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(Sports CDN Section)

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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 **December, 2020** is hereby circulated for information.

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To

All Members of Council of Ministers

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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES/ DEVELOPMENT IN RESPECT OF DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2020.

This is regarding the important issues and developments in respect of the Department of Sports during **December, 2020.**

2. Union Sports Minister inaugurated a webinar on Anti-Doping and Sports Science on 7th December, 2020, which was jointly organized by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), National Sports University (NSU) and National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL). At this platform, the Minister affirmed that India stands firmly for fair play and clean sport, and shall support all efforts to ensure the integrity of sport. The Minister also mentioned that the NADA is committed in its efforts to get rid of the doping menace and is implementing all the anti-doping rules as laid by the World Anti Doping Agency.

3. The World Health Organization (WHO), in a tweet, applauded India's initiative on promoting physical activity through its campaign "Fitness Ka Dose Aadha Ghanta Roz" on 10th December, 2020. The campaign launched as part of the nation-wide Fit India Movement by Union Sports Minister on 01 December, had gained the support of celebrities from different fields - Bollywood, sportspersons, writers, doctors, fitness influencers, among others, who have enthusiastically urged Indians to follow the basic mantra of 30 minutes of fitness every day.

4. Union External Affairs Minister laid the foundation stone of a World Class Squash Court Complex at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in the presence of Union Sports Minister on 16th December, 2020. The project was sanctioned at a cost of ₹5.52 crores and estimated to be completed in 6 months. The facility will have 6 single Squash Courts, of which 3 courts can be converted as double courts using movable walls.

5. Taking a step further to ensure an atmosphere of Clean Sport globally, India pledged a sum of USD 1 million to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) towards the global agency's scientific research budget on 17th December, 2020, towards developing innovative anti-doping testing and detection methods and further strengthen WADA's independent Investigations and Intelligence Department. India's contribution of USD 1 million is the highest among contributions made by the countries, including China, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

6. The Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the formal recognition of Yogasana as a competitive sport at a joint press conference held by the Union Minister of AYUSH, and the Union Minister of Sports in New Delhi on 17th December, 2020 with a view to ensure competitiveness and enrichment of the discipline and its spread across the globe.

7. On 18th December, 2020, the Department of Sports through Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), sanctioned PV Sindhu's physio and fitness trainer to accompany her for three tournaments in January i.e. Yonex Thailand Open (January 12-17), Toyota Thailand Open (January 19-24) and the World Tour Finals in Bangkok, subject to qualification (January 27-31). The services of her physio and trainer for these three tournaments has been sanctioned at an approximate cost of ₹8.25 lakh.

8. With a view to give a thrust to promotion of indigenous games, on 20th December, 2020, the Department of Sports included Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba in Khelo India Youth Games 2021 to take place in Haryana sometime during October-November 2021. The four selected games are representing different parts of the country viz., Kalaripayattu has its origin from Kerala, Mallakhamba, is well-known across India, however, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have been the hotspots of this sport, Gatka originates from the State of Punjab, and Thang-Ta, is a marital art form from Manipur.
9. Union Sports Minister virtually inaugurated 8 Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCES) across India in the presence of distinguished State Sports Ministers on 22nd December, 2020. The 8 States include: Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Kerala, Telangana, Nagaland, Karnataka and Odisha. With a vision to make India one of the top 10 countries in 2028 Olympics, the Khelo India State Centres of Excellence will ensure that athletes proficient in a certain sport can be given the world-class specialised training and these centres become the best facilities in the country to train athletes in the priority sport for which they have been earmarked.
10. The Department of Sports through the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) sanctioned a 40-day training camp abroad for wrestler Vinesh Phogat along with her personal coach Woller Akos, her sparring partner Priyanka Phogat and her physiotherapist Poornima Raman Ngomdirat an approximate cost of ₹15.51 lakh and includes airfare, local transportation, boarding and lodging charges and out of pocket allowance. Phogat is a part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme.
11. In the 2nd edition of Fit India Dialogue, Union Sports Minister interacted with celebrities and sports icons viz Milka Singh, Pullela Gopichand, Ms. Mithali Raj, Anil Kapoor and Bhaichung Bhutia emphasizing the imperative need of fitness and health. The programme was telecast on 27th December 2020 on Zee Network.
12. Fit India Prabhatpheri was a week-long event from 1st to 6th December where more than 14 lakh people participated and youth from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) have taken the lead and organized more than 50,000 Prabhatpheri in the country advocating the message of “Fitness ki Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz”.
13. The 2nd edition of Fit India Cyclothon was organized from 7th December to 31st December 2020, in which more than 48 lakh people participated.
14. 2nd edition of Fit India School Week was organized from 1st December to 31st December 2020, in which 2,52,311 schools participated as on 31st December, 2020. Fit India School Week is organized with the imperative need of creating awareness about fitness not limited to children but also their parents, teachers and school staff.
