



## Promotion of traditional sports

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The Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel said in the Rajya Sabha today that the Sports is a State subject and, therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to promote and develop Sports in the country. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the State Governments. Under the revamped Khelo India proposal, there is an exclusive component called "Promotion of Rural, Indigenous and Tribal Games" for promotion and development of traditional sports.

In a written reply he said, while implementing sports promotional schemes in various sports disciplines across the country, Sports Authority of India (SAI) also promotes Indigenous Games and Martial Arts (IGMA) in 09 disciplines under its National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) scheme where talented children are selected in the age group of 8-14 years in 10 SAI adopted Centres.

In order to revive such games and promote them among the masses, SAI has adopted the following indigenous games disciplines for their promotion:

- a) Kalaripayatu, Kerala
- b) Silambam, Tamilnadu
- c) Kabaddi, Telengana
- d) Archery, Jharkhand
- e) Malkhamb, Maharashtra
- f) Mukna, Imphal
- g) Thangta, Imphal
- h) Khomlainai, Assam
- i) Gatka, Punjab

The trainees and the schools adopted in the IGMA scheme are provided with the sports kit, accidental insurance including medical, stipend, annual grant to the school for purchase of equipment and for organizing competitions for scouting talent.

Details of facilities provided to the IGMA trainees under SAI Sports Promotional Scheme is attached as **Annexure - I**.

During the year 2016-17, 159 Athletes (78 boys and 81 girls) were trained in the above traditional sports at 10 SAI adopted Centres.

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INDIGENOUS GAMES & MARTIAL ART (IGMA)

S. No.	Per head Per Annum	Amount (in Rupees)
1	Sports Kit (per annum)	1500.00
2	Accidental insurance including medical (per annum)	150.00
3	Stipend for 10 months (per head per annum)	3000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4650.00</b>
4	Annual grant to the school for purchase of equipment (per annum)	20000.00
5	Annual grant to the school for organizing competition for scouting talent (per annum)	25000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>45000.00</b>

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