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Structure of the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities and its Association with Dept. of Museums

It becomes clear from the organization all structure of the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities that the department of museums is clustered with other related departments. It is for the simple reason that all these departments and their activities are closely related and complementary to each other to form a composite whole. In terms and knowledge and technical input and also in terms of the output in the form of benefits of growth and development of art, culture; they render similar effects for improvement, growth and development among youths. Secondly, it makes coordination of management would be easier. A look at the departments and their functions would make it clear how they are interrelated and how they can form a meaning cluster. Hence, a brief summery is given below for a clear view.

1. Commissioner, Youth Service and Cultural Activities

The state department of Youth service and cultural activities operates under the Commissioner since 1971. It has offices in all districts. These offices conduct various sports and games and youth activities like adventure sports like mountaineering, swimming, trekking running jumping gymnastic wrestling, etc. It trains youths for games like cricket, tennis, badminton, kabbadi, kho kho, hockey, valley ball, etc. There is a wide range of youth activities in to which young children and students are involved through encouragement and promotion of youthful spirit. To train youths camps are held at different and youths are encouraged to participate in the tournaments and competitions at local, district, state and national level. Some talented youths can participate at international tournament also and win honor for the state and the country. The government spends lots of money to conduct

these activities in the state simply because they ensure good health, spirit of courage and confidence among youths of the state. With healthy and spirited youth one can certainly expect good future for the society and the country.

2. Director General, Sports Authority of India

In view of increasing demands to pay specific attention to the field of sports and games a separate unit called the Sports Authority of Gujarat was formed in Gujarat. It operates as a separate state unit of the Sports Authority of India although it still remains a part of the department of Youth Services and Cultural Activities. It operates as an autonomous body. This body is responsible to provide an infrastructure with all modern facilities for different games and sports and also to arrange for scientific coaching and training by expert coaches to young and aspiring players and athletes in the state. As the Sports Authority of Gujarat was founded the office started operating in the state from date; 13/ 2/ 95.

3. Director, Department of Archeology

Archeology is a human science. Hence, it carries a chief objective to discover links that are missing between different areas of human race and to build contacts between them in the interest of eternal peace. It is an attempt to put together broken images of human culture and civilization to erect a whole and complete image of one common human culture and civilization. It is like restoring the basic spirit of human art and science that form meaning components of life.

Different activities of the archeological department provide strength indirectly to educational and non-educational tasks. It allows to people a vision of unity n diversity. As a result of it, there is creation of nationalistic approach and spiritual unity.

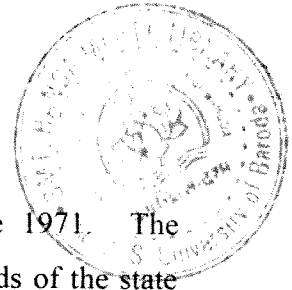
4. Director, Department of Museums

The department of museums was earlier put under the educational department. But since date 17/ 12/ 90 it operates under the department of Youth Services and Cultural Activities. All museums in Gujarat work under the authority of the director who coordinates different activities of the museum department and also controls them for good management. Museums render various services to society for its growth and development. Moreover, it preserves our valuable heritage of art and culture and impart knowledge about it.

5. Director, Department of Libraries

Since 1997-98, the department of libraries works under the department of Youth Service and Cultural Activities of the Government of Gujarat. The department undertakes activities relating to the management of libraries in the state and its related services, their expansion, and development. Under its control there operate one central library of protected books, two central libraries, 26 district libraries and 84 taluka level government public libraries, 3 women's libraries and 7 mobile libraries. Moreover, there are 142 rural libraries operating with cultural centers. The objective of the department to attract people to cultivate habit of going to library and read books and magazines so that people form habit of reading that brings to them information and knowledge.

Every year National Library Week is celebrated between 14 and 20 November. During the week, writers are invited for talk and discussion, debates are organized, book exhibitions are held and programs for children are organized.



6. Director, Records

The department of records was set up in the state since 1971. The department sits in a building in Gandhinagar where all records of the state are preserved in a scientific manner. All records are centralized at this department. All such records that are required to preserve on permanent ground are stored and preserved here. The purpose of this department is to ensure that the procedure of record management is carried out in a proper manner.

7. Core Group, District Gazetteers

The main function of this department is to prepare gazettes for each district. In this book, all related information about the history, public life, agriculture, industries, telecommunications, common administration, revenues, law and order, justice, local self organizations, volunteer of social service organizations, medicine and public health, tourist spots in the district, banking services, economic trends, etc are stored in some 18 chapters. The books are published in Gujarati (Sarvasangrah) and English (Gazette).

8. Director, Controller of Languages

The office of the controller of languages has a basic functions to ensure that the language of state administration has to be Gujarati. It determines the standard definitions and prepares literature related to it. It issues instructions in Gujarati related to rules and regulations, codes of conduct, circulars, proposals and resolutions. It arranges to train employees to print material in Gujarati. It ensure use of pure Gujarati in official correspondence and imparts guidance to other departments in the governments. It arranges for translation in Gujarati and makes important information available in Gujarati.

9. Gujarat Lalit Kala Akadami

The Gujarat State Lalit Kala Akadami, Ahmedabad undertakes activities for development and propagation of visible fine arts like painting, photography, sculpture, graphics, etc. The purpose is to introduce art and art heritage in the state to common people, to encourage artists in the state, and to encourage interest for these arts in future generations. It organizes various activities like competitions, workshops, camps, exhibitions, fellowships to artists, documentations of arts, etc.

10. Gujarat Sangeet Natak Akadami

The Gujarat Natak Kala Akadami is assigned an autonomous status since 1992. Its main objective is to identify artists and experts in the fields of music, dance, drama and folk art and to honor them with public recognition. It has to take maximum benefit of the knowledge, expertise and experience of these artists to develop those arts among common people and to train young people in different arts.

11. Gujarat Sahitya Akadami.

The Gujarat state has six Sahitya akademis operating for different literature. They are: Gujarat Sahitya Akadami, Hindi Sahitya Akadami, Sanskrit Sahitya Akadami, Urdu Sahitya Akadami, Kachchhi Sahitya Akadami and Sindhi Sahitya Akadami. Literary activities being an expression of people's spirit forms the core of the activities of this department. Since literature reflects common and social life in its true sense it needs to be encouraged and spread among people through publications of good literature. Good writers and thinkers are encouraged and awarded for good and inspiring writing. It implements various to propagate various languages to produce good literature.