

## **The Tribune**

### **Govt explore all possibilities to recruit sportspersons in Police**

Olympian and constable Manish Rawat was today granted the rank of Inspector by Chief Minister Harish Rawat and Uttarakhand DGP MA Ganapati.

Rawat announced a slew measures for promoting sports and said, “The Uttarakhand government will explore all possibilities to start the stalled recruitment policy for sportspersons in the police.”

He said the government had taken several steps to build and strengthen sports infrastructure in the state. “Our resources are limited but our commitment for the betterment of sports is firm. The infrastructure will be used during the National Games,” he said.

Earlier, DGP MA Ganapati emphasised the need for promoting sports, “Sports is an expression of nation’s power. It plays a vital role in nation building,” said Ganapati. He stressed on the need to promote sports as being done in the United States of America that had the highest haul of medals in the Rio Olympics.

He highlighted the need to inject fresh blood in the Uttarakhand Police by restoring the sports quota that was stopped in 2011. “No recruitment has been done under the sports quota since 2011. I urge the government to bring the posts of sports quota as ex-cadre posts,” he added.

ADG Ashok Kumar said the department would soon come up with a road map to produce at least 10 international level players, prepare four Olympians and at least aim for winning two medals in the Olympics.

Sports Minister Dinesh Agarwal announced a cheque for Rs 5 lakh from the department to Manish Rawat. The Chief Minister presented the cheque.