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| Agenda Item No | 1  |
| Agenda         | Confirmation of the minutes of the 55 <sup>th</sup> meeting of DPAC held on 22.01.2025 |

**Detailed Description of Agenda:**

The minutes of 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DPAC were circulated to the members and so far, no objections have been received. Hence it is proposed that minutes circulated may be confirmed.

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| Agenda Item No | 2   |
| Agenda         | Action Taken report on 55 <sup>th</sup> meeting of DPAC |

| S.No | Particulars  | Decision Taken  | Action Taken                    |
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| 1    | Ratification for Extension of services of Strategic Advisors (for sports event planning) consultancy   | The proposal was ratified.  | Extension has been notified     |
| 2    | Proposal for engagement of Production Agency for Production of Khelo India Games   | The proposal was approved for a period of 5 years. The RFP to be floated initially for a period of 3 years (2+1) with a provision for extending by another two years based on yearon-year performance review. | The RFP is under process.       |
| 3    | Ratification for the change in Nomenclature of Khelo India Tribal Games, 2025 to Khelo India Tribal games, 2026  | The proposal was ratified.  | Complete.                       |
| 4    | Provision of Budget for Procurement of Sports Science Equipment for Operationalisation of High-Performance Centre (HPC) - Sports Science at SAI, NRC Sonapat | The proposal was approved.  | Procurement has been initiated. |
| 5    | Security Audit of Khelo India Web Portals  | The proposal was approved.  | Under process.                  |

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| 6  | Nomination of PMU providing development, maintenance, and support services for IT Applications  | The proposal was approved.  | Complete.  |
| 7  | Proposal for hosting ASMITA League at the City/District level through State Governments, Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association, and National Sports Federation (NSF) under the Khelo India Scheme | The proposal was approved. It was decided that the learning of conducting leagues through state governments be well documented. | Funds have been released to Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association and NSF. The State Government file is under process.   |
| 8  | Proposal for hosting ASMITA Basketball, Pencak Silat & Kayaking and Canoeing League (Zonal & National) for FY 2025-26   | The proposal was approved.  | Funds have been sanctioned.  |
| 9  | Ratification: ASMITA Leagues held at the city/district through SAI RC in Telangana & Bihar under Khelo India Scheme   | The proposal was ratified.  | Budget has been allocated for respective RCs for the conduct of ASMITA leagues through the State governments. Leagues are scheduled to be conducted in Feb and March 2026. |
| 10 | Ratification: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of ASMITA Leagues  | The proposal was ratified.  | SOP is being followed for all approvals of ASMITA Leagues in F.Y. 2025-26  |
| 11 | Proposal for organisation of Marathon with BSF & CRPF under Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports   | The proposal was approved.  | Under process.   |
| 12 | Ex post factor approval: Proposal for conduct of State Level Orange Festival (Indigenous), Manipur  | The proposal was approved.  | File submitted for financial concurrence.  |
| 13 | Ratification for the release of fund for conducting the Kalaripayattu National League   | The proposal was ratified.  | Sanction for the same has been done  |

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| 14 | Strengthening Implementation, Communication, and Expansion of Fit India Activities at SAI Regional Centres during FY 202526 | The proposal was approved. | It has been communicated to the Regional Centers. |
| 15 | Approval for release of Commendation Prize Money  | The proposal was approved. | File is under process                             |
| 16 | Ratification: Fit India Carnival at Bhusawal  | The proposal was ratified. | Sanction has been issued.                         |
| 17 | Ratification: Fit India Carnival at Hanol   | The proposal was ratified. | The payment file is under process                 |
| 18 | Ratification: Approval for conducting mega event of Sundays on Cycle campaign at Varanasi                                   | The proposal was ratified. | Sanction has been issued.                         |
| 19 | Engagement of Project Management Unit (PMU) for Fit India Movement  | The proposal was approved. | The RFP is under process.                         |

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| Agenda Item No | 3  |
| Agenda         | Budget approval for Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 (Travel Grant for Phase II Selection Trials) |
| Component      | Sports Competitions and Talent Development   |

#### Detailed Description of Agenda:

The first edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 is scheduled to take place in Chhattisgarh from 28th February to 9th March 2026. The games shall feature across seven sports disciplines. To ensure the participation of tribal athletes, two-phase athlete selection process has been approved by the Competent Authority: Phase I: State/Union Territory (UT) Level Selection and Phase II: National Sports Federation (NSF) Selection. Wherein the selection trials will be executed as follows:

- Phase I: Conducted by the respective States/UTs to identify top talent.
- Phase II: Shortlisted athletes from Phase I will proceed to trials conducted by the National Sports Federations (NSFs) for final selection.

2. In the context of the conduct of the KITG, 2026, the DPAC, in its 53rd meeting, approved a total outlay of ₹18 crore (Copy of approved agenda is placed at Annexure A). It may be noted that the expenditure towards Daily Allowance, Boarding and Lodging, and Travel for the Phase-II selection trials for KITG, 2026 was not included in the budget approved in the 53rd DPAC.

3. It may be noted that, as per previous practice for other Khelo India Games, i.e. KIYG, KIPG, KIWG, and KIBG, participating contingents—including athletes, support staff, and managers—are entitled to to-and-fro travel reimbursement equivalent to 3-Tier AC train fare. Furthermore, as per the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) Office Memorandum dated 17.09.2024, air travel relaxations remain applicable for participants from the Northeast Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (copy of OM is placed at Annexure B). While the current Khelo India framework does not include TA/DA provisions for Phase wise selection trials, it is noted that during the meeting held on 8th January 2026, several State Sports Officials and CDMs requested financial support for this phase to facilitate travel to various NSF-designated locations.

4. It may be noted that for the conduct of Phase II selection trials, States/UTs Following the requests from States/UTs to the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Accordingly, the requirement for travel, boarding, and lodging grants for the Phase II selection trials has been evaluated. The state-wise grant calculations are detailed in table below. The funding for the Phase II Trials is specifically intended to cover the travel, boarding, and lodging arrangements for the State Contingent. The approval on file has been obtained from the Chairman, DPAC, for a total amount of Rs. 3,34,85,733.00 towards Daily Allowance, Boarding and Lodging, and Travel expenses. The expenditure heads covered for the Phase II Selection Trials are as follows:

| S. No | Heads                                 | Entitlement                  |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1     | Daily Allowance, Boarding and Lodging | Rs 1000 per day per person   |
| 2     | Travel                                | 3AC as per Khelo India Norms |

| Sl. No | State                      | Amount (100%) | Amount to be released to RC for KITG 2026(75%) |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------|--|
| 1      | Andhra Pradesh             | 768612        | 1611519  |
| 2      | Karnataka                  | 803400        |  |
| 3      | Telangana                  | 576680        |  |
| 4      | Chhattisgarh               | 1666080       | 1997102  |
| 5      | Madhya Pradesh             | 996723        |  |
| 6      | Jammu and Kashmir          | 670594        | 1654149  |
| 7      | Himachal Pradesh           | 840450        |  |
| 8      | Ladakh                     | 694488        |  |
| 9      | Gujarat                    | 2408562       | 2581898  |
| 10     | Rajasthan                  | 1033968       |  |
| 11     | Assam                      | 2857660       | 4834285  |
| 12     | Meghalaya                  | 594978        |  |
| 13     | Sikkim                     | 849830        |  |
| 14     | Arunachal Pradesh          | 2143245       |  |
| 15     | Manipur                    | 1575470       | 3849944  |
| 16     | Mizoram                    | 2046928       |  |
| 17     | Nagaland                   | 1510860       |  |
| 18     | Andaman and Nicobar Island | 1412320       | 4220140  |
| 19     | Tripura                    | 796770        |  |
| 20     | Bihar                      | 1948557       |  |
| 21     | Jharkhand                  | 446264        |  |
| 22     | Odisha                     | 492296        |  |
| 23     | West Bengal                | 530646        |  |

| Sl. No | State                                | Amount (100%) | Amount to be released to RC for KITG 2026(75%) |
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| 24     | Lakshadweep                          | 812110        | 1028021  |
| 25     | Kerala                               | 302380        |  |
| 26     | Tamil Nadu                           | 256204        |  |
| 27     | Uttar Pradesh                        | 347334        | 513125   |
| 28     | Uttarakhand                          | 336832        |  |
| 29     | Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | 794430        | 2824119  |
| 30     | Goa                                  | 733320        |  |
| 31     | Maharashtra                          | 2237742       |  |
|        | Total                                | 33485733      | 25114300                                       |

5. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. Budgetary Allocation: A total budget of Rs. 3.35 Crores for the conduct of Phase II selection trials for KITG 2026. This expenditure is proposed under the Sports Competition and Talent Development vertical.
- ii. TA Reimbursement: The settlement of Travel Allowance (TA) for States and Union Territories shall be processed on an actual cost basis. iii. Air Travel for Northeastern (NE) and Island Regions: Participants from NE regions and Island States and Union Territories may be permitted to travel via Economy Class air for respective States/UTs to proposed venue for phase 2 selection trails for KITG as special circumstances.

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| Agenda Item No | 4  |
| Agenda         | De-notification of Converted Khelo India Centres in the State of Kerala. |
| Components     | Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies                                 |

#### Detailed Description of Agenda:

Parli High School, Parli, Palakkad, Kerala was approved as a SAI converted Khelo India Centre (KIC) in the Athletics discipline as per the 17th DPAC Meeting held on 05.03.2020.

#### Details of Centre KICs in the in the State of Kerala.

|   | District | Centre Proposed Location | Discipline |
|---|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Palakkad | Parli High School        | Athletics  |

1. The above-mentioned centre was successfully run by the school for 4 years. However, The Headmistress of Parli High School, through Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, has submitted a request for de-notification of the said Khelo India Centre, stating that although the funds released under the Scheme were utilized appropriately and the required sports equipment was procured, the continuation of the Centre has become difficult due to non-availability of adequate infrastructure for storage of equipment.
2. In this regard, it is submitted that all the funds have been settled by the concern SAI LNCPE Trivandrum and unused amount of ₹2,00,000 has been also refunded to SAI Headquarters. Additionally, LNCPE Trivandrum has certified that all funds released to the said centre have been fully settled and there are no outstanding financial liabilities.
3. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. De-Notifying Parli High School, Palakkad as a Converted Khelo India Centres (KICs) in the State of Kerala.

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| Agenda Item No | 5  |
| Agenda         | Approval for Relaxation/Adoption of Revised Eligibility Criteria and Experience for the Post of Doctor at KISCE. |
| Component      | Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies   |

#### Detailed Description of Agenda:

To consider and approve the adoption of revised eligibility criteria and work experience for the post of Doctor at Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE), in line with the revised norms of the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

#### 1. Background:

A reference has been received from the Regional Director, Sports Authority of India (SAI), NRC, Sonapat, requesting relaxation in eligibility criteria and experience for the post of Doctor at KISCE, Panchkula (AnnexureC). As per the existing Manpower Hiring Norms of KISCE, (Annexure-D) the eligibility criteria for the post of Sports Medicine Doctor are as under:

- MD (Sports Medicine): Minimum 02 years of research/work experience with National/ State-level athletes. (OR)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Medicine: Minimum five years of research/work experience with National/State-level athletes.

#### 2. For Consideration:

The Sports Authority of India has revised the eligibility criteria for the post of Doctor in various National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) vide Corrigendum dated 23.06.2025 (Annexure-E). The revised educational qualifications and work experience norms as under:

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from a recognized University/institution, post internship with 3 years of experience in the relevant field. (OR)
- PGDSM with 1 year of experience in the relevant field.  
(OR)
- PG/DNB in Sports medicine/Orthopedics/PMR/equivalent.

The revised norms are comparatively flexible and are being uniformly followed across SAI-operated NCOEs.

#### 3. Justification:

- Adoption of SAI's revised eligibility criteria for the post of doctor will ensure uniformity and standardization across all KISCE centres.
- The revised norms will facilitate wider availability of eligible candidates for engagement at KISCE.
- Adoption of the updated criteria will align KISCE with current policies and practices of the Sports Authority of India.

4. At present, the total sanctioned posts for doctors across 35 KISCEs is 10, out of which only 02 doctors have been hired.
5. In view of the above, it is proposed to adopt the revised eligibility criteria and work experience norms, as notified by the Sports Authority of India vide Corrigendum dated 23.06.2025, for the post of Doctor at KISCE, in place of the existing KISCE manpower hiring norms.
6. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of DPAC is solicited for:

- a) Approval for Relaxation/Adoption of Revised Eligibility Criteria and Experience for the Post of Doctor at KISCE. as are being followed by the Sports Authority of India.

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| Agenda Item No | 6   |
| Agenda         | Procurement of Non-Consumable Cycling Equipment for STC Kurukshetra |
| Component      | Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies                            |

Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. RC Sonapat has submitted a proposal for the procurement of non-consumable cycling equipment for STC Kurukshetra.
2. It is noted that non-consumable sports equipment for the cycling discipline has not been procured since 2008 for STC Kurukshetra.
3. Despite the non-availability of adequate non-consumable equipment, the cycling athletes of STC Kurukshetra have been performing commendably and have won medals at national and international levels.
4. In order to meet the basic training requirements of cycling athletes, the cycling coaches have submitted the following equipment requirements:

| Sr. No. | Item   | Qty | Unit Cost (₹ in lakh) | Total Cost (₹ in lakh) |
|---------|--|-----|-----------------------|------------------------|
| a)      | Road Cycles (Arohan 18 / Cervelo, carbon frame with 105 fitting) | 08  | 2.00                  | 16.00                  |
| b)      | Track Cycles (Dolan DF4 with chain plates and cogs)              | 02  | 3.00                  | 6.00                   |
| c)      | Watt Bike (Standard Wattbike-Pro)                                | 01  | 5.00                  | 5.00                   |
|         | Total  |     |                       | 27.00                  |

5. The proposal was earlier submitted but deferred due to budget constraints during FY 2024–25. RC Sonapat has now re-submitted the proposal seeking approval of the Competent Authority to proceed with procurement.
6. The proposal was referred to the Finance Division for financial concurrence. The Finance Division has observed that, due to budgetary constraints under the SAI General Head, the procurement may be carried out at the level of Lead RD i.e. Stadia Division under the head “non-consumable”, and the expenditure may be booked under Khelo India Support to Academies (Non-Recurring).
7. After procurement, the inventory shall be transferred by the Stadia Division to STC Kurukshetra, under intimation to RC Sonapat.
8. As per the above requirement, the total estimated cost for procurement of cycling equipment for athletes of STC Kurukshetra is ₹27.00 lakh.
9. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. Financial Approval is hereby sought for ₹27.00 lakh for Procurement of non-consumable cycling equipment under the sub component support to Academies.

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| Agenda No | 7  |
| Agenda    | Provision of Budget for Procurement of Specialized Sports Equipment for the Operationalization of the Olympic Training Centre (OTC) for Kayaking & Canoeing at Koteshwar |
| Component | Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies   |

#### Detailed Description of Agenda:

The establishment of the Olympic Training Centre (OTC) for Kayaking and Canoeing at Koteshwar marks a definitive shift in India's high-performance sports architecture. Aligned with the Khelo India mission's mandate to consolidate regional excellence into global podium success, this proposal establishes Koteshwar as a model center by utilizing strategic partnerships to bridge the infrastructure gap, Koteshwar will be transitioning from a regional academy with a proven track record to a world-class facility capable of securing Olympic medals. This procurement is the catalyst required to transform raw talent into a "CoachDriven, Athlete-Centric" elite ecosystem fully supported by world class facilities.

The necessity of this initiative is a strategic response to the historical under-utilization of India's water sports potential. Upgrading Koteshwar to a full-scale OTC is non-negotiable for improving India's aggregate medal tally in high-volume discipline. In the elite paddling landscape, where victory is measured in milliseconds, symbolic participation must be replaced by a science-backed, hardware-intensive framework. This intervention ensures that the 5,00,000+ annual training hours envisioned for our athletes are conducted on the same high-performance hulls and timing systems used by international benchmarks like Hungary and Germany.

#### 1. The Global Competitive Landscape

Paddling sports represent one of the most medal-dense opportunities in the Olympic movement. Combined, Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom offer 16 Olympic medal events, plus 5 Paralympic events (Para Canoe), totalling 21 opportunities for podium finishes. Ranking within the top six Olympic disciplines by medal volume, canoeing allows for systematic talent identification across multiple boat classes and distances.

While India's geographical and human capital provides the "Talent" and "Training Quality" potential, Equipment Access remains the critical bottleneck. High-grade hulls, precision ergometers, and Olympicstandard venue hardware are the non-negotiable variables required to minimize the margin of error. Without immediate procurement of standardized, international-standard equipment, the probability of medal success is mathematically halved, regardless of athlete effort.

#### 2. The Koteshwar Advantage: Transforming Geography into Performance

Koteshwar is uniquely positioned to function as a "Global Centre of Excellence." Its pristine water quality with controllable flow which is essential for flat water sprint and natural terrain gradients for slalom construction provide a natural training environment. The OTC is scaling from a modest 30-athlete academy to a massive capacity of 300 elite athletes, maintaining strict gender parity (150 Male / 150 Female) to ensure a robust, inclusive talent pipeline.

By integrating India's first International Canoe Federation (ICF) standard Artificial Slalom Course with a specialized Sports Science & Medicine Wing, the centre moves the needle from local preparation to international competition readiness. This infrastructure allows athletes to train under the same environmental stressors found on European and American Olympic courses, ensuring they are not "course-shocked" during international qualification regattas.

### 3. Technical Infrastructure & Facility Features

Modelled after the "Gold Standard" High-Performance Centre (HPC) at SAI NRC Sonapat, the Koteshwar OTC features an integrated G+3 structure with a built-up area of approximately 9,000 sq.m. It is designed as a "Living Laboratory" where science and practice converge:

- The Arena: An Olympic-sized swimming pool and India's premier Artificial Slalom Course, equipped with the I-MAS (Automatic Start System) and Albano System for international certification.
- The Training Hub: A high-performance Gymnasium and Biomechanics Hall for real-time stroke frequency and power output analysis.
- The Sports Science Lab: A complex featuring Physiology Labs for aerobic/anaerobic testing, Hypoxic Chambers for altitude simulation, Isokinetic Rooms for muscle-balance testing, and Anthropometry Rooms.
- Athlete Support & Recovery: A dedicated medical wing including Cryo Therapy Rooms, Hydrotherapy pools (Hot/Cold), and specialized Physiotherapy suites for injury prediction and prevention modelling.

These specific rooms are critical for generating the longitudinal data required to refine training methodologies and maximize the "Value-for-Medal" return on every training session.

### 4. Equipment Requirement & Budgetary Provision

To operationalize the Koteshwar OTC, the equipment inventory as detailed in Annexure-F is vital.

### 5. Financial Summary & Approval Solicited

The budget has been prepared subject to Forex fluctuations and custom duties. The total estimated cost for the equipment procurement is ₹34,16,53,058.40 (excluding GST). This forms a critical "Immediate Phase" component of the total ₹200–300 Crore project roadmap. While ₹42 Crore has been successfully secured and deployed by THDCIL for foundational works, a funding gap of approximately ₹140 Crore+ remains to reach full operational capacity.

6. The budgetary provision contained in this proposal is essential to prevent training bottlenecks for talented athletes and to ensure that India's investment in world-class infrastructure is matched by world-class hardware.
7. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval, and the funding may be given to Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association (IKCA). The committee further recommended that 75% advance may be given subject to submission of Bond and availability of funds. Detailed proposal by NSF is attached in Annexure G.

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**Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:**

*Financial Approval of Rs. 34,16,53,058/- (Rupees Thirty-Four Crore Sixteen Lakh Fifty-Three Thousand Fifty-Eight only) (excluding GST), towards the procurement of specialized sports equipment (as detailed in Annexure-G) for the operationalization of the Olympic Training Centre (OTC) for Kayaking & Canoeing at Koteshwar. The amount is proposed to be booked under the "Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies" component of Khelo India- Non-Recurring Head under Support to Academies as per the modalities recommended in PAC.*

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| Agenda Item No | 8  |
| Agenda         | Proposal for hosting ASMITA League at the City /District level through Union Territory of Ladakh and various National Sports Federations (NSFs) under the Khelo India Scheme |
| Component      | Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports (Sports for Women)   |

### Detailed Description of Agenda:

Since its inception in F.Y. 2021, ASMITA Leagues has been organized across 34 disciplines with more than 2500 Sports competitions witnessing total participation of over 2.8 lakh women athletes. The DPAC, in its various meetings, had approved the organization of leagues in 34 disciplines.

Vide Khelo India Gazette notification dated 4th March 2022, as per Para 1.3.5. (IV) (i) While all the components of the Khelo India Scheme are gender neutral and afford opportunities to women too for participating in sporting activities and development of sports, competitions, leagues, and tournaments for women, as well as other disadvantaged groups, may be organized in different disciplines at various levels.

The organization of regular competitions is a crucial aspect of fostering a strong sporting culture. To drive a sustainable sports ecosystem and expand the reach of the ASMITA League across the country, NSF/other stakeholders, in consultation with various stakeholders such as SAI, State Governments, and Local Authorities, will identify popular pockets for targeted disciplines across India to host sports competitions during the financial year 2025-2026.

For F.Y. 2025-26, Multiple proposals have been received from the Union Territory of Ladakh and various National Sports Federations (NSFs) showing interest in conducting the 141 ASMITA Leagues at the City/District level in 6 different Asian and/or Olympic and Indigenous sports disciplines. The City/District level ASMITA League is designed to strengthen grassroots participation, providing a competitive platform for athletes across diverse disciplines. With a focus on inclusivity and structured engagement, these leagues will enhance sporting opportunities at the foundational level.

The expansion of ASMITA aims to create new opportunities for countless talented women athletes across the country, enabling them to showcase their skills and reach untapped regions, thereby fostering greater inclusivity and broader participation in competitive sports.

### Financial Implication for ASMITA League (City/District):

| S. No | NSF/ UT/ Other Stakeholders    | Name of Sport Disciplines | No of Cities/ Districts | Total no. of ASMITA League Proposed | Total Amount (Rs 75000/ League) |
|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1     | Basketball Federation of India | Basketball                | 57                      |                                     | 4275000                         |

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| 2 | Fencing Association of India | Fencing | 40 | 1 ASMITA League per | 3000000 |
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| 3           | Rowing Federation of India   | Rowing        | 2   | district | 150000           |
| 4           | Union Territory of Ladakh    | Ice Hockey    | 1   |          | 75000            |
|             |                              | Speed Skating | 1   |          | 75000            |
| 5           | Yogasana Federation of India | Yogasana      | 40  |          | 3000000          |
| Total (Rs.) |                              |               | 141 |          | Rs 1,05,75,000/- |

It is proposed that the respective organising bodies be permitted to raise sponsorship towards the available rights, subject to the guidelines issued by Khelo India for branding/publicity. However, if organising bodies get any title sponsor, the name of the event shall only be “ASMITA League”, and the rights may be used as “Sponsored By / Powered By/ Co-Sponsored By/ Co-Powered By” etc.

Financial Approval is sought for the release of funds to RC Chandigarh (UT of Ladakh), Basketball, Fencing, Rowing and Yogasana Federations for the timely organization of the Leagues in their respective States, with a commitment to submit a utilization certificate post-event.

PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval only after the proposals are routed through State/NSF/SAI RC or Ministry/Departments/Organisations of Government of India.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. Financial Approval for 2025-26 of Rs. 75,000/- per league towards the conduct of 141 ASMITA League at City/ Districts through Union Territory of Ladakh and various National Sports Federations (NSFs) in Multiple Sport Disciplines. Tentative financial implication will be Rs 1,05,75,000/- (75,000\*141 leagues) ii. Director General, SAI may be authorized to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount for leagues approved for 2025-26, and the nature of expenditure as well.*

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| Agenda Item No | 9   |
| Agenda         | Proposal for hosting ASMITA League at State, Zonal /National level through State/UT Governments and National Sports Federations (NSFs) under the Khelo India Scheme |
| Component      | Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports (Sports for Women)  |

#### Detailed Description of Agenda:

Since its inception in F.Y. 2021, ASMITA Leagues has been organized across 34 disciplines with more than 2500 Sports competitions witnessing total participation of over 2.8 lakh women athletes. The DPAC, in its various meetings, had approved the organization of leagues in 34 disciplines.

The reasons and objectives of the proposed events are:

- ASMITA League at the State, Zonal and National level through State/UT Government and National sports federations for conducting multiple District, State, Zonal and National Leagues in Multiple Asian and/or Olympic and Indigenous sports disciplines. The ASMITA League is designed to strengthen grassroots participation, providing a competitive platform for athletes across diverse disciplines. With a focus on inclusivity and structured engagement, these leagues will enhance sporting opportunities at the foundational/ and elite level.
- To utilize the leagues as a platform for the Identification of new talents and the evaluation of existing Khelo India athletes.
- To provide competition exposure to women athletes of different age categories across the Country

For the year 2025-26, apart from the already approved ASMITA League (for City, District level), New ASMITA leagues for State Zonal & National are proposed as follows-

| S.no | State/ NSF/ Other Stakeholders | Name of Sport Disciplines | Format                            | Age Categories              | Total Conduct Amount (In Rs.) |
|------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1    | Swimming Federation of India   | Swimming                  | 1 National                        | Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior | 5100000                       |
|      |                                |                           | 4 Zonals                          |                             | 18000000                      |
|      |                                |                           | Prize Money of Zonal and National |                             | 5655000                       |
| 2    | Basketball Federation of India | Basketball                | Prize Money of Zonal and National |                             | 5418000                       |
| 3    | Rowing Federation of           | Rowing                    | 1 National                        |                             | 5100000                       |

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|       | India                            |   | 1 State |  | 3600000             |
| 4     | Sports Authority of Jharkhand    | Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Badminton, Athletics | 6 State |  | 19800000            |
| 5     | Union Territory of Ladakh        | Ice Hockey and Speed Skating                                | 2 State |  | 3600000             |
| 6     | Basketball Federation of India   | Basketball  | 3 State |  | 10800000            |
| 7     | Pencak Silat Federation of India | Pencak Silat  | 4 State |  | 7200000             |
| 8     | Rugby Federation of India        | Rugby   | 5 State |  | 9000000             |
| Total |                                  |   |         |  | Rs<br>9,32,73,000/- |

\*Amounts were calculated as per the approved SOP for ASMITA Leagues in 55th DPAC.

It is proposed that the respective organising bodies be permitted to raise sponsorship towards the available rights, subject to following the guidelines issued by Khelo India for branding/publicity. However, if organising bodies get any title sponsor, the name of the event shall only be “ASMITA League” and the rights may be used as “Sponsored By / Powered By/ Co-Sponsored By/ Co-Powered By” etc.

Financial Approval is sought for the release of funds to respective National Sports Federations and to SAI Regional Centers in case of State association or State/UT government for the timely organization of the Leagues in their respective States, with a commitment to submit a utilization certificate post-event.

PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval. The committee further recommended that for National Level events, the competitions are to be aligned with ACTC in collaboration with TOPS/TAGG/TEAMS.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. Funds for Conducting leagues in multiple sports discipline through State/UT government, and National sport federations with the financial limit – Rs 9,32,73,000/-
- ii. Director General, SAI may be authorized to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount for the league approved for 2025-26.

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| Agenda Item No | 10  |
| Agenda         | Proposal for celebrating International Women’s Day 2026 in 250 Districts under for Sports for Women (ASMITA) under the Khelo India Scheme |
| Component      | Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports (Sports for Women)  |

Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. ASMITA (“Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women”), launched in 2021 under the Khelo India initiative, is India's flagship program aimed at increasing women’s participation in sports by addressing barriers through leagues, competitions, and wellness campaigns. Since its inception, ASMITA has engaged over 2.8 lakh women athletes across multiple sports and continues to expand its outreach in 2025-26.
2. The celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2026, will be marked by a large-scale initiative across 250+ districts in 36 States and Union Territories, utilizing Khelo India Centres (KICs) as the primary grassroots hubs for mass participation. This proposal aligns with the ASMITA (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action) flagship scheme to promote women's empowerment, talent identification, and community health. By leveraging the existing infrastructure of KICs—which are supported by qualified coaches and Past Champion Athletes (PCAs)—the initiative aims to showcase the critical role these centers play in localized sports development while strengthening the coordination between District Sports Officers (DSOs), District Youth Officers (DYO), and local athletic communities.
3. The initiative is backed by a total financial commitment of INR 1,87,50,000 from the Sports Authority of India, distributed at a rate of INR 75,000 per district to cover administrative, technical, and branding costs. At least one sports event will be conducted at each center, with disciplines ranging from Olympic and Asian Games to indigenous and local sports specific to each KIC's allocation. These activities are designed to be community-oriented and discipline-specific, featuring competitive events such as 100-meter races and relay competitions at Athletics KICs, friendly football matches and penalty shoot-outs at Football KICs, and skill-based demonstrations or indigenous games at other specialized centers.
4. In addition to discipline-specific competitions, the celebration will incorporate broad-based mass participation events including walkathons and the "FiT India Sundays on Cycle" program at identified centers. The initiative also features the ASMITA Women’s League competitions and extends its reach to My Bharat affiliated colleges to engage young women through coordinated fitness activities. The implementation mechanism relies on KICs acting as nodal points, with DSOs managing logistics and Youth Officers facilitating volunteer support and mobilization. Ultimately, this nationwide movement is expected to enhance the visibility of KICs as centers for women-centric development, promote gender equality and fitness, and create a lasting social and sporting impact at the grassroots level.
5. The above expenditure is indicative in nature and subject to variation depending upon venue selection and finalisation of service providers. The event shall ensure participation of girls and women from schools, colleges, universities, community organizations and Khelo India Centres, while adhering to prescribed safety, safeguarding, branding and media guidelines under ASMITA and Khelo India.

6. In view of the above, the proposal for organizing these events in 250 districts on International Women's Day, along with the indicative financial implications amounting to ₹1,87,50,000/- (Rupees One Crore eighty-seven Lakh fifty Thousand only).
7. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval, and the funding to be done through Department of Youth Affairs and SOPs for the events to be shared with the relevant stakeholders.

As per the recommendation of the PAC, the funding is done through Department of Youth Affairs and SOPs for the events are shared with relevant stakeholders.

Further, Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. Financial approval is sought for financial sanction of ₹ 1,87,50,000/- for International Women's day celebrations in FY 2025-26.

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| Agenda Item No | 11  |
| Agenda         | Proposal for funds for Miscellaneous Expenses for Sports for Women and Sports for Peace and Development (ASMITA and SPANDAN) under Khelo India Scheme |
| Component      | Promotion of Inclusiveness through Sports (Sports for Women)  |

### Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. The ASMITA was launched in 2021 with the initiative to increase the participation of women in Sports by organizing various leagues, promoting wellness, and empowerment among women and girls across India. In alignment with national priorities and in response to low female sports participation rates—less than 30% currently play any sport—the initiative seeks to strengthen ongoing and upcoming drives, such as large-scale competitions, club formation, mentorship campaigns, and capacity-building events at grassroots and elite levels. These activities require coordination with state agencies, partners, and community organizations to maximize reach and impact.
2. Till February 2026, ASMITA Leagues was organized across 34 disciplines with more than 2400+ Sports competitions witnessing total participation of over 2.8 lakh women athletes and more than 500+ leagues planned in ASMITA as well as in SPANDAN in F.Y. 2025-26.
3. To monitor these events it is proposed to allocate funds to the administrative budget of Rs 20,00,000/- which will cover for domestic flight bookings, accommodations, branding, and any other administrative cost required for SFW and SPD (ASMITA and SPANDAN). These funds may also be used for athletes, coaches, technical officials, competition managers and other approved personnel invited for these leagues by SAI, as per eligibility and requirement, for technical supervision, review meetings and related operational activities.
4. The bookings shall be undertaken through authorized service providers/platforms, in accordance with extant Government of India travel rules and guidelines, ensuring economy class travel, advance booking and optimal routing to achieve cost efficiency and financial prudence.
5. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. *Approval for Administrative Budget for SFW and SPD (ASMITA and SPANDAN) with Financial implication of Rs.20,00,000/- inclusive of taxes for F.Y. 2025-26*

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| Agenda Item No | 12   |
| Agenda         | Proposal for conduct of State-Level and District level Tournaments in Manipur under Sports for Peace and Development |
| Component      | Sports for Peace and Development   |

### Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Manipur proposes to organize State Level & District level Tournaments across selected priority sports disciplines under the Khelo India scheme's Sports for Peace and Development vertical during FY 2025-26. These events aim to promote fitness, national integration, engage youth in healthy, structured and competitive sporting activities, identify emerging talent and provide sporting opportunities to youth residing in Relief camps due to the prevailing crisis in Manipur (IDPS).
2. State-level sports tournaments will be organized discipline-wise using standard sports infrastructure (mainly at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, with water sports at Loktak Lake), following a verified sports calendar, ensuring wide participation, proper publicity, medical and logistical support, and complete documentation of events.
3. District-level tournaments will be conducted under the supervision of District Youth Affairs & Sports Officers (DYASOs) at existing district facilities, with open participation through public notification, proper verification and eligibility checks, and adherence to prescribed rules with necessary arrangements for officials, medical support, and logistics.
4. District-level tournaments for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) will be organized by the District Administration in coordination with DYASO. The District Administration will manage participant identification, venues, and local coordination, while DYASO will handle technical conduct, scheduling, and supervision. The tournaments will focus on providing safe, inclusive, and structured sporting opportunities for displaced youth, ensuring compliance with age and eligibility norms, along with necessary safety, medical, and logistical arrangements.
5. Financial assistance is requested as per predefined Khelo India norms (as per ASMITA SOP), Table -1 shows State level, Table -2 shows District level oriented towards Internally Displaced Persons-

| Sl. No. | Discipline | Categories          | Approved Cost per Category (In INR) |
|---------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1       | Football   | U-19 (Girls)        | 12.00 lakh                          |
| 2       | Athletics  | U-14 (Boys & Girls) | 12.00 lakh                          |
|         |            | U-18 (Boys & Girls) | 12.00 lakh                          |
| 3       | Archery    | U-17(Boys & Girls)  | 12.00 lakh                          |

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|   |                     | U-19 (Boys & Girls)       | 12.00 lakh |
| 4 | Boxing              | Junior (Boys & Girls)     | 12.00 lakh |
|   |                     | Sub Junior (Boys & Girls) | 12.00 lakh |
| 5 | Judo                | Cadet (Boys & Girls)      | 12.00 lakh |
|   |                     | Sub-Junior (Boys & Girls) | 12.00 lakh |
| 6 | Fencing             | Junior (Boys & Girls)     | 6.00 lakh  |
|   |                     | Sub-Junior (Boys & Girls) | 6.00 lakh  |
| 7 | Wushu               | Junior (Boys & Girls)     | 12.00 lakh |
|   |                     | Sub-Junior (Boys & Girls) | 12.00 lakh |
| 8 | Rowing              | Senior (Boys & Girls)     | 6.00 lakh  |
| 9 | Canoeing & Kayaking | Sub-Junior (Boys & Girls) | 6.00 lakh  |
|   |                     | Junior (Boys & Girls)     | 6.00 lakh  |
|   |                     | Total                     | 1.62 Cr    |

Table-2 District level

| Sl. No. | Discipline | District      | Category            | Approved Cost per Category (₹) |
|---------|------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1       | Football   | Tengnoupal    | U-17 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |
| 2       | Football   | Ukhrul        | U-17 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |
| 3       | Football   | Tamenglong    | U-19 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |
| 4       | Volleyball | Chandel       | U-19 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |
| 5       | Badminton  | Senapati      | U-19 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |
| 6       | Football   | Churachandpur | U-19 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |
| 7       | Athletics  | Churachandpur | U-14 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |
| 8       | Football   | Kangpokpi     | U-19 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh                      |

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| 9 | Athletics | Kangpokpi | U-14 (Boys & Girls) | 5.00 lakh |
|   |           | Total     |                     | 0.45 r    |

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6. Approval is sought to release an amount of Rs 2.07 Cr and for sponsorship and sanction of the proposed funds under the Sports for Peace and Development vertical of Khelo India, to be released to RC Imphal to conduct the events through Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Manipur for the timely organization of the Tournament, with a commitment to submit a utilization certificate post-event.
7. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

*i. Financial Approval is hereby sought for the Sponsorship and Organization of the All the State level / District level tournaments in Manipur in various sports discipline under the Sports for Peace and Development in F.Y. 2025-26 for Rs. 2,07,00,000/- ii. Director General, SAI may be authorized to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount for the event approved for 2025-26, and the nature of expenditure as well.*

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| Agenda Item No | 13  |
| Agenda         | Proposal for the conduct of District-level Tournaments in Ladakh by ITBP under Sports for Peace and Development |
| Component      | Sports for Peace and Development  |

### Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), along with the help of Numberdars (Pradhans) of concerned villages, Ladakh, proposes to organize Village level Tournaments in Vibrant villages in Ladakh across various sports disciplines under the Khelo India scheme's Sports for Peace and Development vertical during FY 2025-26. These events aim to promote fitness, national integration, engage youth in healthy, structured and competitive sporting activities, identify emerging talent and provide sporting opportunities to youth residing in 30 Vibrant villages in Ladakh.
2. Financial assistance is requested as per predefined Khelo India norms (as per ASMITA SOP) considering these tournaments as District level is shown below in Table-1

Table-1

| S. No.                | Details of the Tournament | No of Tournament | Budget Required Per Tournament | Total Budget Required (In INR) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                     | Ice Hockey Tournament     | 10               | 75,000/-                       | 7,50,000/-                     |
| 2                     | Ice Skating Tournament    | 12               | 75,000/-                       | 9,00,000/-                     |
| 3                     | Volleyball Tournament     | 2                | 75,000/-                       | 1,50,000/-                     |
| 4                     | Archery Tournament        | 6                | 75,000/-                       | 4,50,000                       |
| Total Budget Required |                           |                  |                                | 22,50,000/-                    |

3. Approval is sought for sponsorship and sanction of the proposed funds under the Sports for Peace and Development vertical of Khelo India, to be released to Indo-Tibetan Border Police for the timely organisation of the Tournament, with a commitment to submit a utilisation certificate post-event.
4. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. *Financial Approval is hereby sought for the Sponsorship and Organization of all the district-level tournaments in Ladakh in various sports discipline under the Sports for Peace and Development in F.Y. 2025-26 for Rs. 22,50,000/-*
- ii. *Director General, SAI may be authorized to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount for the event approved for 2025-26, and the nature of expenditure as well.*

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| Agenda Item No | 14  |
| Agenda         | Proposal for conduct of National-Level and District level Tournaments in various Frontier HQ of BSF by BSF under Sports for Peace and Development |
| Component      | Sports for Peace and Development  |

### Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. Border Security Force (BSF) proposes to organize District level Tournaments in its 17 Frontier HQ across various sports disciplines under the Khelo India scheme's Sports for Peace and Development vertical during FY 2025-26. These events aim to promote fitness, national integration, engage youth in healthy, structured and competitive sporting activities, identify emerging talent and providing sporting opportunities to youth residing in Vibrant villages and border sensitive area in Frontier HQ of Jammu, Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, North Bengal, South Bengal, Guwahati, M&C, Tripura, Meghalaya, Punjab and STC Udhampur and Kharkan.
2. Financial assistance is requested as per predefined Khelo India norms (as per ASMITA SOP) considering these tournaments as District level is shown below in Table-1 for District level. Table-1

| Sl No | Name of BSF Formation | Sports Discipline | Age Category                 | Expected Participants | No. of tournament | Budget per tournament | Total Budget (In INR) |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1     | FTR HQ Kashmir        | 3                 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250               | 6                 | Rs5,00,000            | Rs30,00,000           |
| 2     | FTR HQ Jammu          | 3                 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250               | 6                 | Rs5,00,000            | Rs30,00,000           |
| 3     | FTR HQ Punjab         | 3                 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250               | 6                 | Rs5,00,000            | Rs30,00,000           |
| 4     | FTR HQ Rajasthan      | 3                 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250               | 6                 | Rs5,00,000            | Rs30,00,000           |
| 5     | FTR HQ Chhattisgarh   | 3                 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250               | 6                 | Rs5,00,000            | Rs30,00,000           |
| 6     | FTR HQ Odisha         | 3                 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250               | 6                 | Rs5,00,000            | Rs30,00,000           |
| 7     | FTR HQ North Bengal   | 3                 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250               | 6                 | Rs5,00,000            | Rs30,00,000           |

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|----|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|---|-------------|-------------|
| 8  | FTR HQ South Bengal  | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 9  | FTR HQ Guwahati      | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 10 | FTR HQ Guwahati      | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 11 | FTR HQ M&C           | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 12 | FTR HQ Tripura       | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 13 | FTR HQ Meghalaya     | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 14 | STC Kharkarn, Punjab | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 15 | STC Udampur, Jammu   | 3 | 2 Age category for each game | 100-250 | 6 | Rs5,00,000  | Rs30,00,000 |
| 16 | BIAAT                | 1 | 3 Age category               | 3000    | 1 | Rs51,00,000 | Rs51,00,000 |
| 17 | FTR HQ Punjab        | 1 | 3 Age category               | 5000    | 1 | Rs51,00,000 | Rs51,00,000 |
|    |                      |   |                              |         |   |             | Rs 5.52 Cr  |

3. Approval is sought for sponsorship and sanction of the proposed funds under the Sports for Peace and Development vertical of Khelo India, to be released to Border Security Force for the timely organization of the Tournament, with a commitment to submit a utilization certificate post-event.
4. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. Financial Approval is hereby sought for the Sponsorship and Organization of the All the District level tournaments/ National level tournaments in various Frontiers of BSF and STC in various sports disciplines under the Sports for Peace and Development in F.Y. 2025-26 for Rs. 5,52,00,000/-
- ii. Director General, SAI may be authorized to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount for the event approved for 2025-26, and the nature of expenditure as well.

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| Agenda Item No | 15  |
| Agenda         | Proposal for conduct of State level Tournament in Aizwal by Government of Mizoram under Sports for Peace and Development. |
| Component      | Sports for Peace and Development  |

### Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. Government of Mizoram proposes to organize Aizwal International Half Marathon (AIHM) 2026 in Aizwal under the Khelo India scheme's Sports for Peace and Development vertical during FY 2025-26. This event aims to promote fitness, national integration, engage youth in healthy, structured and competitive sporting activities, identify emerging talent and provide sporting opportunities to youth residing in Mizoram.
2. The first addition of AIHM was successfully conducted on 26th April 2025. Now it is planned on 14th February 2026 with approximately 5000 Runners are expected to take part in it.
3. Financial assistance is requested as per predefined Khelo India norms (as per ASMITA SOP) considering this tournament as State level and total budget required for this tournament is Rs.12,00,000.
4. Approval is sought for sponsorship and sanction of the proposed funds under the Sports for Peace and Development vertical of Khelo India, to be released to Mizoram State Government for the timely organization of the Tournament, with a commitment to submit a utilization certificate post-event.
5. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

*i. Financial Approval is hereby sought for the Sponsorship and Organization of the state-level tournament in Aizwal under the Sports for Peace and Development in F.Y. 2025-26 for Rs. 12,00,000/-*

*ii. Director General, SAI may be authorized to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount for the event approved for 2025-26, and the nature of expenditure as well.*

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| Agenda Item No | 16  |
| Agenda         | Proposal for conduct of District level Tournaments in Tripura by Tripura State Government under Sports for Peace and Development. |
| Component      | Sports for Peace and Development  |

#### Detailed Description of Agenda:

1. Tripura State Government proposes to organize South Tripura Nasha Mukta Premier League with special focus on Vibrant Villages in South Tripura District in Tripura across sports disciplines such as Football and Volleyball under the Khelo India scheme's Sports for Peace and Development vertical during FY 2025-26. These events aim to promote fitness, national integration, engage youth in healthy, structured and competitive sporting activities, identify emerging talent and provide sporting opportunities to youth residing in Vibrant villages in Tripura.
2. There will be two sports disciplines: Football and Volleyball. The tournament consists of four phases. Phase 1 is the selection and summer coaching camp. Phase 2 is a 30-day non-residential, high-intensity technical camp that serves as the pre-season for the league. Phase 3 is the Premier League season, and Phase 4 is the Championship and Scouting Window.
3. South Tripura shares 204.48 km of International border with Bangladesh, exposing the district to multiple challenges such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, child marriages, teenage pregnancy, etc. SONAM(V) – South Tripura Nasha Mukta Premier League with Special focus on Vibrant Villages is a yearlong Sports for Development intervention. It targets 770 U-17 athletes in Football and Volleyball. (Detailed proposal at Annexure H). An amount of Rs 73.30 Lakh is sought for the proposal which includes equipment, coaches remuneration, talent scouting, competition, etc.
4. Financial assistance is requested as per predefined Khelo India norms (as per ASMITA SOP) considering these tournaments as District level for is shown below in Table-1

Table-1

| Sports Discipline | Amount       |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Football          | Rs.24,75,000 |
| Volleyball        | Rs.24,75,000 |
| Total             | Rs.49,50,000 |

5. Approval is sought for sponsorship and sanction of the proposed funds under the Sports for Peace and Development vertical of Khelo India, to be released to Tripura Sports Department and further to South Tripura District for the timely organisation of the Tournament, with a commitment to submit a utilisation certificate post-event.
6. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- Financial Approval is hereby sought for the Sponsorship and Organization of the All the District level tournaments in Tripura in various sports discipline under the Sports for Peace and Development in F.Y. 2025-26 for Rs. 49,50,000/-*
- Director General, SAI may be authorized to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount for the event approved for 2025-26, and the nature of expenditure as well.*

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| Agenda Item No. | 17  |
| Agenda          | Proposal for conducting various promotional activities under Fit India Movement |
| Component       | Fit India Movement  |

### Detailed description of Agenda:

1. In order to achieve the objective of promoting fitness to the masses, various activities are being organized by the Fit India Mission, such as Sundays on Cycle, Fit India Freedom Run, Fit India Week, National Sports Day, etc. However, it is felt that there is a need to strengthen the promotional activities conducted under the Fit India Mission to improve visibility and reinforce the Fit India brand.
2. The activities planned as part of the promotional activities under Fit India are as follows:
  - I. Engagements with various Fit India influencers and other personalities as part of the broader promotion of the Fit India brand and any other activities to be held during the year.
  - II. Promotional materials like T-shirts, stationaries, mementoes, etc for Fit India Cycling Drive, and other campaigns, etc. Security upgrades/audit of the Fit India website, Fit India Mobile App, and other miscellaneous expenses.
  - III. Fit India Regional events like Beach games, Indigenous sports, etc to be conducted by the Regional Centres of SAI on similar lines as last year.
3. In this regard, it is submitted that the 51st and 52nd DPAC approved a total amount of ₹3.00 crore for the promotion of Fit India activities during FY 2025–26. However, owing to an increase in the number of campaigns and the introduction of new initiatives such as Sundays on Cycle, National Sports Day, Freedom Run, regional events, Women’s Day celebrations, etc., the expenditure incurred has almost exhausted the approved allocation. Further, major initiatives such as the Fit India Carnival and Women’s Week are also planned during the current financial year. Against the approved allocation of ₹3.00 crore, an amount of ₹2.60 crore has already been utilized so far, and an additional liability of approximately ₹30.00 lakh has also been incurred.
4. In view of the above and considering the scope and scale of promotional activities planned for the remaining period of FY 2025–26, it is proposed that an additional allocation of ₹1.50 crore may be approved for undertaking various Fit India promotional activities during the current financial year.
5. The expenditure may be met from the Promotional Activities budget under the Fit India component of Khelo India.
6. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

*i. Release of Rs. 1.5 Crore for Fit India Promotional Activities for F.Y. 2025-26*

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| Agenda Item No | 18  |
| Agenda         | Fit India Sundays on Cycle events at Puducherry |
| Component      | Fit India movement                              |

### Detailed description of Agenda

1. The Fit India Movement, launched on 29 August 2019 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, aims to promote fitness as a way of life. In continuation of this vision, the Hon'ble Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, launched the initiative "Sundays on Cycle" in December 2024 to encourage cycling to #FightObesity and as a #PollutionKaSolution.
2. As per the directions of Sports Authority of India, Headquarters (SAI, HO), LNCPE, Trivandrum proposes to organize Fit India Sundays on Cycle events at Puducherry during February and March 2026 to promote physical fitness, cycling culture and mass public participation.
3. During February 2026, Fit India Sundays on Cycle events are proposed to be conducted on 01.02.2026 in collaboration with ITIs and Polytechnic Institutes, on 08.02.2026 for PSUs, on 15.02.2026 for Universities and Colleges, and on 22.02.2026 for NGOs. In addition, one major Fit India Sundays on Cycle event is proposed during March 2026, along with a few minor events in collaboration with other Government Departments under the Fit India Movement. The major events are proposed to be presided over by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, and will include cycling rallies with large public participation, fitness and Zumba sessions, cultural programmes, recreational and indoor sports activities, awareness initiatives on fitness and healthy lifestyle, as well as branding and publicity of the Fit India Movement.
4. Financial Position
  - Available balance under Fit India Head (as on 31.01.2026): ₹2,25,869/- •
  - Outstanding liabilities:
    - ₹4,91,406.50 (Fit India Sundays on Cycle – 21.12.2025) ○ ₹17,34,462.50
    - (Fit India Sundays on Cycle – National Voters Day, 25.01.2026)
5. Budget Requirement
  - i. 01.02.2026 (ITI & Polytechnic Event) : ₹5,00,000/-
  - ii. Minor Events during March 2026 : ₹2,50,000/-
  - iii. Four Major Events (Feb–Mar 2026) : ₹60,00,000/-
7. In view of the above, approval is solicited for an amount of ₹67,50,000/- (approx.) to enable the smooth conduct of Fit India Sundays on Cycle programmes during February and March 2026.
8. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

*Release of Rs. 67,50,000/- for conducting Fit India Sundays on Cycle Programmes for F.Y. 2025-26.*

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| Agenda Item No | 19   |
| Agenda         | Proposal for Engagement of a Professional Production Agency for Creation of “India’s Gameplan – Policy to Playground” Podcast (IP) for Sports Authority of India |
| Component      | Fit India movement   |

### Detailed description of Agenda

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is the apex national body responsible for implementing India’s sports development ecosystem, including high-performance athlete preparation, grassroots sports promotion, and mass fitness initiatives under flagship missions such as Khelo India and Fit India. In the contemporary media environment, digital platforms and on-demand content have become the primary means through which young citizens, athletes, parents and communities engage with sport, policy and fitness narratives.

2. SAI presently undertakes multiple campaigns and initiatives across elite sport, grassroots participation and fitness awareness. However, there is presently no single, structured, long-form digital property that explains India’s sports ecosystem, demystifies policy-to-athlete pathways, and simultaneously promotes everyday fitness culture in a sustained, discoverable and reusable manner.
3. In order to address this strategic gap, SAI has conceptualised a national digital podcast IP titled “India’s Gameplan – Policy to Playground”, designed as a year-long, dual-track content property that will provide institutional clarity, public engagement and long-term digital assets for the organisation. The proposed IP comprises two complementary podcast formats:
  - i. Inside India’s Sports Engine – a monthly policy-focused podcast explaining India’s highperformance sports systems through SAI officials, TOPS experts, coaches, sports scientists and elite athletes (12 episodes annually).
  - ii. Everyday Champions – a monthly video podcast highlighting how fitness and sport transform everyday lives through stories of community runners, women athletes, grassroots coaches, PE teachers and youth participants (12 episodes annually).
  - iii. Special Campaign-led podcast editions are proposed annually, aligned to major sporting events, national campaigns and milestones (10 episodes annually).
4. Each long-form episode will be professionally produced and further repurposed into reels, shorts and promotional videos, generating over 238 short-form digital assets annually for distribution across YouTube, Instagram and other digital platforms

The podcast IP is intended to function as SAI’s permanent digital voice, helping to:

- Explain the sports ecosystem from grassroots to elite levels
- Build trust and institutional transparency
- Humanise policies and schemes through athlete and citizen stories
- Position SAI as a modern, accountable and citizen-facing organisation

- Promote everyday fitness as achievable, inclusive and habitual
  - Create long-term, monetisable and reusable digital assets
5. The production design requires multi-camera 4K recording, professional audio, studio lighting, branded graphics, subtitles in Hindi and English, digital-ready formats, and platform-optimised outputs in order to meet national-level visibility and quality benchmarks. Such production standards are expected to enable each regular episode to achieve a minimum of 0.5 million impressions, and national campaign-based episodes more than 1.0 million impressions, across Meta and YouTube platforms.
  6. These technical and creative requirements involve specialised digital production expertise, dedicated content teams, post-production workflows and social-media-ready packaging which are beyond the inhouse capabilities of SAI.
  7. Accordingly, it is proposed to engage a professional digital content production agency through a transparent procurement process to conceptualise, produce, package and deliver the full annual cycle of 34 premium podcast episodes and associated digital content under the India's Gameplan IP.
  8. In this connection, a market assessment has been undertaken based on prevailing industry benchmarks for studio-based and field-based podcast production, professional hosts, creative direction, post-production, licensing and digital packaging. Based on the scope of work and deliverables, the estimated cost for production of 34 podcast episodes with full digital distribution assets has been assessed at ₹1,48,84,520/- (Rupees One Crore Forty-Eight Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty only), inclusive of GST, for a period of one year.
  9. It is further noted that expenditure on strategic communication, digital outreach and national fitness and sports promotion forms part of the approved mandate of SAI under Fit India and Khelo India frameworks. The proposed engagement shall be undertaken within approved budgetary provisions or through appropriate financial approval mechanisms, as applicable.
  10. The India's Gameplan podcast IP is envisaged not merely as content production, but as the creation of a long-term national digital asset that will serve athletes, parents, coaches, institutions and citizens for years to come, while reinforcing India's sporting and fitness culture in alignment with national policy objectives.
  11. PAC has recommended the proposal to be placed before DPAC for approval.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

*Initiating the process for engagement of a professional digital production agency for creation and production of the "India's Gameplan – Policy to Playground" Podcast IP for Sports Authority of India, comprising 34 podcast episodes annually, at an estimated cost of ₹1,48,84,520/- (inclusive of GST) from the budget for promotional activities under Fit India component of Khelo India Scheme.*

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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| Supplementary Agenda Item No | 01   |
| Agenda                       | Organisizing <b>Fit India Women's Week, 2026</b> across States/UTs and SAI field units (NCOEs, STCs and KICs )and JLN Stadium, New Delhi |
| Vertical                     | Fit India Movement   |

### Detailed description of Agenda

International Women's Day is observed globally on 8th March each year to recognise the achievements of women and strengthen collective action for gender equality. As per UN Women, the theme for International Women's Day 2026 is "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls", which calls for action-led efforts for equal rights and opportunities.

2. The Fit India Movement has been undertaking focused initiatives to encourage participation of women and girls in fitness and sports through inclusive, community-driven activities. In this context, Fit India Women's Week (2025) was celebrated across 250+ locations with 75,000+ women participants, with activities centred around women's empowerment through fitness, yoga, self-defence, and awareness sessions.

3. Building upon the momentum and outcomes of last year, it is proposed to celebrate **Fit India Women's Week, 2026** for **three (03) days from 06th to 08th March 2026**, with emphasis on womencentric health and fitness outreach, mass participation, and community engagement. The celebrations are proposed to be conducted in a coordinated manner across **States/UTs and SAI field units**, including **NCOEs, STCs and KICs**. In addition, a **national-level 3-day flagship celebration in Delhi** is proposed to serve as a high-visibility event for wider outreach and messaging including support to indigenous games.

4. The proposed three-day celebration shall broadly cover the following indicative themes and activities (States/UTs and SAI units may curate activities as per local suitability while aligning with Fit India branding and reporting requirements):

#### **Day 1 (06 March 2026) Theme: Her Body, Her Power:**

Focus on physical health, nutrition, hydration, and overall wellness through women's sports and games sessions, yoga/mobility/functional fitness sessions, nutrition and hydration awareness, mental wellness and stress management sessions, hormonal and menstrual wellness discussions with experts, and basic first-aid/CPR awareness.

#### **Day 2 (07 March 2026) | Theme: Raksha & Resilience / Strong Women, Strong Nation**

Focus on safety, self-defence, confidence, leadership and life skills through self-defence workshops, cyber safety and digital awareness, dialogue/panel with women leaders, career pathways in sports and fitness, awareness on relevant women-centric Government schemes, and short engagement modules to drive community participation.

**Day 3 (08 March 2026) | Theme: Sundays on Cycle Special Edition : When She Moves, India Moves** Women-led mass participation through a special edition of Sundays on Cycle with a suggested 5-7 km non-competitive route and participation from college students, working women, homemakers, SHGs and corporate groups, supported by safety marshals/volunteers, route and traffic coordination, hydration points and medical support, along with a mass yoga session and a community pledge for fitness, equality and safe public spaces, followed by felicitation of local women achievers and community leaders.

5. **Financial implications:** Based on the proposed coverage of **36 States/UTs, 18 NCOEs, 64 STCs and 1067 KICs**, the pan-India financial implication is calculated at **Rs. 2,58,35,000/-**. Further, For the **Delhi national-level 3-day flagship event**, a total provision of **₹50,00,000/-** is proposed, comprising (i) **Rs. 25,00,000/- for hiring of an Event Management Agency (EMA)** for end-to-end management of the 3day event, and (ii) **Rs. 25,00,000/- for promotional activities**, including communication/visibility and support to indigenous fitness and sports demonstrations (including yoga and allied activities) during the event duration. Accordingly, the total estimated budget works out to **Rs. 3,08,35,000/-**. The item-wise financial implication is as under:

| S. No. | Particulars   | Unit cost (INR) | Nos. | Amount (INR)       |
|--------|---|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| 1      | States/UTs (District-level events)  | 5,00,000        | 36   | 1,80,00,000        |
| 2      | NCOEs   | 50,000          | 18   | 9,00,000           |
| 3      | STCs  | 25,000          | 64   | 16,00,000          |
| 4      | KICs  | 5,000           | 1067 | 53,35,000          |
| 5      | Delhi (Hiring of EMA for 3-day event management)  | 25,00,000       | 1    | 25,00,000          |
| 6      | Delhi (Promotional activities incl. support to indigenous sports like yoga and to self defence groups ) | 25,00,000       | 1    | 25,00,000          |
|        | <b>Total</b>  |                 |      | <b>3,08,35,000</b> |

7. In view of the position stated, approval of Secretary-Sports cum Chairperson, DPAC was obtained on file for:

- In-principle approval** for conducting **Fit India Women's Week, 2026** for three (03) days from **06th to 08th March 2026** across States/UTs and SAI field units (NCOEs, STCs and KICs), including a **national-level 3-day flagship event in Delhi**.
- Approval of the proposed budget allocation of Rs. 3,08,35,000/-** (Rs. 2,58,35,000/- for pan-India activities and Rs. 50,00,000/- for the Delhi flagship event, including Rs. 25,00,000/- for hiring of EMA and Rs. 25,00,000/- for promotional/visibility activities including support to indigenous sports).
- The expenditure is to be incurred under the Fit India Component of Khelo India Scheme. The agenda is placed before DPAC for ratification.

Ratification of DPAC is solicited for the following proposal:

- In-principle approval for conducting Fit India Women's Week, 2026 for three (03) days from 06th to 08th March 2026 across States/UTs and SAI field units (NCOEs, STCs and KICs including a nationallevel 3-day flagship event in Delhi.***
- Approval of the proposed budget allocation of Rs. 3,08,35,000/-*** (Rs. 2,58,35,000/- for pan-India activities and Rs. 50,00,000/- for the Delhi flagship event, including Rs. 25,00,000/- for hiring of EMA and Rs. 25,00,000/- for promotional/visibility activities including support to indigenous sports).

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| <b>Supplementary Agenda Item No</b> | <b>02</b>   |
| Agenda                              | Approval for organizing Fit India Carnival in SAI Regional Centres and JLN Stadium, New Delhi |
| Vertical                            | Fit India Movement  |

### Detailed description of Agenda

The Fit India Carnival is proposed to be organized as a three-day fitness and wellness festival at **JLN Stadium, New Delhi**, from **6th March to 8th March 2026**. The event aligns with the vision of the Fit India Movement and aims to inspire citizens of all age groups to incorporate fitness into their daily lives through engaging and interactive activities.

2. With a growing emphasis on health, well-being, and an active lifestyle, the Fit India Carnival serves as a platform to promote physical and mental wellness through a diverse range of activities, expert-led sessions, and community engagement. This initiative is designed to create awareness about the importance of fitness and holistic well-being while fostering a sense of community participation.

3. To ensure wider outreach and mass participation across the country, it is also proposed that similar Fit India Carnivals be organised through all 12 SAI Regional Centres during the last week of February 2026 to the 1st week of March 2026, with a budget provision of **Rs. 50.00 lakh** per Regional Centre, amounting to a total of **Rs. 6.00 Crore**.

#### 4. Details of Setup at JLN Stadium :

- Stage Setup: Central stage for launch, performances, and fitness demonstrations.
- Activity Zone: Group activities including Yoga, Zumba, Aerobics, and interactive fitness challenges.
- Demonstration Zone: Self-defense training sessions and expert-led fitness workshops.
- Fun Sports Zone: Mini sports courts (badminton, volleyball) and a section for traditional Indian sports (Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tug of War), Human size board Games.
- Nutrition & Wellness Zone: BMI assessment, nutrition consultation, mental wellness workshops, and hydration stations.
- Experience Zone for Games: Showcasing Fit India Activities and Campaigns, FIMA digital setup for experience, etc.,
- Entertainment & Engagement: Live music, Folk dance activities, and flash mobs etc, to ensure a celebratory atmosphere.

5. The Fit India Carnival also aims to encourage women's participation in fitness and sports by providing accessible and engaging activities that promote a healthier lifestyle. It seeks to raise awareness about women's health and wellness, emphasizing the importance of physical fitness, balanced nutrition, and mental well-being. A key focus of the event is to empower women through self-defense training, equipping them with essential skills for personal safety and confidence. Additionally, the carnival will

highlight the significance of mental health and nutrition, offering expert-led sessions to foster a holistic approach to well-being. Ultimately, this initiative aspires to create a strong, community-driven movement that supports and uplifts women, fostering a culture of empowerment, resilience, and self-care.

6. Additionally, this requires engaging of an Event management agency (EMA) for the end-to-end implementation of the Fit India Carnival at JLN Stadium, New Delhi. The estimated cost for hiring the EMA is Rs. 1.50 Crores (inclusive of GST).

7. In view of the position stated, approval of Secretary-Sports cum Chairperson, DPAC was obtained on file for:

- i. Organizing Fit India Carnival at JLN Stadium from 6th March to 8th March 2026.
- ii. In-principle approval for the hiring of the EMA for the end-to-end management of the Fit India Carnival at JLN Stadium, New Delhi. The estimated cost for hiring the EMA is Rs. 1.50 Crores (inclusive of GST).
- iii. In-principle approval for organising Fit India Carnival, 2026 at all 12 SAI Regional Centres (one location per RC) during the last week of February 2026 to the 1st week of March 2026, with a budget provision of Rs. 50.00 lakh per Regional Centre (total Rs. 6.00 Crore).

The expenditure is to be incurred under the Fit India Component of Khelo India Scheme.

Ratification of DPAC is solicited for the following proposal:

- i. Approval for organising a three-day Fit India Carnival, 2026 at JLN Stadium, New Delhi during 06th to 08th March 2026.
- ii. In-principle approval for hiring of an EMA for end-to-end management of the **Delhi** event at an estimated budget of **Rs. 1.50** crore (inclusive of GST).
- iii. In-principle approval for organising Fit India Carnival, 2026 at all 12 SAI Regional Centres (one location per RC) during the last week of February 2026 to the 1st week of March 2026, with a budget provision of Rs. 50.00 lakh per Regional Centre, amounting to a total of **Rs. 6.00** Crore.

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| <b>Supplementary Agenda Item No</b> | <b>03</b>  |
| <b>Agenda</b>                       | Approval for conducting Sundays on Cycle campaign at RC Trivandrum |
| <b>Vertical</b>                     | Fit India Movement   |

### Detailed Description of Agenda

The *Fit India Movement*, launched on 29th August 2019 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, aims to make fitness an integral part of daily life by encouraging behavioural change and adoption of a physically active lifestyle.

In furtherance of this vision, the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, launched the initiative "*Sundays on Cycle*" in December 2024 to promote cycling as a means to **#FightObesity** and as a **#PollutionKaSolution**.

To strengthen and institutionalize the initiative at the national level, mega *Sundays on Cycle* events were conducted by SAI Regional Centres on 25.01.2026, including participation of the Hon'ble Minister. These events marked a significant step towards expanding the initiative on a pan-India scale and establishing it as a regular, community-based fitness movement.

The proposal for organizing *Fit India Sundays on Cycle – National Voters' Day* at Karaikal, Puducherry on 25.01.2026, wherein the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports attended as Chief Guest. Considering:

- The large-scale nature of the event
- Expected public participation
- Protocol arrangements due to the presence of the Hon'ble Minister
- Additional logistical and operational requirements

STC Puducherry / SAI RC Trivandrum demands an additional financial requirement of approximately **₹17.75 lakh** for the conduct of the said event.

The proposal for release of additional funds amounting to **₹17.75 lakh** was approved by the Competent Authority (DG, SAI), subject to availability of funds and adherence to applicable financial guidelines.

Accordingly, approval has been obtained on file for the release of **₹17,75,000/-** to **SAI Regional Centre, Trivandrum** for conduct of the *Sundays on Cycle* events on 25th January 2026, including the mega event at Karaikal in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister.

The expenditure shall be booked under the **Fit India vertical component of the Khelo India Scheme**.

Ratification of DPAC is Solicited For:

Approval and release for conducting SoC event at RC, Trivandrum at a total cost of Rs. 17,75,000/-