

PREPAREDNESS OF NATIONAL GAMES REVIEWED

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The Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant along with Union Minister of State for Sports & Youth Affairs(Independent), Shri Kiren Rijiju reviewed the preparedness for the National Games with Director, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and other concerned officers at Secretariat Porvorim [today](#).

The meeting was convened to review the preparedness for the forth coming national games to be held in Goa. The meeting took stock of the adequate sports infrastructure to be created and other facilities which includes accommodations, transports, ceremony arrangements, volunteers, medical and dope, accreditation arrangements etc.

The infrastructure which is created by the Government for national games like Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium and athletic track at Bambolim, Multipurpose hall at Cacora, Navelim sports complex, Indoor stadium at Ponda, Sawalwada in Pernem, Hockey field at Peddem, Tennis facility at Fatorda, Swimming pool at Campal and Squash facility at Chicalim are some of the venues enlisted during the meeting.

DIG, Shri Rajesh Kumar; Director of Health, Dr. Jose D'Sa; Dean GMC Dr. Shivanand Bandekar; DYSP (Security) Shri Raju Raut Desai; Director IT, Ms. Ankita Anand IAS; CEO- ESG, Shri Amit Sateja IAS and PRO, GTDC Shri Dipak Narvekar and HODs of other related Offices attended the meeting.

During the course of the meeting the Union Minister Shri Rijiju said that although the national games would be played in different states of the country but we are one country and we have to work to make this mega event a grand success. We are a

youngest and cannot be satisfied with 2 or 3 medals. To achieve the objective of more medals he said we have to change our attitude, he said and called for need to inculcate sports culture in our day to day life.

Union Minister speaking further said that Goa is a big brand in sports. Goa has a sports culture. During national games, 37 disciplines of games would be played in Goa. He said Government alone cannot promote sports and sought cooperation from the private sector. Though the national games are critical and not like other promotional games whereas these are being linked with the Olympics. He said as the Chief Minister is personally involved in the preparedness and the progress is well on the board, the mega event of national games would be a grand success he remarked.

The Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant in his concluding remarks said that his Government with the support and cooperation of all stakeholders will make all attempts to make the national games a grand success.

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