

Hon'ble Mr. Speaker Sir,

On the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move that a sum of **Rs. 558,46,95,000 (Rupees Five Hundred Fifty Eight Crore Forty Six Lakh Ninety Five Thousand) only** be granted under Demand No.49 to meet up the expenses of the Department of Youth Services & Sports.

The students & youth are the most vibrant, hard-working, impulsive and dynamic forces of a society. It is true that the students and youth are always ready to sacrifice their lives for the national interest and they act as a guiding force for the generations to come. There are ample examples of youth leading the society from the front despite enormous hazards.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of our state Mamata Banerjee has reposed her unflinching faith in the student- youth section of our society. In translating her dreams into reality, the faith of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** over the student-youth section of the society, is incredible. Endless is her concern about the education, health, employment and holistic mental and physical development of the students and youth. The Department of Youth Services & Sports has undertaken some positive programmes for the benefit of youth of our society in order to lead them to the right path enabling them to serve the nation by building strong moral character and developing their mind for healthy thinking.

Apart from this, some vocational and other training means will further add to their character and personality building trait.

On the other hand, sports remains a central ingredient in driving the agenda of National Unity. This is achieved through creation of opportunities for social interaction, participation, talent identification, skill development and creation and development of sports infrastructure. Sports are the tried and tested tool that restores a sense of balance, hope and unity in all our communities. Similarly, Development and Promotion of Sports throughout the State of West Bengal is the main focus of the Department of Youth Services & Sports in order to achieve this primary objective and rank the top in the Indian sports arena. The Department of Youth Services & Sports has taken up a number of initiatives for improving the sports infrastructure within the state besides providing financial support and other logistic help in organizing sports competitions. It is pertinent to mention that in various fields such as Athletics, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Cricket, Archery, Swimming, Gymnastics and Football etc. sports persons from the state have excelled time and again. It is felt that there are a number of hidden sports talents in the state, who, if provided with opportunity and infrastructure, can excel in their respective field and can add further feather to the glory of the State of West Bengal.

The Role of the Government is extremely important in providing participation, opportunities to the youth of the state for overall development of the sports and to achieve the excellence. The Department of Youth Services & Sports has identified certain disciplines, where residential/non-residential academies have already been started and more are lying in the pipe-line to identify

and groom hidden sports talents across the state in these disciplines. In this context various clubs and sports associations also play a pivotal role towards identifying the young talents who can be amply trained to participate in biggest events at State/National/International levels and can bring success and glory for the State.

Now, I would like to place before the Hon'ble members of this house the details of the major programmes taken up by the Department of Youth Services & Sports for the overall development of the student-youth community and the sports sector as well.

New Initiative

As directed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, all service oriented programmes of the Department of Youth Services & Sports, related to sports and games, are being identified as programmes under the purview of 'KHELASHREE' scheme since the financial year 2017-18.

Bangla Yuva Kendra

In order to facilitate the implementation of the programmes taken up by the Department of Youth Services & Sports, keeping in view the overall development of the student-youth section of our society and to create a healthy socio-cultural ambience, a three-tier organization styled as '**Bangla Yuva Kendra**' has been formed. The 'Volunteers' of this organization are acting at the Block/Municipal Level and the 'Coordinators' are rendering their services at the District Level for the development of the student-youth throughout the year maintaining perfect co-ordination with the Department of Youth Services & Sports.

Departmental Website

The website of the Department of Youth Services & Sports (www.wbsportsandyouth.gov.in) is presently operational. Using this website, common people including student-youth may get information about all sorts of programmes of this department and also may become aware of the services rendered by this department. I hope, by taking facilities of this website the student-youth are getting benefited and the contact between my department and people at large is being intensified.

Student-Youth Festival

The Student-Youth Festival is one of the major programmes for identifying the budding talents of our state in the sphere of culture. Such a big event in the cultural arena of our state is seen very rarely. The festival has two aspects. One is Cultural Competitions and the other is Cultural Programmes.

In our state, this festival is organized in three tiers. The first tier is Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation/Notified Area/Borough Level. The second one is District Level and the third is State Level. The successful candidates of the Block/Municipal/Municipal Corporation/ Notified Area /Borough level competitions get the opportunity to participate in the District level competitions. Again, the successful competitors of the District level competitions are sent to compete at the State level competitions. The cultural competitions and other programmes of this three-tier Student-Youth Festival, 2017-2018 were organized in all 341 Blocks, 118 Municipalities, 6 Municipal Corporations, 16 Boroughs under Kolkata Municipal Corporation and in all 24 districts along with GTA during the period from 16-26 January, 2018.

The State Level Student-Youth Festival, 2017-2018 was organized successfully on & from 28-30 January, 2018 at the UTTIRNO Open Air Theatre at Alipore, Kolkata in which about 3,000 (Three Thousand) competitors across the state participated. Cultural competitions were held in 40 different events with great enthusiasm.

Altogether, more than 6 (six) lakhs of student-youth took part in the Student-Youth Festival, 2017-2018 across the state.

Apart from these, another four festivals & programmes were organized in the last year as part of the West Bengal State Student-Youth Festival which are as follows : **1. Rakhibandhan Utsab (7th August, 2017) 2. Vivek Chetana Utsab (10-12 January, 2018), 3. Subhas Utsab (22-23 January, 2018) and 4. Jungalmahal Cup Final & Prize Giving Ceremony (13th December, 2017).**

Youth Computer Training Centre

The Youth Computer Training Centres run by the Department of Youth Services & Sports in collaboration with different private organizations play an important role in providing low cost computer training to the student-youth across the state enabling them to prepare themselves fit for employment. About 1,000 (One Thousand) Youth Computer Training Centres are now running across the state. Every year thousands of student-youth are getting themselves eligible to survive in the competitive job market successfully being trained from these training centres in various courses.

As advised by the Department of Information Technology of Govt. of West Bengal, efforts are being given to make the syllabus of these Youth Computer Training Centres as far as possible up to date and compatible with the present job market. **Online**

Examination System has also been introduced in all Youth Computer Training Centres of our state since the month of October, 2016 to conduct the examination procedures more perfectly. It may be mentioned here that one **world famous multinational organization** has been entrusted upon to conduct the entire system of online examination and evaluation thereof. Introduction of this system has enabled us to maintain parity in case of evaluation of the syllabus of all Youth Computer Training Centres with minimum manual effort. The chances of error have also been reduced to a large extent. The students are getting their certificates downloaded online. So, I believe that this new initiative of my Department has brought revolutionary changes in the entire education system of these Youth Computer Training Centres.

In order to spread the computer education to every nook and corner of the state, my department has taken up measures in the present financial year also to set up more and more new Youth Computer Training Centres as well as to introduce more new courses useful in the present time.. Proposals in this regard are being invited from interested individuals or organizations, though they have to fulfill the following conditions mandatorily while setting up of new training centres :-

- 1. The distance from the already existing centre to the proposed new centre should be at least 3 (Three) kilometres in case of rural areas and at least 1(One) kilometre in case of municipal areas.**
- 2. There should be provision for a premise of at least 1500 sq. ft. of area, which will have separate toilets for boys and girls and a specific space for an office room.**

3. Supporting documents regarding the proprietorship of the room or rent paid has to be submitted.
4. Still photo and sketch map of the room has to be submitted.
5. The applicant should produce the documents regarding his computer knowledge.
6. Photograph of at least 2(two) nos. of Faculty Members and documents of their educational qualification along with complete bio-data has to be submitted.
7. Copy of the Trade License issued by the local authority has to be produced.
8. The applicant should submit the photocopy of his Bank Pass Book.
9. There should be at least 15 nos. of computers in the proposed new centre in rural area whereas the required nos. of computers in municipal area will be 20.
10. In regards to course fee and other rules & regulations only the departmental orders are to be followed.

Vocational Training Centre and Self-Employment Scheme

The following 22 disciplines of Vocational Training are approved by the Department of Youth Services & Sports. Training in a few selective disciplines out of these 22 approved disciplines are provided by the different Youth Vocational Training Centres of our state run by the Department of Youth Services & Sports in collaboration with various private organizations. A few important disciplines are as follows :

1. Diploma/Advance Diploma in Interior Decoration & Designing

2. **Diploma/Advance Diploma in Fashion Designing**
3. **Diploma in Mobile Phone and Telephone Repairing & Servicing**
4. **Certificate in Computer Hardware Repairing & Maintenance**
5. **Advance Course in Computer Hardware Repairing & Networking**
6. **Certificate in Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Engineering**
7. **Certificate in Beautician Course**

Thousands of students & youth are being enabled to move forward towards the path of self-employment receiving training from these centres.

Apart, a Vocational Training & Self-Employment Scheme has been introduced in 66 (Sixty Six) sub-divisions of West Bengal in collaboration with the Technical Education & Training Department of our state. The various curriculums of this new scheme have been framed following the guidelines of the National Council of Vocational Training (N.C.V.T).

Youth Hostels

There were a good numbers of mostly dilapidated Youth Hostels in and outside the state of West Bengal under the Department of Youth Services & Sports. Decision was taken for entire renovation, expansion (where possible) and beautification of these Youth Hostels in the financial year 2012-2013. Accordingly, the renovation work of these Youth Hostels has been completed

smoothly and a few new Youth Hostels have also been constructed. A list of these renovated Youth Hostels along with the newly constructed Youth Hostels which have already been inaugurated for public use is given below :

**List of the Renovated and Newly Designed Youth Hostels
which have already become operational**

Sl. No.	District	Name of the Youth Hostel
1	Darjeeling	Kanchenjunga Youth Hostel, Siliguri
2	Alipurduar	Madarihat Youth Hostel, (Near Jaldapara Tourist Lodge), Madarihat
3	Malda	Maldah Youth Hostel (District Youth Office Building), Maldah
4	Murshidabad	Lalbagh Youth Hostel (Opposite Hazarduari), Murshidabad
5	Paschim Bardhaman	Kazi Najrul Youth Hostel (Beside the tomb of Kazi Nazrul Islam), Churulia, Burdwan
6		Mython Youth Hostel, Burdwan
7	Birbhum	Bolpur Youth Hostel, Dakbanglow Ground, Bolpur, Birbhum
8		Bakreswar Youth Hostel, Near Hotspring, Bakreswar, Birbhum
9		Massanjore Youth Hostel, Near Massanjore Dam, Birbhum

Sl. No.	District	Name of the Youth Hostel
10	Bankura	Susunia Youth Hostel, Near Gram Panchayat Office, Susunia, Bankura
11		Ramkinkar Youth Hostel, Pratapbagan, Near Sukumar Udyan, Bankura,
12		Mukutmanipur Youth Hostel, Near Kangsabati Bridge, Mukutmanipur, Bankura
13	Purulia	Purulia Youth Hostel, District Youth Office Building, Ranchi Road, Purulia
14	Purba Medinipur	Digha Youth Hostel, New Digha, Beside Amaravati Park, Purba Medinipur
15	Howrah	Howrah Youth Hostel, Howrah Stadium Complex, Howrah
16	South 24 Parganas	Gangasagar Youth Hostel, Near Kapilmuni Ashram, Gangasagar, South 24 Parganas
17	North 24 Parganas	Navaprajanma State Youth Hostel, Vivekananda Yuvabharati Krirangan, Salt Lake, North 24 Parganas
18	Kolkata	State Youth Centre Youth Hostel, Moulali, Kolkata

List of Newly Constructed Youth Hostels which have already become operational

1	Darjeeling	Dabgram Youth Hostel, Siliguri, Darjeeling
2	Jalpaiguri	Matiali Youth Hostel, Jalpaiguri
3	Murshidabad	Lalbagh Youth Hostel, Annexe Building, Murshidabad
4	Purulia	Purulia Youth Hostel, Annexe Building, Purulia
5		Jaychandi Hill Youth Hostel, Besides Baghline Kali Temple, Purulia
6		Ayodhya Hill Youth Hostel, Purulia
7	Paschim Medinipur	Rangamati Youth Hostel, Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur
8	Purba Medinipur	Digha Youth Hostel, Annexe Building, Purba Medinipur

The Online Booking System for all Youth Hostels has already been launched. Booking of any Youth Hostel across the state is now just a mouse-click away which can be done from home by any intending tourist. To avail the facility of online booking, one has to log in to : www.youthhostelbooking.wb.gov.in

The direct booking system, other than online booking, is conducted centrally from the Booking Counter of State Youth Centre, Moulali.

Moreover, facility of special concession in rate is given in case of booking made by any school, college and university.

I am glad to inform you that the construction work of another 17(Seventeen) nos. of new Youth Hostels at other lovable tourist spots of our state has also been started and the construction work of most of these Youth Hostels are nearing completion. These are as follows :

Sl.No.	District	Name of the Youth Hostel
1	Jalpaiguri	Gajoledoba Youth Hostel, Jalpaiguri
2	Alipurduar	Jayanti Youth Hostel, Alipurduar
3	Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar Youth Hostel, Cooch Behar
4	Uttar Dinajpur	Raigunj Youth Hostel, Karnajora, Uttar Dinajpur
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	Balurghat Youth Hostel, Dakshin Dinajpur
6	Malda	Swami Vivekananda Youth Hostel, Malda
7	Paschim Bardhaman	Asansole Youth Hostel, Paschim Burdwan
8		Durgapur Youth Hostel, Paschim Burdwan
9	Birbhum	Bolpur Youth Hostel (Annexe Building), Bolpur, Birbhum
10	Bankura	Bishnupur Youth Hostel, Bishnupur, Bankura
11	Nadia	Mayapur Youth Hostel, Mayapur, Nadia
12		Nabadwip Youth Hostel, Nabadwip, Nadia

Sl.No.	District	Name of the Youth Hostel
13	Purba Medinipur	Haldia Youth Hostel, Haldia, Purba Medinipur
14	North 24 Parganas	Navaprajanma State Youth Hostel (Annexe Building), Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake, North 24 Pgs
15	South 24 Parganas	Bali Youth Hostel, Sunderban, South 24 Parganas
16	Kolkata	Moore Avenue Youth Hostel, Tollygunge, Kolkata (This Youth Hostel is being constructed imitating the design of ' Biswa Bangla Youth Centre ').
17	State - Tamilnadu	Chennai Youth Hostel, Pallikarnai, Tamilnadu

As desired by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee**, necessary fund has already been given for setting up of a new Youth Hostel under the Mayel-Liyang-Lepcha Development Board and another new Youth Hostel under the Tamang Development and Cultural Board.

State Youth Centre

An Auditorium, a Youth Hostel, a state-of-the-art Conference Hall and 'Swami Vivekananda State Youth Library' are housed in the State Youth Centre of Moulali. After completion of total renovation and beautification works of the State Youth Centre at Moulali, the newly designed State Youth Centre has been opened for public use Since 28th August 2014. After renovation, arrangement for

setting up of a boys dormitory comprising of 100 beds and a girl's dormitory comprising of 30 beds have been made. **The auditorium of the State Youth Centre, Moulali has been given a shape of a modern auditorium having a capacity of about 360 seats. Any individual or socio-cultural organizations will be able to use this auditorium for any programme against payment of the stipulated rental charges and production of necessary police permission.**

A state-of-the-art Conference Hall having a capacity of 125 seats has also been set up in this building. This is also available for public use against payment of the stipulated rental charges.

Moreover, a well equipped Conference Hall with 200 seats has come up for use on rent at Netaji Indoor Stadium.

In order to cater to the demand and necessity of the students and youth, the Swami Vivekananda State Youth Library at the State Youth Centre has already been transformed into a text and reference book library, where a rich collection of text books for the students of class XI to post graduate levels are available. The students are now getting free reading room facilities also. Moreover, in this Reading Room the students are being provided with internet services free of cost through 20 nos. of computers to facilitate their study. More than one lakh needy but meritorious students are being benefitted every year using this facility.

Youth Canteen — A Youth Canteen having a total area of 1200 sq. ft. approximately is running at the ground floor of the State Youth Centre at Moulali. During the regime of the former government, the amount of annual revenue earned against the rent of the Youth Canteen was Rs.12,000 (Rupees Twelve Thousand) only, while the amount has been increased to the tune of Rs.18,12,000 (Rupees

Eighteen Lakh Twelve Thousand) only per annum during the tenure of the present government. This, indeed, indicates the achievement of the present government in terms of revenue earning.

Mountaineering and Adventure Sports

An organization named '**West Bengal Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Foundation**' in short **WBMA SF** is run under the control and supervision of the Department of Youth Services & Sports in order to promote Mountaineering and Adventure Sports in our state. The following activities were implemented by this organization in the last financial year :

- Organizing Open State Sport Climbing Championship, 2017 at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake in which almost 300 nos. of competitors across the state participated.
- Organizing selection procedure for scholarship of Mountaineering Course at Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling.
- Implementation of Awareness Programme in schools and colleges of different districts.
- Conduction of two expeditions sponsored by WBMA SF (one for men and other for women only). The women team climbed successfully an unnamed peak of 6375 mtrs. height while the men team climbed successfully the Mt. Kedardome peak of 6831 mtrs. height.
- Extending financial assistance @ Rs.25,000 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only to each of 40 Mountaineering Clubs/Organizations for conducting Rock Climbing Course at Susunia, Mathaburu, Gajaburu and Ayodhya Hill.

- Extending financial assistance to another 10 Mountaineering Clubs/Organizations for undertaking other activities in connection with mountaineering & adventure sports.
- Organizing Coastal Trekking in the coastal area of Tamilnadu & Kerala.
- Three mountaineers namely Subhas Pal, Paresh Nath and Goutam Ghosh died during their Mt. Everest expedition in the financial year 2016-2017. At that time, the State Government, being directed by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, constituted a special rescue team which became successful in finding out the body of late Subhas Pal but could not rescue the bodies of the rest two mountaineers due to bad weather. This is why, my Department conducted another rescue expedition during the financial year 2017-2018 and this time the rescue team was successful in finding out the bodies of late Paresh Nath and late Goutam Ghosh. The bodies were handed over to their respective families in due course. This may be mentioned here that the young lady mountaineer Chhanda Gayen also went missing during expedition in the financial year 2014-2015. That time also, being directed by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, a special rescue team was sent twice by my Department to carry out the rescue operation. But unfortunately, the repeated efforts went in vain. In the financial year 2016-2017, another mountaineer Rajib Bhattacharya also died during expedition. In that case also, the State Government had sent a special rescue team and the team successfully rescued the body of late Rajib Bhattacharya.
- In the financial year 2017-2018, 2 (Two) mountaineers attempted expedition to Mt. Everest and both of them could reach the "Top of the World".

It is worth-mentioning here that till the 19th May, 2011 since independence , only 4 (Four) mountaineers from Bengal could conquer the peak of Mt. Everest out of which 2 (two) were members of the military force and they are as follows :

1. Shri Satyabrata Dam – 2004, Naval Force
2. Smt. Sipra Majumder – 2005, Armed Force

The rest 2 (two) civilians who climbed the peak of Mt. Everest during the tenure of 34 years of the former Government are as follows :

1. Shri Basanta Singha Roy – 2010
2. Shri Debasish Biswas – 2010

During the tenure of six and half years of the New Government:

1. Shri Dipankar Ghosh – 2011
2. Shri Rajib Bhattacharya – 2011 (Passed away)
3. Smt. Chhanda Gayen – 2013 (Passed away)
4. Smt Tusi Das – 2013
5. Shri Ujjal Roy – 2013
6. Shri Debdas Nandi – 2013
7. Shri Debabrata Mukherjee – 2014
8. Shri Biplab Baidya – 2014
9. Shri Debraj Dutta – 2016
10. Shri Pradip Chandra Sahoo – 2016 (Passed away)
11. Smt. Chetna Sahoo – 2016
12. Shri Rudraprasad Halder – 2016

13. Shri Ramesh Chandra Roy – 2016
14. Shri Malay Mukherjee – 2016
15. Shri Satyarup Siddhanta – 2016
16. Shri Subhas Pal – 2016 (Passed away)
17. Smt. Sulaxhana Tamang – 2016
18. Smt. Trishala Gurung – 2016
19. Shri Kuntal Kanrar – 2017
20. Janab Sk. Sahabuddin - 2017

In order to extend proper recognition and felicitation to these great achievers, the Department of Youth Services & Sports, being directed by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee**, confers a memorial award styled as '**Radhanath Sikdar-Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award**' every year. In the financial year 2017-2018, 2 (two) mountaineers were awarded with this honour for successfully climbing the peak of Mount Everest in a programme held on 15th November, 2017 at the State Youth Centre, Moulali. The recipients were Shri Kuntal Kanrar and Janab Sk. Sahabuddin. **It may be mentioned here that the award money is Rs.1,00,000 (Rupees One lakh) only.** Till date a total nos. of 20 (Twenty) mountaineers have been awarded with this honour.

Moreover, the department has introduced a special award named as '**Chhanda Gayen Bravery Award**' in memory of the missing young lady mountaineer Chhanda Gayen. This award is earmarked for lady mountaineers only. **The award money is Rs. 75,000 (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand) only.** The four lady mountaineers who received the award till date are. Soma Bhattacharya, Monidipa Dutta, Mahua Biswas and Unnati Pande.

In the recent past, a number of sad incidents of accidental death

took place while undergoing Mt. Everest and other peaks expedition. So the Government of West Bengal introduced a few directives during the last financial year to ensure the safety and security of the sports persons intending to participate in mountaineering and other adventure sports and also willing to get financial and other assistances from the WBMASF. The directives are as follows :

1. The maximum age limit will be 50 years as on 1st January of the year of expedition.
2. The aspirant climber of Mt. Everest (8,848 mts.) or any peak above 8000 mts. must have climbed at least four peaks of the height of 6000 mts. and above in the last five years.
3. The aspirant must have full body medical checkup from the Govt. Hospital. Special check-up of Heart and Lungs by Cardiologist and Pulmonologist to be done and the medical report has to be placed before the committee.
4. For getting any sort of assistance from WBMASF, aspirant must have family insurance and evacuation insurance (including Helicopter and Sherpa's Cost) in case of any accident.
5. The Govt. of West Bengal will intimate the names of members of Expedition to the Govt. of Nepal who get assistance from West Bengal Mountaineering & Adventure Sports Foundation (WBMASF). The Govt. of West Bengal will have no responsibility for those who undertake expedition by their own and without the knowledge of Govt. of West Bengal.
6. It will be compulsory for the climbers to give the details of their agencies and Base Camp Manager (person responsible with phone numbers, e-mail etc.) and their own local phone number of communication to the committee.

7. A committee has also been formed to examine the above requisite criteria & eligibility of the applicants.

Conquering the peak of Mt. Everest is an all time dream for all mountaineers. But requirement of sufficient fund also cannot be denied besides having ample training, skill and determination while translating the dream into reality. Considering this, the Department of Youth Services & Sports had been providing the aspiring mountaineers with an one-time financial grant of Rs. 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh) only for conducting their Mt. Everest expedition. It is proposed that the amount of this grant be enhanced from Rs. 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh) only to the tune of Rs.7,50,000 (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand) only from the financial year 2018-2019.

Development of Sports

Presently, financial assistance is provided to various Clubs/ Organizations, Government/Non-Government Organizations, Schools/Colleges/Universities and Government Departments for the following schemes for Development of Sports running under this Department :

Distribution of Sports Goods

Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced in the last financial year that measures has to be taken so that sports may become a mandatory part of school education. Accordingly my department took decision to provide footballs to each Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools and High Madrasahs of our state in the last financial year. But, in the mean time, the decision of organizing FIFA U-17 World Cup at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata was finalized. Keeping this in mind, the football distribution programme was given a more extended

shape to popularize football all over the state in a bigger way and to create a frenzy regarding football as a game in every strata of life. Accordingly, 05 (five) nos. of footballs were distributed to all Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools, High Madrasahs, Colleges along with all Clubs/Organizations of our state who received financial grant from this Department. Moreover, 10 (ten) nos. of footballs were also given to all Universities of our state along with all Police Lines and Battalions. Altogether, 1,25,000 (One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand) nos. of footballs were distributed under the scheme.

Extending Financial Assistance to Clubs/Organizations for the Development of Sports & Sports Infrastructure under 'KHELASHREE' scheme

The Department of Youth Services & Sports, in a programme held on 24, 27 January and 4 February, 2018 at the Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata, extended financial assistance of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakh) only to about 4,300 (Four Thousand Three Hundred) new clubs and organizations and Rs.1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh) only to about 10,645 (Ten Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five) old clubs/organizations of our state for the purpose of development of sports and sports infrastructure. Till date, about 20,000 (Twenty Thousand) clubs/organizations have received this grant.

Development of Play Ground

Development of Play Ground claims importance for overall development of sports. Keeping this in view my Department has taken decision to extend financial assistance to various clubs/organizations and schools-colleges & universities for developing play grounds under their control, if any. A maximum amount of Rs.10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs) only is given for developing a

ground measuring more or less 115 mts. of length and 78 mts. of breadth in case of football ground. To get the necessary approval for availing the assistance, the applicant organization will have to submit the following papers & documents mandatorily with their application and **all the documents should be sent through the concerned District Magistrate only :**

- 1. Documents of Government Affiliation in cases of Schools/ Colleges/Universities and Documents of registration of the organization under the Society Registration Act in cases of organizations.**
- 2. The audit report for the last three years in respect of the school/college/ university/club/organization.**
- 3. Photocopy of the Bank Pass Book of the school/college/ university/club/organization.**
- 4. The photograph of the land and documents in respect of the ownership of the land / computerized R.O.R.**
- 5. A full size photograph of the building of the organization in which the signboard containing the name of the organization is visible.**
- 6. Recommendation of MLA/District Magistrate of the concerned area.**
- 7. Resolution of the school/college/ university/club/organization.**
- 8. Vetted Plan and Estimate prepared by the District Engineer in cases of rural areas and Executive Engineer in cases of municipal areas.**
- 9. An affidavit in a given format on a Non-judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 10 (Rupees Ten) only made before a Notary.**

10. **An affidavit submitted before one First Class Magistrate containing the undertaking that the ground will not be used for any social/cultural programme (where chances of erection of bamboo poles prevail) except sports.**

Financial grant has been sanctioned for Development of altogether 368 nos. of Play Grounds till date.

Assistance for Setting up of Multigym

It has already been mentioned that the mental development of youth is not possible without the development of their physique also. That is why, an one-time financial assistance to the tune of maximum Rs.3,00,000 (Rupees Three Lakhs) only is given to schools, colleges, universities and other organizations on the basis of their requirement for setting up of multigym and purchase of accessories thereof. To get approval for availing the assistance, the applicant organization will have to submit the following papers & documents mandatorily with their application :

1. **Documents of Government Affiliation in cases of Schools/ Colleges/Universities.**
2. **The audit report for the last three years.**
3. **Photocopy of the Bank Pass Book.**
4. **Quotation from any one of the enlisted suppliers.**
5. **A full size photograph of the building of the organization in which the signboard containing the name of the organization is visible. A photograph of the room where the multigym will be set up is also required.**
6. **Recommendation of MLA/District Magistrate of the concerned area.**

7. **Copy of the Resolution of the Managing Committee.**
8. **Copy of the Deed/R.O.R. (If available).**
9. **An affidavit in a given format on a Non-judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 10 (Rupees Ten) only made before a Notary.**

Financial grant has been sanctioned for setting up of altogether 2,865 nos. of Multigym till date.

Assistance for Setting Up of Mini Indoor Games/Recreation Complex

The Department of Youth Services & Sports has been providing financial assistance to various local bodies, schools, colleges, clubs and organizations of our state for setting up of Mini Indoor Games/ Recreation Complex for enabling them to organize different kind of sports.

The project cost for setting up of Mini-Indoor Games/Recreation Complex has been fixed to the tune of a maximum Rs.20,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs) only. Primarily 50% of the total sanctioned amount is given and the rest 50% is given only after submission of the utilization certificate. The programme is being implemented through the concerned District Magistrates only.

The applicant organizations have to submit the following necessary papers and documents mandatorily with their applications and **the application and other relevant papers & documents should be submitted through the concerned District Magistrates only :**

1. **Documents in respect of the registration of the organization under the Society Registration Act (Documents of government affiliation in case of schools/colleges/ universities).**

2. **The audit report of the organization/institution for the last three years.**
3. **The photocopy of the Bank Pass Book of the organization/institution.**
4. **Vetted Plan and Estimate prepared by the District Engineer or Executive Engineer.**
5. **A full size photograph of the building of the organization/institution in which the signboard containing the name of the organization/institution is visible.**
6. **Documents in respect of the ownership of the land / computerized R.O.R. The area of the land should be not less than 6 (Six) Cottahs**
7. **Recommendation of the MLA/District Magistrate of the concerned area.**
8. **Resolution of the organization/institution.**
9. **An affidavit in a given format on a Non-judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 10 (Rupees Ten) only made before a Notary.**

Financial grant has been sanctioned for construction of altogether 615 nos. of Mini Indoor Games/Recreation Complex till date.

Science Based Programmes

To eradicate various blind faith, superstitions and prejudices prevailing in our society, development of scientific aptitude and temper is very much necessary. I feel that the students and youth of our society should play a vital role in this context. The social progress is not possible without the development of proper scientific aptitude amongst the students and youth. Keeping this in view, the Department of Youth Services & Sports has regularly been implementing two annual programmes jointly with the **Birla Industrial & Technological Museum (BITM), Kolkata** namely

1. Students' Science Seminar & 2. West Bengal State Student-Youth Science Fair.

West Bengal State Student-Youth Science Fair :

'West Bengal State Student-Youth Science Fair' is a two-tier competitive programme meant for the students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities of our state which is organized at the District and State Level in association with the Department of School Education, Higher Education, Science & Technology & Bio-Technology, Government of West Bengal, West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology, Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS) and the Birla Industrial & Technological Museum (BITM), Kolkata. The BITM and JBNSTS provide their technical expertise whereas the Department of Youth Services & Sports extends the administrative and financial support. The successful candidates of the state level competition get the opportunity to represent the state in the 'Eastern India Science Fair' along with the models prepared by them. In the financial year 2017-2018, the District Level Science Fair was organized during the period from 4-25 January, 2018 and the State Level Student-Youth Science Fair was organized on & from 30-31 January, 2018 at the Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata.

198 nos. of Science Models prepared by students from 132 nos. of schools, 64 nos. of colleges and 2nos. of post graduate colleges of our state participated in the State Level Science Fair this year.

Exceptional Science Models Prepared By Non-student Youth

Since the financial year 2016-17 a new event styled as 'Exceptional Science Models Prepared By Non-student Youth' has been included in the West Bengal State Student-Youth Science Fair. It is very often seen that many original science model makers apply to the West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology for getting patent of their innovation. In most of the cases, these model makers appear to be not attached with any formal educational

institutions whereas the models innovated by them appear to be very interesting in nature. This new event has been introduced with an aim to enable a few of these non-student youth exceptional model makers participate and exhibit their models in the state level fair organized by this Department.

Pension to Ex-Olympians

This programme was introduced by the Department of Youth Services & Sports to acknowledge gratitude and extend humble assistance to the Ex-Olympians in their old age. Initially the programme was launched by providing token pension to 17 Ex-Olympians. But presently 4 (Four) such sports personalities are getting the pension facilities as other recipients are no more with us. **Since the present government assumed power, the amount of the pension has gradually been enhanced from Rs. 2,000 (Rupees two Thousand) only per month to Rs.12,000 (Rupees Twelve Thousand) only per month.**

New Initiative

Introduction of Swastha Sathi Scheme for Eminent Former Sports Persons of the State

Hon'ble Chief Minister, in a programme for felicitating distinguished sports persons of our state on 24th January, 2018 at Netaji Indoor Stadium, announced that the Government is going to extend the scope of SWASTHA SATHI scheme with a view to incorporate the Eminent Former Sports Persons who had participated at International, National and State Level Sports competitions representing the State of West Bengal to ensure health care facilities for them.

It is my pleasure to announce that this has already been translated into reality. Vide Memo No. 642 - F [P] dated 2nd February, 2018 of Finance Department, all eminent former

sports persons who had participated at International, National and State Level Sports Competitions representing the State of West Bengal will also get the healthcare facilities under 'Swastha Sathi' scheme accordingly.

FIFA U-17 World Cup

The Government has implemented the renovation and upgradation work of Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan to ensure that the stadium becomes FIFA compliant and also to ensure that all upgradation work including beatification are completed in time. It needs a special mention here that the renovated Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan was vested not only with the responsibility for holding 11 (eleven) World Cup matches but also glorified with the honour of holding the quarter final, semi final and final match of World Cup which is unique in the history of FIFA. The stadium has also been recognized as the best amongst all other stadiums of our nation in terms of number of spectators present in a single stadium.

'Biswa Banga Krirangan' at Jalpaiguri Sports Complex

A sports complex styled as 'Biswa Banga Krirangan' has been set up at Jalpaiguri in North Bengal. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has also been signed with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) so that they take up necessary measures for running the complex in a suitable manner and giving it a shape of one of the most important centres of excellence in India.

Setting up of Sports Academy

For finding out the sports talents lying unnoticed, unutilized and provide them with proper training, a few Sports Academies have been taken up with full facilities which are as follows:

1. Bengal Football Academy, Khardah, North 24 Parganas

Bengal Football Academy, the only of its kind in the entire country, has been inaugurated by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** of West Bengal on 28.09.2013. at Khardah Vivekananda Stadium,

Khardah, North 24 Parganas. The Academy has already been affiliated by the All India Football Federation and has participated in under – 18 Youth League. The said academy has been running successfully with 40 nos. of trainees. Steps are being taken to provide training to the footballers of the Bengal Football Academy under the guidance of professional and residential coaches.

2. Archery Academy at Jhargram

With the inspiration of **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, construction of Archery Academy at Jhargram was started for an overall development of Jangalmahal area and the project has recently been completed and operationalised also. The Director, Coaches and other support staffs has been engaged for the academy with the concurrence of Finance Department. At present, 32 numbers of meritorious students selected from different corners of the state are undertaking residential training under supervision of trained coaches in this academy.

1. Bengal Tennis Academy at Salt Lake

A Tennis Academy at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake has been set up by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, in association with the Bengal Tennis Association which has already started functioning. Presently, the selection of talented trainees across the state is under process. The Department will sponsor fifty children who will undertake training free of cost at this academy by the certified coaches.

Apart, initiatives have been taken for setting up of a few other Sports Academies which are as follows :

- 1. State Hockey Academy** at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Saltlake, Kolkata

2. **Swimming Academy** at Belegkata Subhas Sarobar, Kolkata
3. **Athletics Academy** at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Saltlake, Kolkata
4. **Table Tennis Academy**, Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Salt Lake

Creation of Sports Infrastructure for the development of sports

The government has taken initiatives for creation of sports infrastructure like Stadium, Playground and Sports Academy etc. at the Sub-Division Level and District Level to enable more and more youth to participate in the Games and Sports for accelerating their physical and mental development right from the grass-root level which are as follows :

DISTRICT-WISE LIST OF IMPORTANT SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE: RENNOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEMES TAKEN UP BY THE PRESENT STATE GOVERNMENT.

DISTRICT	NAME OF THE SCHEME
Bankura	Construction of Stadium at Onda (Phase-I)
Birbhum	Upgradation / Modification of Suri Stadium
Purba Burdwan	1. Construction of Stadium at Bhatar,
	2. Renovation of Spandan Sports Ground
	3. Construction of Stadium at Memari
	4. Upgradation and Renovation of

DISTRICT	NAME OF THE SCHEME
Coochbehar	Kalna Aghorenath Park Stadium
	1. Construction of Concrete Basketball Court at Rajbati Stadium Complex.
	2. Repair/Renovation of Indoor Stadium at Rajbati Stadium Complex
Dakshin Dinajpur	1. Upgradation of Indoor Stadium at Balurghat
	2. Upgradation of Gangarampur Stadium
Darjeeling	1. Upgradation of Labong Stadium (1 st Phase)
	2. Flood Lighting System along with Repair and Renovation of Existing Room within Kanchangangha Stadium
Jalpaiguri	1. Football Ground Renovation of Samsing Tea Garden Tope Line
	2. Renovation of Gymnasium of Jalpaiguri Town Club
Howrah	1. Upgradation of Uluberia Stadium
	2. Construction of concrete gallery at Amta Sporting club ground, Howrah
	3. Repair & renovation of Dumurjola Stadium (Civil & Electrical)
Hooghly	1. Repairing and Renovation of Eastern Ground at Chinsurah
	2. Construction of Swimming Pool at Udayani Bayam Samity, Barijhati

DISTRICT	NAME OF THE SCHEME
Malda	1. Infrastructural Development of Malda DSA Stadium
	2. Repair / Renovation of Brindabani Maidan
	3. Repair of Satya Chowdhuri Indoor Stadium at English Bazar
Murshidabad	Construction of Boundary wall with Barbed fencing at Berhampore Stadium Complex
Nadia	1. Renovation / Upgradation of Krishnanagar Stadium
	2. Development of Nabadwip Stadium Ground
	3. Construction of Club House-cum-Gallery at Bibhuti Park Play Ground (Birnagar)
	4. Construction of Spectators' Gallery at Ranaghat Stadium
	5. Construction of Spectators' Gallery at Santipur Stadium
	6. Extension of Gallery beside old Club House Kalyani Stadium
North 24 Parganas	1. Establishment of Sports Complex at Barrackpore
	2. Establishment of District Sports Complex at Naihati

DISTRICT	NAME OF THE SCHEME
	3. Renovation and Reconstruction of the Indoor Stadium at Zilla Bhawan, Sodepur
	4. Development work at Basirhat Stadium at Katchripara, Basirhat
Paschim Medinipur	1. Water Treatment Plant at Medinipur Swimming Club
	2. Construction of Stadium at Salboni
	3. Construction of Aurobinda Stadium
Jhargram	1. Upgradation of Jhargram Stadium
	2. Construction of Stadium at Nayagram
Purba Medinipur	1. Construction of Sports Complex at Rakhal Memorieal Ground, Tamluk (Phase 1)
	2. Repair / Renovation of Aurobinda Stadium, Contai
Purulia	1. Construction of Mini Indoor Stadium at Purulia
	2. Construction of Hostel Building for Sports Persons at Purulia
	3. Construction of Gymnasium Building at Raghunathpur Sub Division Stadium, Purulia

DISTRICT	NAME OF THE SCHEME
	4. Establishment of Football Academy and Football Coaching Centre under Kashipur Assembly Constituency area
	5. Renovation and providing of Badminton court and Gymnasium facilities at Belguma, Raghunathpur & Purulia
South 24 Parganas	1. Construction of Swimming Pool at Canning
	2. Construction of Swimming Pool at Baruipur Municipal area
	3. Construction and Development of Diamond Harbour Sports Complex
	4. Construction of Open Gallery at Kultali Dr. Ambedkar College
	5. Expansion, Renovation & Modernisation of Kishore Bhharati Stadium, Jadavpur, Kolkata
Uttar Dinajpur	Construction of Stadium at Islampur
Kolkata	1. Complete face lifting of Netaji Indoor Stadium
	2. Complete face lifting of Kshudiram Anushilon Kendra
	3. Renovation/Upgradation of Rabindra Sarobar Stadium (Phase - I & II)

DISTRICT	NAME OF THE SCHEME
	4. Renovation/Upgradation of Subhas Sarovar Swimming Pool
	5. Setting up of Football Stadium at Tala Park, Ward No. 5
	6. Providing Bucket sheet, repair & renovation, providing Flood Lighting facilities to Mohun Bagan Club Ground, East Bengal Club Ground & Mohamedan Sporting Club Ground.

Honoring the Greatest in the Field of Sports

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, at a ceremony held at Netaji Indoor Stadium on 24th January, 2018, conferred **Khel Samman Award** to 11 prominent sports persons with a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- each, **Krira Guru Award** to 1 renowned coach with a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-, **Banglar Gourav Award** to 13 renowned Sports persons of the past various sports disciplines with a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000/- each and **Life Time Achievement Award** to Smt. Rita Sen and Shri Arun Ghosh with a cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000/- each.

Bishesh Samman Award was also conferred to 12 numbers of renowned Sports persons of various sports disciplines along with the 71st Santosh Trophy winning Bengal Football Team for achieving success in Santosh Trophy, 2017 in the same programme. It may be mentioned here that an amount of Rs.10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakh) only was awarded to Jhulan Goswami for her outstanding performance in Women World Cup Cricket and Sourabh Kothari, Soumyajit Ghosh, Sayani Das and others were also awarded with cash prizes along with

Bishesh Samman for their outstanding performances in sports events of National or International level.

Till date, 290 nos. of sports persons along with the 71st Santosh Trophy winning Bengal Football Team have been honoured.

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
Khel Samman	26	19	31	13	11	100
Banglar Gaurav	22	31	46	15	13	127
Krira Guru	12	6	11	5	1	35
Lifetime Achievement	2	2	2	2	2	10
Bishes Samman	-	-	-	6	13	19

Financial support for organizing tournaments and other sports events as required for Development of Sports & Games throughout the State

- Financial grant was given in favour of Superintendent of Police, Darjeeling, Superintendent of Police, Jalpaiguri, Superintendent of Police, Alipurduar, Superintendent of Police, Kalimpong and Commissioner of Police, Siliguri Police Commissionerate for organising Annual Sports Festival of Himal –Tarai-Dooars region for the Year 2017-18.
- Financial grant was sanctioned and released in favour of Superintendent of Police, North 24 Parganas, Superintendent

of Police, Baruipur Police District & Superintendent of Police, Sunderban Police District for organizing Annual Sports Festival of Sundarban Cup covering Sundarban region of North & South 24 Parganas District for the Year 2017-18.

- About 9012 clubs have been provided @ Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only each and over 87,328 sports persons have participated in the tournaments of Sunderbans, Darjeeling-Dooars-Terai & Jungle Mahal region.
- A grant of Rs. 40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh) only was sanctioned to Bengal Olympic Association for organizing 6th Netaji Subhas State Games, 2018.
- Sayani Das, Monika Soren, Tinku Sarkar & Avijit Debnath were provided with financial assistance for participating in various tournaments.

Periodic Evaluation of Projects by the officials of the Department of Youth Services & Sports

For effective implementation of various projects initiated by the Department, periodic monitoring evaluation is required. For this purpose district-wise responsibility has been entrusted to the officers of the Department of Youth Services & Sports. They will also monitor for consolidating the initiatives adopted in the earlier years by the Department of Youth Services & Sports effectively.

West Bengal State Council of Sports

The West Bengal State Council of Sports acts as the main executing and advisory body of the Department of Sports in taking forward its mandate of all round development and promotion of Sports activities in the State. The Council conducts a number of non-residential and residential coaching camps in Kolkata and

across the State. It also provides financial assistance to different sports associations and sports persons. It also arrange participation of boys and girls of West Bengal in different sports competitions.

Financial Assistance to Coaching/Training Camps:

The role of different Coaching Camps can not be denied in preparing young sports persons fit for participating in sports events of national or international level as these coaching camps provide trainings following the rules and guidelines of respective sports disciplines. This is why, these coaching camps can be assumed as the main supply line of the State Government in terms of getting sports persons of high standard. So, it has been decided that each Coaching/Training Camps will be given an amount of Rs. 1,50,000 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand) only so that they can provide quality training subject to fulfilling the following conditions:

- (i) The Coaching Camps must have a licensed coach/former renowned player .
- (ii) The Coaching Camps must have at least 50 trainees under its fold.
- (iii) The Coaching Camps must have the minimum proper infrastructure for the purpose of providing training.
- (iv) The Coaching Camps must function round the year.
- (v) The Coaching Camps must have registration.

Pension to Needy and Eminent Sports Persons of Yester Years

The Department provides monthly pension @ Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand) only per month to needy and eminent sports

persons of yester years. Presently, 13 (Thirteen) nos. of such needy and eminent sports persons are getting this pension. It is proposed that this amount of pension may be increased from Rs.3,000 (Rupees Three Thousand) only per month to Rs.5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand) only per month from the present financial year.

Whatsapp No. of the Department of Youth Services & Sports :

People may send their suggestions and photographs about each & every projects of this Department to the dedicated **Whatsapp Number 9874441881**. Officers of the Department will take action in this regard.

The active co-operation of the Hon'ble Members is very much important to translate the programmes of my Department into reality, which I proposed for implementation during the financial year 2018-2019.

Now, I would like to place before the Hon'ble Members a table of statement in connection with the budgetary expenditure incurred by the Department of Youth Services & Sports during the last 12 (Twelve) years for their kind information. The statement of account depicted in this table is related to the period from 2006-2007 to 2017-2018 financial years.

Financial Year	Youth Wing Expenditure (in crore)	Sports Wing Expenditure (in crore)
2006-2007	8.01	11.42
2007-2008	8.27	18.77
2008-2009	9.01	29.93
2009-2010	8.86	25.97

Financial Year	Youth Wing Expenditure (in crore)	Sports Wing Expenditure (in crore)
2010-2011	5.52	29.29
2011-2012	18.04	41.86
2012-2013	78.15	72.31
2013-2014	111.26	100.69
2014-2015	138.92	134.42
2015-2016	167.02	176.01
2016-2017	185.30	206.88
2017-2018 (Upto 15.02.2018)	207.80	224.24

Now, all the Hon'ble members are requested to extend their full support and co-operation to translate the vision of the State Government into reality. I hope that every respected member will take initiative to avail the announced schemes of my department in their respective Assembly Constituencies for the overall development of sports and student-youth community and also recommend to implement these schemes at their respective assembly constituencies. With these words, Sir, I place the demand of Department of Youth Services & Sports before the House for acceptance.
