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New cultural, sports directorate set up

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The Government has set up a new Directorate to be called the 'Directorate of Cultural Affairs and Sports' for promotion of sports and cultural activities throughout the country.

The new directorate has been assigned with the responsibilities for expansion of sports activities at district, sub-division, thana and union levels through formulation and implementation of development programmes. The Directorate will shoulder the responsibilities for organising various sport competitions at divisional, district, sub-division and thana levels.

The Directorate will supervise the activities and development programmes of the youth sports clubs from the village to the district level. It will also work for co-ordination of sports

activities with the sports associations at sub-division, district and divisional levels. Directorate officials at different levels will be members to the executive committees of such associations.

The Directorate will draw up programmes and organise tournaments to develop sportsmanlike qualities among the young generation and to strengthen the sports movement in the country. It will play active part in organising national sports weeks by active co-operation with the National Sports Control Board.

Henceforth, the Directorate will be assigned with the responsibilities so far performed by the physical education section of the Directorate of Public Instructions for helping and supervising the activities of boy scout samities.

It will also look after the sports training for school, college and madrasa students, formulate and implement various youth programmes and lend full co-operation to the programmes of all juvenile orga-

nisations of the country. The Directorate will implement all development projects that will be placed under it by the Sports and Cultural Affairs Division.

Meanwhile, the subject, physical education and physical education institutes will be under the jurisdiction of the Cultural Affairs and Sports Division. In this connection administration of the college of physical education will be looked after by the Directorate of Cultural Affairs and Sports.