

Young Indians Junior Athletic Meet 2007
District Junior Level Event
13-14 Feb 2007; PRS Grounds, Coimbatore

With an aim of promoting sports and students with talent in this area, Young Indians [Coimbatore Chapter] along with the Kovai Athletic Club organized the first ever Young Indians District Level Junior Sports Meet on 13-14 February 2007 at the Police Recruitment School Grounds, Coimbatore.

Mr R Tamilchandran IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime & Traffic), Coimbatore City Police was the Chief Guest for the inaugural session of this sports meet. He spoke on the importance of sports in an era of India's growing economy. "Everyone is talented in some way or the other. We have innumerable number of sports in the world today and each student can choose one of his choice and excel in it. Sports is the best relaxing machine, both for the mind and body and it also improves concentration in studies" Mr Tamilchandran said. Speaking further on the sports meet, he said that such sports meets should be conducted on a regular level to encourage more and more students to bring out their talents in sports and excel in it. He said that the students who had come for the sports meet should keep up the spirit of the sport and encourage as many students as they can.

Mr Tamilchandran lit the Olympic torch which was handled by Ms Kousalya, a class ten student from the PSGR Krishnammal School. Ms Kousalya is a national award winner in various sports.

Mr Shankar Vanavarayar, Co-Chair, Yi-Coimbatore Chapter in his remarks congratulated all the 1500 student athletes who had taken efforts to come from different surrounding towns to participate in this unique event. He said that more names should emerge from this meet to the national level. He lamented the fact that, in spite of numerous schools in the district, there were only a few names that have emerged to the national and international level.

Mr S K Anand, Head – Economy Focus area, Yi-Coimbatore chapter, informed that these kind of small yet noble activities will be a motivational factor for all the upcoming talents of the country. He also acknowledged the efforts taken by the Kovai Athletic club for putting upon such a wonderful game structure for the 2 days. Mr S K Anand thanked the sponsors for supporting this event and told the audience that this event would be held at regular intervals, perhaps on a much larger scale.

There was an official march past of the 68 schools during the inaugural session after which the games started. The two day event included ninety different sport events like 75 M, 150 M, 300 M, 600 M, Shot Put, High Jump, 4 x 100 M Relay, Discuss Throw, Javelin Throw, Hurdles for students between the age group of 10 and 16.

Mr Sanjay Jayavarthanelu, Founder-Chair, Yi-Coimbatore Chapter was the Chief Guest for the valedictory session on 14th February 2007 and gave away the medals and overall championship trophies. GKD School from Coimbatore bagged the overall championship in the “Girls” category and RKR Matriculation School received the same for the “Boys” category.

1850 students from 68 schools [32 rural, 20 urban and 16 sub urban] participated in the events. All the participants were given participation certificates, while the winners were given merit certificates along with a cup and a medal.