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**Whate'er you ponder, let your aim be lofty
still, fate cannot hinder always, thwart you as
it will**

Introduction

YOUTH WELFARE AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Sports play a pivotal role in the comprehensive development of individuals, influencing both physical and mental well-being. Engaging in sports enhances bodily mechanisms, faculties and fosters robust character development. Furthermore, sports cultivate equipping individuals with discipline, health, creativity and mental strength to tackle life's challenges effectively. Participation in team sports also nurtures teamwork and leadership skills.

It is with this visionary thought that during the Budget Session 2000-2001, the then Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Kalaingar had announced the creation of a separate Department of Youth Welfare and Sports Development to channelize the vibrant energies of our youth and sportspersons to achieve excellence in their respective spheres of life.

Fitness

Fitness is a multifaceted concept encompassing both physical and mental well-being. Physical fitness pertains to having a healthy body capable of performing efficiently in both work and leisure activities. A physically fit body supports mental fitness, leading to a balanced and fulfilling life. Maintaining fitness extends life expectancy and reduces vulnerability to various health issues, promoting a State of overall well-being and happiness.

Physical Education

Physical education is a crucial component of a child's overall education. It introduces the benefits of sports and fitness into individuals' lives, instilling essential qualities such as self-discipline, skill, confidence and self-esteem. A well structured physical education program lays the groundwork for a prosperous future for both the individual and society, fostering a culture of

health and wellness from a young age.

Youth Welfare

Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow but also significant contributors to today's societal development. Historically, youth have been at the forefront of social change and progress, playing a vital role in national development. Properly channelling the energy and potential of youth is essential. Healthy, disciplined and skilled youth engaged in constructive activities are a cornerstone of national growth and prosperity.

Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department Organisations:

1. Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)
2. Directorate of Youth Welfare (DYW)
3. National Cadet Corps (NCC)
4. National Service Scheme (NSS)
5. Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU)
6. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu

Established in 1992, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) was created to emphasize the importance of sports in the State. SDAT is dedicated to promoting sports and implementing various Government Policies and schemes related to sports. Its mission is to cultivate a vibrant sports culture, ensuring that sports are accessible to all and nurturing talent from the grassroots to the elite level.

Directorate of Youth Welfare

Formed in 2013, the Directorate of Youth Welfare aims to recognize the potential of youth and channelize their energy into productive activities. The Directorate functions under the aegis of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, with the Member Secretary of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu serving as the Ex-officio Director of Youth Welfare.

This integration ensures cohesive efforts

towards youth development, focusing on health, discipline and skill development.

National Cadet Corps

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) provides military-style training to youth, developing their skills, confidence, physical fitness, discipline and sense of responsibility. The NCC aims to nurture well-rounded individuals capable of contributing positively to society, fostering a sense of duty and leadership among young people.

National Service Scheme

The National Service Scheme (NSS) guides youth towards social service, fostering a sense of responsibility towards underprivileged sections of society. By engaging in community service, youth develop empathy, social awareness and a commitment to social justice, playing an active role in societal improvement.

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University

The Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU) plays a unique role in advancing academics and standards in sports and physical education. The University focus on providing quality education and training in physical education, sports sciences and sports management, contributing to the overall development of sports in the State.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan

The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), an organization, focuses on engaging youth volunteers in community development activities. NYKS works to harness the potential of youth in nation-building activities, promoting a sense of civic duty, leadership and community service.

Financial Support

The Government of Tamil Nadu places high importance on the development of sports and youth welfare, providing sustained financial

support to various initiatives.

This commitment has positioned Tamil Nadu as a leading State in the field of sports. In the current financial year, substantial allocations have been made to support key entities, Rs.361.25 crore to the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, Rs.66.37 crore to the National Cadet Corps, and Rs.8.36 crore to the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University. This financial support underscores the Government's dedication to fostering a culture of sports and empowering youth across the State.

The Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department is committed to promoting sports, physical education and youth welfare. Through various initiatives and sustained financial support, the department aims to create a robust framework for the physical and mental development of individuals. By fostering a culture of sports and community engagement, Tamil Nadu continues to pave the way for a healthier,

more disciplined, and prosperous future for its youth.

Chapter – 1

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF TAMIL NADU

Sports is an essential component of the growth and development of young individuals. Engaging in sports activities promotes physical, mental, and emotional growth, supports a healthy lifestyle and ensures that youth are engaged productively. Participation in sports inculcates values such as competitiveness, time management, organizational skills, and teamwork, all of which contribute to the holistic development of youth. Excelling in sports instils a sense of pride and confidence and opens up enormous opportunities.

To harness the energy, passion, and aspirations of youth in sports, the Government of Tamil Nadu constituted the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) through G.O.Ms.No.641 Education (Y) Department,

dated 18.7.1992. This was accomplished by merging the erstwhile Department of Sports and Youth Services and the Tamil Nadu State Sports Development Corporation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu serves as the President of this Authority. SDAT envisions Tamil Nadu as a leading sports hub where individuals can pursue sports to the fullest extent of their abilities and interests, including performing at the highest competitive levels.

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) is the apex body for sports in Tamil Nadu. It implements policy decisions on sports and youth welfare activities of the Government of Tamil Nadu. SDAT strives to create an enabling, inclusive, and competitive environment that empowers youth to benefit from a strong sports culture. It promotes physical fitness, talent identification, competitiveness and brotherhood among youth engaged in sports by establishing sports infrastructure and leveraging

public-private contributions to fulfil various requirements.

Olympic and Other Sports Disciplines		
Olympic Games		Other Sports Disciplines
• Archery	• Judo	• Bridge
• Athletics	• Rowing	• Kho-Kho
• Badminton	• Shooting	• Squash
• Basketball	• Surfing	• Kalaripayattu
• Beach Volleyball	• Swimming	• Chess
• Boxing	• Table Tennis	• Mallakhamb
• Fencing	• Taekwondo	• Skating
• Football	• Tennis	• Cricket
• Karate	• Triathlon	• Silambam
• Cycling	• Volleyball	• Throwball
• Gymnastics	• Weightlifting	• Kabaddi
• Handball	• Wrestling	• Soft Tennis
• Hockey		• Wushu

1.1. Strategy for Achieving Excellence in Sports

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu aims to develop a dynamic, efficient, State-of-the-art system for the promotion of sports participation and excellence in Tamil Nadu.

Its core objectives are:

1.1.1 Promotion and Development of Sports Activities

To promote and develop sports activities and formulate and implement plans to improve the standards of sports and games in the State.

1.1.2 Implementation of Sports Scheme

To implement existing schemes for the promotion of sports and games and welfare of sportspersons.

1.1.3 Talent Identification and Training

To identify talented sportspersons, provide training and render suitable financial assistance to enable their successful participation in National and International competitions.

1.1.4 Incentive and Awards

To provide various incentive and awards to eminent sportspersons so as to motivate them to achieve higher levels of success.

1.1.5 Development of Sports Infrastructure

To plan and develop sports infrastructure in the District Headquarters across the State to train sportspersons for State, National and International level.

1.1.6 Research and Development

To initiate, undertake, sponsor, stimulate and encourage research and development of sports-related technologies, biomechanics, sports psychology and other allied sciences.

1.1.7 Inclusive Sports Programs

To recognize the special needs of differently-abled persons and encouraging other marginalised sections of the society by facilitating their participation in sports and games.

1.1.8 Adventure Sports

To encourage adventure sports such as mountaineering, ocean voyage and rock climbing within the State.

1.1.9 Advanced Coaching

To provide opportunities for advanced coaching in various sports and games and to participate and excel in various International competition.

1.1.10 Promoting Physical Fitness

To promote physical fitness and inculcate sports and health consciousness among the masses, encouraging regular participation in sports and games to make the citizens healthy and strong.

1.2 Achievements and Initiatives

The SDAT has made significant strides in promoting sports and creating a robust sports culture in Tamil Nadu. Here are some of the key achievements and initiatives:

1.2.1 Infrastructure Development

- **Sports Complexes and Stadia**

The SDAT has developed multiple sports

complexes and stadia across all districts. These facilities are equipped with State-of-the-art equipment and infrastructure to support a wide range of sports.

- **Training Centres**

Establishment of specialized training centres for different sports disciplines, providing athletes with access to high-quality training environments.

- **Upgradation of Existing Facilities**

Continuous improvement and upgradation of existing sports facilities to meet International standards.

1.2.2 Talent Identification and Development

- **Talent Hunt Programs**

Implementation of talent hunt programs across schools and colleges to identify promising athletes at a young age.

- **Sports Academies**

Setting up sports academies that focus on

nurturing talent and providing specialized training to athletes.

- **Scholarships and Financial Assistance**

Offering scholarships and financial assistance to talented athletes to support their training and development.

1.2.3. Coaching and Training

- **Coaching Camps**

Organizing coaching camps with National and International coaches to enhance the skills of athletes.

- **Train the Trainer Programs**

Conducting programs to train coaches, ensuring that they are equipped with the latest techniques and methodologies.

- **Advanced Training Programs**

Facilitating advanced training programs for elite athletes to prepare them for National and International competitions.

1.2.4. Competitions and Events

- **Annual Sports Calendar**

Establishing an annual sports calendar that includes State level, National and International Competitions.

- **School and College Sports Meets**

Organizing regular sports meets in schools and colleges to encourage widespread participation.

- **Support for Participation**

Providing financial and logistical support for athletes to participate in competitions outside the State.

1.2.5 Recognition and Incentives

- **Awards and Honours**

Instituting awards and honours for outstanding athletes to recognize their achievements and motivate others.

- **Cash Prizes and Rewards**

Offering substantial cash prizes and

rewards for medal winners in National and International events.

- **Recognition**

Ensuring public recognition of athletes through media coverage and public events.

1.2.6. Inclusive Sports Programs

- **Special Programs for Differently-Abled Athletes**

Developing tailored programs to support the participation of differently-abled athletes in sports.

- **Adaptive Sports Equipment**

Providing adaptive sports equipment to meet the needs of differently-abled athletes.

- **Encouraging Para Sports**

Organizing competitions for differently-abled athletes to encourage them to compete at various levels.

1.2.7. Adventure and Recreational Sports

- **Adventure Sports Camps**

Conducting adventure sports camps to promote activities like trekking, mountaineering, and water sports.

- **Community Engagement**

Encouraging community participation in recreational sports to foster a culture of physical activity and fitness.

1.3 Action Plan and Strategy

The Government of Tamil Nadu's policy for sports development is ambitious, aiming to enhance the entire spectrum of sports activities within the State. The strategy adopts a hierarchical approach, categorized into five levels, each designed to progressively develop talent and achieve excellence.



Sports Development Continuum



Level 1 - Mass and Community Participation

This foundational level focuses on broad-based participation and talent identification at an early stage.

Key components include:

- **Talent Identification**

Early identification of potential sports talents through school and community programs.

- **Basic Infrastructure**

Development of essential sports infrastructure, such as playgrounds and community sports centres.

- **Community Competitions**

Organizing local sports events and competitions to encourage widespread participation.

- **Basic Coaching**

Provision of fundamental coaching through schools, colleges, and community centers.

- **Local Sponsorship**

Identifying and encouraging local sponsors to support community sports programs.

- **Kalaignar Sports Kit**

Supplying quality sports equipment to all Panchayats in Tamil Nadu to encourage participation and improve performance.

The goal at this level is to create a strong grassroots foundation, fostering a culture of sports participation and enthusiasm.

Level 2 - District Level

At this level, the focus shifts to harnessing and developing the identified talent within the districts.

Initiatives include:

- **District Sports Complexes**

School, college students, general public and differently abled sportspersons are utilizing district sports complexes and get advanced training and facilities.

- **Chief Minister's Trophy Competitions**

Serving as a critical platform for district-level athletes to showcase their skills and compete. This year wide publicity was given to this program leading to participate of 3.7 lakh sportspersons at this level.

This level aims to refine skills and prepare athletes for higher levels of competition, ensuring that they have the resources and support needed to progress.

Level 3 - State Level

This level targets athletes with the potential to become State champions.

The initiatives include:

- **Sports Hostels and Academies**

Establishing and refurbishing sports hostels and specialized academies to provide intensive training and development.

- **Talent Development Programs**

Implementing comprehensive programs to nurture and develop State level athletes.

- **State Level Competitions**

Conducting State level competitions to prepare athletes for National and International events.

The objective is to create a pathway for athletes to reach their full potential, representing Tamil Nadu at higher levels of competition.

Level 4 - National Level

This level focuses on preparing athletes for National level competitions.

Key actions include:

- **Advanced Training**

Providing organized training efforts to develop National level champions through centre of excellence and academies developed in the various regions.

- **National Sports Infrastructure**

Establishing and maintaining infrastructure suitable for National competitions.

- **Expertise Utilization**

Utilizing expertise from Expert coaches and institutions to enhance training.

- **National Competitions**

Encouraging the organization of National level competitions within Tamil Nadu to attract and develop talent.

At this level, the aim is to ensure athletes are well prepared to compete and excel on the National stage.

Level 5 - International Level

The ultimate goal is to achieve success at the International level, which relies on the foundation built in the preceding levels.

Initiatives include:

- **Advanced Coaching and Facilities:**

Providing advanced coaching through expert coaches to facilitate allied services, and International standard facilities and equipment.

- **International Competitions**

Encouraging and facilitating participation in International competitions by providing financial and logistical support.

- **Global Expertise**

Accessing and utilizing the services of specialized International institutes and foreign coaches.

- **Hosting International Events**

Encouraging the organization of

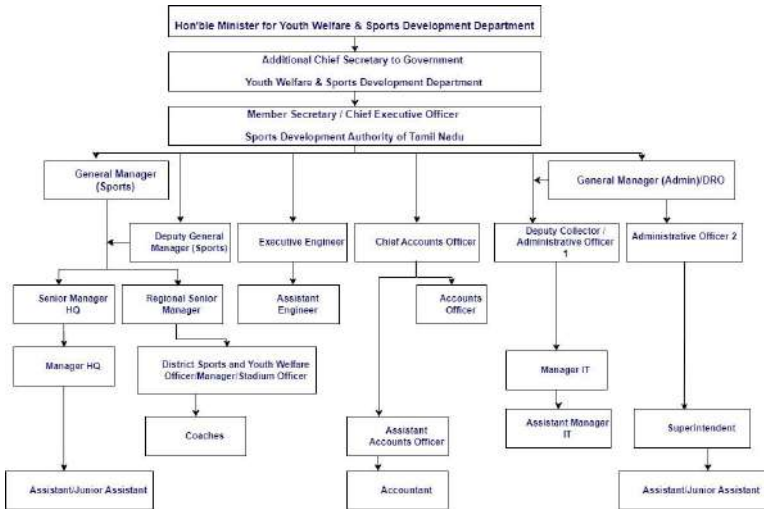
International competitions in Tamil Nadu to expose athletes to high-level competition.

The focus at this level is on ensuring athletes have the highest level of support and resources to achieve excellence on the global stage.

1.4 Administrative Structure of SDAT

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) was established by the Government through G.O.Ms.No.641, Education (Y) Department, Dt.18.07.1992, with the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu serving as the President of the Authority. The Executive Committee is chaired by the Honourable Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development.

Administrative structure of SDAT



SDAT operates under the administrative control of the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department. The Member Secretary of SDAT also holds the position of Director, Ex-officio, Youth Welfare, integrating youth welfare initiatives with sports development.

1.4.1 Key Divisions and Functions

SDAT comprises several specialized divisions, each responsible for distinct aspects of sports administration and development.

These divisions include:

- **Sports Event Division**

Organizes and manages sports events and competitions at various levels.

- **Sports Infrastructure Division**

Oversees the development and maintenance of sports facilities.

- **Human Resources Management Division**

Manages the recruitment, training, and

welfare of SDAT staff.

- **Project Management Unit**

Coordinates and manages various sports development projects.

- **Legal, Commercial, and Coordination Division**

Handles legal matters, commercial engagements and coordination activities.

- **Public Relations Division**

Manages public relations, media interactions and community outreach.

- **Finance and Accounts Division**

Manages financial planning, budgeting and accounting.

- **Public Grievances Division**

Addresses grievances and feedback from the public and sportspersons.

- **Information Technology Division**

Implements and manages IT infrastructure and e-governance initiatives.

- **Talent Development Division**

Focuses on identifying and nurturing sports talent.

- **Directorate of Youth Welfare**

Focuses on initiatives and programs aimed at youth development.

The total sanctioned strength of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is 615 employees, supporting its extensive operations across the State. This includes 38 District Sports Units, 27 Sports Hostels, 4 Sports Hostels of Excellence, and 6 Centres of Excellence, all working under the aegis of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.

1.4.2 Coaches Recruitment

To meet the needs of aspiring athletes and provide high-level coaching, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has appointed 76 new coaches. This effort is bolstered by the

recruitment of 3 High-Performance Foreign Coaches and 5 Expert Coaches to deliver International level training within Tamil Nadu. This initiative ensures that athletes receive top-notch coaching, elevating their performance to National and International standards.

1.5 Aadukalam Information Centre (Call Centre)

The Aadukalam Information Centre (Call Centre-91-9514000777) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 12.09.2022 at Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in Chennai. The call centre serves sportspersons and the general public by providing information on various schemes and activities, enhancing accessibility and support.

1.6 e-Governance Initiatives

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has implemented several e-governance initiatives to streamline processes

and enhance the accessibility of its services.

1.6.1 Online Application for Tamil Nadu Chief Ministers Trophy

This portal facilitates online applications, eliminating the need for physical visits of sportspersons. It includes SMS notifications for sportspersons about competition venues and dates.

1.6.2 Online Application for Tamil Nadu Champion Foundation

Athletes can apply through Tamil Nadu Champions website to get all necessary assistance for the competitions. Sponsors can use this portal to support competitions, training, sports equipment and infrastructure development.

Other online applications developed for sportspersons include:

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's State Youth Award

- Pension for Sportspersons in Indigenous Sports
- SDAT Sports Hostel Admission
- ELITE / MIMS / CDS Special Initiatives Schemes
- Online Stadia Booking
- Online Membership Booking
- Online Shopping Complex Management System
- Online Application for High Cash Incentives (HCI)
- Publication of Tender Documents
- Online application for 3% reservation for Sports Quota in Government services

With its comprehensive administrative structure and numerous initiatives, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) stands as a premier organization in sports administration. By integrating advanced e-governance solutions, enhancing coaching capabilities, and maintaining a robust support system, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is committed to fostering a vibrant sports

culture and nurturing the next generation of athletes in Tamil Nadu.

Chapter – 2

Sports Infrastructure

Sporting infrastructure is crucial for nurturing talent and facilitating the growth of athletes. Access to world-class facilities is essential for athletes to undergo intensive training and compete at high levels.

In Tamil Nadu, some of the best sporting infrastructure was established for events like SAF Games in 1995, including the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam and Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu Aquatic Gymnastic and Badminton (AGB) Complex in Velachery.

Recognizing the importance of such infrastructure, the SDAT is working on establishing International standard sports facilities in districts, ensuring accessibility for athletes from

rural and semi-urban areas.

The recent hosting of the Khelo India Youth Games - 2023 in Tamil Nadu further emphasized the need for top-notch infrastructure. Major stadia in Chennai, including the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, SDAT Aquatic Gymnastic and Badminton (AGB) Complex in Velachery, District Sports Complexes at Madurai and Trichy underwent renovation to accommodate the event and were effectively utilized for its successful conduct. This underscores the Government's commitment to providing modern sporting infrastructure to promote sports development and excellence in the State.

2.1 International Standard Facilities

2.1.1 Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai

The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai

stands as a testament to the State's commitment to providing top-notch sporting infrastructure. With a seating capacity of 40,000 spectators, it boasts a range of facilities catering to various sports disciplines.

Key features of the stadium include:

- i. 400 mts newly laid UV protected class-I 8- Lane Synthetic Athletic Track
- ii. Natural Football Turf
- iii. 60 mts Air-Conditioned Indoor Athletic Warm-Up Track
- iv. Dedicated arenas for sports such as Judo, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Boxing, Chess, Carrom, Beach Volleyball and Volleyball
- v. Floodlight facilities across all Fields of Play
- vi. As various National / International competitions are being conducted in this stadium sports LED floodlights with DMX control system has been upgraded.
- vii. Additional amenities like an air-

conditioned fitness centre, State Sports Facilitation Centre (SSFC), 10mts Shooting Range, Media Hall, and Conference Hall, enhancing the overall experience for athletes and spectators alike.

The recent construction of a State level training centre (G+3) within the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium featuring facilities for Volleyball, 3x3 Basketball, Carrom, Chess, Taekwondo, Judo, Fencing, Para Sports and other indoor games underscores the State's commitment to providing comprehensive training opportunities for athletes. This centre is not only valuable for honing skills in indoor sports but also serves as the Olympic Academy, offering high-quality scientific training facilities to aspiring athletes.

2.1.2 Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai

The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai,

with a seating capacity of 8,000 spectators, it serves as a hub for various indoor and outdoor sports as well as non-sporting events.

Key features of the stadium include:

- A centralized air-conditioned wooden floor play area, providing an ideal surface for sports like Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Carrom, Chess, Karate, Silambam, Fencing, Handball, Judo, Kabaddi, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Volleyball and other Non-sporting events.
- Concrete Basketball courts with floodlights
- A Handball court and an indoor hall of Boxing ring with flood lights
- An International level open air Synthetic Skating rink with floodlights
- A modern conference hall, facilitating the organization of non-sporting events such

as conferences, seminars, and cultural programs.

2.1.3 Integrated Sports Complex at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai

- A 400 mts 8 Lane synthetic Athletic Track with Gallery.
- Football Grass Turf.
- An Indoor Hydrotherapy Swimming Pool.
- Air-conditioned Indoor Squash Courts.
- Air-conditioned Indoor Badminton Hall.

- Floodlight Volleyball and Basketball courts.
- A Sports Hostel and a Centre of Excellence for School Girls, a Sports Hostel of Excellence for College Girls.
- Para sports arena is under construction.

2.1.4 Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai

- This stadium has a seating capacity of

8,670 spectators, with Paris Olympic standard Synthetic Hockey field illuminated by floodlights.

- Five a-side Hockey Field.
- Illuminated covered Volleyball courts.
- A modernised fitness centre.

The Asian Men's Hockey Championship-2023 took place at this venue from 03.08.2023 to 12.08.2023. Newly constructed Kalaingar Centenary Pavilion at MRK Hockey Stadium was opened by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 28.07.2023.

2.1.5 Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu Aquatic, Gymnastic and Badminton (AGB) Complex, Velachery, Chennai

- International standard 8-lane racing pool measuring 50m x 25m
- A Diving pool measuring 18m x 25m x 5 m in depth
- Warm-up pool measuring 25m x 25m

with Gallery

- An Air-conditioned fitness centre.
- Indoor Badminton hall
- The existing Gymnastic Hall has undergone upgrades and renovations to accommodate International events, now equipped with modern facilities

2.1.6 Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam

- The Tennis Stadium, accommodates upto 7,000 spectators. It comprises one centre court within the main stadium and six courts in the practice area, all equipped with floodlights. Ensuring conformity with International standards, all courts boast synthetic surfaces.
- Sportspersons and visitors have access to an air-conditioned fitness centre.

2.2 District Sports Complexes

District Sports Complexes have been

established in 32 district headquarters, aiming to serve both athletes and the general public within the Districts. These complexes offer playfield facilities catering to Athletics, Basketball, Football, Kabaddi, Handball, Swimming pool, Volleyball and also contain Indoor Stadium. Furthermore, facilities for additional disciplines are undergoing development in stages.

Further, new District sports complexes are under construction in the newly formed Districts of Chengalpattu and Tenkasi.

Additionally, new district sports complexes, equipped with the aforementioned sports facilities are to be constructed in the newly formed Districts of Mayiladuthurai, Tirupattur, Ranipet and Kallakurichi.

2.3 Multipurpose Indoor Stadia

There are currently 30 operational Multipurpose Indoor Stadiums spread across 23 Districts. In Chennai, these facilities are located at

District Sports Complex, Nehru Park, SDAT AGB Sports Complex, Velachery, Shenoy Nagar Sports Complex, Mogappair Sports Complex and Integrated Sports Complex.

Other Districts with Multipurpose Indoor Stadiums include Ariyalur, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Kancheepuram, Kanyakumari, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Perambalur, Salem, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tiruchirappalli (Anna Stadium and Srirangam), Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruvarur, Viluppuram, Virudhunagar, Nilgiris and Vellore.

These indoor stadiums facilitate various games such as Badminton, Basketball, Fencing, Handball, Judo, Kabaddi, Table Tennis, and Volleyball.

2.4 Synthetic Surfaces

2.4.1 Synthetic Athletic Tracks

Tamil Nadu is equipped with eight synthetic athletic tracks across seven Districts, including

facilities at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and the warm-up track area of Integrated Sports Complex at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai, as well as in Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai and The Nilgiris.

The Synthetic Athletic Track at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai underwent renovation to host the Khelo India Youth Games - 2023, while similar upgrades were carried out in District Sports Complex, Coimbatore.

Additionally, new Synthetic Athletic Tracks are under construction at the Erode and Thanjavur District Sports Complexes as part of the Khelo India Sports Infrastructure Scheme.

2.4.2 Synthetic Hockey Turfs

Across six Districts, Tamil Nadu is home to seven Synthetic Hockey Turfs. These turfs are situated in various locations, including the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai, the

YMCA College of Physical Education Campus in Chennai, as well as in Madurai, Kovilpatti (Thoothukudi), Ramanathapuram, Tiruchirappalli, and Tirunelveli.

2.4.3 Synthetic Tennis Court

Tamil Nadu boasts a total of 35 Synthetic Tennis Courts across 16 Districts. These courts are distributed among various locations, including Chennai (SDAT Tennis Stadium Nungambakkam, District Sports Complex, Nehru Park and Mogappair) as well as in Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, The Nilgiris, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore, Pudukottai and Tiruvannamalai Districts.

2.5 Swimming Pools

Across 28 districts, Tamil Nadu offers a total of 38 Swimming Pools, catering to diverse regions. These pools are located in various Districts, including Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Chennai

(Hydrotherapy Swimming Pool in Integrated Sports Complex, JNIS, AGB Complex in Velachery, Anna Swimming Pool, SDAT Sports Complex in Mogappair and Shenoy Nagar Swimming Pool) Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode, Kancheepuram, Kanyakumari, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Theni, Tiruchirappalli Anna Stadium, Tirunelveli (District Sports Complex and Manomaniam Sundaranar University), Tiruvallur, Thoothukudi, Tiruvarur, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Viluppuram, and Virudhunagar.

2.6 Maintenance of Infrastructure

For the financial year 2023-2024, the Government has designated a budget of Rs.30.00 crore to facilitate the maintenance of diverse sports infrastructure facilities overseen by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.

2.7 Schemes for Physical Fitness and Sports Medicine

To promote physical fitness and sports medicine, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has set up Physical Fitness Centres across the State.

These centres aim to encourage proper nutrition, moderate to vigorous physical exercise, and the adoption of a healthy lifestyle to attain optimal physical fitness and overall well-being and also provides financial assistance for medical treatment to the sportspersons who get hurt during training and competitions.

2.7.1 State Sports Facilitation Centre, Chennai

In a bid to enhance health awareness among the populace of Tamil Nadu and elevate the performance standards of professional athletes, the Government have inaugurated the State Sports Facilitation centre within the premises of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.

This centre is dedicated to refining the performance levels of both National and International athletes, boasting a comprehensive array of medical and physiotherapy equipment.

2.7.2 Integrated Sports Science Centre, Madurai and the Nilgiris

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has established the Integrated Sports Science Centre (ISSC) in Madurai on 18.02.2024 under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative Scheme. The primary objectives of the ISSC is to prevent sports-related injuries, rehabilitate injuries, and restore athlete's original physical fitness to enable them to resume sports activities as quickly as possible. Additionally, the centre promotes drug-free sports and anti-doping measures. In addition to Madurai, an ISSC is being established in the Nilgiris.

2.8 Establishment of Gymnasium Facility for Secretariat Officers and Staff

The Government have established separate

gym facilities for male and female staff and officers of the Secretariat. These fitness centres aim to enhance intellectual capacity, self-esteem, confidence and overall health among employees. Regular physical activity helps in managing stress, reducing depression and decreasing anxiety. Additionally, it boosts energy levels, morale, and productivity. Approximately 5,000 officials and employees benefit from these facilities.

2.9 Establishment of Modern Gymnasium Centre in 17 Districts

To promote cardiovascular fitness and maintain body weight through increased daily activity, the Government have established modern Gym Centres in 17 districts. These Districts include Chennai, Cuddalore, Dindigul, Kanyakumari, Madurai, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Theni, The Nilgiris, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirapalli, Tiruvannamalai and Virudhunagar. These fitness centres benefit both the general

public and athletes.

2.10 Availability of Sports Infrastructure Facilities in the State

A comprehensive list of sports infrastructure facilities available in each District under the control of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) is provided in the annexure. Through the development of extensive sporting infrastructure and allied facilities, Tamil Nadu has emerged as a prime destination for hosting numerous prominent National and International sporting events and competitions.

Chapter – 3

Major Initiatives for Sports Development

The Government of Tamil Nadu shows unwavering dedication to making the State a leader in sports within the country. Through numerous initiatives, Tamil Nadu showcases its sporting legacy, a rich history of sporting events, a forward-thinking commitment to nurturing young talent, and the development of world-class infrastructure.

Some of the initiatives are as follows:

3.1 Chief Minister's Trophy Games – 2023

The Chief Minister's Trophy games 2023 was held across 15 sports disciplines, including traditional sports such as Kabaddi and Silambam and involves athletes from all walks of life. Competitions are organized for school and college students, general public, Government employees and differently-abled persons with events for both men and women.

The games are first held at district / regional level. In the 2023 edition of the Chief Minister's Trophy games, 3,71,354 enthusiastic sportspersons participated at the district / regional level.

The Chief Minister's Trophy games 2023 was redesigned by introducing a dedicated logo, Mascot and Theme song which reached the nook and corner of Tamil Nadu.

Logo

The logo features the word "Tamil Nadu" written in Tamil, symbolizing our connection to our roots. The colors Brown, Yellow and White are used to represent the diversity of sports disciplines involved.

Theme Song

The theme song of Chief Minister's Trophy was shot in various locations to show the unity and diversity of Tamil Nadu. The Theme song "Kalam Namathe - Idhu Namma Aatam" was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 8th May 2023 which carried the message of the games to everyone.

Mascot

"Veeran" was selected as the Mascot of the Chief Minister's Trophy. The word Veeran is a symbol of the indomitable spirit of the people of Tamil Nadu. Veeran, the mascot was inspired by the "Nilgiris Thar", the State animal of Tamil Nadu.

The inaugural Ceremony of the Chief Minister's Trophy State Level Competitions was held on 30th June 2023, presided over by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development at SDAT Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor

Stadium.

The State Level Competitions were conducted from 30.06.2023 to 25.07.2023 in 17 various venues in the city, including Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu AGB Complex, Velachery, District Sports Complex, Nehru Park, SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Marina Beach, Ramachandra University Sports Complex, Gurunanak College, MRK Hockey Stadium, Madras University, Pudur Cricket Academy and Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Melakottaiyur for the disciplines Badminton, Table Tennis, Silambam, Weightlifting, Swimming, Basketball, Kabaddi, Chess, Volleyball, Hockey, Football, Athletics, Beach Volleyball, Tennis, Cricket and Para Sports. A record 27,000 sportspersons who won at the district / regional level participated in the state level competitions.

Prize Money for the District Level Individual Competitions

Position	Individual Events Rs.	Doubles Events Rs.
I	3000	6000
II	2000	4000
III	1000	2000

Prize Money for the Team Competitions

Team Games	1 st Prize for the Team Rs.	2 nd Prize for the Team Rs.	3 rd Prize for the Team Rs.
Football	54,000	36,000	18,000
Hockey			
Basketball	36,000	24,000	12,000
Kabaddi			
Volleyball			

Prize Money for the State Level Individual Competitions

Team Games	1 st Prize (in Rs.)	2 nd Prize (in Rs.)	3 rd Prize (in Rs.)
Individual Events	1,00,000	75,000	50,000
Doubles Events	1,50,000	1,12,500	75,000

Prize Money for the State Level Team Competitions

Team Games	1 st Prize (in Rs.)	2 nd Prize (in Rs.)	3 rd Prize (in Rs.)
Kabaddi	6,00,000	4,50,000	3,00,000
Football	9,00,000	6,75,000	4,50,000
Volleyball	6,00,000	4,50,000	3,00,000
Basketball	6,00,000	4,50,000	3,00,000
Hockey	9,00,000	6,75,000	4,50,000
Kabaddi (Hearing Impaired)	3,00,000	2,25,000	1,50,000
Badminton (Physically Challenged)	3,00,000	2,25,000	1,50,000
Adapted Volleyball for Visually Impaired	3,00,000	2,25,000	1,50,000
Throwball (Intellectually Disabled)	3,00,000	2,25,000	1,50,000

The Government have sanctioned Rs.50.86 crore for conducting the Chief Minister's Trophy competitions in a prestigious and befitting the sporting legacy of Tamil Nadu.

**Chief Minister's Trophy State Level Games
2023
Medal Tally**

Rank	District	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Chennai	61	33	19	113
2	Chengalpattu	18	19	18	55
3	Coimbatore	15	13	24	52
4	Tiruvallur	11	11	10	32
5	Erode	10	6	8	24

The Valedictory price distribution ceremony was held on 25th July 2023 at SDAT Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium presided by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the Chief Minister's trophy 2023 in the presence of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development to Chennai, Chengalpattu and Coimbatore districts who have secured to three positions in the competitions.

3.2 Establishing a Global Sports City in Chennai

Chennai is set to establish a Global Sports City, featuring world-class stadiums and infrastructure, making it an ideal destination for major global events and a high-performance training centre for athletes. This ambitious project aims to create a comprehensive sports development ecosystem, incorporating various State-of-the-art facilities in a phased manner. The Global Sports City will include versatile outdoor and indoor stadiums, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, sports academies and training schools, sports science facilities, hostels for sportspersons and a sports medicine centre.

The Global Sports City project aims to create unparalleled sports infrastructure that caters to the needs of athletes, coaches and sports enthusiasts alike. This initiative will not only attract major International events to the city but also inspire a new generation of

sportspersons, propelling Chennai as the Sports Head Quarters of India. The proposed location for the Global Sports City is Semmancheri and the project will be implemented by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA).

3.3 Olympic Academies

The Olympic Academy is designed to provide comprehensive facilities under one roof for high-performing athletes aiming to achieve success and reach the Olympic podium. It focuses on developing and nurturing the talents of outstanding sportspersons who aspire to represent Tamil Nadu and India in the Olympics. The academy offers specialized training in various Olympic disciplines, world-class coaching, State-of-the-art infrastructure, a sports science centre, equipment and other essential facilities.

The academy aims to identify, train and prepare athletes for the International stage, with the ultimate goal of producing Olympic Medalists.

Through comprehensive training programs and a dedicated approach, the Olympic Academies in Tamil Nadu plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of Indian sports and producing world-class athletes. Olympic Academies are set up in Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and The Nilgiris.

I. Olympic Academy in Chennai

In Chennai, the Olympic Academy is housed in a three-storey building at Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, located in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

II. Olympic Academy in Tiruchirappalli

In Tiruchirappalli, the Olympic Academy is being established in Elanthappatti Panchayat, Thiruverumbur Block on a 50-acre site.

III. Olympic Academy in Madurai

In Madurai, the Olympic Academy is located at Dr. M.G.R Stadium with upgrades to the current facilities.

IV. Olympic Academy in HADP, Open Air Stadium, The Nilgiris

In Nilgiris, the Olympic Academy is housed at the existing Brecks, Hill Area Development Programme, Open Air Stadium with enhancements to the existing infrastructure.

3.3.1 Olympic Gold Quest

The Olympic Games are a global sporting event that brings together athletes from around the world to compete in various disciplines. Winning an Olympic gold medal is considered the pinnacle of athletic achievement and is a dream for many aspiring athletes. Tamil Nadu has now initiated a specialized program aimed at achieving podium finishes in the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Paris 2024, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032.

3.3.2 Engagement of Foreign Coaches

To enhance the quality of coaching and training in various sports disciplines, Tamil Nadu is engaging foreign coaches. The State

Government has adopted a policy of appointing foreign coaches for different sports such as Athletics (Jumps), Athletics (Sprints), Swimming, Hockey and Tennis. This initiative aims to promote sports and help athletes achieve their highest potential.

The engagement of foreign coaches was conducted through a transparent process, evaluating the coaching experience, qualifications and expertise before appointment. The inclusion of International coaches is expected to significantly improve the abilities of athletes and foster the advancement of the sports culture in the region with the ultimate goal of winning Olympic medals.

3.3.3 Engagement of Expert Coaches

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has engaged 5 expert coaches in various sports disciplines such as Hockey, Kabaddi, Squash, Table Tennis and Volleyball. Additionally,

two expert coaches have been engaged for coaching Para persons in Tamil Nadu. These expert coaches bring specialized knowledge and experience to their respective sports, contributing to the development and improvement of athletes across the State.

3.4 Tamil Nadu Sports Science International Conclave (TASCON 2023)

The Tamil Nadu Sports Science International Conclave (TASCON 2023) was conducted from November 7th & 8th 2023 at Chennai. Approximately 250 delegates, including sports science scholars from India, Britain, Netherlands, Malaysia, and Canada participated in the event.

3.5 HCL Cyclothon

The HCL Cyclothon, in association with the Indian Cycling Federation and in collaboration with the Government of Tamil Nadu, was held at East Coast Road, Chengalpattu District on 15.10.2023. The event featured three categories

of competition, with the participation of total of 956 male and 169 female participants.

3.6 TN Champions Foundation (TNCF)

In a bid to achieve seamless coordination between the Government and various stakeholders and to leverage the support that corporates and citizens can provide to promote sports and athletes, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) has established a company called the 'TN Champions Foundation.' This initiative was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

As of now, an amount of Rs.8,83,58,217/- has been sanctioned as sponsorship to sportspersons. This funding is intended to support athletes in procuring equipment, travelling for participation in higher-level competitions and covering various other related expenditures. Totally 397 Beneficiaries are benefited and won

more than 100 medals in various National and International tournaments.

3.7 Chief Minister's Mini-Stadia

Out of the 234 Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, the Government have already established different stadia in 61 Constituencies. These stadia are equipped with playfield facilities for a minimum of five major sports disciplines, including Athletics, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Kabaddi and other popular games in the respective Constituencies.

With the aim of developing sports infrastructure at the Assembly Constituency Level, it is proposed to construct mini-stadia in the remaining constituencies. Each mini-stadium is estimated to the cost of Rs.3.00 crore.

In the first phase, land has been selected in the following Assembly Constituencies and Chief Minister's Mini-stadia are being constructed:

Sl. No.	District	Assembly Constituency	Village
1.	Chennai	Kolathur	Ayanavaram
2.	Chennai	Chepauk	Triplicane
3.	Tirupathur	Vaniyambadi	Nimmiyambattu
4.	Tiruppur	Kangeyam	Sivanmalai
5.	Madurai	Solavandhan	Chinnailandaikulam
6.	Thoothukudi	Srivaikundam	Srimoolakarai
7.	Kanyakumari	Padmanabapuram	Kalladimamudu
8.	Pudukkottai	Alangudi	Thiruvarangulam
9.	Sivangangai	Karaikudi	Kalanivasal

Similarly, land is being identified in each of the remaining assembly constituencies where mini stadium is not available. Detailed Project Reports are being prepared for constructing Chief Minister's Mini stadium in a phased manner.

3.8 MoU with the Sports Department of Odisha

The Sports Department of Odisha and the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in

the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, during his visit to Odisha on January 20, 2023. This MoU facilitates the sharing of knowledge and expertise and exchange of young talents, coaches, sportspersons, sports administrators and sports scientists between the two States. It also paves the way for sharing sports infrastructure.

Both States boast rich traditions in sports and have produced several notable athletes who have represented India at various International events.

Under the MoU, the two States will work together in various areas such as talent identification, training and coaching, infrastructure development and the promotion of sports culture.

As part of this collaboration, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu sent Sports hostel Weightlifting Team comprising of

12 boys and 8 girls along with 4 coaches, to Odisha for an intensive training program from 11th to 20th September 2023.

3.9 Details of Assistance to the Manipur Sportspersons

Due to the conflict in the State of Manipur, athletes from the State have been receiving sports training in Tamil Nadu. Around 27 Sportspersons (Fencing and Boxing) from Manipur State were provided with Food, Transport Accommodation and special training. A sum of Rs.25,66,284/- has been incurred by the TN Champions Foundation.

3.10 Environment friendly Sports stadia

Banners prohibiting the use of single-use plastic items have been put up in all District Sports Complexes, Indoor Stadia, Mini stadiums, and other sports facilities under the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and the use

of single-use plastic items is prohibited in all sports arenas.

Additionally, athletes and members of the public entering stadiums are allowed to enter only after rigorous screening to prevent the introduction of single-use plastics. Awareness is also raised by explaining the disadvantages of using single-use plastic items during both sports competitions and non-sports events. Plastic water bottles, pouches and packaging is also being discouraged.

Tree Saplings have been planted around the stadia of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and are being maintained.

Chapter – 4

Hosting of International Competitions

International competitions serve as platforms that bring individuals from around the world together.

The Government of Tamil Nadu have been at the forefront of hosting International championships, providing significant financial assistance to State Associations and National Federations. The following major International competitions were organized in Chennai: -

4.1 The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad

Tamil Nadu boasts a rich chess heritage, with a distinguished history of cultivating skilled chess players and hosting esteemed chess tournaments.

For the first time in India's history, the 44th International Chess Olympiad saw participation of more than 2000 chess players representing

186 countries. This prestigious event took place from July 28th to August 10th, 2022, in Mamallapuram, a historic city known for its Pallava period sculptures in Tamil Nadu.

The 44th Chess Olympiad not only showcased the ancient Tamil culture to the world but also played a significant role in promoting International Tourism in the State. The successful organization of the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Chennai has undoubtedly positioned the city among the world's leading sporting venues.

In recognition of his invaluable support for chess and the successful organization of the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was conferred with the "Man of the Year" award by the Asian Chess Federation, housed in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. This award underscores Tamil Nadu's commitment to the promotion and development of chess on both National and International platforms.

4.2 International Women's Tennis Championship (WTA)

Chennai boasts a rich history of hosting International Tennis Tournaments, starting with the inaugural Chennai Open in 1997. The WTA International Women's Tennis Championship was conducted from September 12th to 18th, 2022, at the Tennis Stadium in Nungambakkam, Chennai. As part of the WTA 250 series, the Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned Rs.5.00 Crore for the successful organization of the tournament.

4.3 ATP Challenger Tour - 2023 Chennai Open Challenger 100

The ATP Challenger Tour comprises a series of International Men's Professional Tennis Tournaments. The third edition of the Chennai Open Challenger 100, part of the 2023 ATP Challenger Tour, took place in Chennai between February 13th and 19th, 2023. Challenger Tour events represent the second-highest tier of Tennis competition, following the ATP Tour, while the ITF

World Tennis Tour Tournaments serve as the entry-level for International professional tennis.

The Chennai Open Challenger 100 played on outdoor hard courts featured 32 players in the Singles competition and 16 teams in the Doubles competition. The event holds a significant place in the Indian Tennis calendar, offering local players the opportunity to demonstrate their talent on an International stage.

During the tournament, the former Tennis World Champion Thiru. Bjorn Borg met with the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development along with Legendary Tennis Player Thiru. Vijay Amritraj to discuss the future prospects of Tennis in Tamil Nadu.

4.4 World Surfing League 2023

The World Surfing League took place at Mamallapuram from August 10th to 20th, 2023. More than 200 leading players from countries such as Australia, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia

and Thailand participated in this prestigious competition.

Hosting this event not only elevated Tamil Nadu status as a global surfing destination but also positioned the State among other renowned surfing destinations like Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and South Africa. By showcasing its picturesque coastline and excellent surfing conditions,

Tamil Nadu attracted attention from surfers worldwide, further enhancing its reputation as a top-tier destination for water sports enthusiasts.

4.5 Asian Men's Hockey Championship – 2023

Under the auspices of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, Asian Men's Hockey Champions Trophy 2023 was hosted at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai from 3rd to 12th August 2023. This marked a significant milestone as it marked the

return of an International Hockey Tournament to Chennai after 16 years.

Paris Olympic grade eco-friendly and sustainable synthetic Hockey turf was laid for the first time in the country to host the competition. The main pavilion at the stadium was refurbished with modern amenities and was enriched as Kalaingar Centenary Pavilion. One of the highlights of the competitions was the official mascot Bomman inspired by the internationally acclaimed elephant conservation measures in Tamil Nadu. Another highlight was the 'Trophy Tour' inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, wherein the Champions Trophy toured all the districts of Tamil Nadu from Kanniyakumari to Chennai to spread the message of Hockey to all parts of the State.

Dedicated Fan Zones were setup in all the districts with LED TV Live projection of the matches. These Fan Zones witnessed fans of

hockey attending in big number and enjoying the matches.

Six of Asia's top-ranked hockey teams, including India, Korea Republic, Malaysia, Pakistan, Japan and China participated in this prestigious event. In an intense final match, the Indian Men's Hockey team secured victory by defeating Malaysia with a score of 4-3.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister presented the Asian Men's Hockey Championship to the winning Indian team and announced cash prize of Rs.5.00 lakh to each player of Indian team and Rs.2.50 lakh to coaches and supporting staff totalling to Rs.1.10 crore.

4.6 Chennai Squash World Cup 2023

The fourth edition of Squash World Cup 2023 took place in Chennai from 13th to 17th June 2023 organized by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu. Eight countries from various continents, including India participated in

this event. This competition was hosted at the Express Avenue Mall in Chennai, with Australia, Colombia, Egypt, Hong Kong China, Japan, Malaysia and South Africa joining India. In the closing ceremony, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented Trophy to the winners.

4.7 Chennai Chess Grand Master-2023

In 2023, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and the Chess Foundation collaborated to host a prestigious chess tournament of International acclaim. This event garnered global attention and praise. By winning the Championship in this competition, the youngest ever World Chess Championship winner Grandmaster Thiru.D.Gukesh got qualified to play in the Candidates Competitions. On behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu allotted a sum of Rs.1,27,00,000/- for this competition.

4.8. Khelo India Youth Games 2023

The 6th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2023 was hosted by Tamil Nadu in the cities of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore from 19th to 31st January, 2024. This marked the hosting of Khelo India Youth Games for the 1st time in South India. This edition witnessed participation of over 5630 athletes from 36 States and Union territories in the U-18 category, along with over 1600 supporting staff, 1020 technical officials and more than 1500 volunteers. Featuring 26 sports disciplines, the event also included Silambam, the traditional sport of Tamil Nadu as a demo sport.

Logo and Mascot

Thirukural stands as one of our nation's greatest literary works, encompassing diverse aspects of life and offering insights into Tamil literature.

The choice of Thirukural highlights the

richness of the Tamil language, a true treasure of India. The book, a significant contribution to human civilization, reflects the rational thought and scientific temperament deeply ingrained in Tamil culture.

Tamil Nadu, known as a knowledge hub, has contributed immensely to India's scientific achievements, with notable scientists supporting our space program. Thus a befitting tag line of 'future is here' was incorporated. The Thiruvalluvar was chosen as the logo.

Mascot, Veera Mangai was the first Indian queen to wage a war against British colonial rule, she symbolizes the valour and spirit of Indian women, embodying the strength of women power. Recognizing the importance of women's participation across all domains is crucial for a nation's development. Veera Mangai serves as an inspirational figure, representing our commitment to providing equal opportunities for women and acknowledging their significant contributions to

nation-building hence chosen as Mascot.

The ceremonial Torch – “Tamizh” – was designed to highlight the rich legacy of the language of Tamil and the land of Tamil Nadu. One of the highlights of the publicity activities of Khelo India Youth Games was the ‘Canter Tour’ launched by the Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development. The dedicated Canter Vehicles carried the message and spirit of Khelo India’s logo and mascot to every nook and corner of Tamil Nadu.

The grand inaugural ceremony of Khelo India Youth Games 2023 was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai on 19th January, 2024. The inauguration was graced by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development. The inaugural ceremony was celebrated as the grandest opening ceremony reflecting the unparalleled and rich history and culture of Tamil Nadu.

The closing ceremony was held on 31.01.2024 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai where the top 3 teams – Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Haryana were felicitated with the trophies by Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, Tamil Nadu and the Hon’ble Union Minister for Sports.

Khelo India Youth Games 2023 has stood as a testimony not just to the sporting talent of Tamil Nadu but also to the organisational abilities to host mega multi-sport events by Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu excelled in this edition, securing the second position in the overall medal tally with 98 medals including 38 Gold, 21 Silver and 39 Bronze and finishing on the podium for the first time in the history of Khelo India Youth Games.

Medal Tally of Tamil Nadu					
Sl. No.	Game	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Athletics	11	6	1	18
2.	Badminton	1	0	1	2
3.	Basketball	2	0	0	2

4.	Boxing	0	0	4	4
5.	Cycling	5	1	6	12
6.	Fencing	2	0	4	6
7.	Judo	0	0	1	1
8.	Kabaddi	0	1	1	2
9.	Kalaripayattu	0	1	0	1
10.	Mallakhamb	0	2	1	3
11.	Shooting	0	3	1	4
12.	Squash	3	0	4	7
13.	Swimming	4	3	7	14
14.	Tennis	4	0	2	6
15.	Volleyball	1	0	1	2
16.	Weightlifting	2	3	3	8
17.	Yogasana	3	1	2	6
	TOTAL	38	21	39	98

The competition venue details are as below: -

Name of the City	Discipline	Competition Venue
Chennai	Athletics	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
	Football	Madras University
		Integrated Sports Complex
		Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
	Kabaddi	Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium
	Volleyball	
	Judo	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
	Weightlifting	

Name of the City	Discipline	Competition Venue
	Squash	Nehru Park Sports Complex
	Archery	
	Boxing	Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University
	Badminton	
	Fencing	
	Table Tennis	
	Cycling	
	Gymnastics	SDAT AGB Complex
	Swimming	
	Hockey	MRK Hockey Stadium
	Tennis	SDAT Tennis Stadium
	Shooting	Gurunanak College
	Wrestling	Rajarathinam Stadium
	Yogasana	
Trichy	Mallakhamb	Anna Stadium
	Kalaripayattu	
Madurai	Gatka	MGR Stadium
	Kho - Kho	
Coimbatore	Basketball	PSG Medical College
	Thang- ta	

Tamil Nadu has emerged as the most sought after destination for hosting National and International Level Sports Competitions in India.

Chapter – 5

Other Sports Competitions

Competitions serve as a catalyst for motivation, enabling youth to strive towards a goal, showcasing their determination, creativity, and perseverance in overcoming challenges. Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu continuously conducting various competitions for the upbringing of the sportspersons according to the prevailing competitive environment.

5.1 Arignar Anna Cycle Race

Arignar Anna Cycle Race is conducted every year in all the District Headquarters on September 15th in commemoration of the Birthday of Perarignar Anna. Competitions are conducted in three age groups i.e. under 13, under 15 and under 17 for both Boys and Girls. In the year 2023-2024, Arignar Anna Cycle Race has been conducted on 14th October 2023 at all District Headquarters and a Total No. of 15,833

individuals participated across the State. The Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.38.00 lakh for conducting the Arignar Anna Cycle Race.

5.2 Arignar Anna Long Distance Run

In the Budget announcement for the year 2023-2024, the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development declared the continuation of the Arignar Anna Marathon Run in all districts to promote fitness culture among the public.

The Arignar Anna Marathon Run conducted annually across all districts, serves as a platform to raise awareness and foster a culture of fitness among the general public.

A parallel Long Distance Running Competition equivalent to Marathon was conducted in all district headquarters on 7th October 2023 in the Age Category of 17-25. A total No. of 14,171 individuals participated in this event. The Government sanctioned a sum of

Rs.38.00 lakh for conducting the Arignar Anna Long Distance Run.

5.3 SDAT Hockey League Tournament

SDAT Hockey League Tournament in Tamil Nadu now exclusively take place on synthetic surfaces. The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu oversees seven synthetic hockey turfs across the State situated in Chennai (2), Kovilpatti (Thoothukudi District), Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli and Tiruchirappalli. To foster the growth of hockey and offer competitive experience on synthetic surfaces to the players, SDAT organize the Champions Cup Hockey League Tournament at the District, Regional and State levels.

5.4 Tamil Nadu All India Civil Services and Central Services (TACS) Officers Tournament

Since 2019-2020, the Tamil Nadu All India Civil Services and Central Services (TACS) Officers Tournament has been annually organizing

sports competitions in Badminton (men and women), Cricket (men) and Football (men). The primary aim is to promote sports activities among working professionals and enhance their efficiency and skills. To support these initiatives, the Government have allocated a recurring annual grant of Rs.26.43 lakh. The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development inaugurated the Tamil Nadu All India Civil Services and Central Services (TACS) Officers Tournament 2023.

5.5 All India Civil Service Tournaments (AICS)

The All India Civil Service Tournaments (AICS) are organized under the supervision of the Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Control Board in New Delhi, spanning across various States. These tournaments serve as platforms to promote physical fitness and foster team spirit among Government servants.

5.6 District and State Level Carrom Competitions

Tamil Nadu emerged as formidable in the game of Carrom. District and State level Carrom Competitions are conducted annually for school children enrolled in Government, Government-Aided, Panchayat, Town Panchayat and Municipal Schools. These competitions are divided into two categories i.e., Sub-Junior (upto 5th Standard) and Junior (6th to 12th Standard). Cash prizes are presented to the top three winners in each category aiming to motivate and encourage student participation in carrom.

5.7 Advanced Training and participation Competition Abroad

SDAT provides financial assistance of upto Rs.30,000/- to sportspersons to cover airfare costs when participating in recognized International competitions or undertaking training abroad.

5.8 Anti-Doping

SDAT is committed to upholding fair play and integrity in sports by actively preventing the use of performance-enhancing drugs and other prohibited substances. Anti-doping measures are integral to ensuring a level playing field for all athletes. In alignment with the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Code and in collaboration with the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu implements comprehensive anti-doping strategies.

5.9 State Sports Associations

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu grants recognition exclusively to State Sports Associations in specific disciplines, contingent upon the fulfilment of certain criteria. These criteria encompass various aspects such as the association's constitution and by-laws, memorandum and articles of association, minutes of annual general body meetings for the

preceding three years, audited accounts for the past three years, recognition by the respective National Federation and the Indian Olympic Association or Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for Non-Olympic sports.

Additionally, recognition by the Tamil Nadu Olympic Association for Olympic sports, documentation of State and National-level competitions organized by the Association, registration under the Societies Registration Act, details of affiliations granted to District Associations, and adherence to rules and regulations, including playfield specifications, are also considered. Notably, only one State Sports Association per sports discipline is permitted in the State, with SDAT currently recognizing 39 Associations.

5.10 Various prestigious competitions held at Modern Stadium in Chennai

Tamil Nadu has established itself as a significant hub for hosting sports competitions

with the Modern Stadia in Chennai serving as prominent venues. Utilizing the State-of-the-art infrastructure facilities managed by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, both State Sports Associations and National Federations have organized numerous prestigious events at this venue, showcasing the State's commitment to promoting sports at higher levels.

5.10.1 Competitions held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai

The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai has been a bustling venue for several prestigious competitions. It hosted the Indian Super League Football tournament in various dates from October 2023 to March 2024. Additionally, the National Athletic Championship took place at the stadium from 19th to 20th October 2023.

Further, the stadium hosted significant tournaments including the Tamil Nadu All India Services & Central Services Officers Tournament in Football (TACS) from 2nd April to 28th May

2023, the Chief Minister's Trophy State Competitions from 30th June to 15th July 2023 and the Khelo India Youth Games conducted from 19th to 31st January 2024 further solidifying its status as a premier sporting destination.

5.10.2 Competitions held at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai

The Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai has been a venue for various competitions throughout the year. It hosted the 3x3 National Basketball Championship from 20th to 24th September 2023, the 90th Billiards & Snookers Championship from 17th November to 26th December 2023, the 36th Men & 32nd Women National Ataya Patya Championship from 26th to 29th November 2023. Additionally, the stadium welcomed the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 from 19th to 28th December 2023 and the Prime Volleyball League Season 3 from 11th February to 22nd March 2024.

5.10.3 Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium (MRK), Chennai

In the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Egmore, Chennai, the 1st Division Hockey League Championship from 15th to 16th April 2023, the Chief Minister's Trophy State Level Competitions from 1st to 25th July 2023, also welcomed the Hero Asian Championship Trophy from 3rd to 12th August 2023 and the 94th All India MCC Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament from 24th August to 3rd September 2023 are conducted.

Additionally, it hosted Hockey 5's Knockout Matches from 6th to 9th September 2023, 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men & Women South Zone Championship 2023 from 17th to 24th October 2023, the 13th Senior Men National Championship from 17th to 28th November 2023 and the 6th Khelo India Youth Games from 21st to 27th January 2024. Various other Hockey competitions at different levels were also

conducted at the stadium during this period, further establishing its significance as a premier venue for Hockey in the region.

5.10.4 SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai

The SDAT Tennis Stadium in Nungambakkam, Chennai, hosted various notable events including the Chief Minister's Trophy State Level Tennis tournament on 3rd July 2023, the AITA Men/Women/Wheelchair Tournament on 31st July 2023, the Khelo India Youth Games 2023 on 27th January 2023 and Chennai Open ATP Challenger 2024 Competitions on 5th February 2024.

5.10.5 SDAT Aquatic, Gymnastic, Badminton (AGB) Complex, Velachery, Chennai

The AGB Complex in Velachery, Chennai, hosted several significant events including the 76th Senior State Aquatic Championship from 3rd to 4th June 2023, the 39th Sub Junior & 49th Junior

National Aquatic Championship in Water Polo and Diving from 18th to 22nd July 2023 and 39th Sub Junior & 49th Junior National Aquatic Championship in Swimming from 28th to 30th July 2023.

Additionally, the Junior & Sub-Junior Artistic Gymnastics State Championship for boys and girls took place from 25th to 26th November 2023, followed by the Chief Minister's Trophy State Level Swimming Competitions from 9th to 10th July 2023, the 6th Khelo India Youth Games (Gymnastics) from 19th to 24th January 2024 and the 6th Khelo India Youth Games (Swimming) from 25th to 31st January 2024.

Chapter – 6

Talent Identification

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu plays a vital role in and nurturing champions in Tamil Nadu. Various schemes are put into practice to nurture and provide appropriate training to shape these identified talents into champions, equipping them to secure medals in higher-level competitions.

- a) World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme
- b) Specialized Academies
- c) Selection Trials for Sports Hostel (School Level)
- d) Selection Trials for Sports Hostel of Excellence (College Level)
- e) Selection Trials for Centre of Excellence in Sports (School Level)
- f) Conducting Various Coaching Camps

6.1 World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme (WBTSS)

The Government of Tamil Nadu has introduced the innovative World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme. This scheme involves conducting a series of tests for students in VI, VII, and VIII standards across all schools in the State. These tests aim to assess motor qualities such as speed, endurance, strength, explosive power and agility levels in children indicating their potential for specific sports or games.

6.1.1 Identification of Talents

At the initial stage in the school level, the battery of tests is utilized to identify potentially talented children. The School Education Department, in collaboration with the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, oversees the identification of talents. The following battery of tests facilitates the identification of motor qualities:

1.	50m Run	Speed
2.	600 m Run for girls / 800 m Run for Boys	Endurance
3.	4 Kg Shot put	Strength
4.	Standing board Long Jump	Explosive Power
5.	6 x 10m Shuttle Run	Agility

In the second stage of the scheme, Educational District Competitions are organized for boys and girls who have achieved scores of 10, 9, or 8 out of 10 in the battery of tests administered in schools. Regional level competitions are held at various locations. Annually, during April to May, the top 10 winners are chosen to participate in selection trials for the SDAT Sports Hostel Selection and Specialized Academies. Upon selection, they are admitted to specialized academies and sports hostels where they receive specialized and regular coaching to excel in their respective sports.

6.2 Selection Trials for Sports Hostels

The Government of Tamil Nadu have

established Sports Hostels, Sports Hostel of Excellence and Centre of Excellence for Holistic Development, improve skills of sportspersons and to provide integrated training programmes. The selection for these Sports Hostels are being conducted in a fair and transparent manner. The applications for the admission of the sports hostels are submitted through the website and the selection is done in two stages at District and State Level. All admissions are evaluated through the website and the results are published on the public platform.

6.3 Conducting Various Coaching Camps

6.3.1 Summer Coaching Camp

Annually, Summer Coaching Camps are organized in all district headquarters for boys and girls under the age of 16. These camps focus on disciplines such as Athletics, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Volleyball, and other popular sports within the districts. Qualified coaches and sports

experts oversee the training sessions conducted during the summer holidays.

6.3.2 Educational District Level Coaching Camp under WBTSS Scheme

Every year, a Non-Residential Coaching Camp is held in each educational district for a duration of 5 days. This camp is specifically for talented boys and girls who are studying in 6th, 7th and 8th standard, identified through the World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme. Qualified coaches and sports experts conduct these camps, focusing on teaching basic sports skills to the participants.

6.3.3 District Level Residential Coaching Camps

The District Level Residential Coaching Camp is conducted for 60 (Boys and Girls) talents identified in each educational District. The camp is conducted for 15 days during summer holidays. The players are imparted basic sports skills through

sports expert and qualified coaches. Participants are encouraged to attend selection trials for admission into SDAT's Specialized Academies and Sports Hostels.

6.3.4 Talent Hunting Camps

The Government introduced the "Talent Hunting Camp" scheme in 2016 by merging the Day Boarders Scheme and Weekend Coaching Camp scheme. Each year, 10 boys and 10 girls below the age of 14 are selected to receive systematic training in a specific sport area. These camps are conducted in all 38 districts for a duration of 6 months. Participants receive travel allowance, dietary allowance, sports uniform and other necessary support during the camp.

6.3.5 Orientation Course for Physical Education Teachers / Physical Education Directors

Physical Education Teachers play a crucial role in fostering physical activity to young adults

studying in High School / Higher Secondary Schools. To enhance the skills and knowledge of Physical Education Teachers (PETs) and Physical Education Directors, orientation courses are conducted. The orientation courses are specifically designed for Physical Education Teachers and Physical Education Directors under the age of 40.

6.3.6 Learn to Swim Programme

All swimming pools managed by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu conduct the "Learn to Swim" program throughout the year. This program is organized in batches during the summer months from April to June annually, catering to students, the general public, and others. Participants undergo training to learn swimming within a span of 12 days through a one hour per day coaching program. This initiative is offered across 32 swimming pools State-wide in 28 Districts and 8842 persons got benefited.

Chapter – 7

Talent Development

The development of talent is a natural progression following talent identification and assessment. Systematic talent development is instrumental in achieving success and winning medals at both National and International Levels. The Government implements various initiatives to nurture potential talents in the State. These initiatives include Sports Hostels, Sports Hostels of Excellence, Centres of Excellence, Specialized Academies, Centres of High Performance, Khelo India District centre and SAI Regional Training Centre.



-  District Sports Complex - DSC
-  Center of Excellence - COE
-  Sports Hostel of Excellence - SHE
-  Sports Hostel - SH

7.1 Sports Hostels

Sports Hostels serve as platforms to identify and nurture sporting talents at the school level. Students, both boys and girls studying in 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th standards are admitted to these hostels through two-tier selection trials for District and State level in Tamil Nadu. In addition to receiving scientific coaching, the hostel residents are provided with a dietary charge of Rs.250/- per head per day for 320 days, Rs.4,000/- per head per year for sports uniforms, Shoes and Rs.1,000/- for sports equipment. Currently, there are 27 sports hostels operational in the State, accommodating a total of 1925 students.

The list of Sports Hostels along with the disciplines the furnished below:

Sports Hostel for Boys

Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline
1	Ariyalur	Athletics, Hockey and Handball
2	Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Pudur, Chennai	Cricket
3	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Chennai	Boxing, Fencing and Judo
4	Coimbatore	Athletics, Basketball and Volleyball
5	Cuddalore	Boxing, Teakwondo and Wrestling
6	Krishnagiri	Athletics, Football, Handball and Taekwondo
7	Madurai	Athletics, Basketball, Football, Hockey and Volleyball
8	Neyveli (NLC)	Athletics, Basketball and Football
9	Ramanathapuram	Athletics and Hockey
10	Sivagangai	Athletics, Kabaddi and Football
11	Thanjavur	Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball and Weightlifting
13	Thoothukudi	Athletics, Basketball and Football
14	Tiruchirappalli	Athletics, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Squash, Taekwondo, Volleyball and Wushu

Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline
15	Tirunelveli	Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Hockey, Volleyball and Swimming
16	Viluppuram	Handball, Kabaddi and Mallakhamb
17	Theni	Basketball, Football and Kabaddi

SPORTS HOSTEL FOR GIRLS

Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline
1.	Chennai Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium	Boxing, Fencing, Judo and Volleyball
2.	Dharmapuri	Kabaddi, Taekwondo and Volleyball
3.	Dindigul	Athletics, Basketball and Football
4.	Erode	Athletics, Football and Volleyball
5.	Nagercoil	Athletics, Fencing, Volleyball and Weightlifting
6.	Namakkal	Football and Kabaddi
7.	Perambalur	Athletics, Handball and Taekwondo
8.	Pudukkottai	Athletics, Hockey and Weightlifting
9.	Tiruvannamalai	Athletics, Basketball, Handball and Hockey
10.	Selvam Higher Secondary School,	Athletics and Fencing

Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel	Discipline
	Namakkal	

Sports Hostel for Boys & Girls

Sl. No.	Place of the Sports Hostel (Boys & Girls)	Discipline
1.	The Nilgiris	Athletics

Online applications were invited for Sports Hostel for the year 2024-2025. Selection was held in two phases at District and State Level. First phase selection was held in all district stadiums and those who were selected participated in second phase of state level selection and selected on the basis of merit. Students who are selected through direct test and counselling have been admitted to the Sports Hostel.

7.2 Sports Hostel of Excellence (SHE)

Sports Hostel of Excellence (SHE) are designed to offer sports training to college students. In addition to advanced training, students receive nutritious diets and financial

assistance for participation in various levels of competitions.

Apart from the scientific coaching, the students of Sports Hostel of Excellence are provided with a dietary charge of Rs.250/- per head per day for 320 Days, Rs.10,000/- per head per year for Sports Uniforms, Shoes and Rs.10,000/- per head for Sports Equipment.

The Sports Hostel of Excellence for both men and women are operational in 6 locations and the list along with the disciplines are furnished below:

SPORTS HOSTEL OF EXCELLENCE

Sl. No.	Place of Hostels	Discipline
1	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Men), Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai	Athletics
		Basketball
		Boxing
		Fencing
		Judo
		Volleyball
		Weightlifting
2	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Men), Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District	Hockey

3	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Women), Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium, Chennai	Athletics
		Boxing
		Basketball
		Football
		Judo
		Volleyball
		Weightlifting
4	Sports Hostel of Excellence (Men), Katpadi, Vellore District	Football
		Handball
		Kabaddi
5	Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai (Women)	Hockey
6	Kancheepuram (Women)	Kabaddi
		Handball

Applications were invited for Sports Hostel of Excellence for the year of 2024-2025 through online method. State Level Selection was held at Chennai and under basis of merit and selected Boys & Girls have been admitted to the Sports Hostel of Excellence.

7.3 Centre of Excellence (CoE)

Centre of Excellence (CoE) caters to boys and girls in various disciplines in both school and colleges categories providing systematic and

scientific coaching, nutritious food and all necessary facilities to enhance the performance of the athletes.

Apart from the scientific coaching, the students of Centre of Excellence are provided with a dietary charge of Rs.250/- per head per day for 320 Days, Rs.10,000/- per head per year for Sports Uniforms, Shoes and Rs.10,000/- per head for Sports Equipment.

The list of Centre of Excellence along with the disciplines are furnished below:

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Sl. No.	Place of Hostels	Discipline
1.	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai (Boys)	Athletics
2.	Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai (Girls)	Athletics
3.	SDAT AGB Complex, Velachery, Chennai (Boys & Girls)	Gymnastics
		Swimming
4.	SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai (Girls)	Tennis
5.	Sathuvachari, Vellore (Boys)	Weightlifting
6.	Tamil Nadu Physical	Badminton

Sl. No.	Place of Hostels	Discipline
	Education & Sports University, Melakottaiyur (Boys & Girls)	Cycling
		Table Tennis
		Archery (Boys)

Online applications were invited for Centre of Excellence for the year of 2024-2025. State Level Selection was held at Chennai and based on merit, Boys & Girls have been admitted to the Centre of Excellence.

7.4 Sports Hostel Students Medal Winning Details in Khelo India Youth Games 2023.

Students from SDAT Sports Hostels achieved remarkable success in the Khelo India Youth Games, held across Chennai, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore. They won a total of 5 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.

7.5 Specialized Sports Academies

The Government has established specialized academies across various locations in Tamil Nadu.

Students from 6th, 7th, and 8th standards who score 10, 9, and 8 marks out of 10 in the battery of tests conducted under the World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme are selected through expert-led selection trials for admission into these specialized academies based on their abilities and talents.

The selected students will be trained, scientific method of training from experienced coaches and International players in their respective disciplines.

The following specialized academies are operational under SDAT.

Sl. No.	Name of Academy	Place
1.	Sprint & Jumps Academy	Madurai
2.	Throws Academy	Tiruchirapalli
3.	Middle Distance Academy	Tiruvannamail
4.	Long Distance Academy	
5.	Football Academy for Boys	Nagapattinam
6.	Football Academy for Girls	Dindigul
7.	Diving Academy for boys & Girls	Chennai
8.	Hockey Academy for boys & Girls	Chennai
9.	Table Tennis Academy	Madurai

10.	AKG Table Tennis Academy	Chennai
11.	Tamil Nadu Squash Racket Academy	Chennai

These academies conduct training programmes for about 1300 sportspersons.

7.6 Gymnastics Centre in Erode District

The Government have set up a Gymnastics Centre in Karattupalayam, Erode district, with the aim of promoting gymnastics, particularly among traditionally acrobatic communities. The centre provides scientific coaching in gymnastics, along with nutritious food and opportunities to participate in competitive events, enabling participants to excel in their respective fields.

The Government have accorded administrative and financial sanction of Rs.1,00,00,000/- for establishment of Sports Hostel and new Gymnastics stadium in Special Gymnastics Development Centre at Karattupalayam, Erode students of Tribal Community vide G.O.(Ms).No.60, YW&SD (S2)

Department, Dated: 17.08.2023.

7.7 Centre of High Performance

7.7.1 High Altitude Training Centre

Training at high altitude is known to enhance stamina and positively impact the performance of athletes. Moreover, preparing for competitions in hill areas by training at high altitude can yield favourable results. Recognizing this, a High-Altitude Training Centre has been established in Udhagamandalam. This unique project allows sportspersons to undergo training throughout the year, providing them with an ideal environment to enhance their performance. This year, High Altitude training centre is also utilised by National and International players of SAI.

7.7.2 Sailing Academy

Sailing is a sport with promising Olympic medal prospects, and Tamil Nadu benefits from its extensive coastline of 1087 km. Recognizing this advantage, the Government have allocated

Rs.700.00 lakh for the establishment of a Sailing Academy in Chennai. Once established, this facility will significantly boost the prospects of sailors from Tamil Nadu. Notably, three Sailors from Tamil Nadu represented India in the Tokyo Olympics 2020. Indian Sailor Ms. Nethra Kumanan who participated in the earlier Olympics has been selected to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympics too.

7.7.3 Centre of Excellence for Canoeing & Kayaking

Canoeing and kayaking are water sports with promising Olympic medal prospects. To foster the development of these sports and attract young talents, the Government have allocated Rs.258.10 lakh for the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Canoeing and Kayaking near the Campus of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University in Melakottaiyur.

7.8 Khelo India District Centre

The Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India has initiated the establishment of Khelo India Centres (KICs) at the District Level nationwide under the Khelo India Scheme, to be implemented gradually.

In alignment with this initiative, 37 Khelo India District Centres have been established across various districts. Former champion athletes have been enlisted as coaches to provide regular training at these centers.

Furthermore, plans are underway to establish the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai. This initiative aims to integrate the entire sporting ecosystem of the State and create numerous opportunities for the youth.

A list of Khelo India Centers is as follows:

Sl. No.	Khelo India Centres- District	Discipline
1.	Ariyalur	Hockey
2.	Chengalpatu	Fencing
3.	Coimbatore	Football
4.	Cuddalore	Football
5.	Dharmapuri	Athletics
6.	Dindigul	Football
7.	Erode	Basketball
8.	Kallakurichi	Kabaddi
9.	Kanchipuram	Judo
10.	Kanyakumari	Athletics
11.	Karur	Judo
12.	Krishnagiri	Athletics
13.	Madurai	Hockey
14.	Mayiladuthurai	Weightlifting
15.	Nagapattinam	Volleyball
16.	Namakkal	Volleyball
17.	Perambalur	Athletics
18.	Pudukottai	Boxing
19.	Ramanathapuram	Judo
20.	Ranipet	Volleyball

Sl. No.	Khelo India Centres- District	Discipline
21.	Salem	Boxing
22.	Sivagangai	Kho – Kho
23.	Tenkasi	Weightlifting
24.	Thanjavur	Weightlifting
25.	Nilgiris	Hockey
26.	Theni	Kabaddi
27.	Tirunelveli	Swimming
28.	Tirupathur	Football
29.	Tiruppur	Athletics
30.	Tiruvallur	Football
31.	Tiruvannamalai	Swimming
32.	Tiruvarur	Volleyball
33.	Tuticorin	Volleyball
34.	Trichy	Wrestling
35.	Vellore	Football
36.	Villupuram	Mallarkamb
37.	Virudhunagar	Hockey

7.9 Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centre

The Sports Authority of India Regional Training Centres are functioning at Mayiladuthurai, Salem and Chennai to provide

training to sportsperson in various games in Tamil Nadu.

The SAI Training Centre (STC) scheme is aimed at grooming junior level sports persons in the age group of 10-18 years who have been scouted from grassroots. In order to establish and run SAI Centres, the Tamil Nadu Government provide all the infrastructure facilities, with SAI providing Boarding & Lodging and scientific training to the selected trainees along with equipment support and repairs to the infrastructure.

Chapter - 8

Sports Achievements

International sports events provide a platform for athletes and spectators from various nations to unite, promoting unity and friendship among individuals from diverse backgrounds. These events facilitate cultural exchange and understanding, demonstrating the ability of sports to transcend boundaries.

The performances of elite athletes in global competitions inspire individuals of all ages to pursue their athletic goals and dreams. Elite athletes often become role models and sources of motivation, demonstrating the possibilities of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

Success in International sports events brings a sense of national pride among the citizens. Achievements in sports resonate strongly with the population, serving as symbols of excellence and achievement. Several exceptional

athletes from Tamil Nadu have achieved National and International success, showcasing the talent and dedication present in the State's sporting community.

8.1 Award for Highest Honour in 2023-2024

Sl. No.	Name of the Sportspersons	Discipline	Name of the Award
1.	Ms. Joshna Chinnappa	Squash	Padma Shri Award
2.	Mrs. Kavitha Selvaraj (Lifetime Achievement)	Kabaddi	Dhyan Chand Award
3.	Thiru. R.B. Ramesh (Outstanding in Coaching)	Chess	Dhronacharya Award
4.	Ms. R. Vaishali (Outstanding in Sports)	Chess	Arjuna Award

8.2 Olympic Games Paris 2024

Tamil Nadu Table Tennis Player Thiru.A.Sharath Kamal, a two-time Commonwealth Games Champion and Padma Shri, Khel Ratna awardee, will be India's flag-bearer at the upcoming Summer Olympic Games going to be held at Paris from July 26th to Aug 11th 2024.

The following players have already qualified from Tamil Nadu to participate India in the upcoming summer Olympic Games going to be held in Paris – 2024.

SI. No	Name of the Athletes	Discipline	Event
1	Subha Venkatesan	Athletics	4x400M Relay (W)
2	Aarokiya Rajiv. S	Athletics	4x400M Relay(M)
3	Rajesh Ramesh	Athletics	4x400M Relay(M)
4	Vithya Ramraj	Athletics	4x400M Relay Women
5	Nethra Kumanan	Sailing	Women's Dinghy (ILCA 6)
6	Prithviraj Thondaiman	Shooting	Trap (M)
7	A. Sharath Kamal	Table Tennis	Men's Team and Men's Singles
8	G. Sathiyan	Table Tennis	Men's Team
9	N. Sriram Balaji	Tennis	Men's Doubles

8.3 Para Athletes Qualified for Paris Olympics – 2024

Sl. No.	Name of the Athletes	Discipline	Event
1	T. Mariyappan	Para Athletics	High Jump(M)
2	Manisha Ramadass	Para Badminton	Women's Singles SU5
3	Thulasimathi Murugesan	Para Badminton	Women's Singles SU5 & Mixed Doubles SL3 - SU5
4	Sivarajan Solaimalai	Para Badminton	Men's Singles SH6 & Mixed Doubles SH6
5	Nithyasree	Para Badminton	Women's Singles SH6 & Mixed Doubles SH6

The year 2023 marked a significant paradigm shift for Indian sports, setting a new benchmark of 107 medals, including 28 Gold, 38 Silver, and 41 Bronze. For the first time, India secured 4th place in Asian Games history at Hangzhou, China. This is the first time Tamil Nadu athletes clinched more medals in the Indian Squad for both the Asian and Para Asian Games.

8.4 Sports Achievements of Tamil Nadu Sportspersons in Asian Games

Sl. No.	Name of the player	Discipline	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Rajesh Ramesh	Athletics	1	1	
2.	Suba Venkatesan	Athletics		2	
3.	Vithya Ramraj	Athletics		2	1
4.	Praveen Chithravel	Athletics			1
5.	R. Prithviraj Tondaiman	Shotgun Trap	1		
6.	Saurav Khosal	Squash	1	1	
7.	Harinder Paul Singh	Squash	2		
8.	Abai Singh	Squash	1		1
9.	Deepika Palikal Karthik	Squash	1		1
10.	Joshna Chinnappa	Squash			1
11.	Ramkumar Ramanathan	Tennis		1	
12.	V. Anandakumar	Roller Skating			1
13.	Arathi Kasthuriraj				1
14.	J. Karthika				1
15.	Gukesh. D	Chess		1	
16.	R. Praggnanandhaa	Chess		1	
17.	R. Vaishali	Chess		1	
18.	Savitha Sree. B	Chess		1	
19.	Sai Kishore	Cricket	1		
20.	Washington Sundar	Cricket	1		

8.5 Achievements of Tamil Nadu Sportspersons in Para Asian Games

Sl. No.	Name of the player	Discipline	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	D. Cholairaj	Para Athletic	1		
2.	T. Mariyappan	Para Athletic		1	
3.	Muthu Raja	Para Athletic			2
4.	M. Thulasimathi	Para Badminton	1	1	1
5.	Manisha Ramadas	Para Badminton			3
6.	Sivarajan Cholaimalai	Para Badminton			2
7.	Nithya Sree S.S	Para Badminton			3

The Government's assistance in form of state of art infrastructure, modern equipments and advance coaching has paved way for success of our sports persons. They have fully reciprocated Government efforts by bringing laurels to the State and the Country.

Chapter - 9

Awards, Incentives, Scholarships, Pension, and Other Welfare Schemes

Sportspersons prioritize both Education and Sports in their careers. Meritorious individuals with the potential to excel at National and International levels are identified and rewarded with incentives, scholarships, and other forms of support in Tamilnadu.

9.1 Awards

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has been honoured with awards for successfully hosting various International and National competitions and for developing sports infrastructure facilities. Additionally, the authority has been recognized for its efforts in encouraging sportspersons through awards and incentives for their achievements in both National and International arenas.

9.1.1 CII Sports Business Award 2023

The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu was recognized as the "Best State Promoting Sports Development" at the CII Sports Business Award 2023 for its significant contributions to enhancing the sports ecosystem in Tamil Nadu.

9.1.2 Sportstar Aces Award 2023

In acknowledgment of the outstanding achievements of sportspersons from Tamil Nadu at National and International competitions, as well as the State's dedicated efforts in successfully hosting International sporting events, Tamil Nadu was honoured at Mumbai as the "Best State for Promoting Sports" at Sportstar Aces Award on February 8, 2024. This award was received by Hon'ble Minister for Sports Welfare and Sports Development Department.

9.1.3 Chief Minister's State Sports Award

The Chief Minister's State Sports Award was

instituted to recognize the dedication and achievements of individuals in various categories related to sports. The Chief Minister's Award carries a sum of Rs.1.00 lakh each with a Gold Medal worth Rs.10,000/- and a citation of SDAT for two outstanding Male sportspersons and two outstanding Female sportspersons, two outstanding coaches and two outstanding Physical Directors / Physical Education Teachers every year and for one Sports Donor, one Sports Organizer and one Sports Umpire / Referee / Judge. The awardees will be presented with a Gold Medal worth Rs.10,000/- and a citation of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.

9.1.4 Chief Minister's State Youth Award

The Chief Minister's State Youth Award is established to acknowledge the contributions made by young individuals towards social development. Annually, this award is conferred

upon three men and three women aged between 15 and 35 years, coinciding with the Independence Day celebrations. In 2023, the Chief Minister's State Youth Award was bestowed upon the following 4 Men and 3 Women during the Independence Day festivities held in Chennai on August 15, 2023.

Sl. No.	Men	Sl. No.	Women
1.	Thiru.S.Dhusthageer, The Nilgiris District	1.	Selvi. M. Vijayalakshmi, Chennai District
2.	Thiru. R. Dinesh Kumar, Trichy District	2.	Selvi. S. Chandralekha, Madurai District
3.	Thiru. G. Gopi, Ranipet District	3.	Selvi. Kavitha Thandhoni, Kanchipuram District
4.	Thiru. P. Rajasekar, (Adventure Sports) Special Case, Chengalpattu District		

9.2 High Cash Incentives (HCI)

With the aim of motivating athletes from Tamil Nadu to attain more medals in National/International level competitions, the Government has extended the scheme of High

Cash Incentives as per G.O. (Ms) No.18, Youth Welfare and Sports Development (S1) Department, dated 29.07.2019 and amendment G.O. (Ms) No.23, Youth Welfare and Sports Development (S1) Department, dated 05.08.2021. The Government of Tamil Nadu had granted Rs.89.11 crore to 2730 sportspersons as High Cash Incentive from the year 2021.

Part-1 Sports disciplines covered in Olympics, Asian Games and Common Wealth Games (As per last edition of Games held) for Multi-disciplinary Sports Competitions like Youth Olympics, Asian Youth Olympics etc.,

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Olympic Games (Once in 4 years) (Summer / Winter)	300.00	200.00	100.00
2.	Asian Games (Once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00
3.	Commonwealth Games (Once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
4.	Youth Olympic Games (Summer/Winter) (Once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00
5.	Asian Youth Games (Once in 4 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00
6.	World Championships (Once in 4 years)	100.00	60.00	40.00
7.	World Championships (Once in 2 years)	75.00	50.00	30.00
8.	World Championships (held annually)	50.00	30.00	20.00
		Subject to the condition that only single event of its type in the whole year		
9.	International Federation recognized competitions held in the name of some other nomenclature	Tournaments for each Level will have to be notified		
	One Level below World Championship	30.00	20.00	10.00
	Two Level below World Championship	20.00	15.00	7.50
	Three Level below World Championship	15.00	10.00	5.00
10.	Asian Championships / Commonwealth Championships (Once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00
11.	Asian Championships / Commonwealth Championships (Once in 2 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
12.	Asian Championships / Commonwealth Championships (held annually) with not less than 10 countries participation	10.00	6.00	4.00
13.	Asian Beach Games (Once in 4 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
14.	SAF Games (Once in 4 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
15	National Games (Once in 2 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
16	SAF Championship / Senior National Championships (held annually)	5.00	3.00	2.00
17	World Age Group Championship / World Cup (depending upon Sports discipline the duration may vary)	6.00	4.00	3.00
		This should be for the highest competition at the World Level in the year for junior, sub-junior and age categories younger to seniors		
18	Asian Age Group Championships (held	5.00	3.00	2.00

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
	annually)	This should be for the highest competition at the Asian Level in the year for junior, sub-junior and age categories younger to seniors		
19	National Age Group Championship (held annually)	3.00	2.00	1.50
		This should be for the highest competition at the National Level in the year for junior, sub-junior and age categories younger to seniors.		

Part-2 School Games and University Games

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Universities / World University Championships organized by Federation International Edu Sport Universities (held annually)	6.00	4.00	3.00
2.	AII India Inter University (held annually)	3.00	2.00	1.50

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
3.	World Schools Championships (held annually)	5.00	3.00	2.00
4.	Asian School Games / Championships (held annually)	4.00	2.50	1.50
5.	National School Games Championships organized by SGFI / Khelo India Youth Games (held annually)	2.00	1.50	1.00

Part- 3 (A) Sports disciplines other than Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games – Chess and Powerlifting

Sl. No	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	World Cup / World Championship (once in 2 years or in higher period)	50.00	30.00	20.00
2.	World Cup / World Championship (held annually)	20.00	15.00	10.00
3.	Asia Cup / Asian Championship / Commonwealth Cup/ Commonwealth Championship (depending upon sports discipline, the	6.00	4.00	3.00

Sl. No	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
	duration may vary)			
4.	Senior National Championship	5.00	3.00	2.00

Part- 3 (B) Sports disciplines other than Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games – Carrom, Tennikoit and Body Building (Seniors only)

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	World Cup / World Championship (held annually or higher period)	20.00	15.00	10.00
1A.	Asian Championship (held annually)	4.00	2.50	1.50
2.	Senior National / South Asian Championship (held annually)	2.00	1.50	1.00

Part-4 Sports for Differently Abled Sportspersons

Moreover, High Cash Incentives are provided to Para athletes from Tamil Nadu who achieve medals in International and National level

sports competitions, with the following provisions inserted (As per G.O. (Ms) No.67, Youth Welfare and Sports Development (S1) Department, dated 24.08.2023)

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Paralympics (Summer) (once in 4 years)	300.00	200.00	100.00
2.	Para Asian Games (once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00
3.	Commonwealth Games (Para Athletes) (once in 4 years)	50.00	30.00	20.00
4.	Asian Para Youth Games (once in 4 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00
5.	IPC World Cup / World Championship (once in 2 years)	75.00	50.00	30.00
6.	IPC World Cup / World Championship (held annually)	50.00	30.00	20.00
7.	IBSA World Games (Blind Sports) (once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00

Sl. No.	Competitions	High Cash Incentive (Rs. in Lakh)		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
8.	Deaflympics (Deaf Sports) (once in 4 years)	25.00	15.00	10.00
9.	Special Olympics (Summer / Winter) (intellectual disability) (once in 4 years)	15.00	10.00	5.00
10.	IDAF World Dwarf Games (once in 4 years)	5.00	3.00	2.00
11.	Blind Cricket World Cup (once in 4 years)	Winner 5.00 lakh		
		Runner 3.00 lakh		
12.	National Para Games / IWAS World Games (Once in 2 years) (Seniors Only)	5.00	3.00	2.00
13.	National Para Championship (Seniors Only)	5.00	3.00	2.00
14.	National Age Group competitions conducted by Federations recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	3.00	2.00	1.50

9.3 Special Scholarship

Special scholarship and support schemes

are designed to provide assistance to sportspersons based on specific criteria aligned with the values and objectives of the awards. The following scholarship schemes are in place to offer substantial support to athletes:

1. Special Scholarship for Elite Sportspersons (ELITE)
2. Mission International Medal Scheme (MIMS)
3. Champions Development Scheme (CDS)

9.3.1 Special Scholarship for Elite sportspersons (ELITE)

The Government have established the "Special Scholarship for Elite Sportspersons Scheme" in 2012 to offer need-based support to Elite Athletes with the potential to excel in Olympic and International level competitions. The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development has made an Announcement during the Budget Session 2023-2024 enhancing the number of Elite Sportspersons benefitted under

this Scheme. Accordingly, the number of Elite Sportspersons benefited under the scheme are enhanced from 12 to 25 Athletes and Financial Assistance from Rs.25.00 Lakh to Rs.30.00 Lakh per annum According to the scheme, financial aid amounting upto Rs.30.00 lakh per individual per annum is granted. Presently, 21 Elite sportspersons are inducted under this scheme.

The list of ELITE sportspersons present in the scheme is as follows: -

ELITE SPORTSPERSONS SCHEME

Sl. No	Name	Discipline
1.	Subha Venkatesan	Athletics
2.	C. Praveen	Athletics
3.	T. Santhosh Kumar	Athletics
4.	S. Arokia Rajiv	Athletics
5.	A. Dharun	Athletics
6.	C. A. Bhavani Devi	Fencing
7.	K. C. Ganapathy	Sailing
8.	Nethra Kumanan	Sailing
9.	Varun Ashok Thakkar	Sailing
10.	Sarath Kamal Achanta	Table Tennis
11.	Sathiyam Gnansekaran	Table Tennis

Sl. No	Name	Discipline
12.	Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan	Tennis
13.	N. Ajith	Weightlifting
14.	T. Madhavan	Weightlifting
15.	P. Shri Nivetha	Shooting
16.	R. Ramkumar	Tennis
17.	R. Praggnanandhaa	Chess
18.	D. Gukesh	Chess
19.	Manisha Ramadass	Para Badminton
20.	J. Jerlin Anika	Para Badminton
21.	Prithvissekhar	Deaf Tennis

9.3.2 Mission International Medal Scheme (MIMS)

To recognize and cultivate sports talents with the aim of securing medals at the International level, the Government introduced the Mission International Medal Scheme in 2018. The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development has made an Announcement during the Budget Session 2023-2024 enhanced the number of MIMS Sportspersons benefitted under this Scheme. Accordingly, the number of MIMS

Sportspersons benefited under this scheme are enhanced from 50 to 75 Athletes and Financial Assistance from Rs.10.00 Lakh to Rs.12.00 Lakh per annum. This initiative provides support for the procurement of sports equipment and kits, financial aid for training abroad and participation in International competitions. Currently, the following 37 sportspersons are receiving financial assistance under this program.

MIMS SPORTSPERSONS SCHEME

Sl. No.	Name of the Beneficiary	Discipline
1.	R. Nithya	Athletics
2.	Gracena G. Merly	Athletics
3.	Barath Sridhar	Athletics
4.	S. Sankar	Badminton
5.	Karan Paneer	Badminton
6.	V. S. Varshini	Badminton
7.	R. Anupama	Billiards & Snooker
8.	S. Shrikrishna	Billiards & Snooker
9.	P. V. Nandhidhaa	Chess
10.	P. Iniyan	Chess
11.	S. Rohit Krishna	Chess

Sl. No.	Name of the Beneficiary	Discipline
12.	K. P. Gisho Nidhi	Fencing
13.	B. Bebit	Fencing
14.	Sathasivan Siva Magesh	Fencing
15.	R.S. Sherjin	Fencing
16.	Maria Akshita	Fencing
17.	S. Nivedha	Kick Boxing
18.	Aarathy Kasturi Raj	Roller Skating
19.	Anandkumar	Roller Skating
20.	A. Rose Mastica Merli	Rowing
21.	T. Chitresh	Sailing
22.	R. Narmada Nithin	Shooting
23.	Sri Karthik Sabari Raj	Shooting
24.	Niveditha V. Nair	shooting
25.	Joshna Chinappa	Squash
26.	Sunayana Sara Kuruvilla	Squash
27.	Abhay Singh	Squash
28.	Shameena Riaz	Squash
29.	S. Danush	Swimming
30.	A. Amalraj	Table Tennis
31.	Suresh Raj Preyesh	Table Tennis

Sl. No.	Name of the Beneficiary	Discipline
32.	Selena Deepthi	Table Tennis
33.	S. Yashini	Table Tennis
34.	P. Anushiya Priyadarshini	Taekwondo
35.	Prajnesh Gunneswaran	Tennis
36.	Rishikrishna Ayyappan	Tennis
37.	N. Sriram Balaji	Tennis

9.3.3 Champions Development Scheme (CDS)

The Champions Development Scheme targets National level gold medallists in age Category under 20 years old, providing need based financial assistance amounting. This scheme offers financial support for the acquisition of sports uniforms and kits, training abroad, and competition related expenses.

9.4. Pension scheme for Sportspersons who are in indigent circumstances

The Pension Scheme for Sportspersons in Indigent Circumstances was introduced in 1978.

It provides pension to retired athletes facing financial hardship as recognition of their contributions to sports and to support their livelihood post-retirement. The Government has enhanced monthly pension of Rs.6,000/- to indigenous sportspersons who have reached the age of 58 years. Currently, 75 indigent sportspersons are benefiting under this scheme.

9.5 Sportspersons Welfare Fund

The Sportspersons Welfare Fund aims to provide financial assistance to exceptional athletes who sustain injuries during competitions. Additionally, support is offered for the rehabilitation and recovery of injured sportspersons. For welfare of the sportspersons, amount has been increased from Rs.20.00 lakh to Rs.50.00 lakh for the benefit of the player to meet out the unforeseen expenses with the existing condition.

Chapter – 10

Sports Quota for Employment and Higher Education

The Government of Tamil Nadu is actively engaged in implementing various initiatives and schemes aimed at fostering the development of sports and games within the State. Recognizing the emerging talents from the region, the Government extends significant cash incentives to medal winners at the Olympics and other International competitions. However, there remains a gap between the aspirations of sportspersons and the realization of their sporting careers. To bridge this gap and provide assurance of future job opportunities, comprehensive guidelines are proposed for implementation across the State.

Many of our talented sportspersons have showcased their skills at various levels, be it State, National or International events. In a bid to

nurture this enthusiasm and support sports, both the Government of India and various State Government Departments have been actively implementing sports quotas in education and Government employment. Institutions such as Indian Railways, Indian Army, Police, Government Banks, Universities, and PSUs regularly recruit meritorious sports players, demonstrating a commitment to encouraging athletes. Such initiatives not only offer job security to players but also fuel their ambition to bring glory to the Nation through sports.

10.1. Employment Opportunities for Meritorious Sportspersons in Government Departments / Public Sector Undertakings

In recognition of the achievements of meritorious sportspersons and with the aim to motivate talented athletes from the State to excel on the International stage, the Tamil Nadu Government has established provisions for 3%

reservations in identified within Government Departments and provisions for appointment of meritorious sportspersons and Public Sector Undertakings, based on eligibility vide G.O.Ms.No.6, Youth Welfare and Sports Development (S1) Department, dated 20.2.2019.

This quota encompasses 46 Summer Olympic sports and 5 Non-Olympic sports disciplines, namely Roller Skating, Squash, Kabaddi, Wushu and Silambam.

Totally 13 Meritorious Sportspersons are appointed under 3% Sports Quota in Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

10.2 10% Reservation in Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board

A reservation of 10% of jobs is provided to the sportspersons in the recruitment made by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board and in the direct recruitment to the posts of Foresters, Forest Guards, Forest Watchers and

Drivers in the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service.

10.3 Admission in professional Colleges under Sports Quota

The Government have allotted 500 seats in the Engineering Colleges and other professional colleges under sports quota in recognition of the achievement of sportspersons as detailed below:

a) Engineering Colleges

Sl. No	Name of the Institutions	No. of Seats
1.	Anna University-Chennai	12
2.	Government / Govt. Aided Engineering Colleges	13
3.	Constituent Colleges of Anna University	14
4.	Self-Financing Engineering Colleges (1 seat per college)	461
	TOTAL	500

b) Other Professional colleges

Sl. No.	Details of Professional Course	No. of Seats
1.	Medical Colleges	
	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S)	7

	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S)	1
2.	Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University & Fisheries University	
	Bachelor of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (B.V.Sc.,) (3 Boys & 2 Girls)	5
	Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc.,)	2
3.	Law College	
	Bachelor of Law (3 Years Course)	11
	Bachelor of Law (5 years Course)	10
4.	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	
	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.,) Agriculture	1
	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.,) Horticulture	1
	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.,) Forestry	1
	Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.,) Agriculture	1
	Government Arts & Science Colleges	
	Under Graduation Admission	3
	Post Graduation Admission	2
Total No. of Seats		45

The policy of the Government to provide designated seats in professional colleges and offering 10% jobs in Police and Forest Department recruitment in addition to 3% job

reservation in recruitments by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and provisions for appointments in various Public Sector Undertakings has boosted the morale of our sportsmen and sportswomen.

Chapter - 11

Director of Youth Welfare

The youth, constituting a significant portion of Tamil Nadu's population represent the most dynamic and vibrant segment of the State. They have been acknowledged as the State's most valuable human resource, and channeling their energy into productive activities is essential for harnessing their full potential.

The Directorate of Youth Welfare undertakes various welfare schemes aimed at empowering the youth, including:

1. Addressing the matters concerning youth welfare training and prospects.
2. Organizing and mobilizing youth for voluntary participation in the State's development activities and nation-building endeavours.
3. Initiating programs to foster leadership and personality development, encompassing

traits such as a sense of adventure, responsibility, confidence building, and achievement among the youth.

4. Conducting research studies on youth behaviour and development activities in collaboration with universities.
5. Promoting skill development initiatives to create employment opportunities for unemployed and underemployed youth.
6. Fostering the promotion and development of games and sports among the youth.
7. Recognizing talented youth across all Districts in various fields through State Youth Awards.
8. Developing and disseminating awareness materials in the domains of sports and youth welfare.
9. Coordinating with agencies like Nehru Yuva Kendra and National Service Scheme on matters pertaining to youth welfare.
10. Organizing District and State youth festival

competitions to identifying talented individuals and facilitating their participation in national youth festival competitions.

11. Supporting the establishment and enhancement of new and existing youth hostels across the State to enhance youth mobility.

The Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu serves as an Ex-Officio Director of Youth Welfare.

11.1 Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan

Nehru Yuva Kendras were established in the year 1972 with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of Nation-building as well as providing opportunities for the development of their personality and skills. It channelizes the power of youth on the principles of voluntarism, self-help and community participation.

11.1.1 OBJECTIVES

- To form Youth Clubs in all the villages and to involve the youth in nation building activities
- To develop their values & skills so that they may become responsible and Productive citizens of India.
- To act as a catalytic agency in reaching the benefits of Government of India and State Government Schemes to the rural community in general and to the youth in particular.
- To inculcate in the rural youth the spirit of voluntarism and Cooperation.
- To utilize the Network for development and promotion of programmes in priority sectors such as employment generation, literacy, family welfare, environment conservation, National integration, gender equality and women empowerment.

11.1.2 VISION

The vision of the organization focuses on developing long-term strategies for good

citizenship and youth leadership at the grass root level. Youth Clubs are formed and encouraged to participate in sports, cultural and local development activities.

11.1.3 YOUTH CLUBS

Over the years, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has established a network of youth clubs in villages, where Nehru Yuva Kendras have been set up. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) has targeted to identify areas of harnessing youth power for development by forming Youth Clubs, which are village-level voluntary action groups of youth at the grassroots level to involve them in Nation building activities. The core strength of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) lies in its network of youth clubs. Youth Clubs are village-based organizations working for community development and youth empowerment.

In Tamil Nadu, the organization operates 30

district units with 14,664 affiliated youth clubs, boasting a robust network of approximately 2,90,000 volunteers aged 15 to 29 years.

11.1.4 REGULAR AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR 2023-2024

For the year 2023-2024, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) has conducted various regular programs, such as District-level Youth Club Development Campaign, Observance of Days of National Importance, National Youth Day & Week, Cleanliness Campaign, Intensive Volunteer Enrollment Program and Service & Empowerment through Voluntary Action (SEVA). Other initiatives include District Level Yuva Utsav, Labour Camp, Know Your Constitution-Civic Awareness Program, Local Theme-Based Workshops, Training in Youth Leadership and Community Development, Career Guidance Workshops, Skill-Based Entrepreneurship Program, providing Sports Materials to Youth Clubs, Village Cluster Level

Sports Meet, District Level Sports Meet and Awards for Outstanding Youth Clubs at District and State Levels.

In addition to the regular programs, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) has also conducted several special programs for the year 2022-2023. These include Block Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament and Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

11.1.5 Tribal Youth Exchange Programme

15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme aimed to offer tribal youth the opportunity to visit various locations across the country, enabling them to understand diverse cultural values, languages and lifestyles. This event took place at Government Youth Hostel, Adyar, Chennai from November 22nd to 28th, 2023 and welcomed 200 participants from nine districts in Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The program encompassed training

sessions, recreational activities and industrial visits. State Yuva Utsav India @ 2047 was conducted at Chennai on 1st and 2nd December, 2023. The initiative aims to rekindle the spirit of patriotism and engage the youth in various socio-cultural activities and competitions.

11.2 National Youth Festival

Tamil Nadu Youth participated in the 27th National Youth Festival took place in Nashik, Maharashtra, from January 12th to 16th January 2024. This grand event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of approximately 10,000 youth delegates ages between 15 and 29 years from all corners of the country, with around 100 participants representing each State / Union Territory.

The festival offered a diverse array of activities, ranging from cultural and artistic performances to adventure events, sculpture exhibitions, the Yuva Kirthi Youth summit, folk

songs, Yogathan, indigenous sports, youth artist camps, food festivals, and traditional dances and songs from various States. Beyond serving as a platform for showcasing talent, the National Youth Festival 2024 facilitated camaraderie, promoted peace and development, and provided a nationwide stage for young individuals to express and nurture their cultural aspirations and talents.

11.3 Youth Hostels

Youth Hostels represent a joint endeavor between the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu, with the objective of offering economical lodging choices for young individuals engaging in educational excursions, adventure tours, visits to historical sites, and cultural explorations. The State Government facilitates the provision of land for constructing these hostels, while the Central Government oversees the construction and maintenance expenses. Presently, there are five Youth Hostels

located in Chennai, Madurai, Thanjavur, Ooty, and Tiruchirappalli catering to young travellers by providing budget-friendly accommodations and enhancing their travel experiences.

11.4 Drive Against Drugs

On August 11th, 2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched a state level initiative named "Drive Against Drugs" with the primary objective of educating students about the detrimental impacts of drug abuse. This initiative also introduced volunteering opportunities for NSS and NCC volunteers to further propagate and uphold anti-drug awareness efforts.

Objectives of Drive Against Drugs:

1. To disseminate comprehensive awareness regarding the perils of drug abuse.
2. To involve NCC and NSS volunteers in the continuous endeavor to combat drug abuse.
3. To establish a persistent and sustainable campaign against drug addiction.

4. To actively engage students in the campaign, consequently amplifying awareness within the wider society.
5. To cultivate a committed volunteer cohort dedicated to combating drug abuse.
6. To institutionalize the campaign as an annual and recurring event.
7. To garner media attention, augmenting the campaign's efficacy and outreach.

The "Drive Against Drugs" program is specifically structured to engage National Service Scheme volunteers, National Cadet Corps cadets, as well as volunteers from other youth organizations in ongoing awareness initiatives aimed at combating drug abuse.

11.5 Thanthai Periyar Memorial Lecture

The socio-economic development journey of Tamil Nadu stands as a testament to various principles and ideologies that form its foundation.

To ensure the transmission and dissemination of these values among the youth of the State, a Thanthai Periyar Memorial Lecture is envisaged. The Government has allocated a recurring expenditure of Rs.25.00 lakh annually for the organization of the Thanthai Periyar Memorial Lecture.

11.6 Adventure Sports in Tamil Nadu

Adventure sports serve as a platform for fostering traits like risk-taking, collaborative teamwork, rapid problem-solving and resilience among the youth. Additionally, these activities provide an engaging and enjoyable outlet for young individuals to channel their energy, enthusiasm, and creativity.

Tamil Nadu, with its varied and scenic landscapes, offers an ideal environment for a plethora of adventure sports. From its extensive coastline to numerous hill stations and dense forests, the State presents an array of

opportunities for adventure enthusiasts to indulge in thrilling activities.

11.7 Water Sports

The vast coastline of Tamil Nadu provides abundant opportunities for Water Sports enthusiasts. Covelong, Mahabalipuram, and Ramanathapuram are among the prominent beaches where popular activities like Surfing, Kayaking, and Windsurfing can be enjoyed. These destinations boast pristine beauty and offer favorable conditions for Water Sports, drawing adventurers from across the globe. The proposed Water Sports Academy in Ramanathapuram District will provide training to water sportsperson to secure medals.

11.8 Trekking

Tamil Nadu's array of hill stations, including The Nilgiris, Kodaikanal, Kolli Hills, and Yercaud, offer excellent opportunities for trekking

enthusiasts. These destinations feature a diverse range of scenic trails, captivating vistas, and invigorating air, catering to both beginners and seasoned trekkers alike. The distinctive flora and fauna found in these hill stations enhance the allure of trekking, promising a memorable and immersive expedition.

11.9 Rock Climbing and Rappelling

Yelagiri and Hogenakkal, nestled amidst the hills and mountains of Tamil Nadu are renowned spots for rock climbing and rappelling enthusiasts. These rugged landscapes offer thrilling challenges for adventurers eager to scale heights and test their physical prowess. The natural splendor and tranquillity of these destinations elevate the thrill of rock climbing and rappelling, creating unforgettable experiences for enthusiasts.

11.10 Mountaineering

Thiru. P.Rajasekar from Chengalpattu received Chief Minister's Youth Award 2023 for

summitting Mount Everest in April 2024.

Tmt. N. Muthamizhselvi has climbed "Mount Kosciuszko" in Australia, "Mount Aconcagua" in South Africa, "Mount Kilimanjaro" in America, "Mount Elbrus" in Europe, "Mount Lobje" in Nepal and she is the 1st women from Tamil Nadu State who achieved by climbing the World highest peak having 8848.46 Mts. "Mount Everest".

Hon'ble Chief Minister had presented Government of Tamil Nadu State's "Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise" during the Independence Day Celebration held on 15.08.2023 to Tmt. N. Muthamizhselvi.

Tamil Nadu's diverse landscapes and abundant natural beauty render it an ideal destination for adventure sports enthusiasts. With a wide range of activities catering to different interests, the State promises an unforgettable experience amidst breathtaking surroundings.

Chapter-12

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Introduction

The National Service Scheme (NSS) was launched on 24th September, 1969, to Commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Centenary year with a Strength of 3,000 Student Volunteers. The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a permanent youth program under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. Its primary objective is the development of personality and leadership qualities through community service and volunteerism.

National Service Scheme Programme was initially introduced in 37 Universities with an enrollment of 40,000 students. Tamil Nadu was one among the first states, which implemented the scheme in 1969 with 3,000 student volunteers. At present 4,06,700 Volunteers are enrolled in the National Service Scheme in 45

Universities and Directorates of Tamil Nadu.

Objectives of the Programme

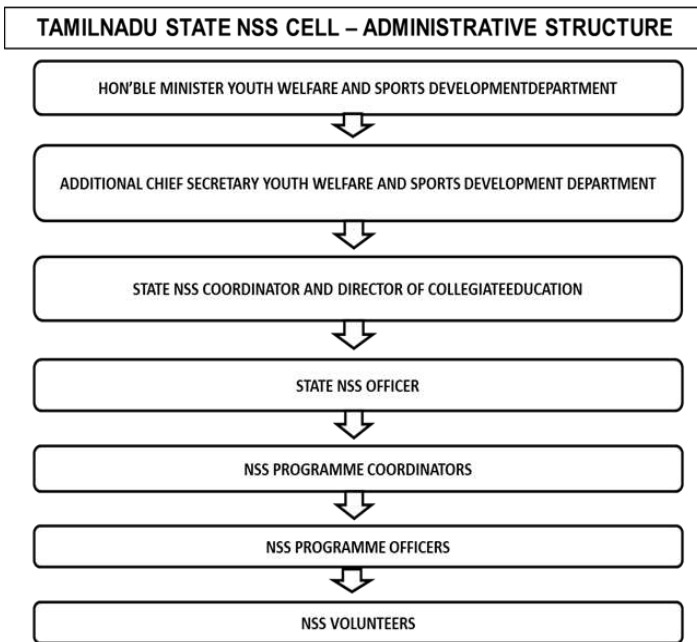
The principle aim of the National Service Scheme is to empower the Youth by developing their personality through community services fostering the qualities like Leadership, Confidence and sense of responsibility. It also encourages the students to promote National Integration, solve real world problems self-reliance and the resourcefulness among volunteers towards Nation building.

Motto

'NOT ME BUT YOU' is the Motto of National Service Scheme.

12.1 Administration

From the Year 2016-17 the National Service Scheme is being funded by the Government of India. The State NSS is Coordinated and implemented State wide headed by the Director of Collegiate Education. The administrative setup of the State National Service Scheme in Tamil Nadu is as follows:-



12.1.1 Role of State NSS Officer / NSS Co-Coordinators / Programme Officers

➤ State NSS Officer

The State NSS Officer appointed by the Department of Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Government of Tamil Nadu. The State NSS Officer ensures that the Universities / +2 councils maintain separate accounts in respect of NSS grants and submit the accounts duly audited to the Government in time. The State NSS Officer ensures convening of the meeting of the State NSS Advisory Committee periodically as prescribed by the Government. The State NSS Officer also ensures that the proper coordination in the State level/Inter-University programmes like Workshop, Conferences, State Youth Awards, Pre-camp training of the State contingent of the volunteers selected for national events etc.

➤ **NSS Coordinator**

The NSS Coordinator is appointed at University Level and co-ordinate the NSS activities in accordance with the volunteers ability and community demands and also channelises various external resources available in the forms of Government Services, welfare agencies and voluntary organizations for the success of the NSS Programmes.

➤ **NSS Programme Officer**

The NSS Programme officer Join National Service Scheme and undergo 6 days training from Empanelled training institute (ETI) The Programme Officer plays pivotal role and holds responsible for the organization of NSS unit, and implementation of NSS Programme under the Supervision and Direction of the Principal of the College.

12.2 NSS Day

NSS was officially established on 24th September, 1969 and this day is observed as NSS Day by paying tribute to its formation and to recognize the significant role it has played in shaping the Youth of India.

12.3 Enrollment of NSS Volunteers

At College Level the NSS Volunteers are enrolled from the First and Second year Graduate Students, 100 Students per unit in Colleges and Post Graduate Students from Universities. Students belonging to Minority Communities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are encouraged to be a part of the NSS and in Co-Educational Institutions, Girls are motivated to join National Service Scheme.

12.4 Aims of the NSS Service

The National Service Scheme serves as a vital bridge connecting the campus and the community, facilitating meaningful engagement

and collaboration for the betterment of society.

The basic components of the programme are:

- Creating Variety of learning experiences that develops a sense of participation.
- Encouraging Students and Non Students to work together along with adults in the community.
- Developing qualities of Leadership by discovering the talents, potential of both students and Local Youths.
- Emphasizing the dignity of labour and self-help and the need for combining physical work with intellectual pursuits.
- Encouraging youth to participate enthusiastically in the process of National Development and to promote National Integration.

12.5 NSS Activities

12.5.1 Regular Activities

Under the NSS Scheme, the students undertake various Programmes in Schools, Colleges, Urban Slums during weekends or after College hours. Duration of these services are 240 hours continuously in 2 years. Some of the regular activities carried out by the NSS units are leadership motivation and personality development, yoga and meditation, career guidance and counselling, soft skills development, life skills and values, disaster management and first-aid training, environmental enrichment and tree plantation, road safety, voter and other awareness programmes, health camps and health education, dengue and corona prevention awareness programmes.

12.5.2 Special Camping Programme

Special camping programme is the important activity of NSS, which is mandatory and

organized in the adopted villages and slums during vacation periods and special holidays. These residential camps of seven day duration focus on specific themes, involving both NSS volunteers and the local community.

12.6 Financial Grants

12.6.1 Government of India

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been allotting grant at the rate of Rs.400/- per Volunteer per year for Regular Activities and Rs.700/- per Volunteer per camp for 7 days.

12.6.2 Corpus Fund

The Corpus Fund is a financial resource established to support NSS at various levels. Each student admitted in the first year in an educational institution contributes Rs.10/- to this fund. Out of this, Rs.5/- is retained at the institution to support the NSS activities conducted at the institution level, Rs.3/- is sent to the respective University or Directorate to manage

and coordinate NSS activities within their jurisdiction and Rs.2/- is sent to the State National Service Scheme Cell, for the conduct of NSS special programs at the state level.

12.7 Major Activities

12.7.1 National Republic Day Parade

In the year 2024, thirteen NSS Volunteers and one NSS Program Officer from Tamil Nadu were selected to represent the State in the National Republic Day Parade held in New Delhi on 26th January, 2024. The students' participation underscored their Involvement and hard work towards the community.

12.7.2 Republic Day parade Contingent Travel by flights

As per the announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Air Travel for all the Participants of the Republic Day Camp at New Delhi for the first time was

sponsored by the Government of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.2,20,000/-

12.7.3 State Republic Day Parade

In the year 2024, 120 Volunteers, 10 Programme Officers, 2 Trainers and 18 Assistants participated in the State Republic Day Parade on 26th January, 2024 held at Chennai Marina. During the event, the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development initiated a discussion with the NSS Programme Committee and students to exchange their experiences and insights.

12.7.4 National Adventure Camp

The National Adventure Camp, was held in Narkand (Himachal Pradesh) in December 2023, aimed to develop the abilities of NSS volunteers and coordinators to effectively deal with challenging situations during calamities, demonstrating courage and determination. 20

NSS Volunteers along with a Programme Officer attended the Camp.

12.8 Special Grants from the Government of Tamil Nadu

Based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for the Youth Welfare and Sports Development, the Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned a Special grant of Rs.50,00,000/- in the year 2023-2024 to conduct the following 7 Special Activities:-

- i) State Youth Festival
- ii) State Adventure Camp
- iii) Meendum Manjappai Workshop
- iv) State Level Workshop on Disaster Management and First Aid Programme
- v) State Level Pudhumai Pen Workshop on Women Development
- vi) National Integration Camp Sponsored by Government of Tamil Nadu
- vii) State Level Workshop on Employment and Soft Skill Training for Youth

12.8.1 State Youth Festival

The State Youth Festival (24th–28th August, 2023) was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for the Youth Welfare and Sports on 24th August at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai. In continuation, various events were organized at Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai. The Programme involved a participation of 18 Programme Officers and 200 NSS Volunteers from 30 Universities and Directorates across State who showcased their talents. Prizes were distributed to the winners participated in various events.

12.8.1.1 Prize Winners

➤ Short film making

Out of the entries received from various Universities and Colleges, Alagappa University bagged the First Place, SDNB Vishnav College (University of Madras) won the Second Place and MOP Vishnav College (University of Madras) won the third Place.

➤ **Photography Competition**

A photography competitions was conducted on Tamil heritage. Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University won the First Place, Madurai Kamaraj University won the Second Place and Thiyagaraya Engineering College, Madurai won the third place Respectively.

➤ **Documentary Film Making**

Alagappa University bagged the First & Second Place and Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University bagged the Third Place in a documentary film making competition conducted on the theme of 'Kalaingar and Youth'

12.8.2 State Adventure Camp

The State Adventure Camp (16th – 20th, October 2023) was held at Yercaud. This was a Ground Breaking initiative supported financially by the Tamil Nadu State Government. The Camp aimed to facilitate exploration, foster teamwork

and camaraderie among 200 volunteers from diverse Districts across the State.

12.8.3 Meendum – Manjapai Workshop,

Meendum Manjapai Programme (15th – 17th, February, 2024) is an initiative taken to create an Environmental Awareness among the community through National Service Scheme. The workshop was conducted at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Tirunelveli. 230 NSS Volunteers and 20 Programme Officers participated in the Programme to foster Environment Conservation. The workshop on Environmental Education Conservation and Awareness was organized in Association with Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board.

12.8.4 State Level Workshop on Disaster Management and First Aid Programme

The State level workshop (21st – 23rd February, 2024) on Disaster Management and

First Aid was organized at Madurai Kamaraj University. Nearly 100 Student Volunteers both Male and Female with 10 Programme Officers took part in the Event. The workshop equip the Student Volunteers to Assist in Emergencies and to provide support during Emergencies. The Academic Session delved in Disaster scenarios and strategies for aiding victims.

12.8.5 State Level Pudhumai Pen Workshop on Women Development

The State Level PudhumaiPen Workshop (27th – 29th, February, 2024) was organized at Mother Teresa University, Kodaikanal to enhance the capabilities in Academics and Leadership domains amongst Women. Nearly 100 Women Volunteers and 10 Programme Officers from various Universities of Tamil Nadu participated in the Workshop.

12.8.6 National Integration Camp Sponsored by Government of Tamil Nadu

National Integration Camp (5th – 11th March, 2024) was organized at Bharathiar University Coimbatore. The programme involved 200 student volunteers and 10 Programme Officers. The students demonstrated their talents and abilities showcasing academic powers, exemplary leadership qualities and captivating cultural performances and inclusive learning environment. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the events.

12.8.7 State Level Workshop on Employment and Soft Skill Training for Youth

The State Level Workshop on Employability Soft Skill Training (18th-20th March, 2024) was conducted at the Anna University –Trichy. 230 volunteers from 30 Universities were trained on communication skills, team work and problem solving techniques.

12.9 Kaloori Kanavu-Naan Mudhalvan Camp

Naan Mudhalvan Kaloori Kanavu Camp for Higher Education was implemented by the National Service Scheme in Collaboration with the Department of School Education. 400 NSS Programme Officers along with 10,934 NSS Volunteers were trained under this Programme. The School Children were enlightened about the prospects of higher education through the scheme.

12.10 Achievements of NSS

12.10.1 Anti-Drug Awareness Programme

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 11th August, 2023, made a commitment to raise Awareness against Drugs. A pledge was administered at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai as part of a Large-Scale Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign. The Mega Commitment involved 1 Crore Student Volunteers Creating a World Record (Video Conferencing). In August, 2023 Various

Universities and Directorates involved, 30-hours Campaigns to Raise Awareness against Drug Abuse. NSS Volunteers actively contributed in raising Awareness among Peer Groups and the General Public.

12.10.2 One Crore Palm-Seed Plantation

The Tamil Nadu State NSS cell involved 1,00,000 Student Volunteers in a large scale initiation by the Palm Tree Workers Welfare Board and Green Needa Environmental Organization to plant 1 Crore Palm seeds across 14 Districts spanning a distance of 1,076 kms. This world record effort is not just to increase the States' Green cover but to support Environmental Conservation and promote Sustainable Development, the initiative goes beyond mere plantation efforts. It cultivates a sense of environmental consciousness and responsibility among the Youth, ensuring a brighter, Greener future for generations to come. This initiative

achieved a Commendable Global World Record.

Activities conducted in the year 2023-2024

Sl. No	Name of NSS Activities	No. of. Participants	
1.	Tree Plantation	No. of Saplings Planted	3,42,510
		No. of Volunteers	1,00,000
2.	Blood Donation	No. of Camps	75
		No. of Units	1,190
		No. of Volunteers	84,432
3.	Health/Eye/Immunization/ Veterinary Camps	No. of Camps	490
		No. of Volunteers	20,940
4.	Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav	No. of Units	181
		No. of Volunteers	2,23,320
5.	COVID-19	No. of Volunteers	6,512
6.	FIT INDIA Freedom Run 2.0	No. of Volunteers	48,157
7.	International Day Against Drug Abuse	No. of Volunteers	27,102
8.	International Yoga Day	No. of Volunteers	42,754
9.	Swachhta Pakhwada /Poshan Abhiyan	No. of Volunteers	14,230

Sl. No	Name of NSS Activities	No. of. Participants	
10.	Constitution Day 26 th November	No. of Volunteers	2,60,120
11.	Clean India@ 75	No. of Volunteers	6,12,546
12.	Meri Mati Mera Desh	No. of Volunteers	2,30,962
13.	Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra	No. of Volunteers	5,257
14.	1 Crore palm seeds plantation	No. of Volunteers	1,00,000

12.11 State NSS Award

During 2023, State NSS Award for the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 were awarded to 86 Programme Co-ordinators, Programme Officers and Volunteers.

12.12 Conclusion

The National Service Scheme (NSS) plays a crucial role in the comprehensive development of students' personalities, equipping them with the skills and values necessary to become responsible and engaged citizens. Through its diverse

activities and programs, the NSS fosters a sense of social responsibility, community engagement, and leadership among students. By participating in community service, students gain practical experience in addressing societal issues, which enhances their empathy, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities. In essence, the NSS is instrumental in shaping well-rounded individuals who are capable of making meaningful contributions to the betterment of society and the nation.

Chapter 13

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University

The Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU), established through a legislative Act by the Tamil Nadu government, stands as a unique and pioneering institution in India dedicated solely to the fields of physical education and sports. Inaugurated on September 15th, 2005, its establishment serendipitously coincided with the United Nations' declaration of 2005 as the International Year for Sports and Physical Education. This alignment underscores the university's significant role in promoting global awareness and development in these vital areas.

TNPESU is structured into three Faculties, encompassing five Departments and twenty-four Affiliated Colleges. These faculties and departments offer a diverse range of academic programs and research opportunities aimed at fostering excellence in physical education, sports sciences, and related disciplines. The university's comprehensive curriculum is designed to equip students with the necessary skills, knowledge, and practical experience to excel in various professional roles within the sports and physical education sectors.

The three Faculties of the TNPESU include, Faculty of Physical Education, Faculty of Sports Sciences and Faculty of Yoga and Allied Health Sciences. Within these faculties, the Departments focus on specialized areas such as, Physical Education, Sports Management and Sports Psychology, Sports Coaching and Training,

Yoga and Naturopathy, Fitness and Lifestyle Management.

The twenty-four affiliated colleges spread across Tamil Nadu serve as extensions of TNPESU's mission, providing accessible education and training in physical education and sports to a wider demographic. These colleges work closely with the university to ensure the implementation of its academic standards and vision.

TNPESU's commitment to advancing physical education and sports is reflected in its state-of-the-art facilities, including modern sports complexes, research centers, and libraries. The university also fosters collaborations with national and international sports organizations, enabling students and faculty to engage in cutting-edge research and professional development.

By nurturing talent and promoting a culture of excellence in sports and physical education, the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University continues to make significant contributions to the field, both nationally and globally.

Motto

The Motto of this University is "Excellence in Physical Education and Sports".

Vision

The Vision of this University is "To engage in relentless pursuit of Excellence in the promotion and development of Physical Education and Sports through innovative programs in teaching, coaching and research and outreach activities and evolve a holistic approach to the betterment of human resources through a harmonious blend of body, mind and spirit".

Mission

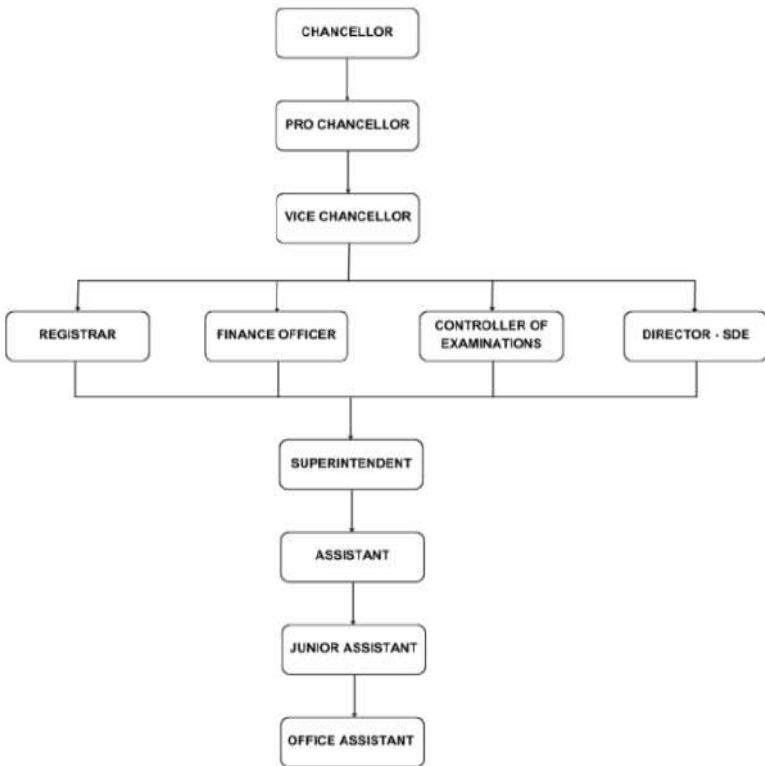
- The Mission of this University is to create an ideal academic environment for Learning, Scholarship, Professionalism, and Collaboration that fosters Excellence in active student learning and professional growth.
- To design and introduce innovative, integrated, interdisciplinary curriculum in Physical Education and various Sports and games and allied areas and provide Leadership to the Profession.
- To offer undergraduate, post-graduate, and research Programmes in Physical Education, Sports, and its allied fields.
- To produce competent health-conscious Physical Education teachers at various levels, who will be fully equipped to impart instruction in Physical Education and undertake physical activity programs for children and youth.

- To develop High-Tech research facilities contribute to the body of knowledge through scholarly work and publications, and disseminate the findings to the professionals, faculty, and students.
- To facilitate the application of research findings to refine and sharpen the Coaching and Training Techniques in Physical Education and Sports.
- To collaborate and closely coordinate with the State and National bodies in Physical Education and Sports, in matters of common interest and concern.
- To actively design programs for the promotion and development of fitness and health concepts among the students, faculty, and the community around them to mold them into physically fit and emotionally mature citizens.

13.1 TNPESU Administrative Structure

The Administrative structure of this University is as follows:

ORGANOGRAM - ADMINISTRATION



13.2 Affiliated Colleges

Currently, TNPESU has a total of 24 affiliated colleges. Out of these, five colleges are exclusively dedicated to Yoga, while the remaining colleges offer various programs related to physical education and sports. Among the affiliated colleges, Two hold autonomous status, One is government-aided, The rest are self-financing institutions.

These colleges provide a range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs, including, P.G. Diploma, B.P.E.S (Bachelor of Physical Education and Sports) B.P.Ed. (Bachelor of Physical Education), M.P.Ed. (Master of Physical Education), B.Sc. (Bachelor of Science), M.Sc. (Master of Science), B.B.A (Bachelor of Business Administration), M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration), M.Tech. (Master of

Technology), Doctoral Programs (Ph.D.)

Programs are offered under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), allowing students flexibility in selecting Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) and Generic Electives (GE).

13.3 Students Intake

The total number of students enrolled in TNPESU across various programs is as follows:

	U.G	P.G	Ph.D
Male	429	198	98
Female	158	80	40
Total	587	278	138

This structured approach ensures that TNPESU maintains a high standard of education and research, fostering an

environment conducive to the academic and professional growth of its students.

13.4 Village Placement Programme

The Village Placement Programme (VPP) is a vital and mandatory component of all regular courses at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU). This immersive program is designed to enrich students' academic experiences by fostering a sense of community service and social responsibility. During the VPP, students are required to spend five days living in a village, where they actively engage in various community service initiatives. These initiatives include promoting health awareness, educating residents on the importance of maintaining a clean and orderly environment, and organizing activities that encourage community well-being. Upon successful

completion of the VPP, students are awarded academic credits in recognition of their participation and contributions.

13.5 National Service Scheme Units

The National Service Scheme (NSS) has been operational at TNPESU since 2008, embodying the university's commitment to social service and community development. The NSS at TNPESU consists of seven units, each comprising one hundred volunteers. These units adopt neighboring villages and conduct a range of voluntary services. Activities include, Cleaning and sanitation drives, Tree plantation campaigns, Tobacco awareness camps, Blood donation camp, Health and hygiene education programs. Through these initiatives, the NSS units play a crucial role in fostering a sense of civic duty and social responsibility among

students while making tangible contributions to the community.

13.6 National Cadet Corps

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) at TNPESU was approved and established with an initial allotment of 17 cadets. For the academic year 2023- 2024, this number was increased to 52 cadets. The NCC program aims to develop discipline, leadership, and a sense of national service among the students. It provides cadets with military training and opportunities to participate in various national and state-level camps, competitions, and community service activities.

13.7 Placement Services

TNPESU's Placement Cell is dedicated to assisting students in securing employment opportunities across various sectors,

including colleges, government and private educational institutions, fitness centers, and corporations seeking the expertise of graduates from the university. The Placement Cell actively organizes campus interviews and connects students with potential employers, thereby facilitating successful career launches. By fostering strong industry connections and providing students with career guidance and support, the Placement Cell plays a crucial role in enhancing the employability of TNPESU graduates and ensuring they are well-prepared for their professional journeys.

During the Academic Year 2023-2024, three placement interviews were conducted on the University campus on 04/03/2024 and 05/03/2024 by three organizations namely Sportsa, Chennai, Sportz Village, Bengaluru, and The Indian Public Schools,

Chennai. A total of 167 students participated in the interviews and a total of 70 students were selected for appointment in these organizations.

13.8 University Infrastructure

The Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU) boasts a comprehensive range of infrastructure facilities designed to support both academic and athletic excellence. Key infrastructure includes, Administrative Block, Academic Block, Computer Centre, Hostels for Men and Women, Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Library and e-Library, Laboratories and Staff Quarters. The TNPESU has invested significantly in its infrastructure to support both academic and extra-curricular activities. The key components of the university's administrative infrastructure include Student Hostel, Dining Hall and

Kitchen both in the Hostel and in the Camping Centre and Parking Shed.

13.9 Sports Infrastructure

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU) boasts a state-of-the-art infrastructure dedicated to training students and serving as a center of excellence across various sports disciplines. This extensive infrastructure supports the development of athletic talent and provides world-class facilities for both traditional and contemporary sports.

13.9.1 Traditional Kalaripayattu and Silambam Training Centre

A specialized training center for Traditional Kalaripayattu and Silambam has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.60 crore. This facility is dedicated to promoting and preserving these traditional martial

arts, which are integral to the cultural heritage of the state. The center offers training programs aimed at both beginners and advanced practitioners, ensuring the continuity and growth of these ancient sports.

13.9.2 High-Performance Badminton Academy

The High-Performance Badminton Academy, established at a cost of Rs.13.33 crore, is a premier facility featuring 12 PVC synthetic flooring courts with 5mm thickness, approved by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). This academy provides top-tier training for badminton athletes and includes additional amenities such as, Player accommodations, Locker rooms, VIP lounge, Conference hall, Power room and Storage room.

13.9.3 Table Tennis Academy

Constructed at a cost of Rs. 12.60 crore, the Table Tennis Academy houses 15 international-standard tables. It offers comprehensive facilities to support elite training and competitions, including, Player accommodations, Locker rooms, VIP lounge, Conference hall, Power room and Storage room.

13.9.4 Bio-Mechanics Laboratory

The Centre of Excellence in Bio-Mechanics Laboratory, established at a cost of Rs. 13.12 crore, is equipped with cutting-edge technology to support sports science research and training. The laboratory features such as, 3-D Motion Capture System, Force-Plate, EMG (Electromyography), Anthropometer and Isokinetic Dynamometer. These tools are

essential for analyzing athletic performance and aiding in injury prevention and rehabilitation.

13.9.5 Indoor Gymnastics Stadium

An Indoor Gymnastics Stadium, built at a cost of Rs. 5.10 crore, supports the development of gymnastics, boxing, and indoor volleyball. This multi-purpose facility is designed to host both training sessions and competitions, providing athletes with a professional environment to hone their skills.

13.9.6 Sports Centre for Differently-Abled

The Sports Centre for Differently-Abled, established at a cost of Rs. 4.70 crore, is dedicated to training para-athletes and serving as a rehabilitation center. This facility ensures that differently-abled

athletes receive specialized training and support to excel in their respective sports.

13.9.7 Synthetic Athletic Track

An 8-lane synthetic athletic track was constructed at a cost of Rs. 7.00 crore. This track provides essential training facilities for athletes on a high-quality synthetic surface, enabling the university to host Association of Indian Universities (AIU) tournaments and National Championships.

13.9.8 Swimming Pool

An Olympic-size swimming pool is currently under construction at the university, with an estimated cost of Rs. 5.00 crore. This facility will provide students and athletes with a world-class venue for swimming training and competitions, further enhancing the University's sports infrastructure.

13.10 University Health Centre

The Health Centre at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU) is a vital resource dedicated to the well-being of the campus community. It is staffed by a full-time doctor, a staff nurse, and other paramedical personnel who provide round-the-clock medical care. The center is equipped to handle first aid and medical emergencies at any time, ensuring prompt and effective treatment. The key features of the Health Centre include, Auto Blood Count Analyzer, Physiotherapy Equipment, Health Check-Up Instruments. The Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation supplies essential medicines for basic ailments free of cost, ensuring that all students and staff have access to necessary medical treatments without financial burden.

13.11 University Library

The University Central Library is a cornerstone of TNPESU, playing an essential role in supporting the academic and research needs of students and faculty. Located in a modern two-storied building with a total carpet area of 6772 square feet, it is situated on the western side of the university campus. The Library has the following sections, Circulation, Technical Processing, Reading Hall, Periodical Section, Stack Section and Thesis Section. The reference section holds an extensive collection of encyclopedias, handbooks, dictionaries, conference reports, dissertation abstracts, and rule books published by various sports associations.

Sl. No.	Resources	Total Numbers
1	Books	
	No. of Titles	5276
	No. of Volumes	7685
	Text Books	6858
	Reference Books	827
2	Periodicals Journals	59
3	Thesis	3630

13.11.1 e-Library

The e-Library was established with financial assistance of Rs.2.51 crore, enhancing the library's ability to provide quality electronic resources to students and faculty. The e-Library includes:

Sl. No.	Resources	Total Numbers
1	Non - Book Materials CD- ROMS Video-Cassette	133 15

2	E-Books	370
3	E-Journals	29
4	Databases	3
5	Encyclopaedia	24
6	Seating Capacity	234

The e-library has significantly improved access to electronic resources, aiding in the dissemination of information and enhancing the academic experience for all users. With a seating capacity of 234, the library offers ample space for students to engage in study and research in a conducive environment.

13.12 Organization of Tournaments and workshops

Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University (TNPESU) is committed to fostering the talents of emerging sports enthusiasts in India through the organization of various tournaments and workshops. These events aim to enhance the skills,

knowledge, and overall development of participants. Last Year, the University has organized 9 International Workshops and Conferences. The University organized 9th International Day of Yoga Celebrations on 21.06.2023 and conducted a World record event featuring 999 participants performing 9 different yogic practices for 9 minutes and 9 seconds.

Achievements in major Sports Events:

Sl. No	Team / Student	Event	Tournament	Achievement
1	Team	4x400 Mixed Relay	Khelo India	Bronze Medal
2	Team	Roll Ball	All India Inter University Roll Ball Tournament	Bronze Medal
3	Ms. Sandhiya	kickboxing	National-level kickboxing competition	Gold Medal
4	Mr. Akash	Silambam	National-level Silambam competition	Gold Medal

Sl. No	Team / Student	Event	Tournament	Achievement
5	Nakul S	Roll Ball	III South India Senior Roll Ball Championship	Silver Medal
6	Team	Yoga	Surya Namaskar Mass Yoga World Record	World Record

The University has organized the following major Events / Tournaments:

Sl. No	Name of the Tournament	Duration
1	Tamil Nadu and Puducherry State Inter-Physical Education Tournament	17th to 20th April 2023
2	Tamil Nadu State Middle and Long Distance Athletic Championship	5th August 2023
2	TNPESU DPE Rolling Trophy - State-Level Inter-School Competition	7th to 9th September 2023
3	TNPESU DPE Rolling Trophy - College-Level Inter-School Competition	14th to 15th September 2023
4	South Indian Level Inter-Physical Education Tournament	12th to 15th March 2024

5.	South Indian Level - Physical Education Tournament	12th to 15th March 2024
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13.13 Khelo India Initiatives

The University Campus was the Venue for Khelo India Youth Games 2023 organized by Government of Tamil Nadu. Various sports competitions including Boxing, Badminton, Table Tennis, Fencing, and Cycling were conducted in the University Campus.

13.14 MoU signed by the TNPESU

The Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with Bhair Dar University, Ethiopia for the purpose of academic training and research, Elite Universal Sports Alliance of India Private Ltd for the purpose of sports coaching and training and Rotary Club of Chennai Lake City District 3232 for the purpose of water restoration

initiatives including pond creation, rain water harvesting, etc., in the University campus.

13.15 Establishment of the Institution's Innovation Council

The Institution's Innovation Council (IC-202426701) was established at the university for the academic year 2023-2024 on March 11, 2024. This council aims to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students and faculty.

Conclusion

The Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, through its pioneering initiatives and unwavering dedication to excellence, has set a high standard for physical education and sports institutions in India. This trailblazing effort by the State Government serves as an

exemplary model for others to emulate, reinforcing the crucial role of education and sports in building a healthier, more dynamic society.

Chapter-14

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) stands as a premier youth organization at the national level, encompassing the tri-service establishments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The NCC aims to train school and college cadets across Tamil Nadu, in various military disciplines such as weapon training, firing, drill, march past, map reading, battle craft and field craft. The NCC was established by an Act of Parliament, "The National Cadet Corps Act 1948" (Act No. XXXI of 1948), and was officially launched on July 15, 1948. Initially, the NCC began in the erstwhile Madras State with three college-level units. In 1949, NCC training was expanded to include boys at the school level, incorporating 10 institutions. By 1954, NCC training for girls was introduced at both college and school levels.

The NCC curriculum is designed to instill leadership qualities, character building, patriotism, unity, and selfless service in school and college students. All NCC cadets are taught to lead a responsible and disciplined life, fostering a spirit of patriotism. The NCC also provides an environment conducive to achieving higher life goals, enhancing career prospects, and developing future leaders of India.

The Tamil Nadu Government not only fosters the growth and development of NCC cadets but also ensures they are well-prepared for future leadership roles. The emphasis on incentives, scholarships, employment benefits, regional expansion, substantial budget allocations, and the provision of essential training equipment reflects a comprehensive approach to supporting and enhancing the capabilities of NCC cadets. This holistic support system aims to produce disciplined, skilled, and patriotic individuals who

can contribute significantly to society and the Nation.

Motto of NCC

The motto of the NCC is “Unity and Discipline.” Cadets from diverse backgrounds are trained to work together in a rule-based life as a team, fostering harmony and national integration.

Aims of NCC

The three aims of NCC enunciated in NCC Charter are:

- i. To develop character, comradeship, discipline, leadership, secular outlook, spirit of adventure and the ideals of selfless service amongst the youth of the country.
- ii. To create a human resource of organized, trained and motivated youth, to provide leadership in all walks of life and always be available for the service of the nation.

- iii. To provide a suitable environment to motivate the youth to take up a career in the Armed Forces

14.1 Administration

The NCC Organization in India is headed by a Lieutenant General rank Military Officer serving as the Director General of NCC, with headquarters in New Delhi. India is divided into 17 Directorates, each representing a geographical region, including States and Union Territories. The NCC Directorate for Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Andaman Nicobar (TN, P & AN) is headed by a Deputy Director General (DDG) holding the rank of Commodore. In Tamil Nadu, there are five NCC Group Headquarters: two in Chennai (Group HQs Chennai 'A' and Chennai 'B'), and one each in Coimbatore, Madurai, and Tiruchirappalli. These Group Headquarters are commanded by officers of Colonel rank, and the 51 NCC units are led by officers of Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel rank.

14.2 Admission of NCC Cadets in Schools and Colleges

The Tamil Nadu Directorate covers 552 colleges with 37954 Senior Division/Wing Cadets (SD/SW) and 929 schools with 67156 Junior Division/Wing Cadets (JD/JW), totalling 105110 cadets. Every medically fit, regular student from Government, Government-aided and self-financed schools and colleges in Tamil Nadu, aged 12 and above, is eligible to enroll in the NCC on a voluntary basis. The Government of Tamil Nadu funds the cadets from State Government and State Government-aided institutions, while private institutions fund their own NCC cadets for all NCC activities.

14.3 Expansion and Support

The NCC has grown significantly since its inception, reflecting the importance placed on youth development and national integration. The

organization not only prepares youth for potential military careers but also equips them with essential life skills, contributing to nation-building. The comprehensive training programs foster discipline, camaraderie, and leadership, making NCC an integral part of the education system in Tamil Nadu.

Through sustained support and strategic initiatives, the NCC continues to play a crucial role in shaping the youth of the nation, preparing them for future challenges and responsibilities. The NCC's emphasis on unity, discipline, and service ensures that cadets emerge as well-rounded individuals, ready to contribute positively to society and the Nation.

14.4 Personnel Administration

14.4.1 Associate NCC Officers (ANOs)

Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) are a crucial part of the NCC infrastructure, serving as the link

between educational institutions and the NCC organization. Medically fit and volunteering teachers with permanent appointments in their schools and colleges, who are below the age of 40, are eligible for selection as Associate NCC Officers. The selection process involves an interview conducted by the Head of Department. Associate NCC Officers are responsible for training NCC cadets and managing the administrative affairs of NCC activities within their institutions.

Before their appointment, selected teachers undergo a rigorous three-month military training course. Male candidates train at NCC Officers Training Academy, Kamptee in Maharashtra, while female candidates train at NCC Officers Training Academy, Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. Currently, there are 465 Senior Division/Senior Wing (SD/SW) Associate NCC Officers and 740 Junior Division/Junior Wing (JD/JW) Associate NCC Officers coordinating NCC activities in their

respective institutions under the supervision of the Commanding Officers of the respective units.

14.4.2 NCC Caretakers

In the Colleges and Schools where Associate NCC Officers is not available for the time being, as a temporary arrangement until an ANO is appointed, one teacher is appointed as NCC Caretaker to look after the administrative aspects of the NCC Troop/Company of the Institution. If the NCC Caretaker fulfils all the requirements to become an Associate NCC Officer, till such a time he successfully completes the three months training course at Kamptee/Gwalior, he will function as Caretaker.

14.4.3 State Government Employees of Tamil Nadu

While the training of NCC cadets is managed by officers and staff from the Army, Navy and Air Force, the administrative functions are handled by

officers and staff from the State Government of Tamil Nadu. The details are as follows:

Sl. No	Category/ Post	No. of sanctioned
1	Deputy Director	1
2	Assistant Director	7
3	Superintendent	63
4	Assistant	225
5	Junior Assistant	113
6	Steno Typist	6
7	Aero Modelling Instructor cum Store Keeper	4
8	Ship Modelling Instructor cum Store Keeper	5
9	Record Clerk	4
10	Driver	133
11	Store Attendant	393
12	Boat Lascar	1
13	Office Assistant	67
14	Chowkidar	41
15	Boat Keeper	10
16	Cleanliness worker	58
	Total	1131

14.5 Training Academies and other Infrastructure

To prepare competent teams of NCC cadets for national-level competitions, including the prestigious Prime Minister's Banner, the Tamil Nadu Government has established permanent NCC camp locations equipped with all necessary facilities. The details are as follows: -

14.5.1 NCC Training Academy, Idayapatti

Located in Madurai District, the NCC Training Academy at Idayapatti has been operational since 2017. It can accommodate 600 NCC cadets and 50 staff members for ten-day camps. The academy includes an administrative block, living quarters, an auditorium, a training area, rifle and driving simulators, an English language lab, and a rock climbing wall. In 2023, an additional Rs.50,00,000/- was sanctioned for further infrastructure, which has been completed and is in use.

14.5.2 Permanent Camp at Neerpeyar

The Neerpeyar Permanent Camp Area in Maduranthagam Taluk, Chengalpattu District, completed its first phase of construction in 2022. The second phase is currently underway. Facilities include an administrative block, an armoury, living quarters for 500 cadets and 40 officers and staff, a firing range, a drill square, an obstacle course, an open stage platform, and a 200-capacity open auditorium. An additional Rs.1,00,00,000/- was sanctioned in 2023 for augmenting the infrastructure.

14.5.3 Permanent Camp Area at Olaiyur, Tiruchirapalli

To meet the needs of NCC cadets in the Tiruchirapalli region, the Tamil Nadu Government sanctioned Rs.1,00,00,000/- in 2023 for the first phase of construction of a Permanent Camp Area in Olaiyur Village, Srirangam Taluk, Trichy District, covering 1.97 hectares.

14.5.4 50 Meters Baffle Firing Range at Tamil Nadu Physical Education & Sports University, Melakottaiyur

A 50-meter Baffle Range is nearing completion at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University in Melakottaiyur, constructed at a cost of Rs.1,10,00,000/-.

14.5.5 Rowing Simulators

All five naval units in the State are equipped with rowing simulators to train Naval Wing NCC cadets.

14.5.6 Flying Simulators

Flying simulators have been established at all four Air Wing units to provide training for Air Wing cadets.

14.5.7 Status of Weapons

The Central Government provides the necessary weapons and ammunition for the drill and firing practice of NCC cadets, ensuring that

they receive comprehensive training. The Central Government has supplied 1,108 numbers of 0.22mm Rifles and 1,472 numbers of 7.62mm Rifles. Additionally, the Tamil Nadu Government has supplemented this by providing 28 numbers of imported 0.22mm Sporting Rifles, which have been distributed to all Group Headquarters for effective utilization by NCC cadets. This provision of arms ensures that cadets are well-equipped for their training, contributing to their proficiency and readiness.

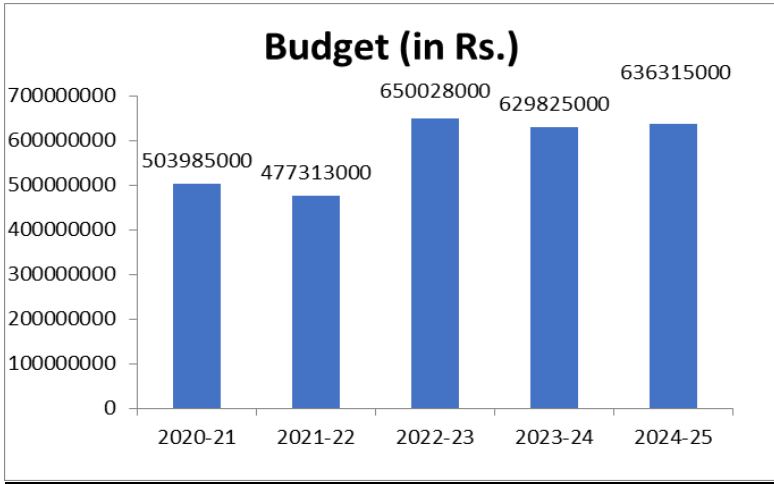
14.5.8 Increase in the allotment of funds for Republic Day Camp

To enable NCC Cadets representing the State of Tamilnadu put up a competitive show in All India Republic Day Camp, where all the States are competing for prestigious PM's Banner, the funds for Republic Day camp has been enhanced from Rs.60,00,000/- to Rs.1,00,00,000/- from the year 2024.

14.6 Budget Allocation

For the financial year 2024-2025, the Tamil Nadu Government has allocated Rs.66,36,81,000/- to the NCC. The annual budget allocation for NCC over the past five years demonstrates a consistent and growing investment in the development of NCC infrastructure, training and activities. This robust financial support underscores the Government's commitment to nurturing disciplined and patriotic youth through the NCC:

The Budget allocations for the last five year is as follows: -



14.7 Initiatives for NCC Cadets by the Tamil Nadu Government

The Government of Tamil Nadu have consistently been at the forefront in supporting and encouraging NCC cadets through various initiatives aimed at enhancing their skills, performance and overall development. Some of the key initiatives are summarized below:

14.7.1 Incentives

To motivate NCC cadets and enhance their performance at National-level camps, the annual incentive for NCC cadets has been significantly increased from Rs.5,80,400/- to Rs.13,47,250/-. This boost in incentives reflects the Government's commitment to recognizing and rewarding the hard work and dedication of NCC cadets.

14.7.2 Scholarship

The Tamil Nadu Government provides substantial scholarship support to deserving NCC cadets. A total of Rs.18,00,000/- is allocated annually to 200 Senior Division/Wing cadets @Rs.5000/- per cadet and 400 Junior Division/Wing cadets @Rs.2000/- per cadet in a year. These scholarships aim to assist cadets in their educational pursuits and encourage continued excellence in their NCC activities.

14.7.3 Employment Benefits

The Tamil Nadu Government offer significant employment benefits to NCC certificate holders to enhance their career prospects:

NCC 'A', 'B', and 'C' certificate holders receive bonus marks of ½, 1 and 2 respectively, in Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board examinations.

In oral tests for B.T. and P.G. Assistants recruitment, ½ mark out of 12 is allocated for candidates' NCC activities. This Policy not only incentivizes participation in NCC but also provides tangible career advantages.

14.7.4 Expansion of NCC in Coastal Region

Recognizing the strategic importance of coastal regions and the potential of cadets from these areas, the Tamil Nadu Government have sanctioned Rs.72,98,805/- for the expansion of the National Cadet Corps in the coastal regions of

Tamil Nadu. This initiative aims to increase the reach of NCC training and activities, fostering greater participation and talent identification in these regions.

14.8 Role of NCC Cadets in Social Service

One of the primary objectives of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) is to harness the power of youth with the ultimate aim of nation-building. NCC cadets actively participate in numerous social service activities, contributing to the betterment of society. NCC Cadets were actively involved in helping the citizens in relief measures in the aftermath of flooding in Chennai and Southern Districts. Hon'ble Chief Minister bestowed Anna Gallantry Award to Cadet Daniel Singh Selva for his outstanding braver act in Tirunelveli during the Natural Disaster. During 2023-24, the cadets engaged in a wide range of initiatives, as detailed below:-

14.8.1 Drive against Drug Abuse

The prime necessity of the hour is to spread awareness among the public about the physical and mental harm caused by the consumption of drugs. 612 NCC Cadets participated in the rally conducted in the streets highlighting the dangers through placards and street plays.

14.8.2 Blood Donation

1,460 NCC Cadets donated blood at the nearest Govt. Blood Banks/Govt. Hospitals under the direct supervision of the Associate NCC Officer of the Institution.

14.8.3 Ban on Single use Plastic & awareness to use "Manja Pai"

207 NCC Cadets participated in the rallies and door to door campaign in the nearby shops to their Institution highlighting the dangers of single use and throwaway plastic carry bags and the harm in collecting food in plastic carry bags. The

cadets showcased "Manja Pai" a cloth based carry bag to all the street goers and shop keepers and adviced them to use cloth bag instead of plastic carry bags.

14.8.4 Other Notable Activities

- 100 NCC Cadets participated in the painting competition on Self reliant India.
- 976 NCC cadets participated in the India's G-20 Presidency Programme.
- 265 NCC Cadets participated in the International year of Millets 2023 Programme
- 200 NCC Cadets participated in the Inaugural function of National Youth Festival on 24th August 2023.
- 674 Cadets participated in Tree Plantation and Planted Tree Saplings.
- 329 NCC Cadets participated in the Celebration of India's heritage of Khadi,

handloom, handicrafts, from 02nd to 31st October, 2023

- 50 NCC Cadets attended the Chennai World Record Plogathan event to achieve sustainable development through littered plastic management
- 55,887 NCC Cadets performed Yoga on 21st June 2023, International Yoga Day.

14.9 NCC Cadets in Defence Forces

In the 2023-24 period, 14 cadets from the Tamil Nadu Directorate joined the Defence Forces as officers, while 439 cadets enlisted in various other ranks, including through the Agnipath scheme. This showcases the significant contribution of NCC training to the defence sector.

14.10 Accomplishments

14.10.1 Republic Day Camp (RDC) – 2024

The Tamil Nadu Directorate achieved an impressive overall third position at the Republic

Day Camp (RDC) held at the Garrison Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment. This prestigious camp runs from January 1st to 29th, with cadets from all 17 Directorates competing for the Prime Minister's Banner. The Tamil Nadu NCC cadets excelled in various events in 2024 as highlighted below:

Sl. No.	Name of the event	Name of the Cdt/ No. of Cadets	Medal Won
1	S/W Army Best Cadet	Cadet Amrit Mel L	Gold
2	S/W Air Best Cadet	Cadet Manjushree I	Bronze
3	Equestrian Dressage	Cadet Shakeera Naushad N	Silver
4	Equestrian Hacks	Cadet Shakeera Naushad N	Bronze
5	Group Dance	A group of 20 Cadets	Silver
6	Group Song	A group of 20 Cadets	Bronze

14.10.2 All India Inter Directorate Sports Shooting Competition (IDSSC) & G.V. Mavlankar Shooting Championship

At the 32nd All India GV Mavlankar Shooting Championship held at the Army Marksmanship Unit, Madhya Pradesh (September 1-10, 2023), the Tamil Nadu Directorate won 2 gold, 2 silver, and 4 bronze medals. Out of the 10 NCC cadets who represented the State in the 66th National Shooting Championship from November 15th to December 2nd, 2023, at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi, 4 cadets were shortlisted for Indian Team Trials and 6 cadets were shortlisted for Direct Nationals 2024.

14.10.3 Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship

A team of 30 NCC cadets participated in the 48th Tamil Nadu Shooting Championship Competition held in Madurai from July 17th to 23rd, 2023. The Tamil Nadu NCC cadets achieved

a remarkable milestone by winning 76 medals (33 gold, 28 silver and 15 bronze) in both individual and team categories, marking the highest number of medals ever achieved by a NCC team in Tamil Nadu's history.

14.10.4 All India Thal Sainik Camp (AITSC) – 2023

The Tamil Nadu NCC Directorate secured the seventh place in TSC (Boys) and fifth place in TSC (Girls), winning 4 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medal in this 12-day camp held annually in Delhi.

14.10.5 All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC) – 2023

Held annually for Air Wing NCC cadets, the Tamil Nadu Directorate secured ninth place with 1 gold medal at the event held in Bengaluru.

14.10.6 All India Nau Sainik Camp (AINSC) – 2023

The Naval Wing NCC cadets of Tamil Nadu Directorate won 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal, securing the sixth position at the camp held in Maharashtra.

14.10.7 Yachting Regatta – 2023

The Tamil Nadu Directorate achieved fifth place in this challenging sailing event.

14.10.8 Ocean Sailing Expedition

35 Senior Division Cadets (Boys) and 25 Senior Wing Cadets (Girls) participated in an 11-day ocean expedition (June 2nd-12th 2023), covering a distance of 302 kilometres.

14.10.9 Youth Exchange Programme

Nine cadets from the Tamil Nadu Directorate were selected for the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) and visited countries, including the United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Vietnam,

Russia, Bhutan, and Nepal.

14.10.10 Marina Republic Day Camp

NCC Boys and Girls contingents marched on Marina Beach on January 26th, 2024, with the NCC Boys contingent recognized as the best marching contingent by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

14.10.11 Chief Minister's Rally and Felicitation of Republic Day Contingent – 2024

The Chief Minister's Rally and felicitation of the Republic Day Contingent took place in Chennai on February 5th, 2024. The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department attended the event, delivering an inspirational speech to motivate the youth and presenting cash awards to the best-performing NCC cadets. The Coimbatore Group won the Chief Minister's Banner, with Madurai Group being the runner-up.

14.10.12 Soul of Steel Himalayan Challenge

Thiru. L/CPL J. Hariharan has undergone training conducted by the Indian Army and Conquer Land Air Water (CLAW) Global at high altitude of Himalayan Challenge, 2023.

This competition is conducted at the High altitude of the Himalayan tests the endurance and will of the candidates. He completed the training and has been awarded with appreciation Certificate. The entire Course fee of Rs.1,31,111/- was sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

14.11 Conclusion

The NCC in Tamil Nadu provides exposure to cadets in a wide range of activities, emphasizing social services, discipline and adventure training. Open to all regular students of

schools and colleges on a voluntary basis, the NCC fosters character, comradeship, leadership, a secular outlook and ideals of selfless service among the youth of the country.

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ANNEXURE

Sports infrastructure facilities in Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
1.	Ariyalur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) -1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Tennis Court (Synthetic)- 1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Skating Rink ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium <p>Mini-Stadium at Jayamkondam Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
2.	Chennai	<p>Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Seating capacity of 40,000 ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ 400M 8-Lane Synthetic Athletic Track with Floodlight ☞ 60 m Air-conditioned Indoor Warm-up Track ☞ Judo Hall -1 ☞ Hall of Chess-1 ☞ Hall of Carrom-1 ☞ Weightlifting Hall-1 ☞ Hall for Table Tennis-1 ☞ Hall of Boxing-1 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Volleyball Courts (Mud)- 3 (with floodlight - 1 Court) ☞ Throwball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ New Media Hall ☞ Conference Hall ☞ Air-conditioned Fitness Centre-1 ☞ SAI Sports Hostels for Boys ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ SDAT Centre of Excellence for Boys ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel of Excellence for Boys ☞ Media Hall ☞ State Sports Facilitation Centre ☞ Shooting Range Training Centre ☞ State Level Training Centre for Carrrom, Taekwondo, Judo, Fencing, Bridge and other Indoor Games (G+3) <p>Warm-up Track area at Integrated Sports Complex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ 400 m 8-lane Synthetic Athletic Track with Floodlight ☞ Indoor Squash Court (Air-conditioned) - 3 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall with 4 Courts (Air-conditioned) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 with flood light ☞ Basketball Court - 2 with flood light ☞ Hydrotherapy Swimming Pool (for differently abled) and

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		rehabilitation ☞ Handball Court-1 ☞ Skating Rink - 1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls
		Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Periamet ☞ Wooden Floor Indoor Hall with Seating capacity of 8,000 (400 m 8-lane Synthetic Athletic Track, Natural Football Turf, 60m Air-conditioned Indoor Athletic Warm up Track, Boxing Hall, Hall of Chess, Carrom Hall, Judo Hall, Table Tennis Hall, Kabaddi Court, Throw Ball Court, Beach Volleyball Courts, Mud Volleyball Courts (with floodlight) and Weightlifting Hall) ☞ Synthetic Skating Rink with Floodlight ☞ Basketball Courts Concrete with Floodlight -2 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ A covered concrete Fencing Hall with Floodlight ☞ Open-Air Boxing Ring (Concrete)-1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls ☞ SDAT Centre of Excellence for Girls ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel of Excellence for Girls <p>Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Egmore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating Capacity of 8,670 ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field ☞ Synthetic Hockey Ground (a team of 5 Members) ☞ Fitness Centre ☞ Tennis Courts (Mud)- 4 ☞ Volleyball Courts with Floodlight- 2 ☞ Semi Indoor Volleyball Court with Floodlight ☞ Conference Hall ☞ Walking Path ☞ Accommodation Centre <p>Aquatic Complex, Velachery Road, Guindy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Seating capacity of 4,000 ☞ An 8-lane international Racing Pool (50 m x 25 m)

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Diving Pool (18 m x 25 m x 5.5 m Depth) - 1 ☞ A Warm up Pool (25 m x 25 m) ☞ Fitness Centre (Air-conditioned) - 1 ☞ Conference Hall ☞ Indoor Gymnastics Hall with Gallery -1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (4 Courts)- 1 <p>Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery with Seating capacity of 7,000 ☞ A Synthetic Center Court with Seating capacity of 4,800 ☞ 6 Practice Court with Seating capacity of 2,800 with LED light facilities ☞ A Fitness Centre (Air-conditioned) ☞ Dormitory facilities ☞ Conference Hall <p>Nehru Park Sports Complex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ International Standard Squash Courts (On MoU with SDAT - TNSRA)- 8

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic mud Track ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)- 1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court-1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts - 2 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall-3 Courts ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball court - 1 ☞ Accommodation Centre <p>Chennai District Unit, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Swimming Pool (36 m x 18 m) ☞ Short Course Swimming Pool (25 m x 16 m) ☞ Baby Swimming Pool (6mx3m) ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall with floodlight facility (Wooden) - 2 Courts ☞ Volleyball Court with floodlight (Mud) - 1 ☞ Air-Conditioned Gymnasium Hall- 1 <p>Anna Swimming Pool, Marina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Swimming Pool (50 m x 25 m) ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 15 m) <p>Mogappair Sports Complex</p>

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Tennis Courts (2-Synthetic, 2-Mud) - 4 ☞ Basketball Courts (Concrete) - 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m (MoU with Dolphin Academy) ☞ Baby Swimming Pool ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium <p>YMCA College of Physical Education Ground, Nandanam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field (On MoU with YMCA) ☞ Players Dress Changing Rooms <p>Pudur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys, Government Boys Hr. Sec. School, Pudur (Cricket)
3.	Coimbatore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Open Air Stadium with Gallery Seating Capacity of 30,000 Spectators ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Synthetic) ☞ Football Field with high mast light facilities (Natural Turf)- 1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
4.	Cuddalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Cinder Athletic Track ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court -1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court(Mud) - 2 ☞ Ball Badminton (Mud)- 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall - 1 ☞ Walkers Path (Concrete)- 1200 m ☞ Open Air Boxing Ring – 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts - 2 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Cricket field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Swimming Pool – (25 m x 13 m) ☞ Badminton Indoor Hall –3 Courts ☞ Squash Court - 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Administrative Office ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys in Neyveli

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<p>Mini-Stadium at Virudhachalam Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m 6 lane Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Throwball Court - 1
5.	Dharmapuri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 2 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton (Mud) - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Gymnastic Hall - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 16 m) ☞ Kabaddi Court (Wooden)- 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall with floodlight (Wooden) - 4 Court ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls Mini-Stadium at Harur ☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 250 Nos. ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)
6.	Dindigul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery seating capacity of 500 Nos. ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)- 1 ☞ Football Field for practice (Mud)-1 ☞ Basketball Court with Floodlight (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 2 ☞ Open Air Badminton Court (Mud)-5 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 13 m)-1 ☞ Handball (Mud) - 1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls <p>Multipurpose Indoor Stadium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Seating Capacity of 500 Nos. ☞ Taekwondo Hall ☞ Gymnastics Hall ☞ Indoor Games with Floodlight ☞ Accommodation Facility-200 persons ☞ Office Room, Meeting Hall, Changing Room, etc., <p>SDAT Malaikottai Mariamman Koil Ground Complex, Dindigul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 200m Athletic Track with Floodlight- 1 ☞ Basketball Court with Floodlight - 1 ☞ Hockey Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 (1 court with Floodlight) ☞ Open Air Badminton Court - 3

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Tennikoit Court – 1 SDAT-NGO Colony Ground, Bala krishnapuram, Dindigul ☞ Open Air Badminton Court - 2 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Tennikoit Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Yoga Hall Mini-Stadium at Nilakottai Taluk ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 Mini-Stadium at Natham ☞ 200 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1
7.	Erode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating Capacity of 1,000 Spectators ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) (1 with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton court - 1 ☞ Indoor Hall for Badminton (Wooden) -1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 13 m) ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls ☞ Centre of Excellence for Girls ☞ Special Gymnastics Development Centre, Karattupalayam <p style="text-align: center;">Semi Indoor Stadium, Krishna Nagar, Gobichettipalayam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Volleyball Court with Floodlight ☞ Kabaddi Court with Floodlight ☞ Table Tennis (Indoor) ☞ Yoga (Indoor) ☞ Chess (Indoor) ☞ Carrom (Indoor)
8.	Kancheepuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating Capacity of 1000 Spectators ☞ 400m Athletic Track (Mud)

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court with Flood Light (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court with flood light (Mud) - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) ☞ Ball Badminton Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Indoor Squash Hall - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts with Floodlight - 2 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 16 m) ☞ Baby Swimming Pool (5m x 3m) ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Open Air Badminton Court (Mud)-3 ☞ Table Tennis Hall ☞ Multi-Gym ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium
9.	Kanyakumari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court with floodlight (Concrete) - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Volleyball Court with floodlight-1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring - 1 ☞ Indoor Squash Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool (25 m x 13 m) ☞ Baby Swimming Pool ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Konam, Nagercoil
10.	Karur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 500 Spectators ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) - 1 ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud)-1 ☞ Hockey Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Open-air Badminton Court-1
11.	Krishnagiri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Seating capacity of 250 each (2 Galleries) ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud)

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Football Court (Natural Turf) – 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) -2 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) – 2 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) – 2 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts – 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall – 1 ☞ Taekwondo Training Hall – 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall – 1 ☞ Walkers Path (Concrete)- 1300 m ☞ Swimming Pool (25m x 13m)- 1 ☞ Baby Swimming Pool – 1 ☞ Judo Training Hall – 1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ Officers Club Building ☞ Children’s Park ☞ Table Tennis Hall <p>Mini-Stadium at Hosur</p>

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Court – 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) – 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Cricket Ground ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden Floor) ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Indoor Stadium for Shuttle ☞ Multi-Gym Hall – 1 ☞ Walkers Path (Concrete)- 1300 m <p>Mini-Stadium at Uthankarai Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating capacity 300 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Volleyball Court – 2 ☞ Basketball Court – 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Walkers Path (Concrete)- 1300 m ☞ Judo Training Hall – 1

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12.	Madurai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Synthetic Athletic Track with Floodlight facility ☞ Seating capacity 2250 (3 Galleries) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) – 1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium with Wooden Floor ☞ Practice Football Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field with Floodlight – 1 ☞ Training Synthetic Hockey Field – 1 ☞ Synthetic Warm-up Track 100 m-1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) – 3 (1 with Floodlight) ☞ Beach Volleyball Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court with Floodlight (Mud) (Mat available for 1 court)-2 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Synthetic Basketball Court (1 with Floodlight)- 2 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court – 2 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud) – 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch (Mud) – 3 ☞ Boxing Ring (Mud) – 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) – 1 ☞ Tennikoit Court (Concrete) – 4 ☞ Tennikoit Court (Mud) – 3 ☞ Gymnasium Hall (Fencing, Yoga, Gymnastics & Taekwondo) – 1 ☞ Fitness Centre – 1 ☞ Indoor Hall for Badminton Courts with Floodlight (Wooden)- 4 ☞ Indoor Hall for Badminton Courts with Floodlight- 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Table Tennis Hall (Wooden) – 1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys with Gymnasium ☞ Integrated Sports Science Centre <p>Ellis Nagar, Madurai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) – 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) – 1

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13.	Mayiladuthurai	<p>Mini-Stadium at Tharangambadi Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Multipurpose Gym Hall - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1
14.	Nagapattinam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (1-Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Basketball Court (1-Concrete, 1-with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Tennis Court - 2 (Mud) ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1 ☞ An Open Air Boxing Ring ☞ 5 Men Football ground - 1 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Indoor Squash Hall (Court)- 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (with Floodlight) -2 Court ☞ Table Tennis – 1 ☞ Indoor Multipurpose Fitness centre-1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden Floor) <p>Mini-Stadium at Thittachery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 <p>Mini-Stadium at Ayyakkaranpulam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (with Floodlight)-1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1
15.	Namakkal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating capacity of 500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) ☞ Handball Court- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court- 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys and Girls at Selvam HSS, Namakkal <p>Mini Stadium, Thiruchengode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Badminton Court (Outdoor) - 1 ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1
16.	Perambalur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 2 ☞ Handball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Kho-Kho Court ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court (Floodlight) ☞ Modern Gymnasium Hall (Air-conditioned) ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall - 2 Court ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden) ☞ Beach Volleyball Court ☞ Walkers Path ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls ☞ Accommodation and Administrative Block <p>Mini-Stadium at Veppanthattai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Mini Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court – 1

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17.	Pudukkottai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete - 1 and with Floodlight - 1) - 2 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Wooden)- 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court (with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Walkers Path ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (with Floodlight)- 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Pool 10 m x 5 m ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls
18.	Ramanathapuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Volleyball Court (with Floodlight)-1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Astro Turf Field - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall - 1 ☞ An Open-air Boxing Ring (Concrete) ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court (with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch (Net) - 2 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (Floodlight - 1) (2 Wooden)- 3 Courts ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool ☞ Carrom Hall - 1 ☞ Chess Hall - 1 ☞ Table Tennis Hall - 1 ☞ Hockey Practice Court 5's (Synthetic) ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for boys <p>Mini-Stadium at Paramakudi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Badminton (Concrete) - 1
19.	Salem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity 500 Spectators ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (with Floodlight - 1) - 3 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Gymnastic Training Hall - 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall - 1 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch (Mud) - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25mx13m (6 lane) ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Concrete) (Seating Capacity - 800 Nos.) ☞ Badminton Court - 4 ☞ Taekwondo Hall - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		☞ SAI Training Centre for Boys
20.	Sivagangai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) -1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool - 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (rubber court) -2 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (Wooden Court) at Kanchirangal -1 ☞ Handball (Mud) - 1 ☞ Gymnasium Hall – 1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys
21.	Tenkasi	<p>Mini-Stadium at Alangulam Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field ☞ Volleyball Court ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Kho-Kho Court

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<p>Mini-Stadium at Sankarankovil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 200 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field ☞ Volleyball Court ☞ Basketball Court ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Kho-Kho Court
22.	Thanjavur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery with Seating Capacity 500 Nos. ☞ 400 m 6-lane Athletic Track (Mud)-1 ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 2 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 4 ☞ Hockey Synthetic Practice Field - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Modern Gymnasium Hall (Rubber Cork Mat) - 1 ☞ Indoor Squash Hall (Concrete)-

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Beach Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m Walking Track - 1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden) ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Football Field (Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School, Pattukottai) - 1 ☞ Skating Rink Ground <p>Mini-Stadium at Pattukottai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1
23.	Theni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Indoor Badminton Court (Wooden)- 2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Indoor Table Tennis Hall - 1 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Indoor Squash Court- 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Multi-Gym- 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (with Floodlight) -1 ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys & Girls ☞ Silvarpatti Indoor (GOI)- RGKA
24.	The Nilgiris	<p>HADP Open Air Stadium, Ooty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Synthetic Athletic Track ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) (with roof) - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 1 ☞ Cricket Practice Pitch - 2 ☞ Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ High Altitude Training Centre <p>Anna Indoor Stadium, Stone House Hill Post, Ooty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (Wooden Court with lighting system) -3 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall - 1

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		<p>Mini-Stadium at Gandhi Maidan, Kothagiri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Football Field (Mud) ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 1 ☞ Volleyball Court – 1 <p>Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Coonoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Badminton Court (Wooden)- 2 ☞ Multi-Gym - 1 <p>Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Gudalur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Badminton Court (Wooden) - 2 ☞ Multi-Gym – 1
25.	Tiruvallur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity of 800 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete)- 2 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Gymnasium Hall - 1 ☞ Badminton Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Kabaddi Court - 2 ☞ Beach Volleyball Court - 1
26.	Thoothukudi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf)- 1 ☞ Hockey Field - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (with floodlight)-1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (1 with floodlight) - 3 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall ☞ Open Air Boxing Ring - 1 ☞ Squash Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (with floodlight) - 1 ☞ Badminton Court - 2 ☞ Mini Indoor Stadium ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court - 2 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Mini Swimming Pool ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<p>Kovilpatti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Synthetic Hockey Field - 1 ☞ Sports Hostel of Excellence for Boys (Hockey) <p>Mini-Stadium at Tiruchendur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 2
27.	Tiruchirappalli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity of 1000. ☞ 400 m 8-lane Synthetic Athletic Track (with Floodlight) ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (1-Synthetic Surface) - 2 ☞ Netball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (1 with Flood light, 1 Galvalume sheet roof with Flood light, 1 Beach Volleyball) - 5 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court (1 with Floodlight)- 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Kabaddi Court (with Floodlight and Gallery) - 2

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Air-conditioned Indoor Squash Court - 1 ☞ Tennis Courts (Mud) - 2 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Court with Gallery and Rooms - 3 ☞ Modern Multi-Gym Indoor Hall - 1 ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall (Floodlight) - 1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at District Sports Complex ☞ Boxing Ring with roof and training hall ☞ Boxing shed outdoor practice ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 22 m ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ SDAT Centre of Excellence for Boys ☞ Accommodation Centre ☞ Parents reception hall ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Srirangam)

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28.	Tirunelveli	<p>Anna Stadium at Palayamkottai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Synthetic Athletic Track ☞ 200 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (1-Synthetic) (1-Mud) - 2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete with Floodlight) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall - 2 ☞ Open-air Boxing Ring - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts (with Floodlight)- 1 ☞ Skating Rink (Concrete) ☞ Indoor Badminton Hall ☞ Volleyball Court with Galvalume sheet roof (with Floodlight) ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool 7 ½ m x 5 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ SDAT Centre of Excellence for Boys

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Multi-Gym Hall at VOC Ground - 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall at JinnaThidal - 1 <p>Mini-Stadium at Kallidaikurichi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 <p>Mini-Stadium at Melapalayam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Basketball Court ☞ Volleyball Court ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Kho-Kho Court ☞ Accommodation Centre
29.	Tiruppur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Chikkanna Govt. Arts College Campus ☞ Badminton Court (Wooden Floor)-9

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton - 2 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1
30.	Tirupathur	<p>Mini-Stadium at Jolarpet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (6 Lane) (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Gymnasium Fitness Centre for Men & Women - 1
31.	Tiruvannamalai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Synthetic Athletic Track ☞ Open Air Gallery with 1,500 seating capacity ☞ Conference Hall ☞ Football Field (Natural Turf) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud with Fencing)-1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court (with Floodlight Roofing) - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Basketball Court (Outdoor) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) (with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Boxing Ring (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Handball Court (Mud) (with Fencing) - 1 ☞ Synthetic Tennis Courts (with Floodlight) - 2 ☞ Indoor Multi-Gymnasium (A/C) ☞ Table Tennis Hall - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 16 m ☞ Baby Swimming Pool ☞ 80 m area for Synthetic track running with Galvalume Sheet roof ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Girls <p>Mini-Stadium at Arni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ An Open Air Stadium - Seating Capacity 500 ☞ Walkers Path <p>Mini-Stadium at Thandarampattu Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ An Open Air Stadium - Seating Capacity 500 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 <p>Mini-Stadium at Cheyyar Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track with drainage ☞ Football Ground - 1 ☞ Concrete Basketball Court - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Gymnasium building (Men & Women) ☞ Open Air Stadium with Seating Capacity 500 Nos.
32.	Tiruvarur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Open Air Stadium with Gallery of 500 seating

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m 8-lane Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13 m ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mats available for 1 Court) (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium (Wooden) ☞ Football Field (Mud) (Tiruneipair)-1
33.	Vellore	<p>Outdoor Sports Stadium at Katpadi Village in Katpadi Taluk of Vellore District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Gallery Seating Capacity of 1500 ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud)- 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud)- 1 ☞ Tennis Court (Synthetic)- 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 17 m

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium Nethaji Stadium, Vellore ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (Mud) - 1 Sathuvachari ☞ Weightlifting Hall ☞ Gymnasium Hall ☞ Weightlifting Centre of Excellence Hostel
34.	Viluppuram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 1 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 2 ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Baby Swimming Pool - 1 ☞ Multipurpose of Indoor Stadium (Wooden) ☞ SDAT Sports Hostel for Boys ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 13m (in Collectorate Campus)

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
35.	Virudhunagar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track (Mud) ☞ Football Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Hockey Field (Mud) - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court (with Floodlight)-2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete with Floodlight) - 1 ☞ Multi-Gym Hall - 1 ☞ Boxing Ring - 1 ☞ Squash Court - 1 ☞ Kabaddi Court - 1 ☞ Kho-Kho Court - 1 ☞ Ball Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Handball Court - 1 ☞ Tennikoit Court (Mud) - 3 ☞ Tennis Court (Mud) - 1 ☞ Open Air Badminton Court - 1 ☞ Swimming Pool 25 m x 17 m ☞ Multipurpose Indoor Stadium <p>Mini-Stadium at Sivakasi Taluk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ 400 m Athletic Track ☞ Football Field - 1 ☞ Volleyball Court - 2 ☞ Basketball Court (Concrete) -1

Sl. No.	District	Facilities available
		<p data-bbox="464 236 924 268">Mini-Stadium at Nenmenipatti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="464 284 812 316">☞ 400 m Athletic Track <li data-bbox="464 331 756 363">☞ Football Field - 1 <li data-bbox="464 379 789 411">☞ Volleyball Court - 1



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated various SDAT's infrastructure facilities along with Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development on 02.11.2023





Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu along with Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development on 11.06.2024 felicitated Para Athlete Thiru. Mariyappan with High Cash Incentive



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development met the three newly-appointed SDAT Foreign Coaches on 04.09.2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development reveals the Winner's Trophy for the Chief Minister's Trophy Games 2023 at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 30.06.2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development at the flag off ceremony of HCL Cyclothon held on 15.10.2023 which attracted around 1300 participants from across the country



'Tamizh' Official torch for Khelo India Youth Games 2023 being revealed at Chennai



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development presents Tamil Nadu team with the Runner-up trophy after its historic performance of 98 medals at Khelo India Youth Games 2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development flagged off dedicated publicity canter vehicle for Khelo India Youth Games 2023



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Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development unveiling the Bronze statue of 'Thambi' – mascot of Chess Olympiad 2022 Chennai on 18.01.2024



Indian Hockey Team celebrates the winning goal against Malaysia in the final of the Hockey Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 at MRK Hockey Stadium, Chennai on 12.08.2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development distributed Kalaignar Sports Kits at Tiruvallur



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Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development unveils SDAT's new logo on 15.06.2024



SDAT's New Logo



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jwala Gutta Academy of Excellence For Badminton to provide specialized coaching for SDAT students



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development at the inauguration of the Tamil Nadu Sports Science Conclave 2023 held at Chennai on 7th and 8th November 2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development inaugurated modern Gym at Secretariat on 24.11.2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development was presented with 'Best State Promoting Sports' given by CII Sports Business Awards 2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development presented High Cash Incentives worth ₹ 16.31 Crores to winners of various national and international events on 23.02.2024



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development honouring the surfers at the launch of World Surf League QS 3000 held at Mahabalipuram on 13.08.2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development presented the cheque to organise the Chennai Chess Grand Masters 2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development felicitated 2022 Asian Para Games medalists with High Cash Incentive worth ₹ 3.8 Crores on 03.11.2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development presented High Cash Incentives worth ₹ 5.28 Crores to winners of various national and international events on 01.12.2023



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development launches SDAT's online services and revamped website



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development issued SDAT's new uniform to Hostel Students



Students of SDAT High Altitude Training Centre Ooty training with their new uniform issued by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development provided financial help to Chess player Sharvaanica to participate in international chess tournaments



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development provided Cyclist Tamizharasi with State-of-the-art Full Carbon Track Cycle supported by Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development provided Prosthetic Leg to Para Badminton player Jagadesh Dili equipment supported by Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development provided financial help to Kick Boxing players to participate in WAKO World Kickboxing championship supported by Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development provided financial help to various athletes to support them in buying sporting equipment and participating in national and international tournaments.



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development provided financial help to Para Badminton player Sudharshan to participate in international tournament supported by Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation



Glimpses of Fencing events Khelo India Youth Games 2023 at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Melakottaiyur



Glimpses of Fencing and Cycling event Khelo India Youth Games 2023 at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Melakottaiyur



Glimpses from the scintillating Opening Ceremony of Khelo India Youth Games 2023 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai on 19.01.2024



Logo for Khelo India Youth Games 2023

VEERA MANGAI



Mascot for Khelo India Youth Games 2023



Pictorial Representation of Gopalapuram Boxing Academy



Progress of Construction at Gopalapuram Boxing Academy at a cost of Rs. 7.79 Crores



Pictorial Representation of Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Kolathur Assembly Constituency



Construction of Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Kolathur Assembly Constituency at a cost of Rs. 3 Crores



Construction of Chief Minister's Mini Stadium at Vaniyambadi Assembly Constituency at a cost of Rs. 3 Crores



Logo for Chief Minister's Trophy 2023



Mascot for Chief Minister's Trophy 2023



Logo for Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023



Mascot for Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023



NCC Cadet Daniel Singh Silva of St. Xavier's HSS Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District received Anna Medal for gallantry from Hon'ble CM of Tamil Nadu for receiving livestock property during unprecedented downpour and floods in month of December 2023



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Pledge Administered on Anti-Drugs Awareness at Kalaivanar Aaragam, Chennai



13 NSS volunteers and a Programme Officer were selected to represent Tamil Nadu for the National Republic Day Parade held at New Delhi on 26-01-24. This year for the first time the government arranged travel by air



Best Group HQ receiving the CM's Banner. The cadets of Republic Day Contingent were awarded cash incentives

