

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS**



**ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT  
2025 – 2026**

**Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports**

Khuman Lampak Sports Complex  
Imphal, Manipur – 795001

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## 1. Introduction

The Youth Affairs & Sports Department, Government of Manipur, continued to function as a key institutional driver for sports excellence, youth empowerment and holistic physical development across the State during the Financial Year 2025–26. The Department pursued a strategic approach integrating administrative reforms, infrastructure strengthening, athlete development, national-level sporting participation and mass youth engagement programmes. These coordinated efforts reinforced Manipur’s standing as a leading sporting State while promoting discipline, health awareness and nation-building among youth.

Through structured planning, inter-departmental coordination and alignment with national sports objectives, the Department strengthened both grassroots participation and high-performance training systems, ensuring a sustainable sporting ecosystem.

## 2. Organisational Structure and Administrative Reforms

The Department operated through a structured administrative and technical framework comprising Directorate-level leadership, district offices, sports professionals, youth development officers, financial staff and essential support personnel.

During the year, manpower deployment was rationalised to optimise utilisation of sanctioned posts across functional areas. Coordination mechanisms were strengthened for effective execution of infrastructure projects, sports programmes and youth initiatives. Financial management systems were reinforced through improved monitoring, internal controls and transparent procurement processes.

### 2.1 MANPOWER STATUS

2.1.1 A detailed breakdown of “Sanctioned posts” versus Man in position”.  
Post extension vacancy list 2026-27.

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of sanctioned post	Men in position	Vacancies
1	Joint Director	2	0	2
	Joint Director (Sports Promotion)	3	0	3
2	Deputy Director(S)/T&C/Adm/PE	5	0	5
	Deputy Director (Sports Promotion)	5	1	4
3	Lecturer in Phy.Edu	16	9	7
4	Officer on special duty (OSD)	1	1	0
5	State Liaison Officer	1	0	1
6	Asst. Director (T&C)/ (Plg)/SP	4	0	4
	Asst. Director (Sports promotion)	10	0	10
7	Dist. Youth Affairs & Sports Officer	16	10	6
8	Coach	94	29	65
9	Superintendent(P)	14	6	8
10	Special Officer	1	0	1
11	Store Officer	1	0	1

12	Head Clerk	1	1	0
13	Accountant	2	1	1
14	Stadium Supervisor	2	0	2
15	Senior Youth Officer	1	1	0
16	Graduate Physical Education Teacher	119	37	82
17	U.D.C.	18	11	7
18	Asst. Stadium Supervisor	1	0	1
19	Instr. Indigenous Games	2	0	2
20	Progress Assistant	1	0	1
21	Storekeeper	2	2	0
22	Youth Officer	75	52	23
23	Undergraduate Phy.Edn. Teacher	201	68	133
24	Stenographer	4	0	4
25	Assistant Private Secretary	1	1	0
26	Instructor Adventure	1	0	1
27	L.D.C.	39	27	12
28	Hostel Warden	2	2	0
29	Care taker	1	0	1
30	Driver	9	7	2
31	Artist	1	0	1
32	Daftary	1	0	1
33	Marker	4	3	1
34	Peon	43	28	15
35	Sweeper	1	1	0
36	Chowkidar	11	2	9
37	Chowkidar-cum-Mali	10	8	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>418</b>

### 2.1.2 List of senior officers of Youth Affairs & Sports Department

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Officers</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	N. Nabakumar Singh	Senior Finance Officer
2.	N. Bhunen Singh	DYASO Tamenglong
3.	Th. Mangichan Singh	DYASO Imphal East
4.	H. Hemjit Meetei	DYASO Imphal West
5.	P. Subhachandra Singh	DYASO Tengnoupal
6.	PC Lalremruata	DYASO Pherjawl
7.	W. Voleshwar Singh	DYASO Noney
8.	P. Swamenta Singh	DYASO Jiribam
9.	Ngasepam Sunita Chanu	DYASO Kakching
10.	Deven Moirangthem	DYASO Thoubal
11.	Th. Birendra Singh	DYASO Chandel
12.	N. Ranjeeta Devi	YASO Kangpokpi
13.	M. Romesh Luwang	I/c DYASO Senapati
14.	L. Meghabarna Singh	I/c DYASO Bishnupur

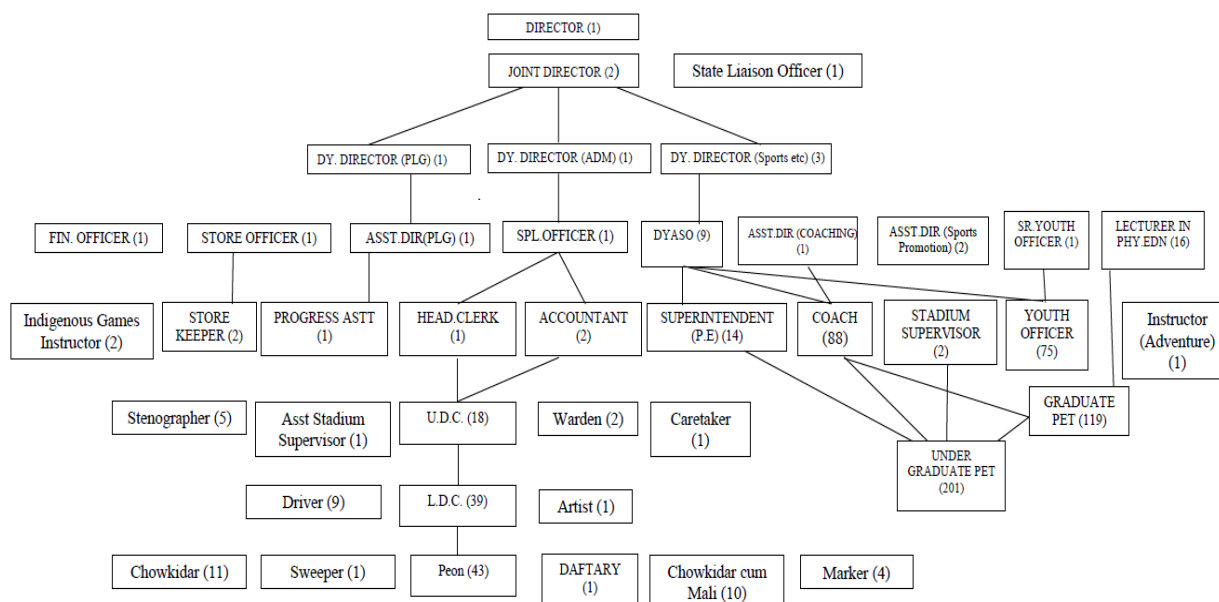
15.	T. Dushanta Singh	I/c Assistant Director (Planning)
16.	M. Muhindro Singh	I/c DYASO Kamjong
17.	M. Bimoljit Singh	I/c Assistant Director (Training & Coaching)

2.1.3 Data on recruitment, promotions, retirements and expired during the year.

Recruitment	Promotions	Retirements (as on 31-3-2026)	Expired during service
Nil	5 - Superintendent including 2 ST. 4 - Coaches 2 - Accountant 1 - Assistant Director (T&C) 1 - Head clerk	1 – Assistant Director (Sports) 1 – Assistant Director (T&C) 2 - DYASO 1- Accountant 3-Coach 6-Graduate PET 4-Undergraduate PET 5-UDC 1-LDC 3-Peon 1-Artists	Nil

N.B: Recruitment for the Gold medal winners of 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> National Games are in the pipeline.

**ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF YAS DEPARTMENT**



\* Number of post created recently for Olympians hailing from

Manipur for promoting Sports: -

1. Joint Director (Sports Promotion) – 3 Nos.
2. Deputy Director (Sports Promotion) – 5 Nos.
3. Assistant Director (Sports Promotion) – 10 Nos.

### 3. Major Sports and Youth Programmes

Throughout FY 2025–26, the Department organised and supported national, state and grassroots-level activities aimed at strengthening competitive sports and mass participation.

#### 3.1 Hosting of 68<sup>th</sup> National School Games (Weightlifting, Sepak Takraw, Football & Thang-ta):

The National School Games are annual multi-sport competitions bringing together elite school athletes from across India in various disciplines. During FY 2025–26, Manipur successfully hosted and participated in the 68<sup>th</sup> edition of the Games featuring Weightlifting, Sepak Takraw, Football, and Thang-ta — disciplines that highlight both national sporting culture and traditional martial arts.

This national event plays a key role in early talent identification and strengthening grassroots sports pathways for school students.

These Games are recognised as a platform to scout future champions and promote physical fitness among youth.

#### 3.2 Durand Cup, 2025:

The 134<sup>th</sup> edition of the Durand Cup — Asia’s oldest football tournament — was held from 23 July to 23 August 2025 at multiple venue cities including Imphal. This prestigious tournament, backed by the Durand Football Tournament Society and supported by the Governments of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, and Jharkhand, featured 24 teams and 43 matches.



Hosting matches in Imphal boosted the State's visibility as a football hub and provided local players and fans direct exposure to elite national football.

### 3.3 Subroto Mukerjee Football Tournament

The Department facilitated district and state rounds of the Subroto Mukerjee Football Tournament, an important school-level national football championship. This classical competition provides a pathway for talented school footballers to display their skills before national selectors and scouts, drawing participation from institutions across Manipur and Northeast India.

### 3.4 International Yoga Day, 2025

Observed on 21 June 2025, International Yoga Day was celebrated widely across Manipur to promote holistic health and well-being. Public institutions, district headquarters and youth groups organised mass yoga sessions, encouraging community participation in traditional wellness practices and lifestyle fitness.



### 3.5 International Youth Day, 2025

Observed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025, International Youth Day is an awareness day designated by the United Nations that takes place on August 12. The purpose of the day is to draw attention to a given set of cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. On this day, the department held a small tree plantation and cleanliness campaign at the State Youth Centre, Khuman Lampak, Imphal. Youth Officers along with other staff members took part in the said programme.



### 3.6 One Day Career Counselling, 2025

The Department organised a One Day Career Counselling Programme, 2025 with the motto "Shaping the Future Leaders of Manipur" on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025 at the State Youth Centre, Khuman Lampak. Around 50 Youths participated at the programme. Three Resource persons eminent in their field provided guidance to the Youths that took part in the said programme.



### 3.7 3-Days Work Camp and Adventure Programme, 2025

The Department Conducted a 3 Days Work Camp and Adventure Programme at Halang, Ukhrul District from the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

This programme includes Tree plantation, Equipment training class, Trekking lessons and jungle survival. This programme provides to students an experience of survival in the jungle and the love for nature. Adventure provides numerous benefits to students, personal and emotional development, reduces stress and anxiety, promotes independence and responsibility.



### 3.8 Unity Day Run, 2025 & National Youth Day Run, 2026

Fitness-oriented runs were organised across districts to commemorate national themes of unity and youth empowerment. These runs served to encourage fitness habits, inspire collective participation, promote competition and provide platforms for discussions on youth leadership and national values.

Unity Day Run was held on October 31<sup>st</sup> commemorating the birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhai Patel to reinforce the "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" (One India, Excellent India) spirit.

National Youth Day Run was observed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, 2026 on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda to encourage youth to adopt principle of self-reliance, courage, and national building.



### 3.9 27<sup>th</sup> State Level Youth Festival, 2025

The Department organised the 27<sup>th</sup> State Level Youth Festival, 2025 from the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2025 at the State Youth Centre, Khuman Lampak. Around 360 Youths from different districts of Manipur took part in the festival. There were six competitive events in the festival- 1) Group Folk Song 2) Group Folk Dance 3) Painting 4) Poetry 5) Declamation and 6) Story writing. Resource Persons were also engaged on behalf of the department at the evening sessions during the festival to promote community engagement, entrepreneurship knowledge and mental health stability to the participating youths.





### 3.10 National Youth Festival (Viksit Young Leader's Dialouge@2047), 2026

A Total of 39 Youths guided by 5 Department Officials travelled to the national capital of the country to take part in the Viksit Bharat Young Leader's Dialouge @ 2047 from the 8<sup>th</sup> of January to the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. Five Competitive events were conducted on the said programme. One Youth from the Manipur Contingent took the 1<sup>st</sup> Position in Painting Competition while the Manipur Group Folk Song team won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in the Group Folk Song Event at the National level competition.



### 3.11 Observation of National Youth Day, 2026

Observed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, 2026, on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda to encourage youth to adopt principle of self-reliance, courage, and national building. The Department held a ceremony to commemorate the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. Also, experts were engaged to share their knowledge on the topic “Sustainable Youth Development Viksit Bharat @ 2047” to build knowledge and ideas of sustainable development on the youngster of the State. Around 30 Youths participated on the said programme.



### 3.12 Nation First @75 Campaign & Sansad Khel Mahotsav, 2025

Under the national “Nation First @75” initiative marking 75 years of Independence, youth programmes emphasised patriotic service, community engagement, and awareness of civic responsibilities. The Sansad Khel Mahotsav — a national sports festival spearheaded at local levels — encouraged broad sports participation, reinforcing teamwork, health, and competitive spirit among youth.

### 3.13 National Sports Day Celebrations, 2025

Across all district headquarters and at the Directorate level, National Sports Day (celebrated annually to honour the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand) was observed with competitive events, community fitness activities, and award functions highlighting local sporting heroes — thereby boosting public interest in sports.

### 3.14 1st Edition of the Red Shield Rising Star Hockey Tournament 2025

The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Manipur and the Indian Army – 57 Mountain Division (Red Shield Division) jointly organised the 1st Edition of the Red Shield Rising Star Hockey Tournament 2025 as a collaborative initiative aimed at promoting grassroots hockey and nurturing emerging talent in the State. The event reflected a strong

spirit of partnership and commitment towards sports development while reviving Manipur's rich legacy in hockey. The tournament also provided a valuable competitive platform for young players, inspiring and encouraging the next generation of athletes to pursue excellence in the sport.



### **3.15 Hosting of 69<sup>th</sup> National School Games, 2025-26 (Football, Archery, Judo & Fencing)**

The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Manipur, successfully hosted the 69th National School Games in four sports disciplines, namely Football, Archery, Judo, and Fencing, during the year. The prestigious national-level event witnessed the participation of school athletes from various States and Union Territories across the country. The competitions were conducted smoothly with well-coordinated arrangements for venues, accommodation, transportation, and technical management. The successful organization of the Games not only showcased Manipur's capability to host major national sporting events but also provided a valuable platform for young athletes to demonstrate their talent and promote sportsmanship at the national level.

### **3.16 Regular Coaching Centre (RCC) and National Sports Academy Programmes**

The Department's Regular Coaching Centre (RCC) has remained a cornerstone of sports development in the State, playing a pivotal role in identifying, training, and nurturing athletes who have brought national and international recognition to Manipur. Over the years, the RCC has produced seven Olympians and enabled seventy-two athletes across various disciplines to represent the country in prestigious international platforms such as the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games.

In order to further strengthen the sporting ecosystem, the Department has recently expanded its coaching framework by introducing structured training sessions in twenty-four (24) selected disciplines. Nutritional support is also being extended to athletes through

the provision of daily diet allowances at the prescribed rate. Additionally, intensive residential coaching camps for State teams are regularly organized ahead of major national competitions and championships, ensuring athletes are adequately prepared for high-level performance.

The National Sports Academy continues to serve as a premier institution for grooming young sporting talent from across the country in six prioritized disciplines, namely Archery, Boxing, Judo, Taekwondo, Wrestling, and Weightlifting, with the objective of achieving world-class excellence in international competitions. Alongside specialized sports training, the Academy provides formal academic education from Classes VI to XII under the 10+2 system affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi.

Students enrolled in the Academy are extended comprehensive support, including free accommodation, nutritious meals, sports equipment, and educational facilities up to the higher secondary level. Admission is open to aspiring sportspersons from across the country, with an equitable intake structure comprising fifty percent students from Manipur and fifty percent from outside the State, thereby promoting national integration alongside sporting excellence.

### 3.17 Community & Cultural Engagement Activities

#### (a) Shirui Festival & Trekking Expeditions

Youths participated in trekking expeditions and cultural showcases during the Shirui Festival — celebrating local heritage, adventure sports and tourism development. Open Boxing challenges, live portrait events were held by the department during the Shirui Festival. Talented Youths under the aegis of the department also displayed handicraft and other traditionally made items at the Shirui Festival.



**(b) Tree Plantation Drives**

Integrated environmental actions with youth involvement during the Shirui Festival to promote teamwork, environmental stewardship and community pride. Such programmes also help educate the public on the importance of ecological balance.



**(c) Indigenous Games Promotion at Sangai Festival**

During the prestigious Sangai Festival, traditional games and indigenous sports were showcased to preserve cultural heritage and introduce youth to unique local physical traditions. Additionally, the 15th Manipur Polo International Tournament was held as part of the festival, with India B (Manipur) beating Colombia 8–5 in the finals, underscoring the State’s polo legacy.

**(d) NSS Camp at Ukhrul & Cleanliness Drives**

The Department supported National Service Scheme (NSS) camps in Ukhrul District, where participating youth engaged in community service, health awareness drives, and environmental cleanliness activities — fostering civic responsibility and rural outreach.

**4. Sporting Achievements**

During the Financial Year 2025–26, Manipur recorded outstanding achievements across national and international sporting platforms, reflecting the effectiveness of sustained investment in athlete development, scientific training, and grassroots talent nurturing by the Youth Affairs & Sports Department, Government of Manipur.

At the national multi-sport level, the State secured 11<sup>th</sup> position at the 38<sup>th</sup> National Games of India (Uttarakhand, 2025), competing strongly across multiple disciplines.

At the school level, Manipur achieved an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> position in the 68<sup>th</sup> National School Games (2024–25), reaffirming the State’s dominance in grassroots sports development.

Further strengthening youth sporting excellence, the State ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the Khelo India Youth Games 2025, demonstrating depth of talent across competitive disciplines.

Most notably, Manipur secured 1<sup>st</sup> position at the Khelo India Beach Games 2025, highlighting the State’s versatility and expanding sporting capabilities beyond traditional formats.

At the international qualification stage, Manipur made a historic contribution to Indian women's hockey, with ten Manipuri players forming part of the championship-winning Indian team at the Asian Women's Championship Qualifier 2025. This victory secured India's participation in the Asian Women's Championship 2026 to be held in Australia, further establishing Manipur as a backbone of national hockey success.

### **Elite Medal Performances under High-Performance Training Systems**

The impact of structured training and scientific athlete support, particularly through the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, Manipur, was reflected in exceptional medal outcomes:

Archery:

Athletes secured 4 Gold, 5 Silver, and 4 Bronze medals at the 2024 National Archery Championships.

Hockey:

Players achieved 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 6 Bronze medals at the 2024 National Hockey Championships.

Weightlifting:

- N. Tomchou Meetei — Bronze Medal at the Asian Weightlifting Championship and adjudged Best Lifter at the Commonwealth Championship 2023
- S. Chaoba Chanu — Bronze Medal at the 37<sup>th</sup> National Games, Goa

### **5. Leadership Role in the High-Level Task Force for Sports in the North Eastern Region**

The Youth Affairs & Sports Department played a central and proactive role in conceptualising, coordinating, and steering the High-Level Task Force on Promotion of Sports in the North Eastern Region, constituted under the leadership of the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur.



Recognising the exceptional sporting talent of the North Eastern Region and its growing contribution to national and international achievements, the Department acted as the nodal agency for the HLTF. It facilitated inter-state coordination, stakeholder consultations, data-driven assessments of sports infrastructure, training ecosystems, athlete performance, and institutional capacities across the region.

The Youth Affairs & Sports Department provided comprehensive administrative and technical support in the formulation of strategic recommendations aimed at strengthening grassroots sports development, establishing high-performance training centres, enhancing coaching and sports science integration, improving infrastructure, and fostering regional collaboration among Northeastern States.

A major milestone of this initiative was the successful completion and formal submission of the HLTF Report by the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The report presents a holistic roadmap for transforming the North Eastern Region into a national hub of sporting excellence and serves as a key policy document for future investments and reforms in the sports sector.

Through its leadership in spearheading the HLTF, the Youth Affairs & Sports Department has significantly contributed to evidence-based policy formulation, strengthened institutional coordination, and elevated the strategic focus on sports as a catalyst for youth empowerment, regional development, and national sporting success.

## **6. Promoting polo (Sagol Kangjei) as Manipur's USP**

The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Manipur, has been actively involved in promoting Polo (Sagol Kangjei) as the State's unique sporting and cultural identity, recognising Manipur as the birthplace of modern polo. Continuous efforts are being made to popularise the sport at national and international levels while showcasing Manipur's rich sporting heritage and positioning the State as a global destination for polo.

In this regard, the Department initiated steps for promoting polo as Manipur's Unique Selling Proposition (USP) in collaboration with the Polo and Horse-Riding Associations of Manipur and submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) for necessary consideration. Subsequently, after detailed discussions on the related aspects and feasibility, the proposed project was assigned to the Tourism Department, Government of Manipur. The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports continues to extend its support and cooperation to the Tourism Department in furthering this initiative.

## **7. Women Empowerment through Sports**

A One-Day Self Defence Training Programme was organised by the Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Manipur, in collaboration with the Homeland Security, Manipur, and was successfully conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at the Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium. The programme witnessed active participation of women from various age groups, who underwent practical self-defence training, situational awareness exercises, and confidence-building sessions aimed at enhancing personal safety and

resilience. The initiative reflected strong inter-departmental coordination and community engagement, while reinforcing the shared commitment towards women empowerment and public safety. The Department placed on record its appreciation to the trainers, organising teams, volunteers, and participants for the effective and successful conduct of the programme, contributing meaningfully towards building a safer and more confident society.

## **8. Sports Infrastructure Development**

Significant investments were made to strengthen sporting infrastructure across the State.

### **8.1 Main Stadium, Khuman Lampak Sports Complex**

The Main Stadium at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex underwent comprehensive renovation including upgradation of playing surfaces, seating facilities, drainage systems, safety features and athlete support areas.



### **8.2 Installation of High mast lighting systems**

High mast lighting systems were installed across major zones of the complex, enabling night-time training and professional competitions with energy-efficient, high-intensity illumination. These upgrades transformed Khuman Lampak into a fully functional day-and-night sports hub.

Across districts, development of mini stadiums, multipurpose indoor halls, football grounds and swimming facilities expanded grassroots access to quality infrastructure. Multiple

projects under Khelo India, NEC, SASCI and NESIDS schemes progressed substantially, with additional major complexes in tendering and implementation stages.

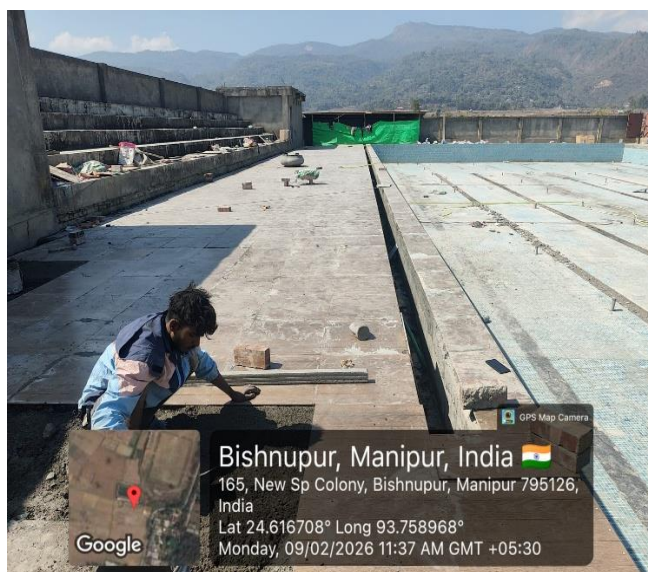


Table1: Few of the ongoing projects under YAS Department during FY 2025-26

S. No.	Name of project	Scheme	Project Cost (Rs. In Crs)	Physical progress	Financial Progress	Remarks
1.	Construction of Mini Stadium at Luangrang (Nungnang), Noney District, Manipur	NEC	4.04	90%	85%	Completion Stage
2.	Construction of Multipurpose indoor hall at Mayang Imphal Charoibung.	Khelo India	5.99	95%	80%	Completion stage
3.	Development of Sports infrastructure at 8 blocks of Manipur	Khelo India	16.64	70%	60%	Work under progress
4.	Construction of Swimming Pool at Bishnupur HQ	Khelo India	4.96	85%	70%	Work under progress
5.	Construction of football field at 11 locations of Manipur.	SASCI	93.72	30%	10%	Work under progress
6.	Upgradation of Cycling Velodrome at KLSC	SASCI	8.75	-	-	Work in progress

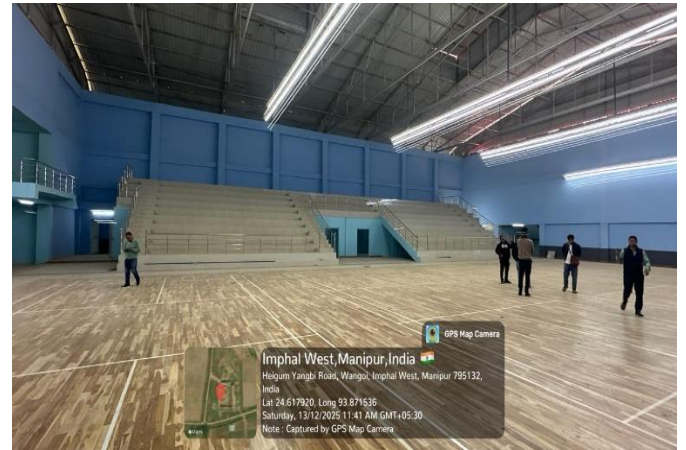
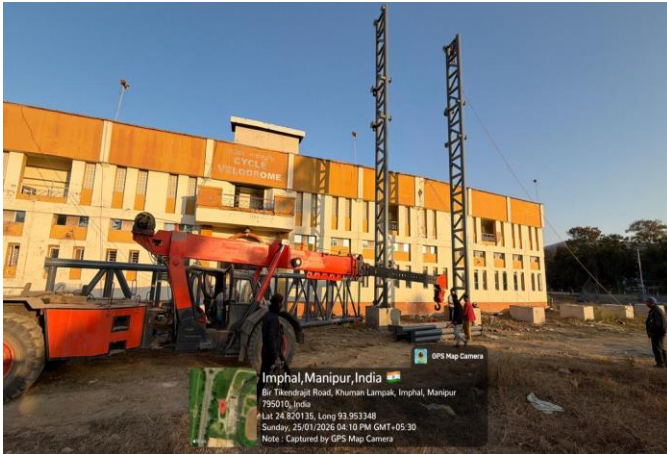


Table 2: Upcoming projects to be implement by the YAS Department

S. No.	Name of project	Project Cost (Rs. in Crs)	Scheme	Remarks
1.	Construction of multi-purpose indoor hall at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal	36.25	NESIDS (OTRI)	Tender Process ongoing
2.	Construction of football stadium at Khoupum, Noney District	10.77	NEC	-do-
3.	Development of Sports Complex at Tamenglong	11.13	SASCI	-do-
4.	Development of Sports Complex at Kangpokpi	11.27	SASCI	-do-
5.	Development of Sports Complex at Kakching	12.00	SASCI	-do-

Further, few projects for development of sports infrastructure have also proposed by the Minority Affairs Department to the Government with consultancy of the YAS Department.

## 9. Financial Assistance

The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Manipur, has been implementing a scheme for providing financial assistance to the Manipur Olympic Association and various State and District Level Sports Associations. The assistance is extended for participation in National, Zonal and International Championships, hosting of National Championships at Imphal, organisation of District and State Level Championships, conduct of non-residential coaching camps prior to National Championships, and for extending financial support to I-League qualified football clubs.

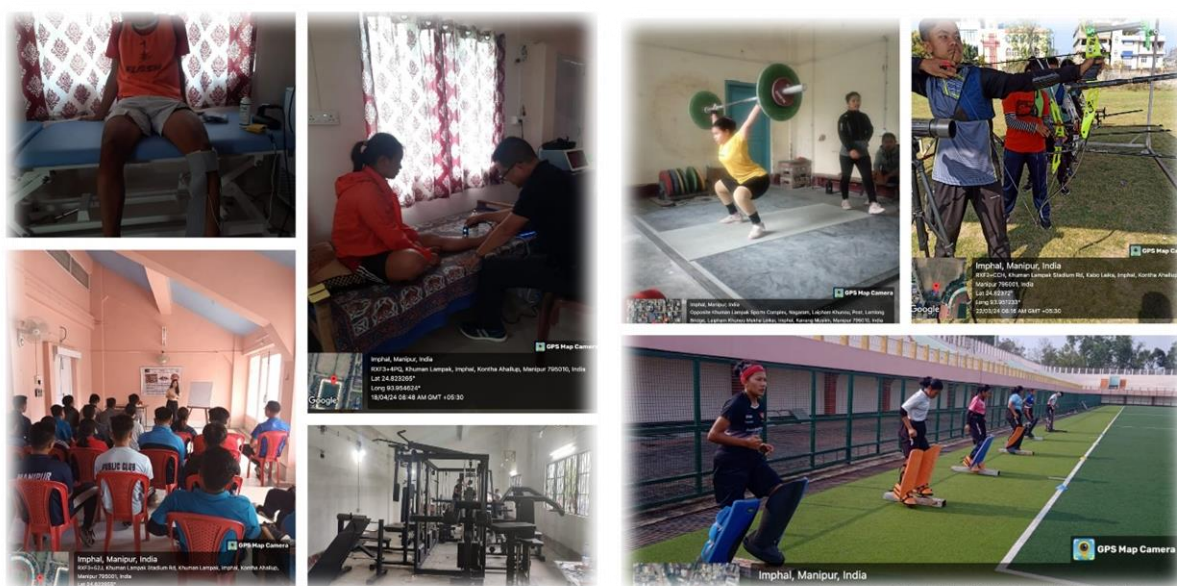
For the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 1.50 crore has been allocated for extending financial assistance to State Level Sports Associations. Out of the total allocation, a sum of Rs. 1,05,82,476/- has already been released to different State Level Sports Associations. Also, an amount of Rs. 3.00 crore has been earmarked for providing financial assistance to I-League qualified football clubs.

## 10. Khelo India Scheme

The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Manipur, has been actively implementing the Khelo India Scheme with the objective of strengthening sports infrastructure, promoting grassroots sports development, and enhancing the performance of athletes at national platforms. During the Financial Year 2025–26, several administrative initiatives and sporting achievements were accomplished under the scheme. A summary of the major activities undertaken during the period is presented below.

### 10.1. Strengthening of Manpower at Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE)

During the financial year, the recruitment process for various vacant posts at the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) located at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex was successfully completed in October 2025.



The following positions were filled under the recruitment process:

- High Performance Manager
- Physiotherapist Grade–I
- Physiotherapist Grade–II
- Strength & Conditioning Expert (Lead)
- Strength & Conditioning Expert Grade–II
- Masseur – 2 posts
- Assistant Coach (Archery)
- Assistant Coach (Hockey)
- Assistant Coach (Weightlifting)

With the completion of the recruitment process, the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence is now fully operational with the required technical and support manpower, thereby strengthening high-performance training facilities for athletes in the State.

### 10.2. Operationalisation of District Khelo India Centres (KIC)

The recruitment process for vacant Mentor positions for District Khelo India Centres (KICs) was also completed in October 2025. The appointment of mentors has enabled the smooth functioning of district-level training centres established under the Khelo India Scheme.



At present, 30 Khelo India Centres are operational in the State out of the 32 centres sanctioned by the Government of India. These centres play a crucial role in the identification, nurturing, and development of young sporting talent at the grassroots level.

### 10.3. Participation in the Khelo India Youth Games 2025

The 7th Khelo India Youth Games 2025 was held in the State of Bihar from 4th May to 15th May 2025.



The State of Manipur participated in the event with a contingent of 207 members, comprising 166 athletes and 41 officials, across 17 sports disciplines.

The athletes from Manipur performed commendably and secured 9th position in the overall medal tally, winning:

- 11 Gold Medals
- 8 Silver Medals
- 11 Bronze Medals

This performance represents a significant improvement compared to the previous two editions of the Games.

#### **10.4. Participation in the Khelo India Beach Games 2025**

The 1st Edition of the Khelo India Beach Games 2025 was held at Diu from 19th to 24th May 2025.

Manipur participated with a contingent of 45 members, comprising 37 athletes and 8 officials, across 2 sports disciplines.

The State delivered an outstanding performance and secured the Overall Championship with the following medal tally:

- 5 Gold Medals
- 6 Silver Medals
- 3 Bronze Medals



This remarkable achievement highlighted the strong competitive abilities of Manipuri athletes and brought significant recognition to the State at the national level.

#### **10.5. Participation in the Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025**

The Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 was organized in Srinagar from 21st to 23rd August 2025.

Manipur participated with a contingent of 25 members, consisting of 20 athletes and 5 officials, competing in two water sports disciplines.

During the event, the athletes from Manipur secured 2 Bronze Medals.



### **10.6. Participation in the Khelo India Beach Games 2026**

The 2nd Edition of the Khelo India Beach Games 2026 was held at Diu from 5th to 10th January 2026.

Manipur participated with a contingent of 45 members, comprising 36 athletes and 9 officials, across 2 sports disciplines.

The State achieved 3rd position in the overall medal tally, winning:

- 3 Gold Medals
- 2 Silver Medals
- 2 Bronze Medals

During the Financial Year 2025–26, the implementation of the Khelo India Scheme in Manipur has resulted in notable administrative progress and sporting achievements. The successful recruitment of key technical personnel at the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence and the operationalisation of District Khelo India Centres have significantly strengthened the institutional framework for sports development in the State.

### **10.7. Participation in the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026**

The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Manipur, is facilitating the participation of the Manipur contingent in the **Khelo India Tribal Games 2026**, a national-level sporting event aimed at promoting and nurturing sports talent from tribal communities across the country. The Games are scheduled to be held in Chhattisgarh, where athletes from Manipur's tribal communities will represent the State in various disciplines such as athletics, football, hockey, archery, weightlifting, swimming and wrestling. The Department has undertaken necessary preparatory measures including identification and selection of athletes through trials and coordination with concerned authorities to ensure effective participation of the State contingent. The participation of Manipur in the Khelo India Tribal Games is expected to provide a valuable platform for tribal athletes to showcase their sporting potential and contribute to the continued growth and recognition of sports talent from the State at the national level.

## **11. Conclusion**

During FY 2025–26, the Youth Affairs & Sports Department, Government of Manipur, achieved substantial progress in strengthening administrative systems, expanding infrastructure, nurturing athletic excellence and engaging youth across social, cultural and developmental domains.

The Department’s integrated approach—from grassroots participation to elite performance, from administrative reforms to policy leadership at regional level—has reinforced Manipur’s position as a national leader in sports development.

Sustained investment, institutional strengthening and community engagement continue to drive the State towards building a resilient, inclusive and high-performing sports ecosystem for the future.

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