

**MONTHLY SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES / DEVELOPMENT IN
RESPECT OF DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
(January - March, 2019)**

March, 2019 :

Special Olympics, 2019 : Special Olympics, 2019 were held in Abu Dhabi (UAE) during March 14-21, 2019, wherein 284 Indian Athletes participated. Indian players won 368 medals including 85 Gold, 154 Silver and 129 Bronze. India stood at 3rd position in the International Medal Tally.

February, 2019

Web Ratna under Digital India Awards-2018 to the website of the Ministry :

The website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports won the *Web Ratna (Silver)* under Digital India Awards-2018. The awards are given in acknowledgement of exemplary initiatives taken by the Ministry in e-governance using the medium of World Wide Web by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. The Web Ratna trophy & certificate was conferred by the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology to the representatives of the Ministry on 22nd February, 2019 in a function organized in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) :

Two days National Conference on Physical Education & Sports Sciences was conducted by the Department of Physiology at LNIPE, Gwalior on 25th & 26th February, 2019. Further, Prof. D.K. Dureha, Vice-Chancellor of LNIPE was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Physical Education & Sports Psychology at International Conference of Sports Psychology & Yogic Sciences, Nagpur on February 16-17, 2019.

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

During preceding month i.e. February, 2019, NADA has collected as many as 514 dope samples including 54 blood samples for dope testing in major events and in training camps all across the country. A meeting with the representatives of National Sports Federations (NSFs) was organized by NADA to discuss various issues including timely submission of Annual Calendar of Training and Competitions (ACTC) for various sports events/activities for the year 2019-20.

January, 2019 :

Mission Olympics Sports Meet-2019 :

Addressing the participants and winners of the Meet at the closing ceremony at Ambedkar Stadium on 4th January, 2019, the Union Sports Minister said the Government is taking several steps to promote the sports culture in the country and is trying to identify the sportsperson at a very young age so that they can be trained and nurtured to become world class champions. Soon physical test for 2 crore youngsters of age between 8 and 12

will be started, and on the basis of data, 1000 of them will be selected for further training. By the time, they reach the age of 18, they will be ready for participation in international events.

Khelo India Youth Games 2019 :

The Khelo India Youth Games Maharashtra 2019 were held from 9th January to 20th January 2019 at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Mahalunge-Balewadi, Pune with Maharashtra as the Host State. A total of 403 events were conducted across 18 sporting disciplines with 379 individual events and 24 Team events. Maharashtra emerged the Overall Champions, followed by Haryana and Delhi. These Games had an approximate participation of 10,000 which comprised more than 5925 athletes from all States/UTs, 1096 support staff, 893 Technical officials, 1021 Volunteers and 1500 officials from Central and State Governments. The KIYG Maharashtra 2019 was telecast live for 8 hours each day for 12 days on Star Sports & DD Sports. A 360-degree promotion of the Games was done through print, television and digital media platforms.

Dope Control programme during Khelo India Youth Games, 2019 :

With a view to make young and budding athletes aware of the hazards of doping, a Mass Athlete Awareness Programme against Doping in Sports was carried out by National Anti-Doping Agency during Khelo India Youth Games, 2019 held at Pune educating 3201 national level young athletes. Moreover, 476 dope tests of the participating athletes were carried out. The Independent Observers of National Anti-Doping Agency monitors the quality of the dope control programme during the entire games.

National Conference on 'Prevention of Doping in Sports :

A two-day National Conference on Anti-Doping was organized by Physical Education Foundation of India in association with National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) on 30-31st January, 2019 at New Delhi. Various Speakers including the Union Sports Minister; Minister of State (Health); Shri Ashwani Kumar Choubey; Shri Manoj Tiwari, MP; Smt. Mary Kom, MP; DG, NADA gave valuable insights into the ways and means of preventing doping in sports. Addressing the concluding session of two days National Conference on 31st January, 2019, the Union Sports Minister cautioned the athletes about the negative side of doping and advised the athletes to do hard work with a passion and dedication to overcome challenges in life. The conference was attended by University and College coaches and sports enthusiasts from all over the country.
