

XX NATIONAL GAMES OF THE DEAF

Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad January 4 to 8, 2016

PERFORMANCE-CUM-ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

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The last XX National Games of the Deaf (NGD) was conducted successfully at Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad from 4th to 8th January, 2016.

The Special General Assembly which was convened at Lakhsmi Bai National College of Physical Education, Trivandrum immediately after the election of the Office-bearers of AISCD on 29-07-2015 on instruction of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, New Delhi ha d taken the decision to conduct this National Games of the Deaf at Hyderabad as the authorities of Telangana Sports Council of the Deaf, who were present, had accepted to host it. Telangana Sports Council of the Deaf confirmed their confidence to conduct it and the meeting has reviewed their performance in Sports and Games so far and was satisfied to allot it to them and it was first planned to conduct on December 2015 but later the dates were reshuffled to January 4 to 8, 2016. The NGD was to also celebrate the Golden Jubilee of AISCD.

Telangana Sports Council of the Deaf was immensely supported by Deaf Enabled Foundation, an NGO by the deaf and for the deaf, who is involved in empowering the deaf across the country through skill development, education, awareness and sensitization programmes etc. With help of many supporters in private and public filed, they were able to get all infrastructures including the beautiful Gachibowli Stadium and its premises to conduct the games and also provide accommodation to the athletes and officials. It is to be noted that Gachibowli Stadium was the stadium where before the Asiad was conducted and all sports and games amenities are well maintained there and we were lucky to obtain it.

Since AISCD is recognised by MYAS, Sports Authority of India has been pleased to sanction financial assistance for the conduct of XX NGD, Hyderabad within its limitations but it catered only 20 to 25% of the total expense.

20 Affiliated State Units have entered the NGD and other 5 States – Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Sikkim joined to enter the NGD. Jammu & Kashmir which has been affiliated with AISCD since 5 years, entered the NGD with about 40 participants for the first time. They were expected to participate in the previous NGD at Gandhinagar, Gujarat 2014, but unfortunately had to cancel due to the J&K floods at the time.

The inauguration ceremony was conducted very well with beautiful march past and displays. This was the first time that cultural programmes by the deaf were also included as part of the National Games. The Chief Guest was Mr. T. Padma Rao Goud, Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Govt of Telangana who declared open the XX NGD in the presence of the Guests of Honors: Mr. B. Venkateshan, Secretary (Sports & Youth Services) to Government of Telangana and Mr. Dinakar Babu, Managing Director, Sports Authority of Telangana State. In the inaugural meeting the Hon'ble Minister declared the donation of the State for the conduct of the NGD which was a great help for AISCD and the Organisers. The Minister has added in his speech that he will arrange to support our activities in

future and the other guests also expressed their happiness that the deaf are able to organise everything in a well equipped manner.

We are happy to inform with proud that out of 29 states and 7 UTs in India, 25 State Units and 2 UTs participated in this National Games where as in the last NGD the participation was 22 states and thus added a remarkable feather to the cap of AISCD. We hope more states will join us soon and the steps for that are under process.

More than 1500 deaf athletes and 200 officials attended the XX NGD and all facilities were provided to them technically and officially. The food arrangements and volunteering by the hosts were done in an equipped manner.

The events conducted in all 8 disciplines and athletics under "Below 14 Years" was introduced this time. Lawn Tennis which was planned to conduct as demonstrative was last changed to usual match due to legal appeal of the parents of some players. We admit the desire of parents, but it would have been better if the parents should have approached the AISCD directly. An approximate amount of Rupees thirty lakh was spent for the conduct of XX NGD, the lions share of which was organised by the hosts through valuable contributions.

ATHLETICS:

As usual, athletics still continue with large number of competitor in six age groups and has eighty events. In India, Athletics holds the key positions in medal winning events like middle and long distance running, triple, Long and High Jumps along with Discuss Throw, Javelin Throw, Hammer Throw, Pole Vault, etc. The deaf sports persons also follow the same mostly. We are sure they have enough caliber to flourish in athletics as in last Asia Pacific Deaf Games conducted at Taoyuan, Taiwan, Chinese Taipei on October, 2015, India"s Jijo Kuriakose and Srijishna were Gold Medalists.

SI. No:	Event	Name	State	Performance	
				New	Old
		SENIOR MEN			
1	800 M Run	Jijo Kuriakose	KER	2:00.60	2:01.70
2	4x100 M Relay	B. Satish T. Jitendra Reddy Md. Yusuf K. Appaia Reddu	AP	45.94	46.20
3		SENIOR WOME	N		
3	High Jump	Sreejishna KS	KER	1.47	1.36
4	Javelin Throw	Monika Verma	DEL	27.20	26.57
		JUNIOR BOYS			
5	Shot Put	Kannan	TN	12.38	12.06

In our last report of XIX NGD, we had proclaimed that the young deaf athletes of India can compete with International Standards and sometimes near to Deaflympics Records, and the attainment by our Gold Medalists in Asia Pacific Deaf Games as explained prove that our prediction was correct and the authorities must realize it and give us more support.

Indian team to the 3rd World Deaf Athletics Championships to be held at Bulgaria in Jun-Jul, 2016 are to be finalised from this performance.

BADMINTON:

64 Men and 32 Women attended it including International players who participated in the last Asia Pacific Deaf Games. The performance was to very satisfying standards, with promising young sportspersons.

BASKETBALL:

Total teams from ten state participated in Basketball. The progress is remarkable. The players slowly, nut steadily reaching up to National Standards.

FOOTBALL:

The deaf sports persons second most favourable discipline is Football. This time, 14 state units participated in Football. The deaf football players seem highly attracted by the matches played by hearing counterparts and sometimes they imitate the style of them. The matches were played on the basis of "League-cum-Knock Out. We had planned to send our Football Team last time to Asia Pacific Deaf Games held at Taoyuan, Taiwan during October 2015, but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to cut down of finance by authorities. This time also, the Indian Team to take part in International Matches is forming on the performance in this NGD.

SWIMMING:

Fourteen Teams have taken part in Swimming. The performance was better than the last NGD. Several new records were created, especially by the Maharashtra team.

SI. No:	Event	Name	State	Performance	
				New	Old
		SENIOR MEN			
1	1500 M Freestyle	Aadesh S. Rukadikar	MAH	21:37.10	25:04.46
2	50 M Backstroke	Aniruddha V. Khante	MAH	32.81	35.21
3	100 M Backstroke	Aniruddha V. Khante	MAH	01:15.62	1:21.65
4	200 M Backstroke	Aniruddha V. Khante	MAH	02:48.28	3:09.72
5	50 M Breaststroke	Umesh R. Khade	KAR	35.11	35.15
6	50 M Butterfly	Atul Jaiswal	DEL	29.16	31.48
7	100 M Butterfly	Atul Jaiswal	DEL	1:07.62	1:48.33
8	4x50 M Freestyle Relay	Shreyas P. Parkar Rohan Deepak More Aniruddha V. Khante Aadesh S. Rukadikar	MAH	2:02.80	2:54.45
9	200 M Individual Medley	Atul Jaiswal	DEL	2:42.19	3:02.85
	1	SENIOR WOMEN		2.55	
10	50 M Freestyle	Aditi V. Nilangekar	MAH	32.42	41.20
11	100 M Freestyle	Aditi V. Nilangekar	MAH	1:13.39	1:33.09
12	50 M Backstroke	Riddhi Mukherjee	WB	41.41	47.38
13	50 M. Breaststroke	Aditi V. Nilangekar	MAH	42.00	51.35

We had planned to send our Swimming Team last time to 3 rd World Deaf Swimming Championship held at San Antonio, Texas,, USA during August 2015, but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to cut down of finance by authorities.

TABLE TENNIS:

47 male players from 13 states and 18 females from 6 states have taken part in Table Tennis and the progress was remarkable and single, doubles, mixed doubles and team matches were conducted and we hope that more talented players can be spotted out and given better practice to win again World Ranking.

Indian team to the 3rd World Deaf Table tennis Championships to be held at Turkey in Jul, 2016 are to be finalised from this performance.

VOLLEYBALL:

Sixteen Men Teams and six Women teams took part in Volleyball. The matches were conducted as per international rules. Performance was better.

In Women's Group's there was less participation and aims to encourage more deaf women to participate at state level first.

Indian team to the 3rd World Deaf Volleyball Championships to be held at Washington, USA in Jul, 2016 are to be finalised from this performance.

WRESTLING:

Both Freestyle wrestling and Greco-Roman style were included. The performance of the players were at international standards and they have, without doubt, the caliber to compete with world Deaf Wrestlers and we have many young good wrestlers and we can hope for a much improved performance and ranking in the forthcoming Asia Pacific Games.

Indian team to the 4th World Deaf Cadet and Junior Greco-Roman and Freestyle Wrestling Championships to be held at Tehran, Iran in May, 2016 are to be finalised from this performance.

LAWN TENNIS:

It was introduced this time. Total 8 male and 4 female players participated. Performance was up to standard.

RESULTS:

Kerala retains "PRESIDENT OF INDIA SHIELD" by retaining Overall Championship with 225 points on three consecution years. Maharashtra with 162 points is a distant runner-up in overall championship closely followed by Haryana with 127 points. Kerala"s strength lays in Athletics and Football; Haryana depends on Athletics, Badminton and Wrestling; Maharashtra on Swimming and Badminton; Tamil Nadu on Athletics and Basketball with 108 points in 4th place overall championship and Karnataka on Volleyball and Table Tennis. Meghalaya"s performance is better and gets 3rd place with 47 points in Athletic Male Section and 3rd place with 35 points in Athletic Female Section. The Details of Final Standing are attached.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

The Closing Ceremony was conducted on 7th January 2016 by afternoon in the Stadium itself and Mr. B. Ganesh Gupta, MLA was the Chief Guest in the presence of the Guests of Honors: Mr. B. Venkateshan, Secretary (Sports & Youth Services) to Government of Telangana and Mr. Dinakar Babu, Managing Director, Sports Authority of Telangana State.

Thus XX NGD was remarkable one as it was the Golden Jubilee Year (50th Year). The outstanding sportspersons across the country, who were instrumental in AISCD"s journey since 1965 were invited and honored with beautiful mementos as a symbol of AISCD"s Gratitude. Ms. Ambi Rani Sinha, wife of Late Sri KK Sinha, who was one of the most respected AISCD General Secretary, was also present to bless the event. Total 125 players, 100 former Executive Board Bodies, etc attended to receive the mementos. AISCD takes this opportunity to thank Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. for their support and financial assistance for the mementos.

All the participants in the games felt togetherness and all were with good sportsmen spirit and it was a good arena for national integrity and co-operation among the deaf people.

CONCLUSION:

The Hosts – Telangana Sports Council of the Deaf has made good and remarkable arrangements for the successful conduct of the events such as Technical Arrangements, volunteering, boarding and lodging, transporting, etc which made everybody feel like home. The organising committee under the chairmanship of Mr. T. K. M. Sandeep along with several other deaf people worked very hard to raise funds and other arrangements to make XX National Games of the Deaf a grand success.

Special thanks go to Sri. T. Venkat Rao, Veteran Sportsman and tallest leader who is active even at this 72 years of age and his son Mr. T. K. M. Sandeep and his group – Deaf Enabled Founds and Miss. Miryala Remya, Public Relation Director of it and his team members for their hard work for its conduct.

We are sure that the ordinary deaf sports persons can get their exposure in a more developed manner in the coming years and the overall assessment of the XX National Games of the Deaf in respect of performance will surely make the image of AISCD sky high, to keep India"s National Flag to more heights.

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OPENING CEREMONY ON 04/01/2016 AT 4.30PM































































































