semester - V	B.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2022-26	8	6	14	58
	B.P.E.S.	2022-25	39	5	44	
Semester - III	B.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2023-27	11	5	16	123
	B.P.E.S.	2023-26	43	6	49	
	M.A. Sports Psychology	2023-25	3	7	10	
	M.P.E.S.	2023-25	23	11	34	
	M.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2023-25	8	0	08	
	M.Sc. (ASN)	2023-25	2	4	06	
Semester - I	B.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2024-28	26	4	30	131
	B.P.E.S.	2024-27	40	12	52	
	M.A. Sports Psychology	2024-26	9	2	11	
	M.P.E.S.	2024-26	18	5	23	
	M.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2024-26	7	3	10	
	M.Sc. (ASN)	2024-26	3	2	5	
<b>Total</b>			<b>255</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>333</b>

All enrolled students are from 27 States of the country.

### 3.5. Scholarships:

The University awarded scholarships to deserving students during its 6th Foundation Day celebration on 16th January 2024.

1. University Merit Scholarship – Awarded to 8 students.
2. University Merit-cum-Means Scholarship – Awarded to 3 students.
3. University Sports Merit Scholarship – Awarded to 6 students

**3.6. Grants-In-Aid:**

The Grants-in-Aid fully fund the University from the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The Allocation of Grants during the year 2024-25 at the BE stage is Rs. 10.40 Crore in Revenue Head and Rs. 81.50 crore in Capital Head, and at the RE stage, it is Rs. 10.23 Crore in Revenue Head and Rs.178.86 Crore in Capital Head.

**3.7. Sports Science Equipment and Laboratory**

The University set up the following Sports Science Laboratory:

- i) Sports & Exercise Physiology Laboratory
- ii) Sports Psychology Laboratory
- iii) Exercise Physiology & Sports Nutrition Laboratory
- iv) Anthropometry Laboratory

These laboratories are equipped with sophisticated instruments, such as ECG Machine (Bionet Model- Cardio Touch 3000), Resting Metabolic Monitor RMR ( COSMED SR1 Model- Q NRG MAX), Body Plethysmography Q Box ( COSMED SR1 Model- QBOX With QUARK PFT ), Upper Body Ergometer ( MONARK Model-891E), Portable Lactate Meter With Software ( EKF Diagnostic Model- Lactate Scout 4), Kubios Heart Rate Variability HRV Software Renewal Premium ( Kubios Model-HRV Scientific Software), Compound Microscope (ESAW Model-BM-01), Wash Bottle 500ml Polytub, Sahil's Haemoglobinometer (Haemometer), Cover Glass 22X22mm Blue Star, S018-250 ML, Leishman's Stain (Twin Pack) , Himedia, Rectified Spirit (R), Pricking Needles (Blood Lancet) 200/pk, P-MICROSLIDE 75X26MM PIC-1 1.35MM, DYNAVISON DYNAVISON Basic Stand (part no. D2-6017).

**3.8. Publications:**

The faculty of the University has been actively publishing research papers in international and national journals as well as in conference proceedings. The publications during 2024-25 include:

- Journal: 14

**3.9. Conference/ Seminars/ Workshop:**

- Conference: 02
- Refresher: 01
- Seminar: 01
- Workshop: 04

### 3.10. Students' Activities:

The students participated in various Sports and Cultural Activities.

#### Sports:

##### **International**

1. Mr. Sarungbam Athouba Meitei, a student of BPES, secured fourth place in the Asian Triathlon Junior U-23 & Mixed Relay Championship 2024 at Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

##### **National**

1. Ms. Yumlembam Echantombi Devi, a student of BPES, secured a Bronze medal at the 33rd Senior National Wushu Championship 2024 at Uttarakhand.
2. Mr. Eliot Leimapokpam, a student of BPES, secured a Gold medal at the under-18th Category Boys' FMMAI Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) National Championship 2024, held in Bangalore.
3. Ms. Seram Chingkheinganbi, a Ph. D. student, secured a Silver medal at the 35th Senior National Fencing Championship 2024 in Kerala.
4. Ms. Nidhi, an MA (Sports Psychology) student, secured a Silver medal at the 9th National Canoe Polo Championship 2024, held at Metha Talab (MP).

#### **List of the International, National, All-India, North-East Zone, North-East Games, and State level Competition and Championships**

<b>Level of Competition</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>
International	1 (Fourth Place)
Senior/National Games	4 (1 – Gold, 2 – Silvers, & 1 – Bronze)
Khelo India Women's Wushu League (East Zone)	3 (2 – Golds & 1 – Bronze)
North East Zone Inter University	2 (1 – Gold, 1 – Silver, & 4 – Bronzes)
Northeast Zone Inter University	22 (1 – Gold)
North East Zone Games	6 (6 – Golds, 2 – Silvers, & 4 – Bronzes)
State	6 (2 – Golds, 2 – Silver, & 2 – Bronzes)

**List of the International, National, All-India, North-East Zone, North-East Games, and State level Competition and Championships**

<b>Level of Competition</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>
International	4 (1 medallist)
36 & 37 National Games	8 (1 Gold medallist)
National Championships	11 (1 Bronze medallist)
All India Inter University	12 (3 Silver and 5 bronze medallists)
North East Zone Inter University	20 (1 Gold medallist)
North East Games	8 (6 Gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medallists)
State	42 (2 Gold, 1 Silver, and 3 bronze medallists)

**Cultural:**

1. A nine-contingent team from the National Sports University, Manipur, participated in the 37th Inter-University North-East Zone (NEZ) Youth Festival 2023-24 from 6 to 10 February 2024 at the Royal Global University, Guwahati, Assam.
2. Mr. Jims Raikhan (BPES 2nd Sem) won the first position in Mimicry and is selected to represent the Northeast Zone in AIU.
3. Team NSU won 3rd prize in cultural procession and qualified to represent NEZ in AIU.
4. Team NSU also won 4th place in the Western Music Group Song competition, for which they received a certificate of merit.
5. Team NSU was the 1st Runner Up for the overall Theatre competition.

**3.11. Infrastructure Facilities:**

**3.11.1. Temporary Campus:**

- i. The University is presently functional from its temporary campus at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal. It is co-educational and fully residential ever since its inception. The Government of Manipur made available space in the Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal. This included three hostels building, two for boys having 50 rooms each in one hostel for girls having 35 rooms, Academic and Administrative block buildings. Besides these, various other well-equipped facilities of the Khuman Lampak Sports Complex are also accessed for sports activities and classes.

**3.11.2. New Campus:**

- i. NBCC (India) Ltd. has been engaged as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) for setting up the National Sports University vide MoU dated 25th Sept. 2019 between MYAS and NBCC. NBCC (India) engaged M/s Arcop Associates, an architectural firm experienced in designing sports infrastructure projects, for preparation of Layout Plan of NSU.
- ii. Ministry of Finance approved the recommendations of Public Investment Board (PIB) for setting up of National Sports University at a total financial outlay of Rs.906.47 crore in a period of 3 years which was later revised to Rs. 643.34 Crore, with construction component of Rs. 611.74 Crore. NBCC awarded the construction work on 16/06/22 with a completion schedule of 30 months from start of the actual construction.
- iii. Construction of the new campus of the University has started on a land measuring 325.90 acres provided by the State Government on a foothill near Koutruk-Senjam Khunou village, Imphal West District which is nearly 20 km away from the Imphal city.

- iv. As part of pre-investment activities site development, retaining wall, site office, soil testing etc. has been completed. NBCC, the Project Management Consultant have finalised the revised layout of the new campus. Constructions of hostels, administrative building, academic building, faculty residences and multipurpose sports hall are under progress.
- v. Letter of Award has been issued to the contractor on 09.01.2023 for construction of Package 1: hostels, dining hall and external development of hostel area. The work is under progress with 88.50% of the work completed as on 31.03.25.
- vi. Letter of award issued to the contractor on 16.06.2022 for construction of Package 2: Administrative, Academic, Sports hall, Faculty residences, Open fields including external development. The work is under progress with 88.50% of the work completed as on 31.03.25.

#### 4. National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) serves as the nodal organization responsible for promoting a dope-free culture among sportspersons across the country. NADA adheres to the standards and guidelines set forth by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), including the implementation of best practices in anti-doping matters. By aligning its operations with WADA's framework, NADA aims to uphold the integrity of sports and ensure a level playing field for all athletes, fostering a fair and ethical sporting environment within the nation.

##### 4.1. Dope Testing

NADA conducts dope tests on sportspersons by way of collecting urine and blood samples mainly during event, trials, training camps and at their respective locations. During the period of April 2024–February 2025, 7551 dope samples including Urine 6717, Blood 834 samples were collected during sports championship and training camps.

##### 4.2. Anti-Doping Rule Violations

During the reporting period, sportspersons belonging to following sports reported to have committed Anti-Doping Rule Violation:

S.No	Sports	Total No. of AAF Cases reported
1.	Aquatics	3
2.	Athletics	62
3.	Basketball	4

S.No	Sports	Total No. of AAF Cases reported
4.	Bodybuilding	8
5.	Boxing	9
6.	Bridge	2
7.	Canoeing	3
8.	CISS Wrestling	5
9.	Cycling	3
10.	Handball	2
11.	Ice Hockey	2
12.	Judo	7
13.	Kabaddi	9
14.	Modern Pentathlon	1
15.	Motorcycle Racing	1
16.	Netball	1
17.	Para - Athletics	3
18.	Para - Powerlifting	2
19.	Pencak Silat	1
20.	Powerlifting	21
21.	Rowing	1
22.	Rugby	1
23.	Skating	2
24.	Squash	1
25.	Weightlifting	28
26.	Wrestling	26
27.	Wushu	8
		216

### 4.3. Therapeutic use Exemption

Athletes may have illnesses or conditions that require them to take medications or undergo procedures, a TUE may give that athlete the authorization to use that substance or method while competing without invoking an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) and applicable sanction. Applications for TUEs are evaluated by a panel of physicians the TUE Committee (TUEC).

During the reporting period, the TUE Committee examined 36 TUE applications & granted decision as per below details:

S. No.	Sports discipline	No.	Granted	Refusal
1	Cricket	6	0	6
2	Athletics	3	5	8
3	Boxing	3	1	4
4	Wrestling	2	1	3
5	Boxing	0	1	1
6	Football	6	1	7
7	Kabaddi	1	1	2
8	Para Athlete (Shooting, Javelin)	1	2	3
9	Para-T.T	2	0	2
10	Shooting	0	2	2
11	Squash	0	1	1
12	Weightlifting	1	3	4
13	Bridge	2	0	2
14	Ice Skating	4	0	4
15	Powerlifting	1	1	2
16	Swimming	1	0	1
17	Hockey	0	1	1
18	Ice Hockey	3	0	3
19	Bodybuilding	0	1	1
20	Judo	0	1	1

21	Table Tennis	0	1	1
22	Cricket	6	0	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>65</b>

#### 4.4. The Anti-Doping Panel

The athletes found guilty of violating National Anti-Doping Rules (NADR) were given opportunity to present themselves before the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) and explain their cases on the date and time fixed by the Panel for hearing. As per the NADR 2021, an appeal can be filed by the athlete and other parties against the order of the ADDP.

The ADRV cases/ Appeals as per following details have been heard/ disposed by ADDP/ ADAP during the FY 2024-25:

S. No.	Details	Nos. of hearings held	Nos. of order issued
1	Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel	125	85
2	Anti-Doping Appeal Panel	32	23

#### 4.5. Anti-Doping Awareness Programme

NADA regularly conducts anti-doping awareness workshops and awareness seminars for sportspersons and support personnel. During the Financial Year 2024-25, NADA has 261 sessions conducted in 2024 taking various initiatives to implement value based anti-doping education in various courses being offered by educational institutes, NADA is developing curriculum on anti-doping topics for adoption by schools and sports educational institutes.

Various educational tools on anti-doping topics such as AV content, anti-doping quiz, games, information kiosks and digital information is developed by NADA for promotion of fair play and anti-doping in sports.

With a view to eliminate inadvertent use of prohibited substances by sportspersons and make them aware about the risks of doping, NADA conducts anti-doping awareness sessions for sports persons and athlete support personnel to raise awareness about harmful effects of doping substances and its consequences. Such awareness sessions are regularly conducted at various places across the country during sports events/training camps.

The awareness sessions cover key topics such as principles of strict liability, risks involved in supplements use, ethical values in sports, dope control process, health hazards and consequences of doping, therapeutic use exemptions and prohibited substances, etc. A total of 250 such anti-doping awareness and education sessions/ workshops were organized by NADA during the period of report.

#### **4.6. Nutritional Supplement Testing Facilities at NFSU Gandhinagar & NIPER Hyderabad**

The global dietary supplement industry has expanded rapidly, particularly in the sports sector, yet remains largely unregulated. Studies indicate that between 40% and 100% of athletes consume dietary supplements, with a significant risk of contamination from substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA). Poor manufacturing practices or intentional adulteration have resulted in supplements containing prohibited substances, leading to unintentional doping violations and serious health risks.

Recognizing this challenge, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYAS) collaborated with research institutions to establish state-of-the-art nutritional supplement testing laboratories at NFSU Gandhinagar and NIPER Hyderabad. These labs were given the mandate to develop testing facilities to ensure compliance with the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006, and the FSS (Nutra) Regulations, 2022, which prohibit WADA banned substances in sports nutrition products.

Thereafter, FSSAI launched a nationwide supplement surveillance program in March 2025, conducting sampling across 100 cities to detect contamination and enforce compliance

The establishment of accredited nutritional supplement testing laboratories at NFSU Gandhinagar and NIPER Hyderabad represents a significant milestone in India's effort to regulate the sports supplement industry. These facilities are now pivotal in ensuring product safety, preventing unintentional doping violations, and safeguarding athletes. With strong government backing and regulatory enforcement, India is making substantial progress in clean sports and athlete protection.

#### **5. National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)**

- Established as an autonomous body under the Government of India in October 2008, the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) serves as a specialized facility for anti-doping measures in sports. NDTL holds accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL), adhering to the ISO/IEC: 17025 standards. Additionally, it is accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for conducting tests on urine and blood samples obtained from human athletes, ensuring compliance with international anti-doping regulations in sports.
- NDTL stands out as a premier scientific institute and is one of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-accredited laboratories dedicated to conducting dope testing for human sports and allied research. It is the only laboratory of its kind in the country, boasting state-of-the-art facilities. NDTL is equipped with the latest and most sophisticated analytical equipment, including LC-Orbitrap-HRMS, LC-MS/MS, GC-MS/MS, GC/C/IRMS, and more. The laboratory actively pursues research in advanced areas of anti-doping science, fostering collaborations with both national and international institutes. To further strengthen its research activities, NDTL engages Research Associates, demonstrating its commitment to advancing the field of anti-doping measures through innovative and cutting-edge research endeavors.

- There are 30 WADA -accredited labs in the world, out of which six are in Asia. The NDTL is one of the six laboratories in Asia accredited by WADA. The other laboratories in Asia are in China, Japan, Korea, Qatar and Thailand.
- The accreditation of WADA is granted on yearly basis, and is based on the evaluation of the proficiency testing participation results for the particular year.
- Consistently striving for excellence, NDTL regularly updates its equipment and enhances the skill of its analytical personnel. The Laboratory is equipped with highly sophisticated instruments like Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS/MS), and Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (IRMS), etc. as responsible for testing of urine & blood samples from human sports. NDTL is participating in various External Quality Assurance Scheme (EQAS) like World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), World Association of Anti-Doping scientists (WAADS) and Swiss Centre for Quality Control (CSCQ). Meanwhile, NDTL shares its expertise with many countries and extends dope testing services for over a dozen countries in Asia and beyond.

The following are the Key Achievements of the Laboratory:

### **5.1. Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU)**

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has granted approval for the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), New Delhi as an Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) to manage the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP). Now, India is a part of group 17 Athlete Passport Management Units (APMUs) approved by WADA world wise This recognition will open new pathways and strengthens NDTL's credibility as a key player in the world for fighting against doping.

### **5.2. Inauguration of Conference Hall in NDTL**

Inauguration of New Conference Hall in NDTL with the sitting capacity of 50 people. It has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports in the presence of Secretary (Sports), MYAS and Director & CEO (I/c), NDTL, New Delhi.

### **5.3. Research Activities**

#### **Research and Innovations in Anti-Doping Science:**

For analysis in dope testing, the availability of Reference Materials (RMs) / Standards are critical. Reference Materials of the prohibited substances are available only through select manufacturers globally, and not easily available commercially, some of them not available worldwide. The Reference Materials of prohibited substances are used essentially during dope-testing for quality control purposes, and, so their availability remains critical in sports dope testing, globally. As India was not manufacturing of various Reference Materials within the country, NDTL was importing these rarely available Reference Materials from other countries of the world so far for its doping analysis at a

huge cost.

As of now NDTL successfully synthesized following twenty (20) reference materials in the country for the first time.

- (i) *p*-hydroxy-prenylamine
- (ii) Ethylmorphine
- (iii) Norethylmorphine
- (iv) Octopamine Sulfate
- (v) Carboxy Toremifene
- (vi) Norfenefrine Sulfate
- (vii) Etilefrine Sulfate
- (viii) O-dephenylostarine (Metabolite of Ostarine)
- (ix) Emoxipine Sulfate
- (x) YK-11 Metabolite-1
- (xi) YK-11 Metabolite-2
- (xii) Molidustat N-glucuronide BAY 1163348
- (xiii) Metandienone-LTM
- (xiv) Fenoterol Sulfate 1
- (xv) N-acetyl-Aminoglutethimide
- (xvi) Etamivan Sulfate
- (xvii) 17-Keto Prostanazol
- (xviii) 17 $\alpha$ -hydroxymethyl-17 $\beta$ -methyl-18-nor-2oxa-5  $\alpha$  -androst-13-en-3-one (LTM) (OXM2)
- (xix) 17 $\beta$  -hydroxy-androst-1,4,6-triene-3-one (ATD metabolite)
- (xx) GHRP-1 (2-7)

The NDTL has achieved its avowed goals intended for '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**' through sustainable and highest quality of Research and Development (R&D) in doping analysis. These RMs have already been distributed by NDTL to all WADA-accredited Laboratories. This has not only strengthened our resolve to fight the menace of doping, but also instilled confidence and a sense of unity and oneness amongst the entire sports community of the world.

The innovation reached globally. Ten Reference Materials have been shared with all 30 WADA accredited Laboratory as a part of "**Vasudhaiva kutumbakam**". It will boost research and development activity, generate more scientific talents and thus, it gainful employment in Dope

Testing Laboratory leading to substantive economic growth.

#### 5.4. Enhanced Dope Testing Capacity and creating talent for Anti-Doping Science:

The NDTL has developed capacity to analyze dope control sample from 4000 to 7000 per year implementing infra-structure like consistently striving for excellence, NDTL regularly updates its equipment and enhances the skill of its analytical personnel. The Laboratory is equipped with highly sophisticated instruments for testing of urine & blood samples from human sports. It continues with this NDTL giving internship training program to post graduate student two times in academic year with 6 months period. Also the NDTL laboratory allows visiting other premier institutes to create awareness and the talent for Anti-doping science.

#### 5.5. Important Meetings.

- **WADA Laboratory Director's Meeting and WADA Annual Symposium:**  
Director, National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), participated in the WADA Laboratory Director's meeting held on 10-11 March, 2024 and WADA Annual Symposium was held on 12-13 March, 2024 in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- **WAADS QA Managers Meeting 2024:**  
8<sup>th</sup> WAADS QA Managers Meeting 2024 from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024 at Dresden Germany. Meeting was attended by Shri Awanish Kumar Upadhyay, Scientist 'C', NDTL & Dr. Anandarajan. T, Scientist 'B' & Quality Manager, NDTL.
- **National Dope Testing Laboratory Meetings:**
  - 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meetings of NDTL were held on 22.02.2024 and 14.11.2024
  - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) were held on 24.04.2024, 24.07.2024 and 14.10.2024.
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee held on 20.06.2024.
  - Meetings of Ethics Committee held on 15.05.2024 and 21.05.2024.
- **International Conference on Synergizing Industry-Academia Collaboration to Promote Pharma R&D Attended by the Director:** Conference was Addressed by NDTL Director on Prof. (Dr.) Puran Lal Sahu, Director & CEO, National Dope Testing Laboratory, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### 5.6. External & Internal Trainings

- A training was imparted to Dr. Rajesh Prasad Gupta, Consultant, Orthopedics and sports Medicines, Jaypee Hospital, Noida on Dope Testing from 8<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- A training was imparted to two numbers of Junior Residents of MD Sports Medicine from Armed Forces Medical College, Pune on Dope Testing from 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.
- Webinar was conducted by WADA for TD2024EPO on 22.05.2024, Staff's at NDTL from Quality and Biological sections were participated online.
- LC-HRMS training was imparted to NDTL LC-MS/MS staffs members on 01.05.2024 by Mr. Ramiz Azad, Engineer, Thermo.

- IAS officer trainees Sh. Akshay Pillay, IAS (Odisha:2022), Sh. Kartikeya Jaiswal, IAS (Madhya Pradesh:2022), Ms. Pratibha Dahiya, IAS (Gujarat:2022) of 2022 batch posted in Department of Sports as Assistant Secretaries under Assistant Secretary Programme were visited NDTL on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.
- External Visit and Training by: Prof. (Dr.) Peter Van Eenoo, Director, DoCo Lab, University of Ghent, Belgium
- Webinar was conducted by WADA for Technical Note on Measurement Uncertainty (TNMU) on 26.06.2024 05.20 PM to 06.40 PM, All Staff's from NDTL were participated by online the trainer is Dr. Carrido Bruno, Laboratory Expert Advisory Group member of WADA.
- The training was given by Dr. Ashok Kumar Maurya, Scientist-C, NDTL to Dope Control Officer / Blood Collection Officer at NADA, JLN stadium on 02 July 2024 related to Nonconformities/Irregularities observed in Dope Control Samples (Human Urine and Blood Samples). 17 participants were attended the same.
- The training was given to Dope Control Officer / Blood Collection Officer at NADA, JLN stadium on 27 August 2024 related to Nonconformities/Irregularities observed in Dope Control Samples (Human Urine and Blood Samples). 37 participants were attended the same.
- Dr Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Department of Health Research (DHR) and Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Prof. Y. K. Gupta, President AIIMS, Jammu & former Head, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, New Delhi including ICMR team members in the presence of Dr. Shobhit Jain, Joint Secretary, Sh. Anant Kumar, Director, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports visited National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) on 25 September 2024. The team interacted with the senior scientific staff and emphasized for further strengthening the research activities in NDTL. During his visit, the Laboratory tour was also organized.
- The training was given to Dope Control Officer/ Blood Collection Officer (DCO/BCO) of NADA at NDTL, JLN stadium on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 related to Nonconformities/Irregularities observed in Dope Control Samples as per WADA guidelines. There were total 24 participants.
- Training on APMU was imparted by Dr. Masato Okano, Lab Director, Japan dated on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 by virtual mode at Conference Hall, NDTL. All the staff's member was interacted to get the knowledge about APMU laboratory and setting up of new APMU laboratory at NDTL.
- The training was given to DCO/BCO of NADA on 10 December 2024 related to Nonconformities/Irregularities observed in Dope Samples (Human Urine and Blood Samples) as per WADA guidelines at NDTL conference hall. There were total 13 participants benefited.
- **Participation in 2024 Cologne Workshop:**  
Director, NDTL and two Scientists 'B' attended 42<sup>nd</sup> Manfred Donike Workshop Cologne Workshop on Dope Analysis, 2024 at Germany from 25-29 February 2024. Following five posters were presented:
  - (i) A Validated Chiral Chromatography Method for Enantiomeric Separation of Pomalidomide in Human Plasma
  - (ii) Synthesis and Characterization of Growth Hormone Releasing Peptide metabolite: GHRP-1
  - (iii) 17 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-androst-1,4,6-triene-3-one: Synthesis and Characterization
  - (iv) Synthesis and Characterization of Molidustat glucuronide
  - (v) Synthesis and Characterization of YK- 11 Metabolite (M1)

### 5.7. Lecture

- Delivered a lecture as Keynote speaker and on Anti-Doping Science: Growing opportunities in India at National Conference on Microbial Innovations & Challenges in Research: Opportunities for sustainability 2024 (MICROS 2024) held on 3-4 May 2024 at Graphic Era University, Dehradun.
- Addressed the gathering at International Conference on **“Synergizing Industry-Academia Collaboration to Promote Pharma R&D”** on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, organised by Charaj School of Pharmacy, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, India.
- Delivered a lecture on **“Ensuring Integrity in Sports and Medicine: The Fusion of Anti-Doping Science with NextGen Therapeutics”** at **“NIPiCON 2024”** on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 organised by Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University, Ahmedabad on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- Delivered a lecture on **“Advances in Anti-Doping Science: Insights in Testing Protocols”** at Conference **“Road to Paris 2024: Championing Clean Sport and Uniting for Anti-Doping”** organised by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at New Delhi.

Moderated the session on **“Innovative Frontiers: Novel Devices Revolutionizing Diagnosis and Insulin Delivery in Diabetes Management”** during international conference held on 3-4 February, 2024 at Maharana Pratap College of Pharmacy, Kanpur, India.

### 5.8. WADA Accreditation for 2025:

WADA accreditation for National Dope Testing Laboratory was renewed for the period covering from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

### 5.9. Renewal of Recognition of Scientific and Industrial Research Organisations (SIROs)

Recognition to National Dope Testing Laboratory as SIRO was renewed from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2027 by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology.

### 5.10. Nomination of Director, NDTL for UNESCO Global Task Force of Experts on Traditional Pharmacopoeia in the context of sports ethics, values and integrity

Secretary (Sports) nominated Dr. P. L. Sahu, Director & CEO (I/c), NDTL for the Global Task Force of Experts on Traditional Pharmacopoeia in the context of sports ethics, values and integrity.

## CHAPTER-18: SCHEMES FOR PROMOTION OF EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS

### 1. Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations

- i. The Government of India has continuously provided financial support to National Sports Federations (NSFs) through its Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, encompassing a range of sports activities such as training and participation of Indian athletes and teams in international competitions. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports recently updated the assistance norms, effective from 1st March 2022, taking a comprehensive approach to cover key aspects of activities aimed at accelerating progress in the nation's sports sector.
- ii. Under the revised norms, quantum of assistance for conduct of National Championships has been increased to Rs.51 lakhs for High Priority, Priority and Indian Traditional Sports and for General category sports, which were earlier known as 'Others' to Rs.30 lakhs. Earlier, the quantum of assistance for National Championships was Rs.22 lakhs. For NSFs who are dealing with sportspersons with disabilities, provision of Rs.15 lakhs for conduct of National Championship for each discipline in all categories has been made.
- iii. Travel by air for attending coaching camps/competitions for all categories of sportspersons whether, Senior, Junior and Sub Juniors has been allowed provided the journey is more than 500 Kms. /10 hrs.
- iv. Allowance for General Sports Training Kit (Like track suits, T-Shirts, Shorts, Warm up shoes etc.) has been doubled to Rs. 20,000/- per athlete once a year for National campers from earlier Rs.1000 per athlete.
- v. For encouraging NSFs to host international tournaments in the country, quantum of assistance for conduct of international tournaments have been enhanced to Rs.1.00 Crore from the earlier Rs.30 lakhs.
- vi. Managers will now be treated as part of Indian contingents for international events abroad. In order to ensure that only those who have the experience of managing the teams, the Ministry has prescribed essential and desirable qualifications for being eligible to accompany the teams as managers.
- vii. To attract the qualified and top quality support personnel, remuneration has been enhanced substantially. Remuneration of Sports Doctors and Doctors have been increased to Rs.2 lakhs per month from the earlier Rs.1 lakh per month and that of Head Physiotherapists and Physiotherapists to Rs.2 lakhs per month and Rs.1.5 lakh per month respectively from the earlier Rs.80,000 per month.
- viii. For hiring of foreign coaches and support personnel, NSFs have been allowed to engage on their own in consultation with SAI. The monitoring will be done through an annual review of the Key Responsibility Areas (KRAs) and key decisions regarding extension of contract or award of bonus will be based on the review. NSFs will ensure that there is a SAI nominee in the selection Committee. The budget for the foreign coaches will be capped to 30% of the overall approved budget of the NSF.
- ix. NSFs have been asked to follow the principle of "Atmanirbharta" in the field of coaching and encourage and train the talent available in India to attain the World level and NSFs have to

ensure that at least 5 Indian coaches should remain with the foreign coach during his / her coaching assignment so that Indian coaches are also groomed and dependence on foreign coaches is reduced.

- x. Remuneration of Chief Coach and other coaches have been revised to Rs. 3 lakhs and Rs. 2 lakhs respectively from Rs. 1.5 lakh and Rs. 75,000 per month respectively. In case of an employed coach in PSU, Railways or other organizations (Public/Private) is attached to a National Camp, then it will be treated as National Duty and an amount of Rs.50,000/- per month will be given as the attachment of the coach causes disturbance to the family although the pay is protected.
- xi. For procurement of sports equipment, NSFs have now been authorised to do the procurement on their own following the General Financial Rules (GFR) provisions. Earlier, NSFs were allowed to procure on their own if value was upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for equipment, more than Rs. 10 lakhs were to be done through Sports Authority of India.
- xii. To enable NSFs to hire professionals qualified in the field of sports administration, level of assistance has been enhanced to 3% from earlier 2% of the budget for NSF Scheme.
- xiii. The Details of the amount under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs for 2024-25 is below:

Scheme	2024-2025 (In Cr.)		
	Budget Estimate(BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Expenditure
Assistance to National Sports Federation	340.00	304.76	256.06

## 2. National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR)

Initiated in 2017, the National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR) scheme aims to promote high-level research, education, and innovation to enhance the performance of elite athletes. With a total budget of Rs.260 crore allocated until FY 2025-26, this central sector scheme is dedicated to advancing the field of sports science, including sports medicine. To achieve its objective, the NCSSR scheme focuses on establishing and supporting the following institutional mechanisms:

- National Centre of Sports Sciences & Research (NCSSR) is to be set up as in the Hub and Spoke Model. (Rs.123.70 cr). NCSSR centre has been set up at Indira Gandhi Stadium New Delhi.
- It also supports Sports Science Departments in select 6 Universities/Institutes and Sports Medicine Departments in select 5 Institutes/Medical colleges. (Rs.136.30 cr)

The NCSSR scheme endeavours to create a comprehensive ecosystem that fosters cutting-edge research, educational opportunities, and innovative practices within the realm of sports sciences and medicine, ultimately contributing to the overall development and success of India's elite athletes.

6 Universities and 5 Medical Colleges were selected in different parts of the country for setting up Departments of Sports Science and Sports Medicine therein respectively on the basis of their eligibility as per Expression of Interest (EOI) and MYAS funding these selected Universities and Medical Colleges over a period of MoU and later they would become self-reliant. A list of the select Universities and Medical Colleges are as under:

### Universities/Institutions for Sports Science Department:

- A. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab

- B. National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, Telangana
- C. Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu
- D. Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer, Rajasthan
- E. University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal
- F. Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh

**Medical Colleges for Sports Medicine Department:**

- A. King George Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana
- C. Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D. Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- E. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal Manipur\*

*\*RIMS, Manipur successfully opted out after expiration of MoU on 14.11.2023.*

*As of date, only 4 Medical Colleges engages under NCSSR Scheme for setting up Departments of Sports Medicine.*

These selected Universities are conducting Master Degree/Ph.D Programme in the field of Sport Science subject like Sports Biochemistry, Sports Biomechanics & Performance Analysis, Sports Nutrition, Sports Physiology, Sports Psychology, Sports Training Methods/Fitness Management and Sports Physiotherapy whereas selected Medical Colleges are conducting MD in Sports Medicine. As per available information, around 968 students (including 11 admitted for MD course) have been enrolled in different Courses under NCSSR Scheme up to FY 2023-24.

**The aims and objectives of NCSSR are as follows:**

1. Application of scientific principles to the promotion, maintenance and enhancement of sporting performance.
2. Developing athletes to their maximum potential and to prolong their competitive sporting career.
3. Dissemination of sports science information
4. Testing and Certification of food supplements/Indigenous preparations.
5. Application of Ayurvedic /Homeopathic Medicines in sporting performance.
6. Management and rehabilitation of sports injuries.

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS UNDER NCSSR:**

**i) DEPARTMENTS OF PHYSIOLOGY**

Sports Physiology is the branch of Sports Science that helps to understand the physiological demands of a sporting performance, which gives an insight as to what characteristics an athlete should have to be successful competing at the highest level.

Department of Physiology – Objectives:

- To enhance the performance of national level sportsperson through scientific assessment and evaluation.
- To provide scientific inputs to Indian National Players and Coaches as well as players under Pay Play Scheme or Daily Coaching Scheme to formulate scientific and systematic training program.
- To identify and nurture sports talent of various age group
- To monitor the growth and development, performance and training of talented children
- To orient the coaches about the modern trends and methods of scientific training in various sports and games.
- To take up research projects (Applied/Basic) in the field of sports to enhance the performance.

**ii) DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY**

- On field injury management
- Protective taping
- On field warm up/cool down/ sports specific exercises
- On field correcting movement dysfunctions/postures/limitations
- Injury assessment- history/ cause/movement dysfunction
- Injury management- rehab modalities based
- Injury management- rehab exercise based
- Manual therapy
- Cryo chamber
- Game ready
- Compression garments
- Form roller
- Pre participation evaluation (sports wise)
- Injury prevention- movement assessment (ROM, strength)/ target (goal )
- Associated exercises.

**iii) DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

The Department of Sport Psychology has established itself as an important link in an athlete's development and in his journey for achieving peak performance. With the athlete's mental wellbeing kept on the forefront, the Department is dedicated to serving the nation by making mental health accessible for all sportspersons.

Sports psychology helps the athlete by way of psychology profile (in terms of both abilities and personality). Identifying areas of concern for intervention.

1. Identifies opportunities for improvement and performance development customized interventions.
2. Helps to use their potential to the full and perform as well as they possibly can.

**iv) DEPARTMENT OF BIOMECHANICS**

Sports Biomechanics deals with the Force and Motion parameters of Athletes. The Main Goal of Biomechanics is to improve performance and reduce injury by means of optimising movement patterns. As the name Suggests, Biomechanics studies the Biology of an Athlete by applying laws of Mechanics or Physics while performing the sporting activity. To understand performance and injury, Biomechanists assess the movements/motion and forces produced by the athlete. Quantifying and understanding movement can help to diagnose problems which might limit Sports Performance or put an athlete on long term injury risk.

**SUMMARY OF THE SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT TO PLAYERS:**

Director cum Head NCCSR was a part of the 13-member Indian Olympic Association medical team accompanying the Indian contingent at Paris 2024.
HPA Physiotherapy was assigned as Recovery room Physiotherapist at Paris Paralympics 2024

Scientific Support to the Sports persons under NCOE trainees (Hockey, Cycling, Gymnastics, shooting, swimming), Khelo India assessment camps (Cycling, Gymnastics, Swimming, Shooting, Basketball, and Badminton) at various SAI Stadia of Delhi is mentioned as under:

S. N	Month	Physiotherapy*	Biomechanics	Physiology	Psychology	Anthropometry
1	April 2024	-	32	42	01	24
2	May 2024	26	36	51	67	50
3	June 2024	-	134	129	197	189
4	July 2024	-	119	126	-	103
5	August 2024	-	32	68	32	32
6	September 2024	114	174	182	115	134
7	October 2024	-	65	140	119	134
8	November 2024	-	58	51	69	23
9	December 2024	-	-	26	-	-
10	January 2025	102	170	198	186	200

<b>11</b>	February 2025	19	20	28	25	20
<b>12</b>	March 2025	-	127	136	117	141
<b>Total</b>		<b>261</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>1050</b>

\*All the stadias of Delhi have their respective physiotherapists posted

<b>Psychology Sessions provided to the athletes</b>											
<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>Jun 24</b>	<b>Jul 24</b>	<b>Aug 24</b>	<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>
33	17	3	25	33	11	18	04	05	04	04	11
<p>Individual and group sessions with NCOE Athletes consisting of relaxation training, mental training, visualization/imagery training, attention training, biofeedback training. Sessions to enhance confidence, goal setting techniques, and effective emotion regulation were also conducted both in the department and in the hostel. Each such session lasts for approximately 30-45 minutes.</p> <p>A total number of 157 sessions pertaining to Psychological skills training were conducted.</p>											

### MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF NCSSR

1. Comprehensive planning and conduct of Sports sciences testing (Sports Specific) on National Campers & NCOE athletes along with discussion of individual test results with HPDs, HPMs, Coaches & Athletes. Regular follow up discussion with Team Management for implementation of intervention program for each athletes based on sports sciences test results.
2. Developing and implementing various in house initiatives to enhance athlete performance, injury prevention and rehabilitation through evidence- based approaches.
3. Preparation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for i) Sports Science assessments for Khelo India testing protocols, ii) return to play for athletes policy, iii) Data safety implementation policy and iv) Supplementation policy .
4. Preparation of Standard Layout template for Sports Sciences setup across HPC, NCOE, Khelo India and Grassroot centers.
5. Preparation of Standard Operating Procedure and initiation of Institutional Ethical committee registration process with DHR at Naitik portal initiated in August 2024
6. Director cum Head NCSSR rendered expert advice to MOC on as and when required.
7. Preparation of Fitness Testing Protocol Proposal of Sports Physiology for TOPS athletes in October 2025
8. Preparation of guidelines for decentralization of Internship program in Sports Sciences across SAI NCOEs.
9. Preparation of a standardized list by SO (Physiology) under the Chairmanship of Director cum

Head, NCSSR (SAI) with the committee members of Different Universities/ Medical Colleges for finalization of standardized equipment list under NCSSR Scheme, MYAS

10. Director cum Head NCSSR and SO (Physiology) attended the designated Committee member to consider the Proposals received under the scheme of Human Resources Development in Sports and evaluated total five research projects.
11. Upgraded and modified National code against age fraud in sports policy document.
12. Organised and conducted the “5 Day Certification Course in Sports Psychology for Shooting Sports” for knowledge up gradation of psychologists of the Sports Authority of India as well as psychologists from other organisations from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Dr KSSR, New Delhi.
13. Conducted Performance evaluation of Sports Science of NCOE Sonapat dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 and NCOE Lucknow dated 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2024
14. HPA Physiotherapy was the Coordinator for Bilateral Hockey series 2024 (PFC India Vs Germany) and 73<sup>rd</sup>All India Police Athletics Cluster 2024-25 and provided Physiotherapy related support to the players.
15. Comments for up gradation of Sports Science facilities, equipments, infrastructure and manpower provided for Khelo India State of Centre of Excellence (KISCE) on need basis. HPA Biomechanics visited KISCE centre of Guwahati, Panchkula, Chandigarh.
16. HPA Biomechanics was invited for the Faculty Development Program in Manav Rachna University, Faridabad on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
17. HPA Psychology was the part of technical specification review committee of equipments for procurement for 2024-25.

#### **ACADEMIC & TECHNICAL COLLABORATION WITH INSTITUTIONS**

- i. MoU proposal draft between SAI and Safdarjung injury Centre prepared and initiated process on 09.08.2024.
- ii. MoU between SAI and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) was executed on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- iii. MoU between SAI and NABH-QCI is in process for establishing quality control measures and ensuring adherence to ethical guidelines in research and data collection
- iv. On-going collaboration with IIT-Madras regarding Motion analysis in Yoga pose estimation and scoring.
- v. SO (Psychology) conducted Bridge Course of NSNIS Patiala-Classes; conducted classes for 6 Weeks Certificate Course (Sports Psychology Classes), classes for PG Diploma in Sports Psychology of NSNIS Patiala, conducted Viva Voce for 25 PG Diploma in Sports Psychology students at NSNIS Patiala; conducted PG Diploma in Sports Nutrition classes, exams for PG Diploma in Sports Psychology students at NSNIS, Patiala, 23-24<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- vi. SO (Physiology) undertaken classes for Bridge Course of NSNIS Patiala, PG Diploma in Sports Medicine, Exercise Physiology, Sports Psychology, Sports Nutrition, Strength and Conditioning and was also nominated as internal examiner of PGDSM and external examiner of PG Dip in Exercise Physiology
- vii. SO (Psychology) and SO (Physiology) were the Member of Interview committee for 62nd Diploma Course in Sports Coaching, conducted interviews for 300+ candidates

- viii. SO (Psychology) and SO (Physiology) were the Member of Interview committee for Selection of Assistant Coaches, conducted interviews for 200+ candidates
- ix. SO (Psychology) is the external member for Sports Injury Centre expansion and undertaken UGC-HRDC Lectures for GNDU Amritsar
- x. SO (Physiology) was the Interview panel member for the post of Physiologist Grade I for KISCE Gujarat on 28.11.2024
- xi. HPA (Physiology) has taken Practical classes of 128 PG Diploma shooting Coaches of NSNIS Patiala course at NCSSR at NCSSR Physiology lab in 4 groups at SAI NCSSR lab.

#### **INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**

1. Physiotherapy department had provided internship experience to 14 Interns for the period of either one month or two months.
2. Biomechanics department had provided internship experience to 3 Interns for the period of 6 months each and four interns is undergoing 2 months internship program from Jan 2025 onwards.
3. Psychology department have provided internship experience to 6 interns over the course of April to December 2024
4. Physiology Department had provided internship experience to two interns for the period of 2 weeks each and one intern is undergoing 3 months internship program from Jan 2025 onwards.

#### **UPGRADATION OF KNOWLEDGE TO SCIENTIFIC STAFF**

1. Director cum Head NCSSR initiated Orientation Program of High Performance Director (Sport) at SAI NSNIS Patiala from 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2024
2. Director cum Head NCSSR organized and SO Physiology attended Orientation Program of High Performance Director (Sports Sciences) and Scientific Officers at SAI NSNIS Patiala from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2024
3. HPA Biomechanics conducted 02 Lectures delivered to the Sports Science staff 08 Lectures delivered to HPA and PA biomechanics
4. NCSSR regularly organised Online Knowledge Up- gradation Program for all the Scientific Staff of SAI till December, 2024.
5. Director cum Head NCSSR initiated 3 days sports science sensitization program for coaches for SAI NCOEs namely, Bhopal, Lucknow, Gandhinagar, Kolkata and Aurangabad in June- July 2024.

#### **WORKSHOP/ CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

1. Sports Scientists along with Director cum Head NCSSR attended IITM Sports Tech Startup Conclave 2024 on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 held at Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
2. Sports Scientists along with Director cum Head NCSSR attended 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Inclusion Conclave: Building an Inclusive Landscape in Anti-Doping on Wednesday, 18 September 2024, at Convention Hall, The Ashok, New Delhi.
3. Sports Scientists along with Director cum Head NCSSR attended 2<sup>nd</sup> International conference of the Indian Society of Sports and Exercise Medicine ISSEMCON 2024 on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 held at BHU Varanasi.

4. HPA Biomechanics attended BioMex'24 by IIT Bombay at Powai, Mumbai
5. HPA Psychology attended National Youth Conclave, Dehradun as panellist
6. HPA Psychology conducted a psychology session for the Indian contingent bound for Asia Pacific Deaf games 2024.
7. SO Psychology was the Lead Speaker - "Mental Toughness: Mastering Performance Under Pressure" during National Games at Dehradun, 30th January 2025.
8. Sports Scientists along with Director cum Head NCSSR attended IIT – Delhi Exeter University Joint symposium at IIT, Delhi, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025
9. Sports Scientists along with Director cum Head NCSSR attended "Nation Building" Case study competition Finals, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- a) **Procurement of Sports Science Equipment:** Procurement of Non-consumable sports science equipment for NCSSR hub/ RCs/NCOEs with a total sanctioned budget of 42.56 Cr.
- b) **Prepared Technical Specifications for Procurement of:**
  - i. Non-consumable sports science equipment for sports science labs at NCSSR/RC/NCOEs, keeping in view the standardisation as well as the sports specific requirement of the centers.
  - ii. For establishment of Rehabilitation Gym, Biomechanics lab at NCSSR hub
  - iii. For the establishment of High performance centers at NCOEs
- c) **Recruitment of Medical, Paramedical and Scientific Support Staff:**
  - i. Scrutiny and evaluation of the applications for recruitment of sports science staff.
  - ii. Delegation of nursing assistants to RCs/NCOEs on outsourcing basis.

#### LAB UP GRADATION/ EQUIPMENT:

- **New Equipments installed at Physiotherapy lab:** LIPUS (19.4.24)
- **New Equipments installed at Physiology lab:** Smart bike indoor trainer (23.03.2024), Safety Harness for treadmill (05.06.2024), Rowing ergometer (07.06.2024), Upper body ergometer (19.06.2024), Biowaste incinerator (24.06.2024), 2 units of muscle oximeter (09.07.2024), 2 units of UPS 15KVA (1.10.2024), swim Bench (06.12.2024), Safety Harness for treadmill (17.02.2025)
- **New Equipments installed at Biomechanics lab:** Electromyography (16 channel), Additional Portable force plate, 2D Video camera, Y Balance kit, Isokinetic Dynamometer
- **New Equipments installed at Psychology lab:** Triple Physiological Sensor

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- i. Preparation of technical specification and evaluation of Bids for procurement of sports science equipment for NCOE, Dr. Sampooranand Stadium, Sigra, Varanasi
- ii. Preparation of testing and training plan for LBSNAA Trainees
- iii. Preparation of testing and training plan for U-13 AIFF Football players





### 3. Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports (HRDS)

#### 3.1. Background of the Scheme: -

The Department of Sports (DoS) introduced the Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports as a Central Sector Scheme during the fiscal year 2013-14, following a thorough overhaul of the "Scheme of Talent Search and Training." This scheme underwent further revision in 2023, with a focus on enhancing sporting, coaching, and technical skills while also addressing the academic and intellectual aspects of sports development. The scheme comprises the following components:

- i. Fellowship Programme;
- ii. Exchange of Knowledge/Research/Ideas
  - a) For attending seminars/workshops/conferences of repute or abroad;
  - b) For holding training programmes/ seminars/ workshops/ clinics and conference within the country;
- iii. Assistance to Match Officials, Coaches and Supporting Personnel
- iv. Assistance for Research;
- v. Publication of Outstanding Works on Sports related Subjects.

#### 3.2. Objectives of the Scheme:-

The scheme aims at:

- i. Awarding Fellowships for short-term (3 to 6 months) specialized studies and long-term (upto 2 years) in specific disciplines relevant to sports;
- ii. Encouraging professionals in the field of sports to exchange ideas and enhance knowledge and skills through participation in Seminars, Clinics/training, Workshops and Conferences in India or abroad and provide financial support for such activities;
- iii. Inviting reputed/qualified foreign experts such as high-performance directors, coaches, technical officials, sports scientists, sports medicine experts, masseurs, physiotherapists, professors, scholars to India for lectures, coaching, consultancy, exchange, training, dialogue, advice etc.;
- iv. Providing assistance to Match Officials for appearing in qualifying examinations; also providing assistance to Match Officials, Coaches and other Support Personnel for training/courses which help them improve their professional competence in their relevant areas of specialization in India or abroad;
- v. Providing financial assistance for Research projects relevant to sports and games and commissioning of specialized research projects keeping in view Indian requirements;
- vi. Providing financial assistance for publication of works of high quality, directly relevant to sports and games; to publish/sponsor popular literature on sports for general public;
- vii. To develop online learning resource for wider dissemination of knowledge & techniques of games in different languages among community coaches and general public; and
- viii. To encourage the use of technology in sports development and increasing the reach of sports among the masses through creation of start-ups and providing initial seed money to them.

### 6.3.3. Target Group:-

Coaches, Match Officials and supporting personnel (i.e. Judge, Umpire, and Referee etc.) are essential for excellence of sportspersons in respective sports disciplines. As such, adequate provision has been made for this target group for training/ appearing in qualifying examinations abroad. The students of specialized studies and masters students in specific disciplines relevant to sports and games are also target group in this scheme.

### 6.3.4. Budget Provision for last Five Years:

(in ₹ crore)

Year	BE	RE	Actual
2020-21	5.00	1.00	0.45
2021-22	3.80	2.00	0.819
2022-23	4.00	4.00	1.79
2023-24	4.00	4.00	3.05
2024-25	3.10	2.84	2.65

### 6.4. National Sports Development Fund (NSDF):

- The National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) plays a pivotal role in supporting individuals to excel in their respective sports disciplines. It provides opportunities for athletes to train under internationally acclaimed coaches, offering them access to technical, scientific, and psychological support. Additionally, the NSDF facilitates exposure to international competitions, further enhancing the athletes' skills and experience. The funding for athletes included in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) is also sourced from the NSDF. Furthermore, the fund contributes to the creation, development, and upgradation of sports infrastructure across the country.
- To encourage contributions from both public and private corporate entities, as well as individuals, the NSDF offers a 100% exemption from income tax on all contributions made to the fund. Contributors to the NSDF have the flexibility to assign their funds for specific purposes, subject to general policy guidelines. They can indicate the project or initiative they would like their contributions to be utilized for, allowing for targeted support in line with their preferences.
- Through these initiatives, the NSDF plays a crucial role in nurturing sporting talent, providing athletes with the necessary resources and opportunities to achieve excellence on the international stage, while also facilitating the development of world-class sports infrastructure in the country.
- Contributions to the tune of Rs.384.67 crore have been made by various entities and individuals to the National Sports Development Fund since inception. The Central Government has contributed Rs. 244.85 crore to NSDF as Government of India grant. The corpus of NSDF is Rs.91.63 crore as on 31.03.2025. Following are the important events/achievements in respect of NSDF:

**Events in which NSDF participated**

S.No.	Name of Event & Organised by	From	To	Venue
1	Sports Conclave (Organised by PEFI)	29.08.2024	31.08.2024	Bharat Mandapam - New Delhi
2	National Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility (Organised by Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Govt. of India)	02.10.2024	03.10.2024	Hotel Lalit- New Delhi
3	Score Card (Organised by CII)	18.10.2024	18.10.2024	Hotel Lalit -New Delhi

**Achievement:**

Total: Rs.70.17 Crore from CSR Contribution.

Rs. 13.71 crore from Gol Grant.

**MoU's Signed in 2024-2025**

1. MoU with HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited): dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 & amended on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**5. Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**

- TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which is an attempt to provide assistance to India's top athletes. The Scheme looks to add a premium to the preparations of these athletes so that they can win medals in the Olympics.
- The support under TOPS is supplementary to the 'Assistance to NSF Scheme' or any other Scheme of Govt. of India. The quantum and nature of support given is as per relevant norms and decided after finalization of the 'Long Term Plan' of the athlete, with the National Coach, National Sport Federation (NSF) and any other relevant subject matter experts and stake holders as deemed fit by the Government from time to time. A total of 489 TOPS Athletes were supported under the scheme in the Paris Cycle. Players in TOPS Core Group are eligible for primarily individual support and a monthly OPA of INR 50,000. Players in TOPS Development Group are eligible for primarily group support and a monthly OPA of INR 25,000. A total of INR 125 CR was extended to these

athletes during the Paris Olympics (2021-2024) for support. The support covers essential items specific to the sport discipline including the following:

- a) Assistance with preparation of customized domestic and international training.
- b) Funding of participation in international competitions.
- c) Purchase of sporting equipment.
- d) Access to sport science expertise.
- e) Legal assistance with contracts, media management, liaising with prospective or active sponsors, etc., if requested specifically by the Athlete.
- f) Strategic support, mentorship, and career guidance through it steam of mentors, experts, high-performance managers, and researchers.
- g) Out of pocket allowance (OPA) as per prevailing protocols.
- h) Any other support deemed necessary to further the athlete's performance.

Through the Scheme, it is the endeavor of the Government to ensure that an athlete's training plan and performance objectives for Olympic/Paralympics Games are aligned with all necessary stakeholders. To ensure a strategic approach to investment, sports under TOPS as per the present mandate of Sports Authority of India (SAI) are categorized into:

- High Priority Disciplines (HPD)
- Priority Olympic Disciplines (POD)

Decisions on inclusion/exclusion/ review of athletes in TOP Scheme are at the discretion of the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC).

### INDIA- PARIS 2024 DETAILS

**Number of Qualified Athletes (Overall):** A total of 117 athletes represented India at Paris 2024 Olympic Games. All the athletes were TOPS Core Group Athletes. The contingent returned home with a medal tally of 6 medals (1 Silver & 5 Bronze). The details of the medalists are as follows:

- Neeraj Chopra – Silver – Men's Javelin Throw (Athletics)
- Men's Team – Bronze – Hockey
- Aman – Bronze – Men's 57Kg Freestyle (Wrestling)
- Swapnil Kushale – Bronze – Men's 50m 3 Positions Air Rifle (Shooting)
- Manu Bhaker – Bronze – Women's 10m Air Pistol (Shooting)
- Manu Bhaker & Sarabjot Singh – Bronze – Mixed Team 10m Air Pistol (Shooting)

**Highest Number of Qualified Athletes (Sport Specific):** India's qualification numbers in Shooting (21 Athletes) and Table Tennis (6 Athletes) were the highest number being sent to an Olympics by India in these sports.

**Number of Qualified Sport Discipline:** Indian athletes qualified in 16 sport disciplines for Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and participated in 69 cumulative events.

**First Time Ever Qualification:**

- In Table Tennis, India have qualified in team event for both Men's & Women's Categories for the first time.
- India have achieved highest number of quotas in Women's Wrestling (5 Athletes) in the history of the Olympic Games.
- First ever qualification in Individual Dressage Event in Equestrian.

**PARIS PREPARATIONS**

**High Level Committee & Core Committee:** A High-Level Committee (HLC) was formed to oversee India's Olympic preparations for Paris 2024. The Committee was headed by the Hon'ble Minister, Youth Affairs & Sports and comprised members from the Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympic Association, National Sport Federations and ex-Olympians. Two HLC meetings were conducted along with Six Core Committee meetings under the chairmanship of Secretary, Sports.

**Assistance to NSF Scheme:** Through the Scheme, the Govt. of India provided support to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for preparation of national teams for major championships including Olympic Games, World Championships, Asian Games, Asian Championships and other major international championships. The funding under the Scheme broadly covers support towards:

- training camps in India and abroad
- international competition exposures
- hiring of Indian and foreign coaches, support staff
- training equipment
- hosting of national and international championships in India and abroad
- medical insurance for player injuries

**International Cooperation:**

Various MoUs signed by the Government in the field of International Cooperation are given below:

Sl. No.	Countries	Events
1.	SCO	Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Sports and Shri Anant Kumar, Director (Sports) participated in the Experts meeting, Session of Heads of Ministries, and Agencies Responsible for the Development of Physical Education and Sports in the SCO Member States held from 23rd -24th May 2024 (excluding journey time).
2.	BRICS Sports Ministers Meeting	Shri Sandip Pradhan, Director General, SAI and Shri Anant Kumar, Director (Sports) participated in the BRICS Sports Ministers Meeting from the Department of Sports held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2024 (excluding

		journey time) in Kazan, Russia. Joint Statement was adopted during the meeting.
3.	Saint Christopher and Nevis	MoU has been signed between Govt. of India and Govt. of Saint Christopher and Nevis on cooperation in Sports on 05th August 2024
4.	Malaysia	MoU has been signed between Govt. of India and Govt. of Malaysia on cooperation in Sports on 20th August 2024
5.	Jamaica	MoU has been signed between Govt. of India and Govt. of Jamaica on cooperation in Sports on 01st October 2024
6.	Malawi	MoU has been signed between Govt. of India and Govt. of Malawi on cooperation in Sports on 18th October 2024
7.	Kuwait	MoU has been signed between Govt. of India and Govt. of Kuwait on cooperation in Sports on 22nd December 2024
8.	Malaysian	A 4-member Malaysian official delegation led by Dato' Ts. Dr. Nagulendran Kangayatkarasu, Secretary-General, Ministry of Youth and Sports visited India from 30th Jan, 2025 to 1st Feb, 2025. The delegation has met officials of Dept. of Sports.
9.	Japan	Delegation of 2 officers visited Japan regarding JICA to attend the "Sports Administration and Sports Promotion" to be held in Japan from 26 to 31 January 2025.
10.	European union	Meeting between Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, GoI and Mr. Glenn Micallef, European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport was held in Feb, 2025
11.	Germany	Meeting between Secretary (Sports) and delegation of Bavarian State Parliament was held on 10th Feb, 2025 wherein discussion was held on position of sports in India
12.	Qatar	MoU has been signed between Govt. of India and Govt. of Qatar on cooperation in Sports on 18th February 2025
13.	New Zealand	MoC has been signed between India and New Zealand on cooperation in Sports on 15th March, 2025 during the visit of Prime Minister of New Zealand to India.
14.	Antigua and Barbuda	Meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Barbuda Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda, and the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports was held on 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2025

## CHAPTER-19 : INCLUSIVITY IN SPORTS

The Department of Sports and its autonomous bodies have undertaken various key initiatives to foster inclusivity in the field of sports and reduce barriers to participation. These initiatives aim to create an inclusive environment in sports, ensuring that individuals from diverse backgrounds and abilities have equal opportunities to engage in physical activities and pursue their sporting aspirations. By breaking down barriers and providing targeted support, the Ministry strives to nurture a culture of inclusivity, enabling every individual to unlock their full potential in the realm of sports. The following are some of the initiatives undertaken by this Ministry under the Khelo India program to promote inclusivity and increase participation among population groups with low participation rates:

### **1. Promotion of Sports Among Persons with Disability:**

Ministry has recognized Special Olympics Bharat (SOB), All India Sports Council of Deaf (AISCD) and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) for the promotion and development of sports among the persons with disability. The future modalities are being worked in consultation with the concerned Federations.

### **2. Sports for Women Initiative:**

Under the Khelo India scheme, there is a dedicated sub-component of “Sports for women” wherein emphasis is laid on such sports disciplines where there is less participation of women. Under this initiative, various Khelo India Women’s League – are being conducted. Till now, women leagues have been organised in 21 sports disciplines across the country. 1000+ competitions have been organized for Women athletes with more than 1,35,000 participants. This initiative has significantly increased women participation in sports across the nation and has provided ample opportunities to women athletes to compete, learn and grow in all age groups. A portal named ASMITA (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women through Action) was also launched for Women’s League on 22 August 2023. Further, the ASMITA logo has also been integrated with Khelo India ASMITA Women’s League with the tagline “Khel se hi pehchan”, thereby giving identity to women athletes through sports.

### **3. Promotion of Rural and Indigenous Games**

Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka and Thang-Ta have been identified for support under the vertical of “Promotion of Rural and Indigenous/Tribal Games” under the scheme of Khelo India. Grants were sanctioned for infrastructure development, equipment support, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships.

One-time grant to NSFs for infrastructure development/upgradation including equipment support has been sanctioned for NSFs @ Rs, 2.5 lakhs per centre for Mallakhamb, Rs.40 lakhs per centre for Kalaripayattu, Rs. 05 lakhs per centre for Gatka & Rs. 05 lakhs for Thang-Ta. At present there are total 108 training centres (100 for Mallakhamb, 02 for Kalaripayattu, 03 for Gatka & 03 for Thang-Ta). 21 Coaches in total (05 of Mallakhamb, 06 of Thang-Ta, 06 of Gatka & 04 of Kalaripayattu) are receiving

salaries on a quarterly basis @ Rs. 05 lakhs per coach per annum from Oct 2019 till Sep 2022 as recommended by NSF.

- i. Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka and Thang-Ta are identified for support under the vertical of 'Promotion of Rural and Indigenous/Tribal Games' under the Khelo India Scheme.
- ii. Grants were sanctioned for infrastructure development, equipment support, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships.
- iii. It is proposed to release the scholarships to 350 athletes by selection through a Talent Identification Committee under this component of Khelo India.
- iv. Imphal Centre to be converted into day boarding academy for Thang-Ta.

Indigenous games league have been introduced to promote the indigenous games in Mallakhamb Kalaripattu Gatka Thang ta and Yogasana disciplines. To begin with, first indigenous game league was conducted in Gatka and Thang Ta disciplines in the month of January and February at Patiala and Imphal respectively.



## CHAPTER-20: OTHER KEY ACHIEVEMENTS/ EVENTS IN SPORTS DURING 2023-24

### 1. International Events hosted by India in 2024-25 :

- **1st Kho Kho World Cup:** The first Kho Kho World Cup took place at Indira Gandhi Arena in New Delhi from 13 to 19 January 2025. Teams from 23 countries participated in the Kho Kho World Cup which includes 20 men's and 19 women's teams. India won both the men's and women's titles in the inaugural edition, staying unbeaten throughout the tournament.
- **World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025:** India hosted the New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletics Grand Prix, marking the nation's debut in organizing an international para athletics event of this magnitude. The games held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi from 8th March to 13th March, 2025. 283 para-athletes from 20 nations participated in the Games. India topped the medal tally by winning a total of 134 medals, including 45 gold, 40 silver, and 49 bronze.
- **44th General Assembly of Olympic Council of Asia (OCA):** The 44th OCA General Assembly took place at the Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre in New Delhi on 8th September 2024, with representatives from 45 National Olympic Committees of Asia in attendance. Shri Raja Randhir Singh was unanimously elected as the President of the OCA during the General Assembly. The Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya also addressed the assembly.
- **The first-ever BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships** was kick-started on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex in New Delhi. Around 300 athletes participated in the event with India emerging as the overall champion.
- India hosted the **2<sup>nd</sup> Formal Meeting of the COP9 Bureau** and the **3<sup>rd</sup> Formal Meeting of the Fund Approval Committee under the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport** on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in New Delhi. As Vice-Chairperson of the COP9 Bureau, India has taken the lead in organizing these high-level gatherings, which brought together key decision-makers and dignitaries from across the world. These high-level meetings advanced global collaboration in the fight against doping, with a focus on integrity, fairness, and inclusivity. Alongside these meetings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the "Inclusion Conclave" was also organized by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), which explored ways to integrate all stakeholders, including athletes with disabilities, in the global anti-doping efforts.

### 2. Commendable performance of India in important international events:

- India concluded its campaign at the **Paris Olympics 2024** with a total of 6 medals, including 1 silver and 5 bronze. Notably, shooting discipline contributed 3 Bronze Medals through the stellar performances of Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh and Swapnil Kusale. Neeraj Chopra won a Silver Medal in Javelin Throw, Aman Sehrawat claimed a Bronze Medal in Wrestling and the Indian Hockey Team successfully defended its Bronze Medal. All these athletes were invited in the Independence Day celebration at Red

Fort as a Special Guest on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Following this, they interacted with the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

- Manu Bhaker won two bronze medals in shooting became the first Indian to win two medals in a single Olympics since India gained independence.
- Neeraj Chopra, who won a silver medal in the men's javelin throw event, became the first Indian individual medalist to win a gold and silver at the Olympics.
- Aman Sehrawat won the bronze in the men's freestyle 57kg wrestling event at the Paris 2024 Olympics to become India's youngest (Aged 21 years and 24 days) medal winner at the Summer Games.
- India made a history at the **Paris Paralympics 2024**, held from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The Indian contingent, the largest ever sent to the Paralympics, delivered a remarkable performance, winning a total of 29 medals: 7 gold, 9 silver, and 13 bronze. This impressive achievement earned India an 18<sup>th</sup> place in the medal tally, marking the country's best performance in Paralympic history.
- 18-year-old Gukesh D, chess player, won the **2024 World Chess Championship** in Singapore after defeating Ding Liren in the final. Gukesh became the youngest World Chess Champion and only the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to win the title.
- In September 2024, India made history by winning double gold medals at **45<sup>th</sup> FIDE Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary**, with both the men's and women's teams emerging victorious in their respective categories. The men's team, featuring top players like Gukesh D, Praggnanandhaa R, Arjun Erigaisi, and Vidit Gujrathi, dominated the competition, winning 10 out of 11 matches and securing the title with a final round victory over Slovenia. Gukesh D and Arjun Erigaisi won individual gold medals for their outstanding performances. The women's team, consisting of Harika Dronavalli, Vaishali R, Divya Dshmkh, Vantika Agrawal, and Tania Sachdev, also had a stellar run, defeating Azerbaijan in the final round despite earlier setbacks against Poland and the USA. Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded India's young chess players for their historic achievement and the victorious teams were felicitated by the Hon'ble Minister in New Delhi later in the month, celebrating this remarkable achievement in Indian chess history.

### 3. Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2024:

- A significant memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed **between the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Government of Maharashtra** for the construction of a world-class sports complex in Mumbai. This long-delayed project gained momentum due to the initiative of Hon'ble Sports Minister Dr. Manshukh Mandaviya and the Maharashtra government. This sports complex is expected to boost the regional sports sector and provide emerging athletes with opportunities to compete in global sports tournaments.
- As a part of the joint effort to advance the anti-doping science and research, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **between the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) and the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu**, has been extended for three more years. This cooperation will also enable further strengthening of the reference standard synthesis activity and in achieving excellence in the field of dope testing in sports.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the Government of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **with the Government of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis**, to enhance cooperation in sports. This

MoU includes various initiatives such as exchange programs between the two countries and collaborations in sports research and development, aiming to foster mutual growth and knowledge-sharing in the field of sports.

#### 4. National Sports Awards 2024:

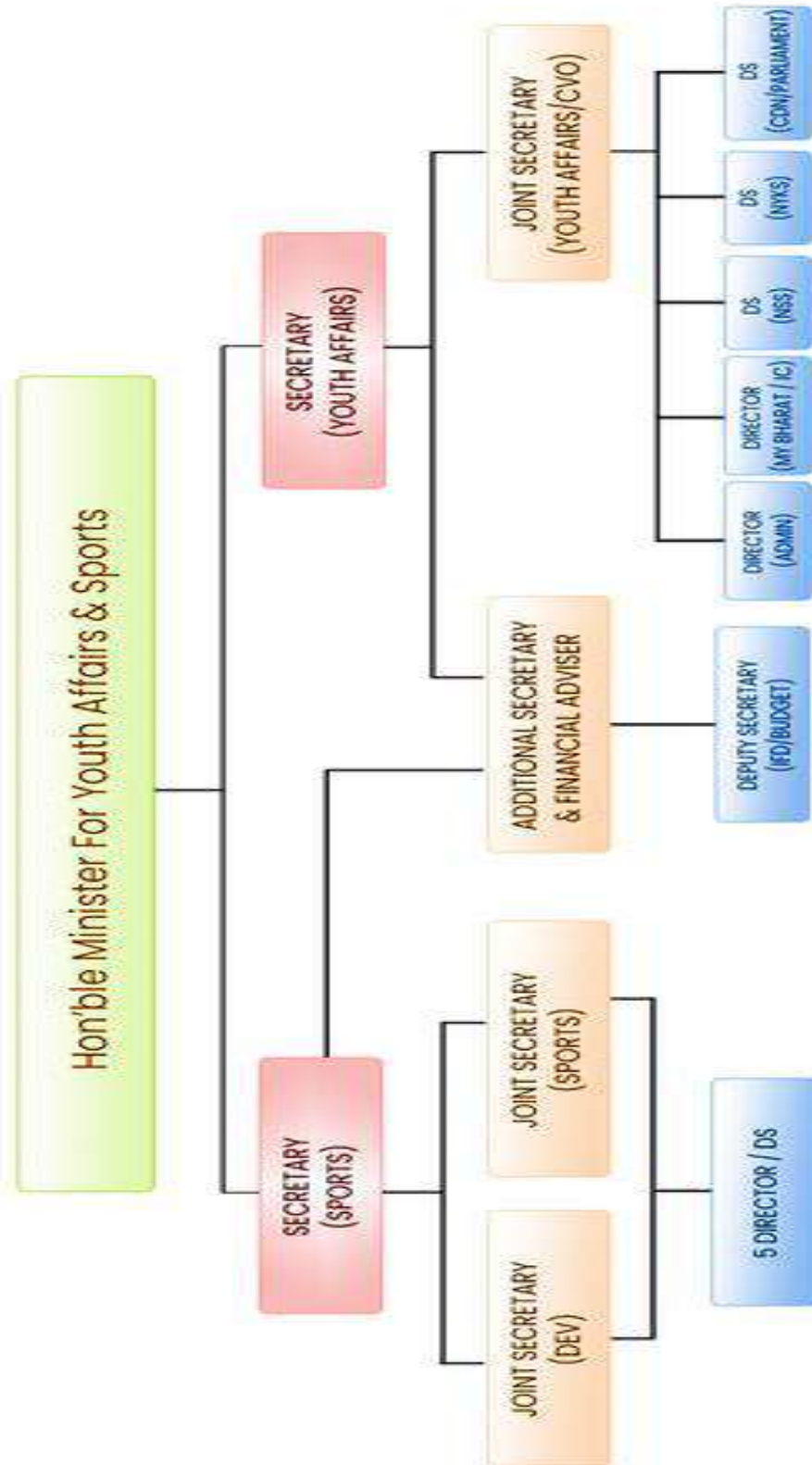
The President of India presented the **Sports and Adventure Awards 2024** at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 17.01.2025. The Awards include Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Awards-2024 to 4 sportspersons; Dronacharya Awards-2024 to 3 in Regular category and 2 in Lifetime category; Arjuna Awards-2024 to 32 and 2 in Lifetime category; Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards-2023 to 4 sportspersons; Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar-2024 to 1; and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy-2024 to overall top performing university in Khelo India University Games.

#### 5. Other major achievements/events:

- The **Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) Ph. 2** programme was launched with the twin objectives of identifying young talents from all parts of the country and leveraging sports as a tool to curb addiction to drugs and gadgetry distractions. The initial phase of the programme has been launched across 50 sports centres in India to assess 50,000 applicants for 10 sports disciplines. Through the programme, it is aimed to carry out 20 Lac assessments throughout the year through notified Talent Assessment Centres across the country. The Second Phase was inaugurated in New Delhi on 19.07.2024.
- The **Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training (RESET) Programme** was launched on National Sports Day, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024, in New Delhi by the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. This initiative aims to empower retired athletes who have represented the country by providing them with the necessary knowledge and skills for career development, opening up new opportunities in the field of sports.
- For strengthening Anti-Doping environment in the country, a conference on **“Road to Paris 2024: Championing Clean Sports and Uniting for Anti-Doping”** was conducted by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in New Delhi. The Conference served as a testament to India's resolve in championing clean sports and uniting against doping. With collaborative efforts and collective commitment, India reaffirms its position as a torchbearer of fair play, integrity, and ethical competition in sports. On this occasion, Centre of Excellence for Nutritional Supplements Testing (CoE-NSTS) at the esteemed National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat was also inaugurated.
- **The first International Olympic Research Conference** was inaugurated on 27.01.2025 at Rashtriya Raksha University. The aim of the four-day conference was to establish India as a significant player in the global Olympic ecosystem, focusing on financial sustainability, strategic planning and collaborative networks to bolster India's bid for the 2036 Olympics.
- With emphasis on the nation's fight against obesity, **Fit India Sundays on Cycle** has grown into a nationwide fitness movement, with cyclists participating in over 1,200 locations across the country. Now in its ninth week, the initiative focuses on combating obesity by reducing oil consumption, exercising, and eating healthily

# Annexures

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**ABBREVIATIONS**

<u>JS &amp; FA</u>	:	<u>Joint Secretary &amp; Financial Adviser</u>
<u>JS</u>	:	<u>Joint Secretary</u>
<u>CCA</u>	:	<u>Chief Controller of Accounts</u>
<u>DS</u>	:	<u>Deputy Secretary</u>
<u>DCA</u>	:	<u>Deputy Controller of Accounts</u>
<u>US</u>	:	<u>Under Secretary</u>
<u>YA</u>	:	<u>Youth Affairs</u>
<u>DD</u>	:	<u>Deputy Director</u>
<u>IC</u>	:	<u>International Cooperation</u>
<u>OL</u>	:	<u>Official Language</u>
<u>NPYAD</u>	:	<u>National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development</u>
<u>NSS</u>	:	<u>National Service Scheme</u>
<u>SP</u>	:	<u>Sports</u>
<u>MDS</u>	:	<u>Mission Directorate – Sports Development</u>
<u>ADMN</u>	:	<u>Administration</u>
<u>VIG</u>	:	<u>Vigilance</u>
<u>PARL</u>	:	<u>Parliament</u>
<u>SAI</u>	:	<u>Sports Authority of India</u>
<u>NYKS</u>	:	<u>Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan</u>
<u>GEN</u>	:	<u>General</u>
<u>POL</u>	:	<u>Policy</u>
<u>PUB</u>	:	<u>Publication</u>
<u>YH</u>	:	<u>Youth Hostel</u>
<u>RGNIYD</u>	:	<u>Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development</u>
<u>CDN</u>	:	<u>Coordination</u>
<u>AD</u>	:	<u>Assistant Director</u>
<u>CR</u>	:	<u>Central Registry</u>

**FINANCIAL OUTLAY 2024-25****FINANCIAL OUTLAYS FOR BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-25 AND REVISED ESTIMATES 2024-25 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025-26 (In Rs. crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Budget Estimates 2024-25 @	Revised Estimates 2024-25 @	Actuals @ (As on	Budget Estimates 2025-26 @
<b>Department of Youth Affairs</b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>A.</b>	Secretariat Youth Affairs	20.25	40.09	43.06	41.79
<b>B.</b>	<b>Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakaram (RYSK)</b>				
1.	National Youth Corps	75.00	18.25	13.15	65.00
2.	Young Leaders Programme	9.00	6.00	0.00	9.25
3.	National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development	22.00	45.00	33.87	25.00
4.	International Cooperation	11.70	11.70	7.45	55.00
5.	Youth Hostels	5.00	5.00	0.35	5.00
6.	Scouting & Guiding	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
7.	Yuva Portal	13.30	13.30	15.01	90.00
	<b>TOTAL (B) RYSK</b>	<b>136.75</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>70.58</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>National Service Scheme (NSS)</b>	250.00	250.00	203.19	450.00
<b>D.</b>	<b>Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development</b>	26.50	23.50	23.50	26.00
<b>E.</b>	<b>Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)</b>	200.00	74.76	15.64	82.48
<b>F.</b>	<b>Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan</b>	426.00	412.00	339.95	423.50
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E+F)</b>	<b>1059.50</b>	<b>900.35</b>	<b>695.92</b>	<b>1273.77</b>

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**FINANCIAL OUTLAY 2024-25****FINANCIAL OUTLAYS FOR BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-25 AND REVISED ESTIMATES 2024-25 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025-26 (In Rs. crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Budget Estimates 2024-25 @	Revised Estimates 2024-25 @	Actuals@ (As on 31.03.2025)*	Budget Estimates 2025-26 @
	<b>Department of Sports</b>				
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>G.</b>	Secretariat Sports	24.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>H.</b>	<b>Development in Sports Institutions</b>				
1.	Sports Authority of India (SAI)	822.60	815.00	823.50	830.00
2.	Lakshmibai National University of Physical Education (LNIPE)	78.51	66.65	46.40	85.00
3.	National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)	22.00	18.70	16.70	23.00
4.	National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)	22.30	20.30	19.57	24.30
5.	National Sports University (NSU)	91.90	189.09	286.06	63.72
6.	World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.50
	<b>TOTAL (H)</b>	<b>1040.31</b>	<b>1112.74</b>	<b>1195.48</b>	<b>1029.52</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Encouragement and Awards to Sportsperson</b>				
1.	Special cash Awards	35.00	38.65	38.55	33.00
2.	Pension to Meritorious	4.00	4.00	3.83	4.00
3.	Assistance to National Sports Federations	340.00	340.00	256.06	400.00
4.	Human Resource Development in Sports	3.10	3.10	2.65	4.00
5.	National Sports Development Funds	18.00	18.00	13.71	18.00
6.	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare for Sportspersons	2.00	2.00	0.95	2.00
7.	National Centre for Sports Science and Research (NCSSR)	8.00	8.00	5.00	10.00
	<b>TOTAL (I)</b>	<b>410.10</b>	<b>413.75</b>	<b>320.75</b>	<b>471.00</b>
<b>J.</b>	<b>Khelo India : National Programme for Development of Sports</b>				
1.	Khelo India	900.00	800.00	620.75	1000.00
2.	Commonwealth Games	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
3.	Enhancement of Sports	8.00	6.00	0.00	20.00
	<b>TOTAL (J)</b>	<b>908.01</b>	<b>806.01</b>	<b>620.75</b>	<b>1020.01</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (G+H+I+J)</b>	<b>2382.82</b>	<b>2332.50</b>	<b>2136.98</b>	<b>2520.53</b>

**@ - including NE Region**

**PENDING AUDIT PARAS****STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF PENDING C & AG AUDIT PARAS PERTAINING TO MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND CURRENT STATUS THEREOF.**

Sl. NO	Report No. and Year	Para No. or Chapter No.	Brief subject or summary of observations	Current status of Actions Taken Notes
1.	Report No.21 Of 2023	Para 4.6 Annex. 4.7 S.No 52	<p align="center"><b>Non-surrender and surrender of savings on last day of the financial year</b></p> <p>Audit noted that out of savings of ₹7,64,720.70 crore under all Grants/Appropriations, 10.54 <i>per cent</i> (₹80,589.12 crore) of savings during the year were not surrendered and were allowed to lapse under 52 Grants/Appropriations. Of these, ₹5,52,569.24 crore relating to 52 Grants/ Appropriations was either surrendered on 31 March 2022 or were allowed to lapse. Thus, around 72 <i>per cent</i> of the total savings were either surrendered on 31 March 2022 or were allowed to lapse.</p> <p>As far as Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports is concerned, out of the total savings of Rs. 424.31 crores, Rs. 424.28 crores was surrendered on last day of the FY.</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal
2.	Report No.21 Of 2023	Para 4.2.2 (Annexure 4.2)	<p align="center"><b>Analysis of Savings-Segment Wise</b></p> <p>During FY 2021-22, the total Savings under all the Grants/ Appropriations were ₹7,64,720.70 crore and constituted 6.15 <i>per cent</i> of total authorisation. Savings of ₹100 crore or more occurred in 94 segments of 70 Grants/Appropriations amounting to ₹7,63,304.62 crore.</p> <p>As far as Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports is concerned, out of the sanctioned provision of Rs. 2,754.52 crores, there was a savings of 378.06 crores.</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal
3.	Report No.21 Of 2023	Para 4.16	<p align="center"><b>Outstanding utilisation certificates</b></p> <p>As per rule 238 (1) &amp; (2) of GFR 2017, in respect of non-recurring Grants to an Institution or Organisation, a certificate of actual utilization of the Grants received for the purpose for which it was sanctioned, should be insisted upon in the order sanctioning the</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal

			<p>Grants-in-aid. The Utilization Certificate (UC) should be submitted within twelve months of the closure of the financial year by the Institution or Organisation concerned.</p> <p>As far as Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports is concerned, 71 UCs are pending since FY 2011-12 to 2020-21.</p>	
4.	Report No.31 Of 2022	Para para 4.2.2.2 annexure 4.3B sl 133	<p><b>Other Significant savings at minor-head/ sub head level</b></p> <p>Out of the 324 cases, 191 cases of minor/ sub-heads having significant savings and also coming under the Grant/ Appropriations with savings of more than ₹5,000 crore at Grant/ Appropriations level, have been mentioned in Paragraph 4.2.2.1, based on their materiality. Remaining 133 cases<sup>20</sup> of significant savings under each grant are discussed in <b>Annexure 4.3B</b>.</p> <p>As far as Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports is concerned, under 2204.00.104.56- Khelo India budget head there was a savings of Rs. 341.80 crores.</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal
5.	Report No.31 Of 2022	Para 4.2.2.2 annexure 4.3a sl 69	<p><b>Other Significant savings at minor-head/ sub head level</b></p> <p>Scrutiny of 97 Civil grants revealed 324 cases<sup>19</sup> of significant savings in 69 Grants/ Appropriations i.e., savings of ₹500 crore or more at minor-head/ sub-head level under Grant/ Appropriations and savings of more than 25 <i>per cent</i> of allocations subject to a minimum of ₹100 crore. Details are given in <b>Annexure 4.3A</b>.</p> <p>As far as Grant/ Appropriation No. 101-Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports is concerned, there was a savings of Rs. 341.80 crores.</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal
6.	Report No.31 Of 2022	para 3.7c	<p><b>Non - Recovery of Loans and Advances</b></p> <p>Against the total loans of ₹5,58,394 crore outstanding from State/ UT Governments and other entities as on 31 March 2021, there were arrears in recovery, amounting to ₹63,763 crore including interest as detailed in <b>Figure 3.11</b>. Details are given in <b>Annexure 3.7</b></p> <p>As far as Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports is concerned, ₹1,163.36 crore under the head Other Loans – Commonwealth Games was outstanding as on 31 March 2021.</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal
7.	Report No.31 Of 2022	Para 4.7 annexure 4.7 sl 48	<p><b>Non-surrender and surrender of savings on last day of the financial year</b></p> <p>Rule 62 (2) of GFR, 2017 stipulates that the savings as well as provisions that cannot be profitably utilized shall be surrendered to Government immediately as foreseen without waiting till the end of the year.</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal

			As far as Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is concerned, out of total savings of Rs. 1,039.14 crore, there was a surrender of Rs. 1,030.46 on last day of the FY.	
8.	Report No.31 Of 2022	para 4.2.2 annexure 4.2 sl 71	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Analysis of savings</b></p> <p>During FY21, the total savings under all the Grants/ Appropriations were ₹11,51,845.38 crore<sup>17</sup> and constituted 9.68 <i>per cent</i> of total authorisations. Savings of ₹100 crore or more occurred in 113 segments of 77 Grants/ Appropriations and amounted to ₹12,68,488.40 crore.</p> <p>As far as Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports is concerned, out of Sanctioned Provision of Rs. 2,775.94, there was a savings of Rs. 988.11 crores.</p>	Draft Reply uploaded on APMS Portal

## THE DETAILS OF YOUTH HOSTELS IN THE COUNTRY, STATE/UT-WISE

S. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Youth Hostels in the State/UT	Location of Youth Hostel (s)
1.	Assam	2	Guwahati, Tezpur
2.	A&N Islands	1	Port Blair
3.	Andhra Pradesh	5	Kadapa, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	Naharlagun, Roing
5.	Bihar	1	Patna
6.	Goa	2	Panaji, Peddem Mapusa
7.	Gujarat	1	Gandhinagar
8.	Haryana	7	Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Kurukshetra, Panchkula, , RewariSirsa, Yamuna Nagar
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1	Dalhousie
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	Patnitop, Srinagar
11.	Karnataka	4	Hassan, Mysore, Sogalu, Tirthameshwar
12.	Kerala	3	Calicut (Kozhikode), Ernakulam (Kochi), Trivandrum,
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3	Bhopal, Jabalpur, Khajuraho
14.	Maharashtra	1	Aurangabad
15.	Manipur	3	Churachandpur, Imphal, Thoubal
16.	Meghalaya	1	Shillong
17.	Mizoram	1	Aizwal
18.	Nagaland	1	Dimapur
19.	Odisha	4	Gopalpur-on-Sea, Jashipur, Koraput, Puri
20.	Puducherry	1	Puducherry
21.	Punjab	6	Amritsar, Jalandhar, Patiala, Ropar, Sangrur, Tarn Taran
22.	Rajasthan	4	Ajmer, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur
23.	Sikkim	1	Gangtok
24.	Tamil Nadu	5	Chennai, Madurai, Ooty, Thanjavaur, Trichy
25.	Telangana	3	Nagarjunasagar, Secunderabad, Warangal
26.	Tripura	1	Agartala
27.	Uttar Pradesh	2	Agra, Lucknow
28.	Uttarakhand	4	Badrinath, Mussoorie, Nainital, Uttarkashi
29.	West Bengal	1	Darjeeling
	Total:	73	

**LIST OF YOUTH HOSTELS WHICH ARE TRANSFERRED TO  
NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN (NYKS)/SPORTS  
AUTHORITY OF INDIA (SAI)//RESPECTIVE STATE  
GOVERNMENTS**

S. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Youth Hostel Constructed	Location of Youth Hostel (s)
1.	Assam	2	Golaghat, Nagaon
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1	Bilaspur.
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	Nagrota
4.	Maharashtra	1	Buldana
5.	Manipur	1	Ukhrul.
6.	Meghalaya	1	Tura.
7.	Nagaland	1	Mokokchung
8.	Sikkim	1	Namchi
9.	West Bengal	2	Churulia, Burdwan.
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	

**THE LIST OF ISO CERTIFIED YOUTH HOSTELS**

S.No.	Youth Hostel	ISO Certificate
1.	Dalhousie	ISO 9001:2015
2.	Jodhpur	ISO 9001:2015
3.	Mysore	ISO 9001:2015
4.	Tirupati	ISO 9001:2015
5.	Imphal	ISO 9001:2015
6.	Vizianagaram	ISO 9001:2015
7.	Bhopal	ISO 9001:2015
8.	Hassan	ISO 9001:2015
9.	Badrinath	ISO 9001:2015
10.	Jabalpur	ISO 9001:2015
11.	Mapusa	ISO 9001:2015
12.	Lucknow	ISO 9001:2015
13.	Jaipur	ISO 9001:2015
14.	Kozhikode	ISO 9001:2015
15.	Aurangabad	ISO 9001:2015
16.	Nainital	ISO 9001:2015
17.	Pipli	ISO 9001:2015
18.	Panchkula	ISO 9001:2015