

## **2.25. Sports and Youth Services**

The State, through Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, implements activities for sports, incentives and welfare measures for youth, provide excellent infrastructure and coaching facilities, conduct tournaments and channelise the enthusiasm of the youth in sports activities.

The State has been implementing various schemes and undertaking activities for the promotion of sports and youth welfare. The “World Beater’s Talent Spotting Scheme” aims to identify youngsters with potential in individual or team sports and develop their talent to world-class standards. Specialized Sports Academies in various disciplines have been established to cater the needs of the underprivileged but talented students. Sports schools and hostels are functioning in various parts of the State to achieve the same purpose.

### **National Cadet Corps**

National Cadet Corps (NCC) aims at developing qualities and ideals of selfless service and provides leadership in all walks of life among the youth to make them useful citizens. NCC activities include institutional training, community development, social service activities, youth exchange programmes, sports and adventure. The motto of NCC is Unity and Discipline.

### **National Service Scheme**

National Service Scheme (NSS) is primarily focusing on the development of personality of students through community service. The activities and campaigns organized by NSS include constructive work in adopted villages and slums, blood donations, adult and non-formal education, health, nutrition, welfare, AIDS awareness campaign, tree plantation, eradication of child labour etc. This scheme is implemented in universities, colleges, polytechnics, industrial training institutes and higher secondary schools. A sum of

Rs.3.21 crore was expected to be spent for NSS in universities and colleges in 2007-08 and Rs.3.51 crore is proposed for 2008-09.

### **Tamil Nadu Bharat Scouts and Guides**

Tamil Nadu Bharat Scouts and Guides is a value based education movement which aims to develop good citizenship among boys and girls by forming their character and inculcating in them a spirit of patriotism, sympathy for others and social service.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the State in respect of Sports and Youth Services during the Annual Plan 2008-09 are to identify talented sports persons, provide them training, financial assistance, awards and other incentives so as to enable them to participate successfully in national and international competitions, establish infrastructure facilities of international standard at State headquarters and basic sports infrastructure in district headquarters and select educational institutions and create opportunities for individuals in rural areas and small towns for participating in sports and games.

### **Programmes**

During the Annual Plan 2008-09, it is proposed to implement the schemes for talent identification and talent development, special coaching schemes, as well as scholarship, awards and incentives, so as to encourage sports persons to achieve outstanding performance in National and International Tournaments.

In addition, schemes for provision of infrastructure in Chennai and district headquarters will be continued.

As per the objective to create an opportunity for the rural folk to participate in sports and games and to develop the competitive spirit among them, the scheme to conduct games at Panchayat Union Level, and District Level and State Level will be continued with special focus during the Annual Plan.

Sports persons who win gold medal in the national competitions every year are being provided with sports kits such as

track suit, shorts, t-shirts, warm-up shoes & socks etc., to encourage and motivate the medal winners belonging to the State in these competitions.

Activities proposed to be taken up include construction of new swimming pools in district headquarters, improvement and renovation works in the indoor stadiums, construction of sports hostels with all facilities, as well as hosting of national and international championships utilizing the available improved infrastructure.

The thrust areas identified include encouraging participation of girls and differently abled in physical activities and sports. Identification of talent among girls will be given focus and a day boarder scheme will be implemented to encourage their abilities. Special programmes will be launched for the differently abled to recognize and encourage their talent.

#### **Plan Outlay for 2008-09**

The total outlay for the Eleventh Plan for Sports and Youth Services is Rs.123.71 crore. The outlay for Sports and Youth services in the Annual Plan 2008-09 will be Rs. 22.34 crore.