

# **District Olympic Association Kottayam**

## **Report 2020-21**

The first Ad-hoc Committee meeting of DOA Kottayam was held on 06/06/2020 at Kottayam chaired by Mr.George Jacob, Chairman of the committee in the presence of Mr.S Rajiv, Secretary General of Kerala Olympic Association. KOA Secretary General Mr. S Rajiv explained the activities to be carried out by the DOA Ad-hoc Committee, its structure and the aims and objectives of the District Association and also the need of an active committee to make good the passive committee existed for the last 18 years.

DOA Kottayam celebrated the Olympic day on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020. The main attraction was the Kalaripayattu demonstration at Kottayam before the invited guests keeping the Covid protocol. DOA made a short video presentation of the programme with messages from the celebrities and MLAs in Kottayam District. The video clip was aired through various local cable TV channels.

Stay Fit programme had become a super hit programme in Kottayam District. There are 117 CBSE Schols and 17 ICSE Schools in Kottayam and all the schools made use of the programme and the schools had a healthy competition among themselves to take part in the quiz competition after every episode. Often 75% of the prize winners are from Kottayam. We could made it a grand success with the active co-operation of the Principals and Managers Association of the CBSE and ICSE Schools.

After the stay fit programme, the new project Stay Alert was also taken by the schools with the same enthusiasm. It was very useful for the girls as far as the self defence techniques taught are concerned. The next programme of Yoga also was warmly accepted by the schools and the re-telecast of the stay fit programme was also welcomed by the schools.

On 01/09/2020 Kottayam District Olympic wave committee was formed with Retired Justice K T Thomas as chief patron and Dr.Biju Thomas as the Chairman. Though various committee meetings were convened, the Panchayat/Municipality level committees could not be formed due to the local body election. After the election a joint meeting of the Olympic wave committee and the Panchayat/Municipality level committees was convened on 20/02/2021. Since the Panchayat /municipality representatives did not have any idea about the movement, it was explained in the meeting and generally all were optimistic about the programme.

After the unanimous election of the office bearers of District Olympic Association Kottayam, the first executive committee meeting and the inauguration of the Olympic wave

programme was scheduled on 27/02/2021. After the committee meeting, the inauguration of the Olympic wave programme was done by Sri.Thiruvanchoor Ramakrishnan MLA in the meeting presided over by Dr.Biju Thomas, the chairman and Sri.V N Vasavan Ex.MLA delivered the Key note address. Though we had planned an elaborate function, we had to cut short it in accordance with the Covid protocol and limited to 50 participants.

On 21/03/2021, DOA Kottayam had its first General council meeting after the election of the Office bearers at Hotel Ida auditorium Kottayam under the presidentship of Mr. V Sunilkumar, President KOA. Mr. S Rajiv, Secretary General KOA and Mr.P Mohandas, Senior Vice-President KOA also were present. All of the Office bearers of KOA reiterated the need of an active District body for the betterment of the sports and also to practicalize the motto sports to all. The meeting also decided to register the District Association since it was not registered yet.

Within the constraints of Covid protocol, Local body election and Legislative assembly election declared in February 2021, the DOA Kottayam could achieve a major role in the sports arena of the district and the public at large could experience the role of the Olympic Association after a long lapse of more than 18 years. It is also remarkable that DOA has a healthy relationship with the District Sports Council, ever since the formation of the Ad-hoc committee on 06/06/2020, and the President of the Sports Council is the treasurer of DOA Kottayam. We hope an active period of action during 2021-22.

Mr.George Jacob

President

Dr.Shaji S Kottaram

Hon: Secretary