Andaman & Nicobar Sports Policy – 2021

Introduction

Sports and Games have always been seen as an integral component in the all-round development of the human personality. Apart from being a means of entertainment and physical fitness, sports have also played a great role in generation of the spirit of healthy competition and bonding within the community. Needless to mention that achievements in sports at the international level have always been a source of national pride and prestige.

In the present era of sports being highly competitive, the use of modern infrastructure, equipment and advanced scientific support has changed the scenario of sports at the international level. Keeping in view of the growing demands for advanced infrastructure, equipment and scientific support, Department of SYA, A&N Administration has taken several initiatives and is providing the necessary assistance to sportspersons by way of training and exposure in National/International competitions backed up with Modern Sports equipment support.

Vision

To make A&N Islands one of the leading hub where all residents of A&N Islands can pursue Sports to the extent of their abilities and interests, including performing at the highest competitive levels and where Sports delivers benefits for increasing numbers, to individual health and well being and contributes to Socio economic outcomes.

- The vision reflects the importance of nurturing a culture that develops all aspects of Sports participation, proud of its high performance athletes and leverages Sports for the benefit for its Youth and enhancements of its community.

- The vision of this policy reflects UT Administrations commitment for increased effectiveness of the Sports system and enable A&N Islands to move to the forefront of National/International Sports.
Objectives:

- To increase opportunity for children to learn and practice the fundamentals of Sports.

- To ensure that all the athletes participate in competitive Sports adhering to a code of ethics and code of conduct.

- To provide opportunity to underrepresented populations to actively engage in all aspects of Sports participation.

- To ensure that Sports competition are associated by Component officials who have knowledge of sports and judgment to support fair and safe competition.

- To develop strategies for the systematic identification, development of potential high performance athletes and their implementation.

- To partner with other Sports organisation and local self Govt for Athletes, Coach development and to maximise facility utilization.
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SPORTS POLICY OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

1. Creation and Development of Sports Infrastructures

The A&N Administration will have to plan development of Sports infrastructures in a planned, systematic and in phase manner so that necessary infrastructure is built-up over a period of time, mobilizing UT Budget, Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), Khelo India Scheme of GOI, MYAS, MPLAD fund, SAI and the fund received by UT Level Sports Association from their National Sports Federation (NSF) for creation of Sports Infrastructure.

The Standard sports infrastructures in Urban and Rural area are also to be developed by the Directorate of Education, Directorate of RD & Panchayat, Zilla Parishad, PBMC from their own budget in consultation with the Directorate of Sports, A&N Administration. The specification of standard sports infrastructure suggested by Sports Authority of India may also be referred.

1.1 Survey of Sports facilities in the UT of A&N Islands

It is necessary to collect and preserve the information of available facilities like Stadium, Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall, Swimming Pools Vellodrome, Playing Courts for different games, Playfields of different Sports etc. Sports Directorates will implement this special drive of survey with the supports of District Administration, Department of Education, Rural Development Department and PBMC. A special provision shall be made for the computerization and updating of all the records pertaining to Sports Department.

1.2 Development of Playfields:

Health & fitness awareness among the people of A&N Islands is the core of Sports Policy. Therefore the area presently utilized for recreational sports activities at Village & Block Level under Panchayat/Ward in PBMC are to be identified and develop as standard size playfields from the budget of GOI, MYAS, Dept. of SYA, Department of Education, SAI and various Scheme of Department of RD & Panchayat.

1.3 Providing of Gym facilities in every Panchayat & Ward in Municipal area

To provide basic Sports infrastructure at Village and every ward of Municipal Council, proper Gym facilities is to be set up in every village and ward of Municipal Council from their own budget. However Department of SYA & SAI, Port Blair shall provide technical supports in terms of selection of site, Gym equipments etc.
1.4 Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (under Khelo India Scheme of GOI, MYAS)

At present these only two Multipurpose Indoor Sports Stadium, one at Port Blair and another at Wimberlygunj. Hence, considering the prolong monsoon seasons and to have regular training and competitions, C/o Multipurpose Indoor stadiums at Block and district level are very much essential. Apart from keeping sufficient Budgetary provision in the Directorate of SYA, C/o such infrastructures can be done under the Khelo India scheme of GOI, MYAS.

1.5 Construction Swimming pools in A&N Islands (under Khelo India Scheme of GOI, MYAS)

Youth of these Islands have tremendous potential to excel in Swimming but are greatly deprived handicapped due to non-availability of Swimming pools although the A&N Island is spread over almost 8500 K.M there is only one Swimming pool presently at Port Blair. Hence, effort will be made to construct standard size Swimming pool at Diglipur, Rangat, Mayabunder, Hutbay, Car Nicobar and Campbell bay under Khelo India Scheme of GOI, MYAS.

1.6 Construction Velodrome in A&N Islands (under Khelo India Scheme of GOI, MYAS)

The existing Velodrome at Port Blair constructed during 1995 needs major repair/renovation. Hence, considering the medal winning potential of the Sportspersons of A&N Islands in Cycling at National and International level the Velodrome at Port Blair will be renovated or a new Velodrome may be constructed with the expert advice of CFI and SAI.

1.7 Operationalization of Modern Sports Complex, Car Nicobar

The assets created with the support of Prime Minister National Relief Fund at Modern Sports Complex, Car Nicobar are need to be optimally utilized by re-opening of SAI extension centre at Car Nicobar on priority basis with the following discipline:

1. Athletics
2. Football
3. Weightlifting
4. Cycling (Road Cycling)
1.8 Up-gradation of existing Sports infrastructure

It has been observed that many of the existing sports infrastructures i.e. Netaji Stadium at Port Blair, Mini Stadiums at Wimberlygunj, Rangat, Diglipur, Hutbay, Car Nicobar, Campbell Bay and Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall at Port Blair of the Dte. of SYA were created prior to the year 2000 and the same are now to be upgraded in terms of providing flood lights facilities, laying of Synthetic Athletic tracks, Synthetic turf for Football ground, Synthetic/Astroturf Hockey Field, fitness cum conditioning hall, changing of flooring of Indoor Sports Hall, Basketball Court, Tennis Court etc. on priority basis in a phase manner.

1.9 Sports facilities in Educational institutions

This policy reiterates the critical importance of Sports and games in educational institutions to the achievement of the Policy objectives and propose for minimum Sports facilities at Schools, and college level as under:

(a) Sports infrastructure in Schools

Sports infrastructure within the Schools of A&N Islands needs to enhanced in phase manner as under :

- Playfields (as per availability of land) would be developed in all schools in the UT.
- At least one game facility in elementary schools, two games facilities in secondary schools and three games facilities in senior secondary schools would be provided.

(b) Sports infrastructure in Colleges

- Playfields would be developed in all colleges in the UT.
- At least five games (including Athletics) facilities are to be provided in all the colleges of A&N Islands.
- Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall of standard size in colleges are recommended for conduct of indoor games wherever feasible.
- FIFA Football Ground at JNRM may be upgraded on priority.

1.10 PPP model for development of sports infrastructure

The PPP model would be used to mobilize additional resource for development and maintenance of sports infrastructure as approved by UT Administration.

Promoting involvement of private sector in creating Sports infrastructure can be encourage to come forward to create Sports infrastructure and to run Sports Academy in Sports complex. Therefore it is necessary to motivate well known Business group and business entrepreneurs groups for this. An MoU
agreement can be signed between the Govt. Department and Private Sponsor regarding Sports equipments, rate for use of sports infrastructures i.e. Gym facilities, Multipurpose Hall/Sports etc. local players will get priority.

Public sector undertaking such as ANIIDCO, Banks and other bodies such as Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industries have been playing substantial role for promotion of Sports in A&N Islands. The A&N Administration may initiate steps to revamp the role of public sectors in this regard. Selected public sector undertaking may required to year mark of funds for promotion of sports. These public sectors undertaking may also opt., for the game to promote in the A&N Islands by developing their own team.

1.11 Adoption of players & teams by the Municipal Council & Zilla Parishad, expenditure of 5% amount on sports oriented programmes

To improve performance of players Port Blair Municipal council and Zilla Parishads may take incentive for providing proper training to players, required equipments, standard facilities, encouragement, honorarium. The reserved plots for playgrounds may be developed within time limit. It may be appropriate to keep necessary plan provision for development of sports facilities by keeping provision of 5% of total budget by Municipal Council & Zilla Parishad every year on sports related matter. Plots reserved for sports should not be use for any other purpose and Municipal Councils & Zilla Parishads may develop sports related facilities on priority.

1.12 Usage of Sports facilities

Priority will be given for regular practice and training for players and competitions. The Sports facilities available in Department of Sports, SAI, Govt. Department of UT Administration and Central Govt. in Panchayats and wards of PBMC will be made available for players in reasonable rates. Rate for rent for the Sports activities and for the other programmes can be decided by the concern departments/organizations.

The sportsperson will be allowed to utilize the fields available with educational Institutions after School/Colleges phase for practice and conduct of tournaments.
2. Sports discipline

It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, A&N Administration to promote all priority sports discipline which is regularly featuring in Olympic, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and also all the sports discipline for which National Sports Federation (NSF) have been formed and recognised by the GOI, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Apart from the above appropriate measures will be taken to promote Indigenous adventure sports, rural games and games which are likely to be included in future Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

2.1 Categorization of Sports Disciplines to make them eligible for assistance based on their performances

A&N Administration has already categorised cycling, water sports (Rowing, Kayaking and Canoeing) and Athletics as High Priority Sports of A&N Islands.

However, various other Sports discipline is to be finalized on priority as per the guidelines of GOI, MYAS. A Committee headed by the Secretary (Sports) involving representatives of Dte. of SYA, Dte. of Education, 05 UT level Sports Association recognised from SSC, 05 eminent Sports persons from different Sports discipline, as members to discuss and finalize the categorization of various Sports disciplines in the following three categories.

(I) High Priority
(II) Priority
(III) Others
3. Improving competitive Standard in A&N Islands

3.1 If our Island are to become capable to compete at National level Championship then more than just a positive sports environment and a large and active playing population is required. An altogether better facilities, better coaching standards better equipments higher and more rigorous standard of competition and better supporting facilities are the need of the hours to achieve it. Altogether different and more generous system of rewards, incentives and concessions will also be required so that athletes at top are given due social and financial recognition.

3.2 Since the financial implication for undertaking the work in all the above areas simultaneously for improvement will be high, hence the private sector will also have to be given a major role in building such system.

3.3 The role of Administration and the Department of SYA, SAI, SSC and the State Sports Association need to be clearly identified and demarcated.

3.4 Some of the emerging area need improvement and immediate address to:

(a) Talent search: Beside other, one of the simplest method suggested in the National Sports Policy to identify the talent is through competitions, which will automatically throw up a large number of talented boys and girls.

(b) All the State Sports Association, State Sports Council, Department of Education, Regional Sports Councils and School Games Federation of India unit i.e. Directorate of Education of these Islands have to regularly organize competition, and shall plan a year wise competition calendar for different age group at different level.

3.5 Sports for differently Abled Persons—The Department of Sports, Department of Education, State Sports Council and UT Level Sports Associations shall develop affirmative programes for differently abled to enable them to take part to sports with confidence, realize their potential without inhibition and attain glory. Due care shall be taken to ensure that there are sufficient infrastructures, training facilities and competitions calendar to enable them to participate fully in Sports.

3.6 The recognition given to the special games federations and growing popularity of Paralympics events provide the appropriate opportunity to focus on Sports for the differently abled as an essential component of the Sports Policy. The Govt. Department/Organisations and the UT Level Sports Associations representing Sports for differently abled will be treated at par with other associations.
3.7 The A&N State Sports Council in association with the UT level Sports Associations, concern Govt. Departments shall prepare the annual sports calendar. The differently abled Sportspersons winning medals will also be considered eligible for Cash Award at par with other athletes as per the Cash Award Rule of the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, A&N Administration.

3.8 A list of suggested important competitions / tournaments to be organised by the Department of SYA, Education, A&N SSC and UT Level Sports Associations is annexed as Annexure “A”.
4. Specialized Training and Coaching

4.1 Setting of Khelo India Centre of Excellence

As per the guidelines of GoI, MYAS, the Khelo India Centre of Excellence is to be established in all three districts of A&N Islands to strengthen the excellence of A&N Islands in National & International Sports arena. The centre will help the sportspersons to train in their respective discipline. The setting of Khelo India Centre of Excellence with the existing sports infrastructure at Port Blair (Netaji Stadium Sports Complex), Diglipur (Vivekananda Stadium) and at Car Nicobar (Modern Sports Complex) can be workout with the support of Sports Authority of India.

Beside the Sports discipline already adopted by SAI in their Residential Training Centre and the discipline proposed to be included in the Sports Academy/Centre of excellence and facilities made available to the talented sportsperson selected in such disciplines, it would be necessary to have similar facilities for other disciplines, also. In the initial stage it is suggested that specialized training & Coaching can be arranged for the popular games of the Block/Zone concern where infrastructures like Stadium, Velodrome, Swimming Pool, Indoor Sports hall, Basketball Court, Tennis Court etc. and Sports Hostel are already available or to be constructed/developed in near future.

4.2 Trained Coaches/ Instructors has to be provided. In the absence of such Coaches/ Trainers, PETs with specialization in above games can be deployed to impart coaching.

4.3 Funds have to be provided to meet the expenditure required for Sports kit, Sports equipment, Special diet etc. for the children attending such coaching classes by Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Directorate of Education and A&N State Sports Council.

4.4. Organisation of coaching camps- The sports persons of A&N Islands are beginning frame for the Islands and country as well. It is necessary to provide basic facilities and amenities, guidance of Coaches/ Trainers/Expert of Sports fields, sufficient materials for practise, training to get perfection of skills and techniques of games. An action plan may be under taken in hand to ensure that the upcoming players in the UT get following things

(i) A proper training centre with good quality of Sports equipments.
(ii) Proper kit
(iii) Proper Diet
(iv) Supports of Measure, Physiotherapist, dietician, Doctors etc.
5. Sports equipments Support for different sports disciplines

5.1 Purchase of Sports equipments for priority sports –

The cycling, water sports (Canoeing, Kayaking & Rowing) and Athletics have been declared as priority sports of A&N Islands. Similarly, the Islands Sportspersons have shown better performance at National level in Football, Badminton, Hockey, Martial Art, Lawn Tennis, Taekwondo etc. Hence, it is recommended that special budgetary provisions for procurement and supply of modern sports equipments for the priority sports has to be kept.

5.2 Supply/provision of Sports materials for training. –

Sports equipments are necessary for players for regular practice & competitions. Hence, necessary budgetary provision will be kept for purchase and supply of essential sports materials to sports persons through concerned Sports Association/ Regional Sports Council for further distribution to the youth clubs of their respective Jurisdiction.

5.3 Financial support for infrastructure development and equipment support

A scheme would be formulated to identify the Department/organization/ Sports Association/Sports Academy of the medal winning sportsperson who participated in International events. If these athletes qualify for the Cash Award scheme then the Sports Association/Sports Academy would be given financial support to the tune of 10 percent of the award value for the infrastructure and equipment support to budding sports person of that Association/Academy.
6. Incentives and Welfare measures to Sportspersons

6.1 Cash Awards to Medal Winners

Today one of the most effective way of promotion of excellence in Sports is recognizing the performance by giving Cash Awards to Sportspersons winning medals/positions in the National International level competition.

Recognition of Medal winning sport persons by way of Cash Award is the most effective way of promoting excellence in sports. Such awards will enhance their prestige and motivate them to perform better. The existing provision of Cash Award mentioned in the Cash Award Rule – 2011 needs to be modified and the amount of Cash Award are to be enhanced suitable referring the Cash Award pattern of GOI, MYAS and other States & UT. Copy of Cash Award Rule – 2011 of A&N Administration notified on 04.08.2011 is annexed as Annexure – “B”.

6.2 Increment for Govt. employees

The increment suggested for Sports Persons/Referees/Umpires; Coaches, Manager/Coaches, Masseur/Doctors in the instructions of issued by the GOI, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training) is to be strictly followed in all the Govt. Departments of A&N Administration.

6.3 Sports Quota Appointment

The existing guidelines of GOI, Ministry of Perl., Public Grievances and Pensions (DOPT) on filling up of Group “C” or erstwhile Group “D” posts on Sports quota be strictly followed in the departments of A&N Administration.

6.4 Out of turn employment and promotion

To promote the employees for excellence in Sports events by upgradation of the post to the Sportspersons the existing instructions of GOI, DOPT is to be implemented strictly in all the Department of A&N Administration suitable employment opportunity may be provided to Medal Winners in the approved International Competition/National games over and above the existing guidelines of DoPT, GOI.

It is proposed to recommend A&N Administration to start new scheme called “Right to Employment.”
6.5 Honorarium and pensions for awardees

Honorarium and pension shall be given to Sports persons/Coaches of A&N Islands getting Arjuna Award, and Khel Ratan Award/ Dronacharya Award from the UT Administration [in addition to the incentives given by Government of India].

6.6 Sports Scholarship for the Students:

(a) Scholarship to regular bonafide school students Rs. 10,000/- per annum each for student below 18 years for securing first position in the individual events and Winner position in the team events organized by the Directorate of Education, Dte. of SYA, UT Level Sports Associations recognized by A&N SSC.

(b) National level fresh scholarship to regular bonafide school students Rs. 20,000/- per annum each for student below 18 years securing the first three position in the individual events and winner/runner position in the team events organized by the National Sports Federations (NSF) (recognized by GoI, MYAS).

(c) College/University level scholarship to regular bonafide students of Rs. 30,000/- per annum each for person participating in recognized University/Inter University competitions or securing first three positions in the individual event in All India inter-University and Senior/Junior National competitions organized by the AIU/ NSF recognized by GoI, MYAS.

6.7 Awards

An award for the best athlete (to be named after) a renowned Sportsperson of A&N Islands, lifetime achievement, for the lifetime contribution by an Athlete, Best Coach, Best Physical Education Teacher (in both school and colleges) and best Sports Administrator. The felicitation certificate, memento and Cash Award of Rs. 1 Lakhs for the Best Athlete, Best Coach, Best Physical Education Teacher/the best Sports Administrator each may be given annually.

6.8 State/UT Welfare Fund for Sportsperson

To provide suitable assistance to Sportsperson who take part in competitive sports at National Level (Sr. Jr. OR Sub Jr.) and works for achieving excellence and a high level of performance and also for promotion and development of Sports in these Islands, it is proposed to have a Scheme. "U.T. Welfare Fund for Sports persons" which will provide security to the Sports persons and their families. It will add to their confidence and they can rest assured that the UT Administration is, all the time concerned about their well being.
7. Schemes of Awards for outstanding Coaches in Sports and games:

A Scheme Awards for outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games may be introduced to recognize to effort of the Coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enables Sports persons to excel in National/International level.

8. A&N Olympic Association and UT Level Sports Association

The A&N Olympic Association shall act as co-ordinating and affiliating body for the State Sports Associations in Olympic disciplines and responsible for arranging the participation of Isolands, contingents in the National Games. The A&N Olympic Association and about 10-12 State Sports Associations are functioning in these islands. But the district to Zonal bodies of State Associations are either non-existent or ineffective to various reasons. Therefore though the responsibility for the promotion programmes of Physical Education and Sports in the Island is primarily of the UT Administration yet for looking after the competitive aspect is the responsibility that of voluntary bodies like the A&N Olympic Association and the State Sports Associations.

Hence, it is suggested that Sports Associations-

(i) Should pay due care and attention to ensure that the proper selection procedure is adopted as laid down by respective National Sports Federation. It should find place in the Bye-Laws respective Association and talented Sports persons are selected.

(ii) Plans for preparation of teams are to be formulated and demand for Govt. Grant as permissible as per the norms of A&N SSC shall be prepared and should be submitted in the beginning of the year.

(iii) Serious and conscious attempt is required to tap the talents from Rural and tribal areas.

(iv) Efforts must be made to broaden the games and sports and set up a large number of clubs to ensure mass participation.

(v) Shall prepare a panel of selectors in advance on sheer merit. If necessary they may seek the expert advise of A&N SSC, Dept. Of SYA & SAI in the matter.

(vi) It is also important that the Sports Associations organize competitions at Zonal, District and State level for Juniors and Seniors regularly every year and submit long term plans for preparation of teams in A&N SSC and also follow the National Sports Code 2011 of Gol, MYAS

(vii) Audited statement of accounts and holding of elections properly in times are concerned.
(viii) It is also to be assured that the Sports Associations follow the constitution regarding elections. The Government Servant willing to hold effective post must follow conduct Rules. The election of office bearers should be held regularly in accordance with constitution of the Sports Association and the observer of Andaman and Nicobar Olympic Association, SSC or the Department of SYA should be invariably invited to the elections as per National Sports Code 2011 of Goi, MYAS.

(ix) Effective co-operation, collaboration between A&N Olympic Association, State Sports Association, State Sports Council and the Departments of SYA has to be maintained. The A&N Olympic Association and State Sports Association shall be made to resolve the issues by arranging Seminars & Conferences.
9. Promotion of yoga for physical fitness and to make integral part of sports training programme

Sports games and physical fitness have been a vital component of our civilisation as is evident from the existence of the highly evolved system of Yoga and a vast range of highly developed indigenous games, including martial arts.

Yoga will be integral part of Physical training programme in all education institutions. Yoga shall be compulsory in all schools and in the Zero hour there will be regular Yoga practice in the schools. List of asanas which can be performed in the schools shall be finalized. Special coaching of Physical education teachers in Yoga shall be organised.

One Yoga centre in all districts and block sports stadium at Wimberlygunj, Little Andaman, Rangat, Diglipur, Car Nicobar & Campbell Bay may be opened/introduced as an integral part for training and practice.

International day of Yoga shall be celebrated on June 21 every year. Yoga camps would be held at various places in the UT with the help of NGOs. For promoting yoga, awareness and mass communication exercises would be undertaken.

Yoga competitions shall be organised at various levels for different segments and age-groups.
10. Health, Physical Education and Sports in Schools

It is knowing well that the schools cover the age group 12 to 18 years which is crucial for nurturing and developing excellence at National level we have to pay attention in the improvement of Health, Physical Education and Sports activities in schools in this U.T. The National Sports Policy has indicated the Broad basing of Sports as one of the prime area of attention.

Hence keeping in view the suggestion mentioned in the National Sports Policy the following are suggested for the implementation of Health Physical Education and Sports programme in effective way.

(i) To implement the curriculum on Health & Physical Education & Sports prepared by State Institute of Education Port Blair in all the Schools of Directorate of Education.

(ii) Instead of making a sports as one time annual activity, it is necessary to introduce continuous competitive exposure at School Zonal, State Level and National Level. Hence month wise competition calendar of Tournament and School, Zonal and State level must be prepared and are organized accordingly.

(iii) Development of Sports infrastructure efforts must be made to develop and construct playfield and Indoor Halls for all the Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The programme of opening of new Schools and up gradation must provide provision for Sports infrastructure.

(iv) Supporting Staff such as ground man, Sports attendant, Mals for the maintenance of playfield court equipments must be essentially provided in all the Schools where the subject Physical Education has been introduced as elective subject at +2 levels.

(v) The State Institute of Education shall organise the following programme had regular interval.

(a) In-service programme for PETs/PGT physical Education can be organised.

(b) Training/module/Curriculum can be organized /designed for various stages.

(c) Training camps for Physical Education Teachers.

(vi) The DIET, Garacharma shall also organize in service programme Health, Physical Education & Sports for the Primary School Teachers and the help of Directorate of Education, SIE, YAS and SAI, Port Blair.

(vii) The guidelines mentioned in the National Policy of Education for Health & Physical Education needs to be implemented invariably.
11. Strengthening of Staff :-

(A) Department of Sports

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The Department of Sports and Youth affairs envisage to fill up the vacant post on priority and creation of further posts to strengthen the department.

(B) A&N State Sports Council: - The Coaches of 5 discipline i.e. Cycling, Athletics, Badminton, Football and Volleyball have been engaged on contract basis. Coaches for other popular sports discipline needs to be appointed.

The State Sports Council for the Union Territory of A&N Islands was constituted for promotion of Sports and Games during the year 1966 as per the guidelines conveyed by the Govt. of India vide letter No. F.22-21/55-D4 dated 16.09.1955. It is a registered body under Societies of Registration Act, 1860 vide Registration No. 1/121/9 dated 03.08.1966. The Sports Council is receiving Grant-in-Aid from the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs which further releases financial assistances to various UT level Sports Associations and Regional Sports Councils for conduct of various Sports activities and participation of A&N Islands team in National level Championships. It has been observed that the officials and staff of Directorate of SYA are engaged in dealing the various matters of State Sports Council also. Hence it is recommended that a separate office for the General Secretary, A&N SSC is may be set-up by engaging sufficient staff for dealing and processing the matter and similarly for supervision and management.

13. Sports Authority of India (SAI)

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has set-up special area game centre during 1988 at Port Blair. At present training in the following discipline are being imparted:

1. Canoeing (Boys)
2. Kayaking (Boys & Girls)
3. Rowing (Boys & Girls)

The SAI extension centre at Car Nicobar was also set-up with Athletics, Football and Weightlifting. However, due to occurrence of severe earthquake and Tsunami Disaster, the SAI Centre at Car Nicobar was temporarily shifted to SAI Centre, Port Blair. However, the Modern Sports Complex at Lapathy, Car Nicobar with hostel facilities separately for boys and girls , synthetic athletic track , Football field have been developed and the said Sports Complex needs to be operationlized by starting a full fledge Residential Training Centre, at par with Khelo India Centre of Excellence with the following discipline.

(i) Athletics – Boys and Girls
(ii) Football – Boys
(iii) Weightlifting – Boys and Girls
(iv) Road Cycling – Boys and Girls

It is suggested that considering the medal winning potential of the Sports persons of A&N Islands in Cycling and water sports, the Cycling and Swimming discipline for Boys and Girls may be re-introduced at SAI Centre, Port Blair.
14. Role of Media

The mass media have an effective role to play in promoting sports and health consciousness and inculcating the habit of physical exercise as a way of life. They can also help in improving sports standards by arranging discussions with knowledgeable person and experts on the finer points and different aspects of sports and games popular in the county/Islands and by educating the common people about the latest rules of the games. The press through editorials, reports and comments could help in building a healthy atmosphere and educating public opinion.
### ANNEXURE - A

**A list of suggested important Competitions /Tournaments**

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No. 169/2011/F., No. 4-13/SAC/CA/2011.— In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 20 of the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978, read with Rule 148 of General Financial Rules, 1963 and in supersession of Notification No. 25/06 F., No. 11-29/93/ D/JII/PF-I dated 31-1-2006, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands hereby makes the following rules regulating the procedure for sanction of Cash Award for outstanding performance in Sports & Games in Andaman and Nicobar Islands:

1. **Short title and commencement:**

   1.1 [i] These rules may be called the “Cash Award (For Outstanding Sports persons) Rules, 2011.”

   [ii] These rules shall come into force on their publication in the Official Gazette.

   1.2 In these rules, unless the context otherwise provides:

   1.3 (a) ‘Award’ means the Cash Award for winning any of the first three positions (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in any individual event/team event or being a member of A & N Islands team which wins Championship or finishes as Runner-up in any National/International event of Sports and Games.

   (b) ‘Lt. Governor’ means the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

   (c) ‘Administration’ means the Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

   (d) ‘Rules’ means these rules, as may be amended from time to time by the Administration with the approval of the Lt. Governor.

   (e) ‘Year’ means financial year from the month of April to March of the following year.

2. **Objectives:**

   1.1 The following shall be the objectives of these Rules:

   a. The objective of these awards is to encourage the development of Sports & Games in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

   b. To provide sportsperson a unique challenge to achieve excellence in the field of Sports & Games.

   c. To encourage sportspersons to raise the standard of Sports & Games.

   d. To recognize and award cash incentives to the outstanding sportspersons having shown excellence at the National and International Competitions/Meets.

3. **Level of Awards:**

   The Cash Award will be given to such sportspersons who has shown excellence in various Sports & Games Competitions/Meets at the...
A) National Championship
   i) Sub-Junior National Championship
   ii) Junior National Championship
   iii) Sr. National Championship
   iv) National Women Sports Festival
   v) National Level Tournament under PYKKA Scheme
   vi) Special Olympics (National for Mentally/Physically challenged Sportspersons)

B) National Games

C) International Level
   i) Asian Championship
   ii) Asian Games/Commonwealth Games
   iii) Olympics

4. Nature of Awards:
Cash prized with Commendation Certificate for different levels of competition and different position achieved shall be awarded to Sportspersons as under:

A) 1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (INDIVIDUAL & TEAM EVENTS)
   i) Sub-Junior National Championship/National School Games
      Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 30,000/-
      Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 25,000/-
      Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 20,000/-

ii) Junior National Championship/National School Games
    Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 35,000/-
    Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 30,000/-
    Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 25,000/-

iii) Sr. National Championship
     Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 50,000/-
     Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 35,000/-
     Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 25,000/-

iv) National Women Sports Festival
    Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 50,000/-
    Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 35,000/-
    Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 25,000/-

v) National Competition under PYKKA Scheme
    Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 50,000/-
    Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 35,000/-
    Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 25,000/-

vi) Special Olympics (National for Mentally/Physically challenged Sportspersons)
    Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 50,000/-
    Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 35,000/-
    Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 25,000/-

B) 2. NATIONAL GAMES (INDIVIDUAL & TEAM EVENTS)
   Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 3,00,000/-
   Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 2,00,000/-
   Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 1,00,000/-

C) 3. INTERNATIONAL LEVEL (INCLUDING COMMONWEALTH GAMES AND OLYMPICS)
   (INDIVIDUAL & TEAM EVENTS)

i) Asian Championship
   Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) ₹ 4,00,000/-
   Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) ₹ 3,00,000/-
   Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) ₹ 2,00,000/-