

Agenda Items for the 45th Departmental Project Approval Committee (DPAC)

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Agenda Item No	<i>1</i>
Agenda	<i>Confirmation of the minutes of the 44th meeting of DPAC held on 30.01.2024</i>
Vertical	<i>Khelo India Secretariat</i>

Detailed Description of Agenda:

The minutes of 44th meeting of the DPAC was 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	<i>2</i>
Agenda	<i>Action Taken report on 44th meeting of DPAC held on 30.01.2024</i>
Vertical	<i>Khelo India Secretariat</i>

Detailed Description of Agenda:

Agenda No.	Agenda Item	Decision	Action Taken
3	Support to Sports Academies under NCOEs	Approved	The tendering process has been initiated.
4	Approval of funds for Publicity and Advertisement for Khelo India University Games 2023	Approved	Based on the plan received from CBC (Central Bureau of Communication), the advance of Rs 87 lakhs was released.
5	Approval to allow the host state to utilize the balance funds of Rs 4.35 Cr for Accommodation, Catering and Transportation Head under assistance to Host State for KIYG 2022	DPAC Deferred the agenda. The agenda was asked to be placed in the next DPAC with facts and details on the following observations:- i. No grant was earmarked for Accommodation , Catering and Transport (ACT) as a part of the financial assistance provided to the host state. ii. The breakup of proposed expenditure of Rs. 4.35 crores on ACT is also not submitted by the	The Madhya Pradesh Govt has been informed to provide the complete break up of the proposed expenditure of Rs 4.35 cr.

			host state. It is also to be clearly intimated by the state government, that the proposed expenditure of Rs 4.35 crores on ACT does not include any notional expenditure, overheads, etc.	
6	Approval of funds for Publicity and Advertisement for Khelo India Winter Games 2024	A total of Rs. 35 lakhs was approved towards Publicity and Advertisements for Khelo India Winter Games including Rs. 25 Lakhs for the purpose in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Rs. 10 lakhs in the UT of Ladakh.		Based on the approval Rs 25 lakhs was released to CBC (Central Bureau of Communication) and Rs 10 lakhs was released to UT of Ladakh.
7	Advertisement publication in various newspaper for Khelo India Youth Games Tamil Nadu, 2023	DPAC Ratified the agenda		NA
8	Proposal for hosting Khelo India Women's League for FY 2023-24	DPAC Deferred the agenda		NA

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Agenda Item No	3
Agenda	<i>Opening of District-wise Khelo India Centres (KICs) in Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Telangana and Karnataka</i>
Vertical	<i>Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies</i>
Financial Allocation for the Vertical during the Year 2023-24	<i>Rs.25 Crores (Recurring) & Rs.75 Crores (Non- Recurring) for Khelo India Centres</i>

Detailed Description of Agenda:

DPAC vide its 44th meeting dated 30.01.2024 observed that 1250 Khelo India Centres have been permitted out of which 1072 KICs were already notified. It also observed that, keeping in consideration the slow pace of progress in operationalizing the KICs sanctioned to Railways only 35 KICs out of 76 KICs sanctioned for railways may be retained thus enabling to establish 219 new Khelo India Centres across the country. As per the observation of DPAC of these 219 Khelo India centres 56 KICs were to be for districts which have none, 41 KICs @ 2 KICs per districts in the north east/hilly region (Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand). Accordingly proposals were invited from State/UT Sports Department for KICs in the prescribed format. The proposals from the States/UTs for Government organizations/ centres are received within the purview of the implementation guidelines for opening of District level Khelo India Centres. The brief of the proposal is given below:

S.No.	State/UT	Total Number of Districts	Number of Existing KICs	Number of New KICs Proposed by the State/UT	Number of New KICs to be considered	List of Centres
1	Uttarakhand	13	17 (13-New + 4 Converted)	13	13	Annexure-I
2	Rajasthan	50	42 (33 New + 09 Converted)	1	1	
3	Telangana	33	32	1	1	
4	Karnataka	31	31	1	1	
Total		127	122	16	16	

The financial implication of the proposal is given below:

S.No.	State/UT	One-Time Grant for First Year (₹ 5 Lacs per discipline per centre)	Recurring Grant for First Year FY 2024-25 (₹ 5 Lacs per discipline per centre)	Recurring Grant for the subsequent 03 years (₹ 5 Lacs per discipline per year)
1	Uttarakhand	65 Lacs	65 Lacs	195 Lacs
2	Rajasthan	Nil	5 Lacs	15 Lacs
3	Telangana	5 Lacs	5 Lacs	15 Lacs
4	Karnataka	5 Lacs	5 Lacs	15 Lacs

Total	75 Lacs	80 Lacs	240 Lacs
Grand Total	155 Lacs		240 Lacs

2 Given the need to deepen the scheme in States/UTs and to operationalize 1000 KICs across the country, the proposal of notifying 21 KICs in the States/UTs of Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Telangana, Karnataka and Delhi may be approved.

The list of KICs is at Annexure-I.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

- i. *Notifying 16 Khelo India Centres (KICs) in 16 districts (13 in Uttarakhand, 01 in Rajasthan, 01 in Telangana and 01 in Karnataka)*
- ii. *The financial approval of budget estimate for annual expenditure of Rs.155 lacs for 22 KICs @ 1 sports discipline per centre in the 1st year (@ Rs.5 Lacs as one-time grant & Rs.5 Lacs as recurring grant for each KICs) and Rs. 240 lacs (@ Rs.5 Lacs as recurring grant for each KICs) for the subsequent 3 years.*

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Agenda Item No	4
Agenda	<i>Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) in the State of Uttarakhand</i>
Vertical	<i>Khelo India Centres and Sports Academies</i>
Financial Allocation as per Gazette notification for the Vertical during the Year 2023-24	<i>Rs.25 Crores (Recurring) & Rs.75 Crores (Non- Recurring) for Khelo India Centres</i>

Detailed Description of Agenda

Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) is a project which is a part of India's pursuit for excellence in Olympics and endeavour is to scale up State's best academies to world standard. The DPAC vide its 30th meeting dated 29.10.2021 approved the Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun as KISCE in the State of Uttarakhand.

2 SAI conducted multiple deliberations through Video Conferencing meeting with the Directorate of Sports, Govt. of Uttarakhand and SAI NSRC Lucknow to assess the critical gaps.

3 Assessments have been done for sports science equipment, manpower and equipments (consumables and non-consumables) for Athletics, Boxing and Judo.

4 Accordingly, the budget requirement for the above-mentioned KISCE has been assessed keeping in mind the importance of developing the centre as KISCE. The financial implication for the same is mentioned below:

S.No.	Particulars	Annual Requirement for FY 2023-24 (INR)	Annual Requirement for subsequent years (INR)	Remarks
A. Recurring Grant				
1	Manpower Cost	13,30,000/-	79,80,000/-	For current FY 2023-24, estimated expenditure is for Q4 (Feb-March 2024) only
2	Sports Equipment			Annual Requirement of consumable sports equipment
	i. Judo	5,75,059/-	5,75,059/-	
	ii. Boxing	13,24,668/-	13,24,668/-	
	iii. Athletics	69,398/-	69,398/-	
3	Performance Assessment	2,70,000/-	2,70,000/-	Twice a Year @ INR 1500 per athlete for 90 athletes
TOTAL (A)		35,69,125/-	1,02,19,125/-	
B. Non-Recurring Grant				
4	Sports Equipment			
	i. Judo	18,26,272/-	-	

	ii. Boxing	30,34,953/-	-	One-Time requirement of non-consumable sports equipment
	iii. Athletics	24,25,466/-	-	
5	Sports Science Equipment	45,00,237/-	-	One-Time requirement of sports science equipment
6	One-Time Grant	10,00,000/-	-	To be utilized by KISCE for minor repairs & maintenance, uplifting and branding purpose
TOTAL (B)		1,27,86,927/-	-	
Grand Total (A+B)		1,63,56,052/-	1,02,19,125/-	
Note: The projected for equipment includes GST@18%				

5 The detailed costing sheet for the same is placed at Annexure-II.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

Financial approval to the tune of INR1.63 crores for the FY 2023-24 (Recurring Grant – INR 0.35 crores and Non-Recurring Grant – INR 1.27 crores) and an amount of INR 1.02 crores as annual Recurring Grant for the subsequent years for Maharaj Pratap Sports College, Dehradun as KISCE in the State of Uttarakhand.

Agenda Item No	5
Agenda	<i>Budget Approval for Project - KIRTI</i>
Vertical	<i>Sports Competitions & Talent Development</i>
Financial allocation as per gazette notification for the vertical during the Year 2023-24	<i>Rs. 90 Crores</i>

Detailed Description of Agenda:

The Khelo India Scheme is the flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. It aims at infusing sports culture and achieving sporting excellence in the country thus allowing the populace to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence. Under the “**Sports Competitions and Talent Development**” vertical of the Khelo India Scheme, the “**Talent Identification and Development**” component is dedicated to working towards the identification and development of athletes at the grassroots and elite levels to develop the sports ecosystem in the country.

2. As per the para (iii) “**Grassroots Talent Identification**” of **Talent Identification and Development** mentioned in the **Gazette notification dated 04.03.2022** the following steps are mentioned to identify talent at the grassroots level:

- A pyramidal structure is sought to be put in place to identify talented sportspersons starting from the grassroots level and culminating in the development of elite athletes for achieving excellence at international platforms.
- Use of expertise of physical education teachers (PETs) for identifying potential talent.
- Identification of Proven Talents by scouts through competitions, visits of scouts to training academies, camps, special drives for talent hunts, and talent portals.

To fulfil the objectives of the Sports Competitions and Talent Development vertical of the Khelo India Scheme and to broaden the sporting talent pyramid “KIRTI” (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification) has been conceptualized. The project has been envisioned to develop an integrated talent identification architecture based on modern ICT tools and global best practices. It aims to streamline the whole process of grassroots talent identification on a single platform. The roots of the project KIRTI are based on an athlete-centric approach wherein at every step the process of Talent Identification has been made more broad-based and accessible. Project KIRTI with its decentralized and pocket-based talent identification approach will help in achieving the twin objectives of the Khelo India Scheme i.e.

- i. Excellence in Sports, and
- ii. Mass Participation in sports.

Project KIRTI aims to target the budding athletes registered on the “MY BHARAT” portal. The portal is live and as per the latest available data, there are 4.35 Lakh prospective athletes (Ages 9 – 18 years) registered on the portal. This demography of youth presents a fertile ground for KIRTI to flourish.

3. **Objectives of KIRTI:**

- *Catch Them Young:* Early talent identification from the remotest areas using IT tools and giving a common platform to showcase talent.
- *Uniform Structured Approach:* Proven talent identification protocols will be used to provide the common yardstick for performance evaluation.
- *Develop Bharat Benchmark:* Data gathered through talent assessment drives will be used to develop standardised fitness and sports-specific test protocols.
- *Use of Modern Age Technology:* Data analytics based on Artificial Intelligence will be used for the prediction of sporting acumen in an athlete. The programme will be 100% IT-driven and will be based on paperless architecture.
- *Continuous Decentralised Assessment:* The programme aims to conduct 20 lakh assessments across the country throughout the year to identify talent through notified Talent Assessment Centres.
- *Usher Cooperative and Competitive Federalism in the Sporting Ecosystem:* The Programme aims to bridge the gap between state-led and centre-led models of talent identification by providing a common yardstick for talent identification. The programme will not only harmonise the state and centre’s models but also bring parity amongst various state models.

4. Factual Highlights of KIRTI:

4.1 Project KIRTI a nationwide mass talent identification drive will be launched on **10th March, 2024**. It being a mass talent identification drive targets achieving **20 lakh assessments** in the first year of implementation and initially, in the first drive at least 50,000 assessments will be done at at least 50 locations throughout the country. However, owing to the exam schedule in the early week of March the number of actual assessments may vary as KIRTI aims to target athletes between the age group 09 to 18 years i.e. school-going age.

4.2 In the first drive, talented athletes across 10 Khelo India disciplines i.e. Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Wrestling shall be evaluated for sports-specific talent. For this, a common yardstick of performance evaluation has been prepared i.e. “**KIRTI Technical Conduct Handbook**”, the same has been placed at “**Annexure III-A**”. This handbook has been prepared by an expert committee constituted for this purpose after deliberation with the National Sports Federations (NSFs) and Talent Identification and Development Committee (TIDCs) for all disciplines. Further, Project KIRTI aims to subsequently cover all 20 Khelo India disciplines for sports-specific assessment in the next phase.

4.3 Project KIRTI aims to bridge the existing gaps of data dissemination amongst various stakeholders in Indian sporting ecosystem. The aim of “Data Decentralization” is embedded in KIRTI’s architecture. Following, this principle KIRTI aims to provide data of KIRTI drive to various NSFs, district level centres, SLKIC, KIC, state run sports schools and institutes etc. The principle of data sharing will help in developing common yardstick and standardization of sports talent identification and assessment.

4.4 The talent assessment drive will be held at at least 50 locations spread across the country in the initial phase, this number will be increased subsequently to cover all parts of the country in the next phases. Each state **Talent Assessment Centres (TACs)** shall be notified with the approval of SAI. These Talent Assessment Centres shall be provided with equipment support for organizing the KIRTI drive in the first phase. Moving forward, these TACs shall be utilized for carrying out the KIRTI talent assessment drives throughout the year to achieve the target of 20 Lakh assessments in a year.

4.5 Further, each Talent Assessment Centre will target to evaluate at least 1000 athletes in the first phase of the KIRTI talent assessment drive.

4.6 The duration of the talent assessment drive at each Talent Assessment Centre shall be subject to the number of athletes registered per location. However, on average in a day, 120 athletes shall be evaluated at any given Talent Assessment Centre (TAC). Further, each KIRTI Talent Assessment Centre on a given

day shall have Sports Specific Coaches, Physical Education Teachers (PETs), Digital Data Operators and Volunteers deployed to assess the performance of athletes. This will ensure that the process of talent identification is carried out effectively and efficiently.

4.7 KIRTI is an ICT-based technology-driven talent assessment drive for which the KIRTI Portal and its digital architecture have been developed. It possesses an easy-to-use interface for various stakeholders and is linked to the My Bharat Portal for seamless integration of the registration process.

5. Roles and Responsibility of Manpower Requirement for KIRTI:

In light of the scale, geographical expanse and diversity of disciplines covered, under the KIRTI project, it is imperative to put in place an implementation mechanism manned by a sufficient number of manpower working under the supervision of officials of SAI/ State/UT. For this, there will be requirement of 04 types of manpower, i.e. Sports Specific Coaches, Physical Education Teachers (PET), Digital Data Operators and Volunteers at each Talent Assessment Centre. The table below entails the required qualifications, roles and responsibilities of Sports Specific Coaches and Physical Education Teachers for conducting talent assessment at a particular location.

Manpower for KIRTI				
Sr No	Type of Manpower	Roles & Responsibilities	Required Qualification and Min. Experience in Years	Honorarium (in Rs)
1.	Sports Specific Coach:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Sports Specific Tests in a timely manner • Regularly observe athletes during the assessment and identify talents • To oversee the execution of Motor Ability tests in a smooth manner • Help in maintaining accurate data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The essential qualification for a sports-specific coach is that they should be either NIS Qualified Coach/ NSF certified Level 1 coach or a Past champion athlete with atleast 02 years of coaching experience in the relevant discipline. • Basic Knowledge of Microsoft Office 	1,000 Per day
2.	Physical Education Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Motor Ability Tests in a smooth and timely manner for 10 fitness assessment tests • Assist the Sports Specific Coaches in the conduct of Sports specific Tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has to be a PE Teacher in any School. • Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education 	750 Per day

The above requirements have been projected after considering the quantum of work associated with the conduct of talent assessment in a particular Talent Assessment Centre. Their deployment would be as per requirement in various Talent Assessment Centres, spread across the geographical span of the country. However, based on the actual requirement, DG SAI may be authorized to finalize the number of manpower required in TAC/States/UTs. Their deployment would be as per requirement at a particular TAC/State/UT which may also be decided at the level of DG SAI.

5.1 Fixed cost per location: This cost would majorly cover the cost of equipment for conduct of assessment tests at a given TAC. The detailed breakup of the same is as below:

Fixed Cost Per Venue (in Rs.)			
Sr No	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)	Total (in Rs.)
	Equipment		
1	1.1 Fitness Test	49,700	1,24,425
	1.2 Sports Specific Equipment (Average Cost for 5 Disciplines)	74,725	
Total			1,24,425

*Detailed breakup for table 5.1 is attached at “*Annexure III-B*”

5.2 Recurring cost per location: This cost would majorly cover the cost of consumable equipment, cost of on-ground support and manpower honorarium for the conduct of the KIRTI assessment test. The breakup of the same is as below:

Recurring Cost (Per Venue/Per Day)			
Sr No	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)	Total (in Rs.)
	Manpower (Honorarium)		
1	2.1 Sports Specific Coach (10 @ 1000 per person per day)	10,000	17,500
	2.2 PE Teacher (10 @ 750 per person per day)	7,500	
2	Misc. (including chest number, pins, marking powder, etc.)	5,000	5,000
Total (in Rs.)			22,500

6. Hiring of an Event Management Agency (EMA):

Project KIRTI aims to reach all corners of the country, looking at the vast expanse and scope of the logistical support required to standardize the KIRTI drive it is proposed to onboard an event management agency. The scope of work for agency shall broadly include the below-mentioned work:

- 6.1 Venue overlays and on-site preparation for carrying out the KIRTI assessment drive.
- 6.2 Installation of Branding (approved by SAI) at the KIRTI assessment centres and host assessment location.
- 6.3 Providing Manpower and ICT support for Data Entry for the KIRTI assessment drives on the KIRTI portal.
- 6.4 Providing Volunteers for the conduct of the KIRTI Talent Assessment Centres.
- 6.5 Help SAI/State/UTs in the identification of manpower to be deployed for the KIRTI Talent Assessment drive.

Table A - Fixed Agency Cost Per Venue (in Rs.)		
Sr No	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
1	(a) Branding	20000
2	(b) Media	20000
3	(c) Stationary & Misc.	2500
A. Total (a+b+c)		42500
Table B - Recurring Agency Cost Per Venue (in Rs.)		
Sr No	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
1	(d) Venue Operations & Overlays	9,550
2	(e) Manpower	13,100
3	(f) ICT & Hardware	7,750
4	(g) Others	3,075
B. Total (d+e+f+g)		33,475
Grand Total (A+B)		75,975

*Detailed breakup for table is attached at “Annexure III-C”

However, moving forward Project KIRTI aims to build the capacity of states to conduct KIRTI talent assessment drives. To achieve this objective, training should be provided to state education departments for the conduct of talent assessment tests. But, in the initial launch phase, the onboarding of the Event Management Agency (EMA) would help kickstart the project and make it a national sports movement. Also, the agency costs derived are based on past experience and actual cost may vary on the basis of actual material and manpower deployed at each KIRTI Talent Assessment Centre.

7. Final Budget for KIRTI:

Accordingly, the budget requirement for KIRTI talent assessment drive has been assessed based on the requirements of various functional areas and is listed as below:

Total Cost of KIRTI (in Rs.)			
Sr No	Expenditure Head	Estimated Cost	Total Cost
1	Information, Communication & Technology (ICT)		2,00,00,000
	Outdoor Branding, Publicity, Radio, Newspaper, etc.	2,00,00,000	
2	Opening Ceremony	50,00,000	50,00,000
3	Fixed Cost of Assessment (@ 1,24,425 per venue for 25 locations)	31,10,625	76,10,625
4	Recurring Cost of Assessment (@ 22,500 per venue per day for 25 locations) for 08 days	45,00,000	
5	Cost of hiring agency		1,76,16,500*
	5.1 Cost of Conducting KIRTI (@ 50 Locations)	1,55,15,000**	
	5.2 Training of Talent Assessors	5,00,000	
	5.3 10% Cost to Agency as fees (Total of 5.1 & 5.2)	16,01,500	
6	Miscellaneous Cost	25,00,000	25,00,000
Total (in Rs.)			5,27,27,125

* Cost of Hiring agency has been calculated based on past experience and estimation. However, an RFP will be floated to invite the agency. Thus, the final cost of the agency will be determined based on the submission of final bids.

** The cost of conducting KIRTI at a particular location includes the estimated cost of hiring manpower. Further, in case the KIRTI assessment drive is carried out at the level of the Regional Centre without the engagement of the Event Management Agency (EMA) then Regional Directors (RDs) be authorized to hire manpower as per approved norms to ensure efficient and effective conduct of the KIRTI assessment drive.

8. Assumptions for the above proposed budget for KIRTI are:

- The launch of KIRTI will be at 50 locations with 1,000 (Approx.) athletes being assessed at each location. In the subsequent phase, project KIRTI aims to carry out 20,00,000 talent assessments per annum. Hence, the proposed budget is for launch of project KIRTI only, based on the experience and learnings of the initial phase, a revised budget for carrying out KIRTI drive across the country will be brought before subsequent DPAC for approval.
- Calculation for Fixed cost of Assessment and Recurring cost of Assessment have been calculated for 25 locations. As under first phase of KIRTI out of 50 locations, 25 locations would be SAI centres which will be having required equipment and manpower support to carry out the drive. Further, all costs are based on estimation and are reflective of prevailing prices, inclusive of GST.
- KIRTI talent assessment drive aims to conduct 50,000 assessments in the first phase. However, as the KIRTI talent assessment drive will be carried out during March, and as it is the month of examination, final assessment numbers may vary from the projected numbers. Tentative dates for examination have been attached in “*Annexure III-D*”
- On any assessment day, 120 athletes will be tested as per KIRTI protocols. Hence, the drive will be carried out for 08 days (tentatively) at each location. However, for each location based on the number of athletes registered, the final number of assessment days may vary.
- The manpower cost has been calculated based on the deployment of 10 Physical Education teachers, 10 Sports-Specific Coaches (02 per discipline), 16 volunteers and 05 digital data operators deployed at each KIRTI Talent Assessment Centre. Also, an Honorarium to be paid to manpower is as per the table below:

S.No	Type of Manpower	Honorarium (Per Day)
1	Sports Specific Coaches and Past Champion Athletes	1,000*
2	Physical Education Teacher	750
3	Volunteer	500

**Note - In-case a sports specific coach is an employee of SAI then they shall not be paid Honorarium.*

- However, the final deployment of Sports Specific Coaches, Volunteers and Digital Data Operators shall be as per number of disciplines covered in a Talent assessment venue. The above manpower deployment has been calculated for 10 fitness assessment test and 05 sports specific tests.
- Calculation of discipline-specific cost of equipment has been done keeping in mind that 05 disciplines will be conducted at each KIRTI Talent Assessment Centre. Also, the cost of these disciplines has been calculated by taking the average cost for conducting 10 sports specific tests.

Approval of the DPAC is solicited for:

i.) Approval for the estimated budget of Rs. 5.28 crores towards KIRTI to be debited under the "Sports Competition and Talent Development" Vertical of Khelo India.

ii.) Approval of the DPAC is sought for approving the norms of KIRTI to provide Honorarium to Sports Specific Coach @ Rs. 1,000, Physical Education Teacher (PET) @ Rs. 750 and Volunteers @ Rs.500 per person per day.

iii.) Authorizing DG SAI for incurring expenditures up to 10% above the approved budget and re appropriate funds from one head to another head of expense within the approved budget and also carry out additional Talent identification within approved Budget including at additional locations.

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Agenda Item No.	6
Agenda	Norms for Honorarium to Sports Specific Volunteers in Khelo India University Games (KIUG)
Vertical	Sports Competitions & Talent Development
Financial Allocation as per Gazette Notification for the Vertical during the Year 2023-24	Rs. 22 Crores (Recurring) for Khelo India Games

Detailed Description of Agenda:

Under the component of Sports Competitions and Talent Development of Khelo India Scheme mentioned in the Gazette Notification dated 4 March 2022. It is mentioned that the Central Government will organize National-level competitions, i.e., Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games, in respect of high priority/priority sports disciplines. So far 9 editions of Khelo India Youth and University Games and 3 editions of Khelo India Winter Games have been successfully conducted. Further, the next edition of **Khelo India University Games (KIUG)** is scheduled to be held in the State of Assam and other North Eastern States from 19th to 29th February 2024. Furthermore, the 1st edition of the Khelo India Para Games was organized from 10th to 17th December 2023 in New Delhi and 4th edition of Khelo India Winter Games is also being conducted.

2. In this context, it is stated that some of the key objectives of organising the Games includes benchmarking technical conduct with international standards, capacity building of stakeholders and promoting a sporting culture. In this regard, it is also stated that the stakeholders are required to engage workforce in different capacities often segregated into Functional Areas (FA) for smooth conduct of the Games. One of the key set of individuals who make the Games a grand success are the Volunteers.

3. Volunteers act as a supporting structure towards the conduct of the Games and play an important role across multiple FAs. They form an important part of the on-ground execution team for smooth conduct of the Games. Volunteers are eligible candidates who are willing to be part of the Games and contribute for the welfare of the sport. Based on the competence, the Volunteers have been segregated into two broad categories: General Volunteers (GVs) and Sport Specific Volunteers (SSVs).

4. In context of the distribution of roles and responsibilities among the stakeholders towards the conduct of the Games, the General Volunteers are engaged by the Host State and Sport Specific Volunteers are engaged by the respective NSFs. As per practice, the Volunteers are entitled to a per day honorarium, sports kit and certificate recognizing their contribution to the Games. Initially as per approval of DPAC in the 1st Meeting held on 15.11.2018 all Sports Specific volunteers (SSVs) were provided with the honorarium 750/per day. However, during the past two editions of KIUG, i.e., KIUG 2021 and KIUG 2022, the respective Host State had paid Rs. 500 per day to General Volunteers, whereas the grant provided to NSFs for honorarium of Sport Specific Volunteers has been kept at Rs. 250 per day as per the prevalent norms of the Games.

5. During the Games Technical Conduct Committee (GTCC) Meeting of KIUG 2023, it has been requested by various NSF representatives that the honorarium for SSVs may be brought at par with GVVs. Further it is also pertinent to take into consideration, the inflation every year and cost of living in North East region.

6. In this context, it is mentioned that an amount of **Rs. 25 Cr** was approved vide 41st DPAC for conduct of KIUG 2023, out of which an amount of **Rs. 9.18 Cr** was approved for Technical Conduct. It is further stated that as part of the amount for technical conduct, the honorarium (fee) for SSVs has been estimated based on the number of SSVs required by the respective NSF to conduct the competition multiplied by no. of days for setup of competition, competition days and dismantle of competition setup, further multiplied by per day amount of Rs.

250. Accordingly, the total amount payable as honorarium to SSVs was calculated as **Rs. 7,49,250/-**. Out of this, an amount of **Rs. 5,61,938/-** (75% of the total amount) has been disbursed to the respective NSF/RC in case of derecognized NSFs.

7. In view of the above, it is proposed that the honorarium for SSVs may be brought at part with GVs considering the role played by all volunteers for the smooth conduct of the Games. In this regard, the expected financial implication for KIUG 2023 is stated as under:

S. No.	Head	Amount (INR)
A	Amount approved as per 41st DPAC based on honorarium of Rs. 250 per day for 375 SSVs	7,49,250
B	Amount released (75%)	5,61,938
C	Total amount to be incurred based on honorarium of Rs. 500 per day for 375 SSVs	14,98,500
C-A	Additional amount to be incurred towards honorarium to SSVs	7,49,250

8. In view of the above, the approval of DPAC is solicited for the following:
- Revision of norms for honorarium to SSVs from Rs. 250 per day to Rs. 500 per day for Khelo India Games.
 - Additional fund of Rs. 7,49,250 towards honorarium of SSVs for Khelo India University Games 2023.

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