

CHAPTER - VI

OPERATION DIVISION

The Operation Division deals with Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI aimed at development and promotion of Sports at grass root level in the country. The following Sports Promotional Schemes are being implemented through Regional Centres/Sub Centres/Academic Institutions:-

- a) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme.
- b) Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme.
- c) SAI Training Centre (STC) Scheme
- d) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
- e) Centre of Excellence (COX) Scheme

The objectives of the Sports Promotional Schemes are as under:-

- Grooming of talent for achieving excellence at International Level.
- Scouting Talent in the Age Group of 8 – 14 years for admission in Schools adopted under NSTC Scheme, thereby playing and studying in a disciplined and systematic manner.
- Scouting of Talent in the Age Group of 8 – 16 years for admission in Regimental Centres established in the Army Camps under ABSC Scheme, thereby utilizing the available sports infrastructure and administrative back up of the army.
- Providing in house scientific and technical guidance to Jr. Level Sportspersons in the age group of 14 – 21 years who have won medals at States/ National Level Competitions. These children are admitted under STC Scheme.
- Scouting of Talent from tribal hilly, coastal areas and genetically gifted children for admission under SAG Scheme.
- Scouting of Talent from traditional games of India akin to modern sports and training them for achieving excellence in modern competitive sports.
- Utilization of infrastructure at Regional Centres/ Sub- Centres of SAI by scouting Talented sports persons who are at the brim of making mark and admitting them to the Centre of Excellence/SAI Training Centres.
- Providing scientific training under Centre of Excellence Scheme to National level sportspersons in the age group of 17 – 25 years towards preparation for Asian Games/ Olympic Games and other International level sports Competitions.

A) NATIONAL SPORTS TALENT CONTEST (NSTC) SCHEME.

Objectives

- To scout talent among school boys/girls who are genetically gifted and endowed with natural motor qualities.
- To Play and Study in the same school.
- To impart scientific sports training to selected children admitted in the schools.
- To utilize sports infrastructure created by the schools and to create sports consciousness among the school going children.

STATUS

Number of Schools - 22 Regular Schools, 27 schools for promotion of indigenous Games & Martial Arts, 49 Navodaya Vidyalayas and 33 Akharas, 33 Akharas provided Equipment Support.

Number of Trainees	-	2722 trainees(2062 – boys, 660 – girls)
Age Group	-	8 – 14 years
Disciplines	-	Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Gymnastics, Hockey, Football, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling, Kho- Kho, Kabaddi, Indigenous Games & Martial Arts.

The 2722 trainees have won 264 medals (258 National & 06 International in addition to the medals won at District, State levels etc.) The Details of some of the achievements/medals won may be seen at **Annexure-IV**.

i) Extension of NSTC Scheme to Navodaya Vidyalaya

Objectives

- To promote sports in remote and rural areas
- To provide greater plans for field children under NSTC Scheme.

Status

Number of Schools	-	49 Navodaya Vidyalayas
Number of Trainees	-	636 trainees (403 – boys, 233– girls)

ii) Promotion of Indigenous Games and Martial Arts.

Objectives

- To promote Indigenous Games and Martial Arts in Schools in Rural and semi-urban areas.
- Scouting of talent in these games for nurturing modern sports.

Status

Number of Schools	-	27 Indigenous Games and Martial Arts Schools
Number of Trainees	-	436 trainees (345– boys, 91 – girls)
Age – Group	-	8 – 14 years
Disciplines	-	Kalaripayattu, Salambam, Kabaddi, Wrestling, Archery, Athletics, Kho – Kho, Mukna, Thang-ta.

iii) Promotion of wrestling in the country.

Objectives

- To provide days facilities modern wrestling.
- To supplement the efforts made by various Akharas in the country.

Status

Akharas adopted by SAI	-	33 Akharas
Akharas that have been Provided Equipment Support	-	34
Number of Trainees	-	621 trainees (591– boys,30girls)
Age – Group	-	8 – 14 years
Disciplines	-	Wrestling

B) ARMY BOYS SPORTS COMPANY (ABSC) SCHEME.

Objectives

- The Scheme is aimed at selecting boys in 8 – 16 age group to achieve excellence in sports and also use Army sports infrastructure and to offer them a job in Army after attaining requisite age group.

Status

Number of Centres	-	16 Centres
Number of Trainees	-	964 trainees (boys)
Age – Group	-	8 – 16 years
Disciplines	-	Athletics, Archery, Basketball, Boxing, Equestrian, Handball, Shooting, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kayaking & Canoeing, Football, Swimming, Rowing, Volleyball, Wrestling & Weight Lifting.

The 964 trainees have won 128 medals (113 National and 15 International in addition to the medals won at District, State levels etc.) The Details of some of the achievements/medals may be seen at **Annexure-V**

C) SAI TRAINING CENTRE (STC) SCHEME.

Objectives

- To scout and nurture talented sportspersons by providing in- house coaching facilities coupled with the scientific input.
- To act as supply line for national teams.

Status

Number of Centres	-	58 Centres
Number of Trainees	-	7790 trainees (5363– boys, 2427– girls)
Age – Group	-	14 – 21 years
Disciplines	-	Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cricket, Canoeing & Kayaking, Cycling, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Handball, Judo, Kabaddi, Karate, Lawn Tennis, Rowing, Swimming, Sepak Takraw, Shooting, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Wrestling, Wushu, Softball, Weightlifting and Fencing.

The 7790 trainees have won 399 medals (National 365 and 34 International in addition to the medals won at District, State levels etc.). The Details of some of the achievements/ medals won may be seen at **Annexure-VI**

D) SPECIAL AREA GAMES (SAG) SCHEME.

Objectives

- To scout and nurture talent for modern competitive sports from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas.
- To cover regions which are either genetically or geographically advantageous for excellence in a particular discipline.
- To tap potential of indigenous games/ martial arts which are akin to modern sports disciplines provide in-house coaching facilities with scientific back up.

Status

Number of Centres	-	21
Number of Trainees	-	1915 (1147 boys, 768 girls)

Age – Group	-	14 – 21 years
Discipline	-	Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Basketball, Canoeing & Kayaking, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Karate, Kabaddi, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Wushu.

The trainees have won 113 medals (106 National and 07 International in addition to the medals won at District, State levels etc.) The Details of some of the achievements/ medals won may be seen at **Annexure-VII**

Adoption of Sports Centres as Extension Centres of STC/ SAG Centres to cover schools/ colleges for wider coverage.

Objectives

- To encourage several sports centres across, North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir and other scheduled tribal areas and also all States
- To develop sports standard in schools and colleges.
- To provide technical support in terms of basic equipment.

Status

Number of Centres	-	83
Number of Trainees	-	1226 (781 boys, 445 girls)
Age – Group	-	14 – 21 years
Disciplines	-	Athletics, Basketball & Boxing, Football, Gymnastic, Handball, Kabaddi, Judo, Taekwondo, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting.

E) CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (COX) SCHEME.

Objectives

- As a natural corollary to the Sub- Junior/ Junior Schemes of SAI viz. NSTC, ABSC, SAG and STC, the Centre of Excellence Scheme envisages induction of talent based on performance in the Senior National Competitions for training at Regional Centres of SAI scout and nearly 200 days in a year.
- Provide opportunity to sportspersons to get training in their region to bring more sportspersons into the elite/ one.
- Prepare sports persons to be available in the 2nd & 3rd line for International competitions.

Status

Number of Centres	-	12
Number of Trainees	-	391 (256 boys, 135 girls)
Age – Group	-	17 – 25 years (Age relaxation in case of outstanding performance).
Disciplines	-	Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Karate, Swimming, Shooting, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Wushu, Wrestling & Weightlifting,.

The trainees have won 84 medals (54 National and 30 International in addition to the medals won at District, State levels etc.) The Details of some of the achievements/ medals won may be seen at **Annexure-VIII.**