OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Circulation of Monthly Summary relating to principal activities and developments in the Department of Sports to the Members of the Council of Ministers.

The undersigned is directed to refer Cabinet Secretariat’s OM No. 1/26/1/2018-Cab. dated 17th August, 2018 on above mentioned subject and to enclose (Annexure) the monthly summary pertaining to the Department of Sports for the month of May, 2020 is hereby circulated for information.

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Encl: As above.

To

All Members of Council of Ministers

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(i) All Secretaries to the Govt. of India’s Ministries/Departments
(ii) Director, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
(iii) PSs to Secretary (Sports) / JS (SP) / JS (Dev.)
(iv) Technical Director (NIC) for uploading on the MYAS website (in the section of Department of Sports).
The important issues and developments in respect of the Department of Sports during May, 2020.

2. In pursuance of guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has only permitted to resume limited sports activities in sports complexes/stadia situated in SAI training centers with all the precautionary measures enumerated in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

3. Besides, following initiatives were taken during the period of lockdown triggered by COVID-19 pandemic, to promote sports among athletes all over India:

(a) 15 Days “Athlete and Coach Education Program” in different sports disciplines was conducted.
(b) Online Training Sessions through Zoom app were conducted by the Foreign Coaches/Sports Experts of different sports disciplines wherein they shared and disseminated latest sports techniques and tactics.
(c) For efficient utilization of time and available resources, regular online training/classes for athletes were conducted by coaches under monitoring of regional Heads & In-charges of the respective centers.
(d) In partnership with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) Boards, fun-filled fitness session for school children on YouTube Channel commenced from 15.04.2020. The programmes covered all aspects of children’s fitness from daily workouts to yoga, nutrition to emotional wellbeing. Besides fitness-related topics, the guidelines of the Ministry of AYUSH to increase immunity were also discussed in the sessions. The viewership of many of these sessions crossed 1 lac.
(e) Fit India Active Break capsules with basic yoga, standing postures exercises have also been made available for all schools across the country through the Fit India YouTube channel and Fit India website. Fit India Active Day sessions for school continued during the month of May.
(f) Two webinars on Physical Literacy Session were conducted on 25.05.20 and 27.05.2020.
(g) Fit India Video capsules for Women and Homemakers by fitness expert, Dr. Rajat Chauhan was released on the Fit India YouTube channel and other social media platforms
(h) Fitness! A way of Life – A webinar with Hon’ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Olympic medalist (Mr. Gagan Narang) and President, ICSI was conducted on 29.05.20 in partnership with ICSI (The Institute of Company Secretaries of India).

4. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, neither international nor national sports events were organized during the month of May, 2020. However, 1st Online Sr. & Jr. National Wushu Championship 2020 (National Competition) on Zoom App was organized successfully from 13th to 18th May, 2020 wherein SAI Trainees won 14 medals (Gold-04; Silver-04; and Bronze-06). National Camps were also not conducted during this period.

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