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Activities of the Ministry of Youth
Affairs and Sports (Department of
Youth Affairs) and (Department of
Sports) during the calendar Year
2008**

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A. OVERVIEW

YOUTH constitute nearly forty percent of India's population. It is, therefore, necessary not only to make this vibrant and strong resource of the country beneficiaries of, but also, valuable partners in the process of our planning and development. In order that young men and women are able to contribute towards national development in a significant way, it is important that they should be able to effectively participate in the process of decision-making. Towards this end, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has in the recent past announced a National Youth Policy for the youth of the country so as to keep pace with the fast changing socio-economic scenario and also to address the emerging concerns of the youth. A National Commission for Youth was set up to recommend to the Government measures to tackle effectively the problems faced by the youth of India, with particular focus on youth unemployment. The recommendations of the Commission have been considered and two new schemes (i) National Programme for Adolescent and Youth Development (NPYAD) (restructured scheme) and (ii) Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan have been introduced in the Ministry during the 11th Plan.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been bifurcated into two separate Departments namely, Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports under the independent charge of two separate Secretaries, with the overall charge of an Union Minister of State (Independent charge) with effect from 29th April, 2008

CONFERENCE OF STATE MINISTERS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

A conference of State Ministers of State Governments and Union Territory was held on 9th July, 2008 under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S.Gill Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss various

issues relating to Sports and Youth Affairs with States and Union Territory Governments.

There was very increasing response with almost all State Minister/State Secretaries of Youth Affairs and Sports attending this conference. In a free and frank atmosphere many issues relating to implementation of newly launched umbrella scheme of the Department of Youth Affairs i.e. National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) were discussed. On this occasion department of Sports introduced the new scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA).

B. DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS

NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN (NYKS)

INTRODUCTORY

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) is an autonomous body of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. NYKS has its presence in 500 districts of the country. It has become one of the largest grass-root level organizations in the world, catering to the needs of more than eight million non-student rural youth enrolled through about 2.58 lakh village based youth Clubs. These Youth Clubs work in the areas like education and training, awareness generation, skill development and self-employment, entrepreneurial development, thrift and co-operation, besides development of the body through sports and adventure and mind through sustained exposure to new ideas and development strategies. For implementation of the programmes, every district NYK has a trained cadre of District Youth Coordinator, National Service Volunteers and Youth leaders. The strength of NYKS is its vast network of Youth Clubs at the grassroots level.

NYKS accomplishes its task through two categories of programmes i.e. Regular Programmes such as Campaign for identification of Sports and social issues as per local need, resources and initiatives, Block level Youth Leaders Meeting for

Review & Planning, Training of Youth Club Office Bearers & Members, Sports Tournaments & Sports Material Purchase, Adventure Promotion Programme, District Folk Cultural Festival, District/ State Youth Awards (Individual), Celebration of National & International Days and Weeks, Shramdan Shivirs (Work Camps), Quarterly Meetings of DACYP/SACYP, Documentation, Incentive to Youth Clubs for achieving optimum convergence of Youth & Sports, District Youth Convention on Freedom Struggle and National Building, Grant-in-aid to Youth Clubs, Exhibition for Youth And Handicrafts (Yuva Kriti), Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PYSA), National Convention of NSVs & NYSSs and Need Based Special Programme and Schemes assigned to it by the Ministry for implementation viz; National Service Volunteers, Financial Assistance to Youth Clubs, Awards to Outstanding Youth Clubs at District, State and National level and Youth Development Center. Special programmes undertaken in collaboration with other Ministries and Organizations.

Regular Programmes

1. Campaign for identification of sports and social issues as per local need, resources and initiatives:

Objective : To encourage and motivate Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals in a district for identification of five (two Olympic two indigenous and 1 local) sports & games and five local social sector programmes, to enable youth clubs to prepare their Annual Work Plan (Chart of Activity) & Budget for formulation of project proposals under the scheme of Panchyat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) for getting financial assistance for organizing sports tournaments and development of sports infrastructure, and to apprise Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals about NYKS Annual Action Plan and information about various youth development schemes & programmes. Rs. 8000/- has been kept for organizing each campaign.

Achievement : During 2008, 686 campaigns were organized with the participation of 174541 youth (76402 male and 98139 female).

2. Block Level Youth Leaders Meeting for Review & Planning by the District Youth Coordinators:

Objective : To apprise Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals about NYKS Annual Action Plan and information about various youth development schemes & programmes, and to strengthen the existing youth clubs to enable them to be self-sustainable. On every alternate month, the review cum planning meeting is organized by District Youth Coordinators.

Six bi-monthly meetings of all Deputy Directors and District Youth Coordinators are also held at the level of Zonal Directors to review the ongoing programmes & activities of NYKs and suggest constructive interventions, to plan innovative projects & programmes for youth development, to strengthen the existing youth clubs to enable them to be self-sustainable and to share information and coordination about the ongoing schemes and programmes of the government for youth development.

Achievement : During 2008, 313 meetings were organized with the participation of 30120 youth (19163 male and 10957 female).

3. Training of Youth Club Office Bearers and Members:

Objective : The theme of the programme is Empowered Youth. To develop leadership qualities among the youth club office bearers and members through training, specially in sports & games and social sector programmes/activities so that they can act as focal point of dissemination of knowledge in their own area of activity, to make them aware about various schemes and programmes of Government and other Development Deptts/Agencies for youth development, and

capacity building and learn new skills for which there is increasing demand in the market through Reputed Institutions.

Another objective is to empower youth club members & office bearers so that they become self reliant- catalysts in the promotion of community development and nation building. The idea is to take the youth club movement to every part of the country so that young people everywhere are infused with secular and democratic ideals, and develop leadership qualities.

Achievement : During 2008, 803 training programmes were organized with the participation of 37347 youth (22097 male and 15250 female).

4. Sports Tournament & Sports Material Purchase:

Objective : This programme aims to build a nation wide sports culture and identify rural sporting talent. The thrust is at popularizing the spirit of healthy body and healthy mind among the youth by organizing league / knock out matches in Olympic/ indigenous and locally popular games & sports, which require minimum infrastructure, equipment and finances. These sports tournaments are organized at the block as well as at district level.

Achievement : During 2008, 814 tournament campaigns were organized with the participation of 1480064 youth (544580 male and 935484 female).

5. District Folk Cultural Festival:

The theme of cultural programmes would be National Integration, Communal Harmony, Sadbhavna and Peace.

Objective : To highlight multi dimensional facets of cultural heritage of the district and to promote the participation of youth in various cultural activities; to

project and conserve the rich traditions of folk songs, folk dances and folklores and to promote the National Integration, Communal Harmony, Sadbhvna and peace through cultural programmes like folk dance, folk music and folklore. Street plays, skits, folk songs, dances and puppetry are held on themes such as gender sensitization, the battle against HIV AIDS, drug abuse and social evils like dowry. These programmes also provide an excellent platform for identifying and promoting local talent. The cultural festival is organized at the district level.

Achievement : During 2008, 35 programmes were organized with the participation of 5004 youth (2719 male and 2285 female).

6. District/State Youth Awards (Individual):

Objective : The District Youth Awards are conferred on those youth who have made significant contributions in different fields of development and voluntary efforts. While considering candidates for the District Youth Awards, leadership qualities displayed by them, in successfully carrying out voluntary activities, are taken into account. The programme provides an opportunity to support the young volunteers and youth leaders for their selfless, committed outstanding performance at the social/developmental front. Due weight-age is given for an innovative or new idea by the individual.

Each District Youth Award comprises of a certificate and Rs. 5,000/-. Each NYK confers only 02 (two) awards one for male and one for female. This award is a source of encouragement to the awardees as well as an example to others of the district in future.

On the same pattern, the State Youth Awards are also conferred to one male and one female. These awards comprise of a certificate and Rs. 15,000/-. These awards are the source of encouragement to the awardees as well as an example to others.

Achievement : During 2008, 1000 Youth Awards were given at the District Level and 70 Youth Awards at the State Level.

7. Celebration of National and International Days and Weeks :

Objectives : The celebration of National and International Days and Weeks is to generate awareness about their importance, objectives, theme and philosophy. Celebrations helps in sensitizing people in general and youth in particular towards various issues of national and international importance and also on the messages of great men and women.

Achievement : During 2008, 3899 programmes were organized with the participation of 519398 youth (328737 male and 190661 female).

8. Shramdan Shivirs (Work Camps)

Objective : The programme aims at promoting spirit of volunteerism and cooperation among the members of the youth clubs. Work Camps promote dignity of labour and encourage the spirit of self-help. The participants work with community members to create sustainable community assets and are exposed to various aspects of project planning and legal management concepts. The work camps are organized as per the local initiatives, local needs and by mobilizing local resources through community participation.

Achievement : During 2008, 162 Work Camps were organized with the participation of 15640 youth (5844 male and 9796 female).

9. Quarterly Meetings of District Administration on Youth Programme/ State Advisory Committee on Youth Programme (DACYP/SACYP)

Objective : In order to render the requisite services to the youth, NYKs at district level are in constant touch with district administrations, district authorities, eminent social workers and youth leaders, for guidance and facilitation. For this purpose, the DACYPs are constituted and quarterly meetings are organized under

the chairmanship of District Collector. Similarly, the State Advisory Committee on Youth Programmes (SACYP) has been constituted in each state.

Achievement: During 2008, 301 meetings were organized with the participation of 4593 youth (3434 male and 1159 female).

10. Incentive to Youth Clubs for achieving optimum convergence of Youth & Sports

Objective : To recognize the work done by the Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals, to provide opportunities to rural youth in nurturing their sports talent and in deriving benefit from existing schemes in sports & social sector, to ensure that each youth club assists/ benefits a target of 100 people each in sports/ games and social issues, to develop a competitive spirit among Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals and to encourage the Youth Clubs to identify ways and means for resource mobilization for undertaking community development projects/programmes.

Each district confers 30 incentive awards provided the youth clubs /mahila mandals in that district achieve the convergence. Top 10 youth clubs/mahila mandals in each district are awarded (@Rs.10, 000 each). Next 20 youth clubs/mahila mandals in each district are awarded (@Rs.5, 000 each).

The incentives are given to the Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals on the basis of the number of beneficiaries and the benefits accrued to them from sports & games and social activities undertaken by the youth club during the current year, District Youth Coordinators should prepare a comparative chart of the eligible Youth Clubs. The incentive money is to be used purely for conducting programmes and activities and not for the capital purchase of goods or assets. The Incentives are given at the end of the financial year.

Achievement : During 2008, 15000 Youth Clubs were given incentives.

11. District Youth Convention

Objective : To create awareness among youth about the history of Indian Freedom Struggle, the issues of national concern and their role in nation building; to share issues confronting the village communities in the field of welfare, development and access to opportunities; and to impart knowledge about the various schemes/programmes of different ministries/Agencies/departments, to the youth club members. The duration of convention is one day and at least 300 youth, both male and female, take part in the convention.

The members interact with village communities in all matters related to rural upliftment and document the outcome for youth programme implementers. Experts are invited to address the young participants to motivate them and explain their role in different aspects of development. One district level programme is organized every year at the end of the financial year.

Achievement : During 2008, conventions were organized in 500 districts during National Youth Week Celebration. The theme of the convention was the Youth against terrorism and violence.

12. Grant-in-aid to Youth Clubs:

To recognize the voluntary services of Youth Clubs/ Mahila Mandals for community development, a new programme entitled "Grant-in-aid to Youth Clubs has been added to the schemes of NYKS, since 2007-08. The addition integrated and replaced the provisions under Financial Assistance to Youth Clubs (FAYC), Rural Sports Club(RSC), Youth Development Centre(YDC) and Rural

Information Technology Youth Development Centre(RITYDC). The component wise objectives and achievements are given below:

a) Financial Assistance to Youth Clubs

Objective : The main philosophy behind this component is to encourage newly established youth clubs. Under this scheme, assistance to the tune of Rs. 10,000 per Youth Club for normal area and Rs. 15,000/- per Youth Club for tribal areas are given. Youth clubs should be registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 or of corresponding State Act.

Achievement : During 2008 (upto November 2008), 1747 Youth Clubs were provided financial assistance.

b) Rural Sports Clubs

Objective : The principal objective of this scheme is to help the emergence of a countrywide network of Sports Club Culture to channelize the energies of youth for constructive activities on one hand and exploring and nurturing sports talent in rural and tribal areas on the other. Budget to the tune of Rs.30, 000/- (normal area) and Rs.45, 000 (tribal area) are earmarked for each such club.

Achievement : During 2008 (upto November 2008), 524 Youth Clubs were provided financial assistance for establishment of Rural Sports Clubs.

c) Youth Development Centres (YDC)

Objective: The main objective of this scheme is the overall development of the rural youth in the country through the instrumentality of a Youth Development Centre (YDC), which would serve a cluster of 10 villages. The YDC is to function as a centre of information, training and development of

sports for the youth in the rural areas. One time financial assistance of Rs. 30,000/- is given to each YDC.

Achievement: During 2008, 197 Youth Clubs have been upgraded as Youth Development Centres.

d) Awards to Outstanding Youth Clubs

The objective of the scheme is to encourage the growth of Youth Clubs, which have been recognized as catalyst of social change. The award money at District level is Rs. 10,000, State level is Rs. 25,000 and at National level, it is Rs. 1,00,000, 50,000, 25,000 for Ist, IInd and IIIrd position respectively.

e) Rural Information Technology Youth Development Centre (RITYDC)

Objective : This new component introduced by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports aims at upgrading one Youth Development Centre in each district into a Rural Information Technology Youth Development Centre. Grant-in-aid of Rs. 1,20,000/- is provided to each RITYDC for purchase of Generator, Colour T.V. Telephone and Computer with Internet facilities etc. These centres are the hub of the youth activities and provide information on subjects of national and international importance to all the youth in the surrounding areas through computer and Internet.

Achievement: During 2008 (upto November 2008), five Youth Development Centres were upgraded as RITYDCs.

13. Exhibition for Youth on Handicraft (Yuva Kriti):

Objective : The objective of the programme is to encourage the innate talents of young persons, to popularize traditional and rural handicrafts, to develop markets for the rural crafts. Another objective is to encourage and promote young rural artisans and to encourage youths to start self-employment ventures and to promote rural marketing.

Yuva Kriti has also become regular feature of National Youth Festival. Initially, it was started with an objective to provide a platform to the young artisans, who have been trained through NYKs Vocational Training Programme, to demonstrate their skills at a national forum. But gradually, it has been shaping as a major forum where the young artisans not only demonstrate their traditional artifacts but also learn from each other the various means of self-employment avenues and a platform for developing market linkages. It has opened new vistas of entrepreneurship opportunities in the rural areas.

Achievement: During 2008, all the 18 Zonal Offices conducted Yuva Kriti in the respective State Capitals.

14. Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan (PYSA)

Objective : A nation wide campaign called the 'Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan' has been conceived to synergise the energy of youth for grass root development and democracy through Panchayati Raj Institutions. The campaign is conceived, run and owned by the youth in Gram Panchayats themselves and the youth clubs. Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan was introduced during the year 2006-07. The Abhiyan is the joint venture of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India and it is a revolutionary step towards ensuring youth participation for the realization of the dream of Mahatama Gandhi - Gram Swaraj. For this purpose, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has made a budgetary provision of Rs. 33.00 lakhs in Annual Action Plan 2008-09.

Achievement : Under this Abhiyan, the programme including Composition of Core Committee, Meeting(s) of Core Committee, State Level Sammelan, District Level Sammelans and Gram Sabha Shasaktikarn (Empowerment) Abhiyan are organized.

15. National Convention of NSVs and NYSs:

Objective : The objective of the convention is to create awareness on Panchayati Raj and Grama Sabha, to brief about NYKS and other Ministries/Agencies schemes, programmes & activities and to train them about the issues confronting the village communities in the field of welfare, development and access to opportunities. NSVs & NYSs are invited at New Delhi where the deliberations are held on these issues.

Achievement : During 2008, 01 Convention was organized with the participation of 15640 youth (5844 male and 9796 female).

16. Need Based Special Programme

Objective : To support local need based projects, to meet out the need of share amount of NYKS while undertaking projects from other Ministries/Agencies and to provide the financial assistance to the field offices for undertaking projects in the area of natural calamities, man-made disaster or in special circumstances.

Achievement : During 2008 (upto November 2008), an amount of Rupees 70.00 Lakhs has been utilized for the said purpose.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

INTRODUCTORY:

National Service Scheme (NSS) is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Youth Affairs and it aims at inculcating the spirit of voluntary work among the students and teachers through sustained community interactions. The Scheme was launched in Gandhiji's Birth Centenary 1969, in 37 Universities involving 40,000 students with primary focus on the development of personality of students through community service. Today, NSS has more than 3.2 million student volunteers on its roll spread over 208 Universities and 41 (+2) Senior Secondary Councils and Directorate of Vocational Education.

ACTIVITIES /PROGRAMMES

The NSS volunteers undertake two types of activities viz. Regular Activities and Special Camping Programmes. During the Regular activities they devote 120 hours per year for two consecutive years, which includes 20 hours of general orientation regarding NSS and the mode of work they have to do in their volunteership. Special Camping forms an integral part of National Service Scheme. It has special appeal to the youth as it provides unique opportunities to the students for group living, collective experience sharing and constant interactions with community. The current theme of Special Camping is Healthy Youth for Healthy India. Every year 50% of the volunteers of each NSS Unit are expected to participate in the Special Camps which is of 7 days duration.

Against the target to enroll 32.57 lakh volunteers for Regular Activities in the financial year, 32,57,104 volunteers have already been enrolled during the calendar year. 9490 Special Camps have been held so far in adopted villages. The NSS Volunteers under the regular activities for environment conservation and enrichment, planted thousands of saplings throughout the country. The volunteers were also involved in various campaigns like Pulse Polio Immunisation Campaign, Blood donation. Mumbai University NSS Volunteers helped the State

Administration and Police during terrorist's attack over Mumbai and donated 600 units of blood.

Republic Day Parade Camps:

Every year a contingent of NSS Volunteers participate in the Republic Day Parade at Rajpath on 26th January. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports organizes five Pre-Republic Day Parade Camps in five regions viz. Eastern, Western, Northern, Southern and Central region, for participating in the national programme of 'Republic Day Parade'. This year, the month-long camp was organized at Ambedkar Bhavan, Rani Jhansi Road, New Delhi, where 200 NSS volunteers and 15 Programme Officers and NSS Officials from all over the country participated. During their stay in the camp, the volunteers are involved in physical fitness activities like PT, Yoga, academic activities, various competitions, cultural activities etc. The Vice President of India visited the Camp. The Volunteers called upon H.E the President and Prime Minister of India.

Indira Gandhi NSS Awards:

The IGNSS Awards were instituted to give recognition to selfless service rendered by the NSS volunteers, Programme Officers and the Programme Coordinators. Indira Gandhi NSS Awards are constituted at four levels, and are given every year, the details of which are as follows:

S. N.	Category	No. of Awards	Value of Award	Total Prize Money (in Rs.)
1.	University/+ 2Council (State Level)	1	Rs.1,00,000 (each) (For NSS Programme Development)	1,00,000
2.	NSS Programme Officer	6	Rs. 10,000 (each)	60,000
3.	NSS Unit	6	Rs. 35,000 (each) (For NSS Programme Development)	2,10,000
4.	NSS Volunteers	16	Rs.8,000(each) Meant for voluntary community service rendered by the student/volunteer	1,28,000
	Total Prize Money			4,98,000

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS DEVELOPMENT

The scheme titled National Programme for Youth Adolescent Development (NPYAD) has been formulated by merger of four 100% central sector grants-in-aid schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports during 10th Plan namely, Promotion of Youth Activities & Training, Promotion of National Integration, Promotion of Adventure and Development and Empowerment of Adolescents, with a view to reduce multiplicity of schemes with similar objectives, ensuring uniformity in funding pattern and implementation mechanism, avoiding delays in availability of funds to the field level and institutionalising participation of State Governments in project formulation and its implementation. While there will be synergy and convergence in operational mechanism and programme delivery, there will be clear distinction with regards to the financial parameters of each of the components under the scheme.

Under the scheme proposals from All India Organisations are received directly and proposals from State Level Organisations through the concerned State Government/ UT administration, duly verified by a designated State Level Screening Committee (SLSC) constituted for the purpose before recommending to the Ministry indicating their priority.

The scheme is being implemented in the project mode through Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). The PIA may submit project proposal involving one or more programme area or components under the scheme but the key factor for consideration of the project will be the past experience and resource (infrastructure and technical manpower) available with the PIA.

A duly constituted Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports considers the proposals. The recommendations of the PAC thereafter are placed for approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

A state wise statement showing the details of funds released under various components of the Scheme of NPYAD during the year 2008 is given in **Annexure-I**.

Activities and Achievements in the North-East Region including Sikkim

During the calendar year 2008, from 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2008, an amount of Rs. 6.81 lakhs for various activities/programmes under the umbrella scheme of “National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development” of the Ministry. Out of this, Rs.34.40 lakhs, as 1st instalment, has already been released to various voluntary organisations in the North East Region.

Support to Adolescent Health and Development Project

The Ministry and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have been collaborating for the support to Adolescent Health and Development (AHD) with the overall objective of ensuring a healthy and safe growing up process for out-of-school adolescents. This is in keeping with the focus of the National Youth Policy on “need for youth to be equipped with requisite knowledge, skills and capabilities”. The partners that have been involved in implementation of the adolescent project are the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), the National Service Scheme (NSS) and the Rajive Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) as part of the sixth country programme, CP6-(2003-07), UNFPA has provided support for building capacities of NYKS and NSS personnel through RGNIYD and strengthening RGNIYD as a resource and documentation centre; establishing an Adolescent Cell for Technical guidance.

Under the country Programme CP7 (2008-12), the UNFPA will continue support to some activities, with process refinements that were initiated in the last country programme, and to support new pilots that have potential for replication with financial assistance from the Government. The estimated annual budget under the programme will be US \$ 6,00,000. The programme will reach out-of-school adolescents, and will continue support for operationalisation of teen clubs at the village in 63 Districts of 31 States across the country. These teen clubs will have trained peer educators who will be the source of information for adolescents. Capacity building of national level institutions such as NYKS and NSS will be another area of support in order to enable them implement programmes supported not only by UNFPA but also by the Govt. and other partners. Supports will be provided for capacity building programmes for NSS officers. Innovative activities are proposed such as facilitating the RGNIYD to design and offer programmes for youth. In the calendar year 2008, an amount of Rs.1,80,92,000/- was released to NYKS and Rs.72,92,600/- was released to RGNIYD.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award

The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air. A cash Award of Rs.3,00,000/-, a statue and a scroll of honour is given to each awardee. This award has been made at par with the Arjuna Award for sporting excellence.

A Central Selection Committee headed by the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports scrutinize recommendations of the State Governments/UT Administrations, Indian Mountaineering Foundation, Aero Club of India and Swimming Federation of India and make the final selection of Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards. The Central Selection Committee may, at their discretion, consider on merits, any candidate which has not been recommended by the Screening Committee for the award. The committee unanimously selects the awardees after due consideration.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2007 are given away by the President of India alongwith Arjuna Awards, in a function held at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 29th August every year. Awards for the year 2008 were on Capt. M.S. Kohli, VSM, FRGS (Life Time Achievement), Nb. Subedar Mohinder Singh, Shourya Chakra (Land Adventure), Sub. Neel Chand, Shourya Chakra (Land Adventure) and Air Cdr. T.K. Rath, (Air Adventure) by Smt. Pratibha Patil, the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 29.8.2008.

NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS

National Youth Awards are given each year to youth who have done excellent work in different fields of developmental activities and social service. The selected young individuals are expected to possess leadership qualities and use them in successfully carrying out voluntary activities in the field of Youth Development. National Youth Award carries a cash award of Rs.20,000/- for individual and Rs. 1,00,000/- for the Voluntary organization. Normally, 25 individuals and 1 voluntary organization are selected for

National Youth Awards in recognition of their outstanding achievement in community development work.

The National Youth Awards for 2006-07 were be given to 38 individuals and 2 voluntary organisations during the National Youth Festival held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu from 12th to 16th January, 2008. The list of awardees for the year 2006-07 is at **Annexure-II**

NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

National Youth Festival is held annually from 12th January to 16th January on mega scale in one of the selected States to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. National Youth Day is celebrated on 12th January to focus on hopes and aspirations of youth of the country and also National Youth Awards are conferred on youth & organization working in Youth Development who has done outstanding work for the community. During this Festival, youth from all over the country with diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, converge on a single platform displaying a strong commitment to “Unity in Diversity”. In the Festival, competitive and non-competitive events, cultural programmes, adventure performances, Yuva Kriti, National Youth Convention and Suvichar are organized with a view to enable every youth to display his/her skill and talent. Programmes for physically challenged persons are also organized to focus the attention of the people towards them.

This year, 13th National Youth Festival was held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu from 12th to 16th January, 2008. A large number of youth contingent from different States/UTs participated in various competitive and non-competitive activities. Inaugural function of the youth festival was presided

over by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the closing ceremony by the Governor of Tamil Nadu

National Youth Convention and Suvichar

Every year National Service Scheme (NSS) organizes a three day **National Youth Convention** and **Suvichar** as part of National Youth Festival. Eminent personalities from different fields are invited to interact with the youth in these programmes. As a part of Suvichar, eminent speakers deliver discourses during the Suvichar and share their life experiences followed by an interactive session, which is attended by more than one thousand participating youth and officials including local NSS Volunteers.

The National Youth Convention in the festival, is organised on a specific theme. Eminent speakers deliver talk on a selected theme followed by an interactive session. Selected NSS Volunteers and IG NSS Awardees participate in this convention.

SCOUTING & GUIDING

The Scheme of Scouting and Guiding, a Central 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 young people.

2. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for various activities such as organization of training camps, skill development programmes, and holding of jamborees, etc., to Bharat Scouts and Guides. These activities, inter alia, include programmes related to adult literacy, environment conservation, community service, health awareness and promotion of hygiene and sanitation.

3. The Bharat Scouts and Guides is the largest voluntary, non political, educational, movement in the country open to all without distinction of origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purposes, principles and methods conceived by the founder, Lord Baden Powell, in 1907. The Bharat Scouts and Guides organization has a network of branches covering all the States of India. Besides the territorial States (i.e. the states of the Indian Union and the Union Territories) there are functional units, like the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and the Indian Railways.

4. The Scout Movement has adopted a common strategy to guide its future direction and respond to the needs of Scouting. Bharat Scouts and Guides is at present working on the following strategic priorities namely,

(i) Youth involvement (ii) Adolescent Girl and Boys, women and men (iii) Reaching out (iv) Volunteers in Scouting and (v) Scouting's profile.

Some of the activities conducted by Bharat Scouts and Guides during the year were:

- a.. Environment based Awareness Programme - National Trekking cum Environment and Nature study programme
- b. National Green Core Projects
- c. Adventure Activities:
- d. National Integration, communal harmony and peace:
- e. Cultural Exchange Programme:
- f. Skill up gradation through vocational and other training programmes:
- g. Youth conventions, gatherings and Jamborees
- h. Community Development Programme such as :-
 - (i) Blood Donation Camps.
 - (ii) Campaign for Safe Drinking Water.
 - (iii) Campaign Against Dowry System.
 - (iv) Campaign Against Alcohol, Narcotics and Drugs.
 - (v) Leprosy Control Programme.
 - (vi) AIDs Awareness Campaign.

- (vii) Small Savings Campaign.
- (viii) Cleanliness and Sanitation Programme.
- (ix) Pulse Polio Immunization.
- (x) Child Care and Health Programme.
- (xi) Preservation of Greenery.
- (xii) Campaign for Road Safety.
- (xiii) Campaign for National Integration and Related Activities.
- (xiv) Adolescent Health and Development Project

5. The details of BE/RE and actual expenditure under the Promotion of Scouting and Guiding during the last two years are as under:-

Rs. In lakhs

Year	BE Plan	RE Plan	Actual Expenditure
2007-08	200.00	200.00	1,57,58,803.00
2008-09	300.00	173.00	1,73,00,000.00

6. As per the 11th Plan document, an amount of Rs. 15 crores has been earmarked for the plan period.

SCHEME OF YOUTH HOSTELS

Youth Hostels are build to promote youth travel within the country. The constructions of the Youth Hostel has been connived as a joint venture between Central and State Government while Central Government bears the cost of construction and the State Government is provide fully development land free of cost with water, electricity, approach road and staff quarters. The scheme has been reviewed by Central Policy Committee and a fast track mechanism to complete the construction of the ongoing Youth Hostels has been initiated. This year three Hostels has been completed, namely Vijayanagaram (A.P.), Ooty (T.N.), Badrinath (Uttarkhand). The construction of most modern Youth Hostel in Taran Taran in Punjab has been commenced.

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (RGNIYD), SRI PERUMBUDUR

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), an autonomous body under the Ministry, was set up in March 1993 with a mandate to undertake advanced study and applied research in the field of youth related activities:

2. The Institute for the first time have started functioning in full strength and is presently having 5 divisions and 3 Cells namely:

- i) Panchayati Raj Institutions and Youth Affairs (PRIYA)
- ii) Social Harmony and National Unity (SHANU)
- iii) Training Orientation and Extension (TOE)
- iv) Research Evaluation and Documentation (READ)
- v) International Centre for Excellence in Youth Development (ICEYD)
- vi) Cell on Gender Development (GD)
- vii) Cell on Adolescent Health and Development (AHD).
- viii) Cell on HIV/AIDS

In keeping with its mandate to function as a Centre of Advanced Study in the field of youth development, the RGNIYD has been granted the status of a Deemed University under section 3 of the UGC Act.

3. With a view to function as a Centre of Advanced Study in the field of youth development, the RGNIYD has launched academic programmes at Post Graduate level through Regular Programme in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi with which a memorandum of understanding was signed. The academic programmes are Master of Arts. in 1) Youth Empowerment, 2) Career Counseling, 3) Gender Studies, 4) Local Governance and 5) Life Skills Education.

4. One of the agendas of the Institute is construction of Youth Development Index to enable assessment of the status of the youth in the country, facilitate comparison between the states and union territories and also identify the gaps which needs policy intervention. This project was undertaken in association with Tata Institute of Social Sciences in view of the complexity of issues involved in the course of constructing a Youth Development Index. Therefore, during the year, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between RGNIYD and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai to initiate the one year Collaborative Project on Construction of a Youth Development Index – India.

5. An important mandate of the Institute is formulation of Core Training Materials, Training Manuals and Special Modules to impart specific inputs in different areas which are replicable in any part of the country. The Institute does this through consultations with experts in the specific area to prepare the modules which is then refined and revised after pilot testing the module among the stakeholders.

6. During the year the Institute has prepared and brought out several modules / manuals *viz* Social Harmony and National Unity, Career Guidance for Teachers, Life-Skills for Adolescents, Gender Equity and Youth, Model Youth Clubs, Leadership and Personality Development, Tribal Youth as Social Animators, Training Youth in Citizenship Rights and Social Harmony, Youth in Border Districts and NSS Training Manual

7. With the objective of providing an opportunity to the youth of the North East to see and interact with the youth of rest of India, a two - way flow of youth exchange programmes i.e. an exposure visit to the youth from the north-east to the other parts of India and the youth from the rest of India to the north-east is arranged by the Institute through a ten day intensive programme. These Programmes for the Youth of the North-east was taken up on a regular basis every month. The North-east youth get a taste of the cultures and lifestyles of youth in different parts of the country under this programme and vice versa for the youth from the other parts of India. Over 755

Youth from the eight states of North eastern region participated in ten such programmes visiting States/UTs viz. Rajasthan, Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Maharashtra.

8. The Youth in Panchayati Raj Campaign facilitating sharing of experiences by the Young Panchayati Raj members was continued during the year. The training-cum-exposure visit for Panchayati Raj Members from Lakshadweep was also organized. An exposure visit on Social Audit in Wayanad and Palakkad District of Kerala was arranged for 50 Young Panchayati Raj Presidents from Tamil Nadu for seven days during which they were familiarized with Social Audit, Village Planning and Social Mapping.

9. At the International level the Institute continued to organize international training programmes in collaboration with Commonwealth Youth Programme, Chandigarh by organizing Asia Regional Consultation on 'Youth Policies and Programmes' in January 2007 and Asia Regional Consultation on 'Youth at Risk' in August 2007 for which youth delegates and officials from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Singapore, and Sri Lanka participated. The visit of a **10-Member Korean Delegation** in August 2007 to Chennai and a **100-Member Chinese Delegation** to Hyderabad during November 2007 were coordinated by the Institute by organizing Industrial and Institutional visits, village exposure visits and cultural programmes. A 253-Member **20th Ship for World Youth Programme Delegation** during February 2008 visit to Chennai was also coordinated by the Institute by organizing visits to Institutions such M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation Chennai, Dakshin Chitra – A South India Cultural Centre, a courtesy call on the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Cultural Programmes.

A major activity was the organization of the **2nd SAARC Youth Camp-2008** in January 2008 held on the sidelines of the National Youth Festival in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. Sixty (60)

delegates from the SAARC Countries participated in the Camp which had a mix of academic sessions and also participation in the cultural activities of the Youth Festival. The outcome of the SAARC Youth Camp was the adoption of a declaration on common concerns of youth in the SAARC Region and strategies to tackle the issues.

10. The Institute not only emphasises on programmes and activities for youth but also adolescents who constitute 22 per cent of the total population. RGNIYD initiated an Adolescent Health and Development Project supported by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) at its campus. This project started functioning by undertaking capacity building activities, institutional strengthening, community intervention programmes, creating adolescent website, careers website, organizing career guidance exhibition, life-skill training. Career Melas were held in all the blocks of Vellore and Kancheepuram Districts in which over 79041 students from High and Higher Secondary Government and Government Aided schools participated and got exposed to vast horizon of careers available. Orientation training programmes for the District Project Officers (DPOs), Adolescent Peer Volunteers (APV's) were held in 63 Districts all over the country. The 2nd phase of Adolescent quiz programme for the Nodal Officers of NSS supported by UNFPA was also rolled out during the year in 350 Districts of 19 States and UTs. The Institute organised a workshop on Networking of NGOs for Adolescent Health and Development. Other major highlights of the centre's activities includes installation of *Ilanthalir*, RGNIYD's Community Radio Station for the adolescents, with a radius of 20 km covering 300 schools, in and around Sriperumbudur. It caters to the educational and recreational needs of rural adolescents in the locality thereby promoting community learning. The programmes broadcasted from this station are being written, directed and produced by adolescents only. The teens clubs formed by RGNIYD in Sriperumbudur block has taken up the ownership of the Community Radio Station and started producing programmes.

11. Sensitizing the youth of the country on certain issues which are not part of the general curriculum in Schools, Colleges and Universities was another aspect of the Institute's direct intervention programme for the overall development the personality of the Youth of our country. Aptly titled 'Unfinished Agenda of the Youth', the programme aimed at providing inputs on Local Governance, Environment, Social and National Unity, Gender issues and Life-skills for the youth.

12. The Research and Evaluation Studies constitute an important segment in the Institute's Agenda. During the year five studies were initiated and completed: The Institute's project 'Youth In the New Millennium – Challenges and Opportunities' reflecting the educational, employment, health, gender, equality and status of youth prevailing in the country was completed and the Report was submitted which will be published shortly.

13. In keeping with the National Youth Policy that RGNIYD will serve as the apex Information and Research Centre on Youth Development Issues the Institute has developed exclusive websites for the Youth and the Adolescents which function as store houses of information. The websites are www.youthportal.gov.in, www.rgnyd-ahdp.gov.in and www.rgnyd-career.gov.in.

14.. The details of budget and expenditure incurred during the last three years is given as under :

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Budget			Expenditure		
	Plan	Non Plan	Total	Plan	Non Plan	Total
2005-06	400.00	65.00	465.00	400.00	65.00	465.00
2006-07	336.00	65.00	401.00	336.00	65.00	401.00
2007-08	800.00	65.00	865.00	800.00	65.00	865.00
2008-09	900.00	65.00	965.00 *	800.00	65.00	865.00

* In RE 2008-09, a provision of Rs.800 lakhs under Plan and Rs.100.00 lakhs in Non-Plan has been made.

EXCHANGE OF YOUTH AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

The international exchange of youth delegations is one of the effective instruments for promoting exchange of ideas between the youth of different countries and to develop better understanding and relations with other countries. Under this programme, delegations of young persons from various universities of various faculties, prominent sportspersons and officials of the Ministries, NYKS & NSS are exchanged with foreign countries for participation in various programmes, meetings, seminars, conferences etc. related to youth development. India has Cultural Exchange Programmes/Joint Commissions with a number of countries and the number of such bilateral protocols is increasing. Presently, The Department has regular Youth exchange programmes with the countries like People's Republic of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Besides this, the department are also sending youth participants for Ship for World Youth Programme conducted by the Government of Japan. This Department also nominates Central Government officials/Young leaders/State Government officials/ NSS & NYKS volunteers and officers for undergoing training at Japan under the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) funded programmes of TRAINING OF YOUNG LEADERS. In addition to these programmes, Department also nominates youth and officials for standalone programmes as intimated by the Ministry of External Affairs.

The process of nomination of youth participants for the above said programmes is a long drawn process as the Department is sending around 100 participants in one go to China. Department seek nominations from Association of Indian Universities, other Prominent Universities, Autonomous Institutions like IIT and

IIMs, NSS, NYKS, Sports Federations for Sportspersons, Cultural artists through Ministry of Culture, Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCC). Government of People's Republic of China has now requested a two-fold increase in the number of delegations per year which is under active consideration. Even DPR Korea has also requested a two fold increase the number of delegates this year, under the Youth exchange programmes.

The details of various activities undertaken during the calendar year 2008 are as under:

S.NO.	NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DURATION
1.	Visit of 100 member Indian Youth Delegation to China	From 29th June to 8th July, 2008.
2.	Visit of 10-Member Indian Youth Delegation, Singapore	From 29th July to 1st August, 2008
3.	Visit of 10-Member Korean Youth Delegation to India	From 22nd September to 1st October, 2008.
4.	Visit of 10-Member Indian Youth Delegation to Republic of Korea	From 16th to 25th October, 2008.
5.	Visit of 100 Member Chinese Youth Delegation to India	From 11th to 20th November, 2008.
6.	8th Global Conference on National Youth Service in Paris, France	From 19th to 22nd November, 2008
7.	Training Programme for Young Leaders 2008 conducted by the Govt. of Japan, Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA)	From 26th November, to 13th December, 2008 (18 days)

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME

Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) was established by the Commonwealth Governments in 1974 to promote the well being and development of young men and women in the Commonwealth countries. Its mandate orients it:

- a) to work towards the empowerment of young women and men in the society.
- b) to develop their potential, creativity and skills as productive and dynamic members of their societies;
- c) to participate fully at every level of decision making, development, both individually and collectively, successfully promoting Commonwealth values of international co-operation, social justice, democracy and human rights.

2. The vision of CYP is contained in its mission that seeks:

- a) to support the efforts of member Governments in the formation of policies and development programmes which effectively address the issues and concerns of young women and men;
- b) to assist member Governments in establishing and strengthening Youth Ministries and independent youth networks to support policy and programme development based on the active participation of both young women and men;
- c) to support the efforts of NGOs and collaborate with international organizations in the promotion of youth development activities;
- d) to enable young women and men to participate effectively in the planning and decision making processes of their own countries and in regional and international levels.
- e) to support and recognize incentives by young women and men for the social and economic development of their countries;
- f) to promote greater awareness amongst young people of the role of the Commonwealth in international relations;

3. CYP Asia Centre, Chandigarh is one of the four CYP Regional establishments along with the Centres in Lusaka (Zambia) for the Africa region, Georgetown (Guyana) for the Caribbean region and Solomon Islands for the South Pacific region . The overall responsibility for CYP lies with the Commonwealth Secretariat at London. The activities of the CYP including the Asia Centre are directed by Youth Affairs Unit of the Commonwealth Secretariat. The Asia Centre meets the specific needs of eight Commonwealth Countries of the region, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

4. At present, there are three major strategic areas on which Commonwealth Youth Programme is concentrating:

- a) National Youth Policy;
- b) Human Resource Development, and
- c) Youth Empowerment.

5. The programmes are financed by the Member countries. India's contribution to CYP during 2007-2008 was 99495 Pound Sterling equivalent to Rs.85.33 lakhs (approx.). Besides, as a host country to the Centre for Asia Region, India has provided a building and basic infrastructure facilities to the Centre at Chandigarh.

6. The following workshop/seminars had been undertaken in collaboration with CYP during the calendar year 2008:

S.NO.	NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DURATION
1.	Commonwealth Day Celebrations, Male, Maldives.	From 9th to 12th March, 2008
2.	Asia Regional Workshop on "Youth and Climate Change", Singapore.	From 24th to 28th March, 2008

3.	Stakeholders Meeting at London	3rd April, 2008
4.	Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting, Sri Lanka.	From 26th to 30th April, 2008
5.	Asia Regional Training Workshop for youth at risk for using on drugs/substance abuse in Maldives.	From 7th to 11th May, 2008
6.	Commonwealth Asia Regional Workshop on youth and Self Governance, Chandigarh.	Last week of May, 2008
7.	Regional Workshop on the Role of Youth in Promoting Respect and Understanding at CYP Asia Centre, Chandigarh.	From 11-14th August, 2008.
8.	Asia Regional Centre Workshop on "Role of Youth in Mitigating the Impact of Climate Change for Sustainable Livelihoods" at Dehradun, Uttarakhand	From 13-18 October, 2008.
9.	Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Youth Entrepreneurship at Noida	From 10-15 November, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

MAJOR SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDIAN TEAMS IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Beijing Olympics 2008

India won an individual Olympic gold medal at the Beijing Olympics 2008. Shri Abhinav Bindra created history by clinching the gold medal in 10 meter air rifle event. Shri Vijender Kumar and Shri Sushil Kumar won Bronze medals in boxing and wrestling, respectively. Further, India's performance in terms of medals tally at Beijing Olympics was better than that in previous Olympic Games. In all, 56 Indian Athletes participated in the Games held from 8th to 24th August, 2008. List of medal winners along with those athletes who gave creditable performance in Beijing is furnished below:-

1. Sh. Abhinav Bindra, Shooter won first Individual Gold medal in shooting 10 M Air Rifle.
2. Sh. Vijender Kumar, Boxer won first Individual Bronze medal in 75 Kg. wt. category.
3. Sh. Sushil Kumar, Wrestler won Bronze medal in 66 Kg. wt. category.
4. Ms. Sania Nehwal, Badminton player gave superb performance to become 1st Indian women shuttler to reach Olympic Quarter Finals.
5. Akhil Kumar, Boxer 54 Kg, lost in the quarter finals.
6. Jitender Kumar, Boxer 51 Kg. lost in the quarter finals.
7. Gagan Narang, Air Rifle shooter through shot 595 points out of 600 points (i.e. only one point less than Abhinav) but finished 9th place.

Other Major Achievements

- i) India stood first in the medal tally at the Commonwealth Youth Games held in Pune, India from 12-18 October, 2008 with 76 Medals (33 Gold + 26 Silver + 17 Bronze).

- ii)** Vishwanathan Anand retained his world title defeating GM Vladimir Kramnik of Russia at the World Chess Championship held in Bonn in the month of October 2008.
- iii)** Indian Jr. Men's Hockey won Gold Medal at the 6th Junior Asia Cup held at Hyderabad from 11th to 18th July, 2008 while the Indian Junior Women (U-21) team won the Bronze Medal in the 5th Jr. Asia Cup held from 14-25 December, 2008 and qualified for the World Cup at USA in August, 2009.
- iv)** Indian Junior Free Style, Greco Roman Style and Female wrestling team won two bronze medals at the Junior World Championship held at Turkey in August, 2008; 01 Gold + 03 Silver +07 Bronze medals in Junior Asian Championship held at Doha, Qatar in July, 2008 and 07 Gold + 02 Silver +10 Bronze medals Asian Cadet Championship held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan in July, 2008
- v)** Indian Women Boxing team won 1Gold + 1 Silver + 2 Bronze medals in World Women Boxing championship held at Ningbo City China and won 3 Gold + 3 Silver Medals in Asian Boxing Championship held at Guwahati.
- vi)** Indian contingent won 3 Gold medals in Basketball (men), Kabaddi (men and women) and 2 Bronze medals in Basketball (women) and Body Building in 1st Asian Beach Games at Bali, Indonesia in October, 2008.
- vii)** Saina Nehwal became the first Indian to win the World Junior Badminton Championship held in Pune in October 2008. Guru Sai Dutt won Bronze medal in Men's Single and Ms. Sania Nehwal & Mr.

Aditya Prakash won Bronze medal in Mixed team event in Junior World Badminton Championship. Saina also became the first Indian to make it up to the semi-finals of the World Federation Super Series Masters Finals held in Malaysia in December, 2008.

- viii) Indian Junior Rowers won 2Gold, 1Silver and 1Bronze Medal in the 14th Asian Junior Rowing Championship held in Hong Kong in November, 2008.
- ix) Indian Boxers Akhil, Dinesh, Jitender and A. L. Lakara won one Bronze Medal each in the AIBA World Cup held at Moscow, Russia in December, 2008.
- x) Indian Wushu players won 1Silver and 3Bronze Medals in the II World Junior Wushu Championship held at Bali in December, 2008.
- xi) Indian Sr. (Women) Kabaddi Team won Gold Medal in 3rd Asian Women Kabaddi Championship held at Madurai (Tamilnadu) in September, 2008.

PANCHAYAT YUVA KRIDA AUR KHEL ABHIYAN (PYKKA)

With the objective of promoting mass participation in sports and widening the seedbed of talent, a national programme titled 'Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan' (PYKKA) has been launched for the first time for the creation of basic sports infrastructure in all village and block panchayats of the country during 11th and 12th Five Year Plans and organizing sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels. A provision of Rs. 1500 crore has been made for implementation of PYKKA during 11th Five Year Plan.

An amount of Rs. 156.68 crore has been approved by the National level Executive Committee of PYKKA for setting up of playfields in 13996 village panchayats and 412 block panchayats in 17 States till December 2008. Out of the approved amount of Rs. 156.68 crore, an amount of Rs. 55 crore has already been released to the State Governments.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2010

The preparations for successful conduct of the Commonwealth Games 2010 at New Delhi are in full swing. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in consultation with the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of NCT of Delhi and Delhi Development Authority is monitoring the progress of all activities associated with conduct of the Games to ensure their timely completion well before the commencement of the Games.

The work on upgradation/creation of the sports infrastructure, construction of Games Village and upgradation of city infrastructure and civic amenities is progressing as per schedule.

The Government has approved a scheme titled “Scheme for Preparation of Indian Teams for Commonwealth games, 2010”, costing Rs. 678 crore specifically designed to prepare Indian sportspersons for maximizing the medals tally in the CWG, 2010. Under this Scheme, comprehensive and intensive training and exposure both in India and abroad will be provided to identified elite sports persons (medal probables) of 18 sports disciplines with full scientific and medical facilities. The coaching/training camps for the selected athletes have commenced at various centres of Sports Authority of India.

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) was set up as an autonomous body in 1984 with the objective of promoting sporting excellence, promotion and broadbasing of sports in the country, talent identification and development.

It is also entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining and utilizing, on behalf of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the following Stadia in Delhi:-

- 1) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
- 2) Indira Gandhi Stadium (Indoor) and Yamuna Velodrome
- 3) Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
- 4) Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Swimming Pool Complex
- 5) Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges

All the above stadium are under renovation for conduct of Commonwealth Games 2010 and no major sports activities have taken place during the year.

1. **Coaching Camps** – During the year 2008 – 09, 178 Coaching Camps in disciplines were held under the Scheme for “Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations” and 18 Coaching Camps in 15 disciplines were held under the Scheme for “Preparation of Indian Team for Commonwealth Games”.
2. **Foreign Coaches** – 27 Foreign Coaches were engaged for the training of Indian Sportspersons in 13 disciplines.
3. **Scheme Relating to Talent search & training** – 27 Sportspersons and 8 Coaches / supporting Personnel were assisted for advance training under the scheme.

LAXMIBAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
(GWALIOR)

Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior, formerly known as Lakshmibai College of Physical Education was established by the Government of India, Ministry of Education in 1957. As a tribute to her great martyrdom, this Institute was named after Rani Lakshmibai.

The University Grants Commission conferred upon the Institute in the year 1995, the status of "**Deemed to be University**" under the University Grant Commission Act, 1956. This Institute is the only Deemed to be University in India in the field of Physical Education.

In keeping with the over-all academic patterns and looking to the duration of professional courses in India and world-wide as well, the 3-year BPE Degree Course has since been switched over to 4-year B.P.Ed. (Integrated) Course, which has been recognized by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Western Regional Centre, Bhopal.

ACADEMIC DETAILS

(a) Departments and Courses:

(i)	Department of Teacher Education	B.P.Ed (Integrated) - 4 Years M.P.Ed - 2 Years
(ii)	Department of Research Development & Advanced Studies	M.Phil - 1 Year Ph.D. (Regular and Part-time)
(iii)	Department of Coaching & Fitness	P.G. Diploma in Sports Coaching - 1 Year
(iv)	Department of Sports Management & Journalism	P.G. Diploma in Sports Management - 1 Year

		P.G. Diploma in Sports Journalism - 1 Year
(v)	Department of Youth Affairs & Sports	N.A.
(vi)	Department of Health Sciences & Yoga	P.G. Diploma in Yoga & Alternate Therapy - 1 Year
(vii)	Department of Computer Science & Applied Statistics	P.G. Diploma in IT - 1 Year

(b) Class-wise strength, 2008-09:

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>1.</i>	BPE-I	100	37	137
<i>2.</i>	BPE-II	87	38	125
<i>3.</i>	BPE-III	85	35	120
<i>4.</i>	BPE-IV	75	24	99
<i>5.</i>	MPE (Pre.)	46	20	66
<i>6.</i>	MPE (Final)	37	17	54
<i>7.</i>	M.Phil	28	2	30
<i>8.</i>	Ph.D.	3	-	3
	TOTAL	461	173	634

SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS:

Under this scheme, the Government of India provides assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for conducting National Championships and International Tournaments in India, participation in International tournaments abroad, organizing coaching camps, procuring sports equipment, engagement of

foreign coaches and disbursement of salaries of the paid Joint/Assistant Secretaries engaged by NSFs.

During the year 2008-09, Government has already incurred an expenditure of Rs. 29.76 crores under Plan and Rs 2.99 Crores under Non-Plan till December, 2008 on account of proposals received from NSFs for foreign exposure and for holding International Tournaments/National Championships. The expenditure also includes funds released for Coaching camps, providing equipment, engaging foreign coaches and salaries of Joint/Assistant Secretaries of the NSFs.

Apart from this, many proposals have also been approved at No Cost to the Government for foreign exposure and for holding International Tournaments in India.

SCHEME RELATING TO TALENT SEARCH & TRAINING:

Under this scheme, assistance is provided to promising sportspersons for training and training-cum-competitions in India and abroad, for purchase of equipment and for scientific support. Supporting personnel such as coaches, sports scientists, doctors masseurs etc. are also assisted for undergoing specialized training and for attending seminars/conferences and major international sports events and for appearing in qualifying examinations. This scheme is implemented through Sports Authority of India (SAI).

During 2008-09 (till November, 2008), assistance of Rs. 1,80,86,415/- has been sanctioned to 31 sportspersons and 36 supporting personnel including coaches, sports scientists/experts and Referee/judges.

NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

National Sports Development Fund was instituted by the Central Government in 1998 with a view to mobilizing resources from the Government as well as non-governmental sources, including the private/corporate sector and non-resident Indians, for promotion of sports and games in the country. In order to make contributions to the Fund attractive, 100% exemption from income tax is available on all contributions. To begin with, the Government made a contribution of Rs. 2.00 crore during the year 1998-99. Further Government contribution is on matching basis to the contributions received from other sources. At present, the corpus of the Fund is Rs. 26.62 crore as on 30.11.2008.

President, BCCI, in February 2008, pledged a contribution of Rs. 50 crore to NSDF for promotion and development of sports. Out of Rs. 50 crore pledged, BCCI has already contributed Rs. 15 crore in March 2008.

For the purpose of administration of the funds donated by BCCI, a separate BCCI – NSDF Implementation Committee (BNIC) has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Chairman, NSDF Executive Committee with 4 nominated Members each from the BCCI and the NSDF Executive Council and one representative each of the identified National Sports Federations. Joint Secretary (sports) will function as Member-Secretary of the BNIC. The BNIC will also have the option to co-opt experts

The sportspersons, who qualified for participation in Beijing Olympics, were provided assistance either directly or through their respective National Sports Federations for their specialized training within the country and abroad, exposure in international competitions, scientific support, equipments, accessories, out of pocket allowance, nutritional supplements etc.

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD

Shri Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Cricketer was conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for the year 2007 for his outstanding performance.

ARJUNA AWARDS

Following sportspersons were conferred Arjuna Awards for the Year 2007 by Her Excellency the President of India on National Sports Day i.e., 29th August 2008.

1.	Ms. Chitra K. Soman	Athletics
2.	Mr. Anup Sridhar	Badminton
3.	Mr. Johnson Varghese	Boxing
4.	Ms. Harika Dronavalli	Chess
5.	Mr. Arjun Atwal	Golf
6.	Mr. Probhjot Singh	Hockey
7.	Ms. Kh. Tombi Devi	Judo
8.	Mr. Bajranglal Takhar	Rowing
9.	Ms. Avneet Kaur Sidhu	Shooting
10.	Ms. Alka Tomar	Wrestling
11.	Mr. Farman Basha	Power Lifting(Disabled category)

DHYAN CHAND AWARD FOR LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS AND GAMES

Shri Hakam Singh, Athletics; Shri Mukhbain Singh, Hockey and Shri Gian Singh, Wrestling were conferred with Dhyan Chand Award for the year 2008.

DRONACHARYA AWARDS

The awards for the year 2007 were conferred to the following three coaches:-

1.	Mr. Sanjeeva Kumar Singh,	Archery
2.	Shri Jagdish Singh	Boxing
3.	Shri G.E.Sridharan	Volley Ball

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD (MAKA) TROPHY

The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy was instituted in 1956-57. The top overall performing university in the Inter-University Tournaments is given the MAKA Trophy, which is a rolling trophy.

Prize Money for MAKA Rolling Trophy has been enhanced substantially this year to Rs. 10 lakh, Rs. 5 lakh and Rs. 3 lakh from existing Rs. 2 lakh, Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 50,000 respectively for the first, second and third overall winner universities.

Punjabi University, Patiala, was awarded the MAKA Trophy for the year 2006-07.

SPECIAL 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 sports as a career. Under the scheme, special awards are given to sportspersons and their coaches for winning medals in recognized international sports events held in a year. Amount of cash award for medal winners in Olympic Games was increased this year from Rs. 30 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh for gold medallists, from Rs. 18 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh for silver medallists and from Rs. 12 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh for bronze medalists. The amounts of cash awards given for winning medals in various international events are given in the following table:

Name of The Game/ Championship	Amount		
	Gold Medal/ First Position	Silver Medal/ Second Position	Bronze Medal/ Third Position
	(i) Olympics Games	Rs.50 lakhs	Rs.30 lakhs
(ii) Official World Cups/ Asian Games/Commonwealth Games	Rs.10 lakhs	Rs.5 lakhs	Rs.3 lakhs
(iii) Asian and Commonwealth Championships	Rs.3 lakhs	Rs.2 lakhs	Rs.1.5 lakhs

The three medal winners at Beijing Olympics, Sh Abhinav Bindra, Sh Vijender Singh and Sh Sushil Kumar have already been given the cash award of Rs 50 Lakhs and Rs 20 Lakhs respectively.

Cash award is also given to coaches. The coaches who have trained the medal winners for at least 240 days immediately preceding the game are eligible for cash award under the scheme. Award money to a coach is 50% of the award money given to the sportsperson whom he had coached. In case, there is more

than one coach associated with a coach the award money is distributed between/among them equally.

An amount of Rs. 38748333 was released during the financial year 2008-09 till January, 2009 as special cash awards to 172 sportspersons and coaches for winning medals in various international sports events.

SCHEME OF SPORTS FUND FOR PENSION TO MERITORIOUS SPORTS PERSONS

This scheme was launched in the year 1994. Under this scheme, those sportspersons who are Indian citizens and have won gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic Games, World Cup/World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Paralympic games and have attained the age of 30 years and have retired from active sports career are eligible for life pension under this Scheme.

Amount of pension to meritorious sportspersons has been doubled with effect from 1.7.2008, as per details given below:

S. No.	Category of meritorious sportspersons	Existing rates of pension (Rs./PM)	Enhanced Rates of Pension (Rs./PM)
1	Medallists at the Olympic Games	5000	10000
2	Gold medallists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	4000	8000
3	Silver and Bronze medallists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and	3500	7000

	Asian Games disciplines		
4	Gold medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games	3500	7000
5	Silver and Bronze medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games	3000	6000
6	Gold Medallists of Para-Olympic Games	2500	5000
7	Silver medallists of Para-Olympic Games	2000	4000
8	Bronze Medallists of Para-Olympic Games	1500	3000

At present, 476 sportspersons are receiving pension under this scheme.

NATIONAL WELFARE FUND FOR SPORTS PERSONS

The National Welfare Fund for sports persons was set up in March, 1982 with a view to assisting outstanding sportspersons of yesteryears, living in indigent circumstances who had brought glory for the country in sports. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided in the form of pension and lump-sum grant to the sportspersons as well as their families for medical treatment etc. The fund is managed & operated by a Committee with the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports as the Chairperson. At present, 30 sportspersons are receiving pensions under the scheme.

Financial assistance under the Scheme was enhanced substantially w.e.f 1.7.2008, which was last revised in 1998, as per details given below:

- ❖ Eligibility Ceiling for outstanding sportspersons in indigent circumstances revised from Rs. 36,000 per annum to Rs. 2 lakh per annum.
- ❖ Assistance for fatal injury to a sportsperson raised from Rs. 1 lakh to 5 lakh.
- ❖ Assistance for sustaining injury other than a fatal injury enhanced from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2 lakh.
- ❖ Pension for permanently incapacitated outstanding sportsperson increased from Rs. 2500 per month to Rs. 10,000 per month.
- ❖ Pension in other cases enhanced from Rs. 2,000 per month to Rs. 8,000 per month.
- ❖ Assistance to families of indigent sportspersons increased from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2 lakh.
- ❖ Assistance for medical treatment increased from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2 lakh.
- ❖ Assistance to eminent coaches, referees and umpires enhanced from Rs.20,000 to Rs. 50,000.

ANTI DOPING MEASURES

- ❖ The Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has established the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA), an autonomous body with the mandate to take all measures to rid sports of the menace of doping and is responsible for organizing awareness campaigns against doping in sports, test planning and result management, education and research. NADA Code has been approved which has come into force w.e.f 1.1.2009.
- ❖ National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) is an autonomous body, established for testing dope samples. NDTL got accreditation from World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in September 2008.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEAMS/EXPERTS

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Cooperation in Sports and Youth Affairs.

An MOU on Sports Cooperation was signed between the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and the National Institute of Sports of Chile (CHILDEPORTES) on April 21 2008 at Santiago (Chile).

An MOU on Youth and Sport Cooperation was signed between the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and the State Ministry of Youth and Sport Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia at Jakarta (Indonesia) on 1st December 2008.

Under International Exchange Programme, a Chess Tournament between national Under-20 teams of Armenia and India was organized during November 29-December-3, 2008 at New Delhi.

A four member Expert delegation from Cuba visited India and carried out a diagnostic study in the field of sports in India during March-April 2008.

UPGRADATION OF POPULAR AND AFFORDABLE SPORTS

The categorization of sports and games disciplines, which are affordable and involve mass participation, such as Hockey, Football, Volleyball, Basketball Swimming, Cycling has been upgraded to 'priority' status entitling them for increased financial assistance for coaching, training, participation in international competitions, national championships and procurement of sports equipment.

Annexure-I**State-wise statement showing the details of funds released under various components of the scheme of NPYAD during 2008-09****(in rupees)**

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Adolescent	NIC	Youth Leadership	Adventure	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26,10,000	6,46,250	Nil	Nil	32,56,250
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	3,54,375	Nil	Nil	3,54,375
3.	Gujarat	40,81,000	9,06,000	6,00,000	93,750	56,80,750
4.	Haryana	16,98,000	17,68,750	Nil	Nil	34,66,750
5.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Jharkhand	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,87,500	1,87,500
7.	Kerala	4,56,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	4,56,000
8.	Manipur	14,33,000	21,71,250	Nil	Nil	36,04,250
9.	Nagaland	22,14,000	7,08,750	Nil	Nil	29,22,750
10.	NYKS	Nil	Nil	1,50,00,000	Nil	1,50,00,000
11.	Orissa	62,85,900	14,15,100	Nil	Nil	77,01,000
12.	Rajasthan	84,02,100	39,27,750	Nil	Nil	1,23,29,850
13.	Uttar Pradesh	35,59,050	12,63,250	Nil	Nil	48,22,300
14.	West Bengal	16,70,000	25,91,250	Nil	93,750	43,55,000
15.	All India Level NGO	Nil	2,01,08,250	Nil	2,74,08,000	4,75,16,250

Grand Total	3,34,09,050	3,58,60,975	1,56,00,000	2,77,83,000	11,26,53,025
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Annexure-II

LIST of National Youth Awardees for the year 2006-07.

S.No.	Name	Name of the State
INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS		
1.	Smt. Kanday Sudarani	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Sh. Chakravarthi Bethala	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Sh. Henry David Teran	Assam
4.	Sri Rajib Das	Assam
5.	Ms. Puja	Bihar
6.	Ms. Priya	Chandigarh
7.	Sh. Pritpal Singh	Chandigarh
8.	Sh. Naveen Kumar Kotiya	Delhi
9.	Sh. Sanjay Rajta	Himachal Pradesh
10.	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Garg	Haryana
11.	Ms. Leela Wanti	Haryana
12.	Ms. Mamta Rani	Haryana
13.	Sh. Andanayya S. Hiremath	Karnataka
14.	Sh. V.S.Lokesh	Karnataka
15.	Ms. Fousiya Yoonus	Kerala
16.	Ms. Ambika. C	Kerala
17.	Sh. Tonjam Gandhi Singh	Manipur
18.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Mohanty	Orissa
19.	Sh. Jasdeep Singh Badhan	Punjab
20.	Ms. Anju Verma	Rajasthan
21.	Sh. Bhupendra Singh	Rajasthan
22.	Ms. Santosh Gupta	Rajasthan
23.	Sh. Sitaram Khatik	Rajasthan
24.	Sh. Indra Kumar Pradhan	Sikkim
25.	Ms. Anjali Chandrsekhar	Tamil Nadu
26.	Sh. P. Sivakumar	Tamil Nadu
27.	Sh. V. Ramesh	Tamil Nadu
28.	Sh. Jayakannan	Tamil Nadu
29.	Sh. Subrata Biswas	Tripura
30.	Sh. Hemant Kumar Yadav	Uttar Pradesh
31.	Ms. Swaraj Vidwan	Uttarakhand
32.	Sh. Gurumale Singh	Uttarakhand
33.	Sh. Sukanta Kumar Paul	West Bengal
34.	Ms. Poonam Srivastava	Madhya Pradesh
35.	Sh. Jay Prakash Suryawanshi	Madhya Pradesh
36.	Sh. Navin Ramchandra Lade	Maharashtra
37.	Sh. Pranab Pariat	Meghalaya
38.	Sh. Puneet Pradhan (Punnu)	Jammu & Kashmir
VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS		
39.	National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists	Haryana
40.	Parents Association of Mentally Handicapped of Jamshedpur (PAMHJ)	Jharkhand