Isha rural sports held at Erode, Purohit presides

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The 'Isha's action for rural rejuvenation' in collaboration with Ramco Industries and Airports Authority of India organised the 14th 'Isha Gramotsavam'.

The finale (State Level) of this celebration was held on Sunday at TexValley, Erode. A minute of silence was observed at the beginning of the function as a mark of respect to late Sri. N. E. Jayaraman, the veteran organic farmer and experimenter.

Governor Mr. Banwarilal Purohit, India's first women Olympics Medalist and world weightlifting champion Mr. K. A. Sengottayan, Mr. P. Thangamani, Mr. S. P. Velumani, and Mr. K. C. Karuppan, attended the event and distributed prizes to the winners.

"In the next eight years, we are planning to plant 7 Billion trees in 6 states. We are also planning to begin a Cauvery basin movement, starting from Thala Cauvery to the delta. We will plant trees in the banks of the river. Discussions about this have been made with Karnataka Government and we will talk with the Tamil Nadu about this soon," said Sadhguru founder of Isha Movement, at the function.

Governor Banwarilal Purohit, Sadguru, and the other dignitaries at the function.

Sadhguru plans sports academy in every TN dist

Coimbatore: Isha Foundation of spiritual leader Sadhguru will draft and give a proposal to the government to set up Isha's International Sports Academy in every district in state. The announcement was made at the grand finale of the 14th Isha Gramotsavam at TexValley, Erode, on Sunday.

More than 40,000 players and over 3,500 teams from rural TN and Puducherry participated in various sports events organised as part of Isha Gramotsavam this year. At the venue of the grand finale, artists performed karagattam, kummidi and oyilattam folk dance and cultural games like slow cycle race, lemon and spoon race, rangaoli contest for women, among others.

"When lives must be celebratory, we need sports. Sports is the only platform where all the caste, religion are eradicated. In this regard, we are planning to give a proposal to the Government to create an International Sports Academy where training is offered in sports like weightlifting, boxing, archery among other sports. Andhra Pradesh Government, has come up with sports stadiums in every district to felicitate the spirit of sports. Similarly, Tamil Nadu must also have sports stadium in every district," Sadhguru said.

Thanking Sadhguru for bringing weightlifting in the academy proposal, Karunam Malleswari said, "we have talent in our nation but we lack infrastructure and coaches; we need to create this for India to win medals in International sports."