



Department Of Sports

Report on performance, significant achievements and pipeline projects during the period from May, 2011 to March, 2013.

Promotion of Sports throughout West Bengal is the top priority of Sports Department. There are hidden sports talents in rural area who if given the opportunity can be groomed and do well in their respective fields. In many sports such as Athletics, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Volleyball, Football etc., sports persons from the state have done well. It is not always possible to fully promote sports activity and search hidden sports talents by the Government itself. Clubs and Sports Associations can play a pivotal role in organizing sports activities which help young talents to join in bigger sports arena. These clubs and associations have poor resources and infrastructure and often they need fund for survival. Sports events like football matches and cricket matches have been organized in Jungle Mahal area and in the districts of North Bengal with huge success with the involvement of local clubs.

➤ In order to give thrust and promote sports activities priority was given for creation / up-gradation of Sports infrastructure like stadium, swimming pool, sports academy, sports hostel. Total Rs. 2.79 Crore was released for Upgradation for stadia at Lebong (Darjeeling), Jhargram (Paschim Medinipur) and Uluberia (Howrah). Rs. 1.50 Core was released for construction of sports complex at Purulia. Rs.75.00 Lakh was released for installation of Flood lighting System at Kanchenjunga Stadium, Siliguri.

➤ Rs. 52,69,000/- and Rs. 7,05,038/- was released for maintenance of Netaji Indoor Stadium and Swimming Pool at Subhas Sarobar, Beliaghata respectively.

➤ East Bengal, Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting clubs were granted with Rs. 1.00 Crore each for development & improvement of their Ground, Gallery etc.

➤ 4th National Level Rural Tournament under Panchayat Yuba Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) for 3 disciplines viz. Volleyball, Taekondo and Athletics were

successfully conducted at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Kirirangan, Salt Lake from 4th January to 7th January, 2012. Kho-Kho and Kabadi competition were organized at Siliguri from 09.02.12 to 12.02.12.

➤ An exhibition football match between Junglemahal Team comprising of local adibasi youths and Team from Kolkata was held at Lalgarh, Paschim Medinipur District.

➤ Total Rs. 57.06 Lakh was released for organizing Adibasi Football Tournament in the six districts of North Bengal, Gorkha Gold Cup Football Tournament at Darjeeling, Junglemahal Cup Football Tournament and Football Tournament in Kolkata organized by Kolkata Police.

➤ Rs. 14.00 Lakh was released for organizing Long Distance Swimming Competition at Murshidabad and promotion for sports and games during 'Digha Beach Festival'.

➤ In commemoration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda a mass rally was conducted by this

department from Golpark to statue of Swami Vivekananda near Rabindra Sadan on 12th January 2012 with colourful rally of various colleges, schools, sports associations, sports clubs. In the afternoon a football exhibition match between Maharaj XI and Sports Minister XI was conducted at East Bengal Playground wherein eminent players of yesteryears participated.

➤ Rs. 8.76 Crores has been released for construction of Stadium at Salboni and Nayagram at Paschim Medinipur, Sports Academy at Khatra, Bankura, Hostel Building for Sports Persons at Purulia, Sports Academy at Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur, Construction of Multipurpose Sports Complex at Rakhai Memorial Football ground, Tamluk, Purba Medinipur, up-gradation of Stadium at Jhargram. Up-gradation of

Stadium at Jhargram has been completed.

➤ New Flood lighting System has been installed at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake and Kanchenjunga Stadium, Siliguri with total cost of Rs. 12.21 Crores.

➤ Sachin Tendulkar, the first cricketer to achieve the milestone of making 100 centuries in international cricket, Ms. Merry Com, winner of Bronze Medal in Boxing in London Olympic 2012, Vishwanathan Anand, World Champion in Chess, Sri Surya Sekhar Ganguly, eminent chess player, Rabikant Singh & Sandipan Das, members of Under-19 Cricket World Cup Champion Indian Team, 576 nos. of National Games Medal Winners in different disciplines, Nehru Cup Football Winner Team, 25 players of yesteryears in different disciplines of sports were felicitated.

➤ Exhibition Football Matches between Jungle Mahal XI (Men) –vs- East Bengal Club and Jungle Mahal XI (Women) –vs- Kolkata Women Football Team were held at newly up-graded Jhargram Stadium. Another exhibition football match between Jungle Mahal team –vs- Kolkata Football team was also held at Lalgarh, Pashchim Medinipur.

➤ Construction/Upgradation of 16 Nos. of Stadium in different districts has been taken up and the concerned District Magistrates have been requested to submit the project accordingly.

