



Commonwealth Youth Games Pune 2008 discusses the progress of the Games

Pune, July 6th, 2008: The OC of **Commonwealth Youth Games, Pune 2008** organised a press conference at Le Meridien today to discuss the progress of the games.

The conference was addressed by Mr. **Suresh Kalmadi**, MP and Chairman Commonwealth Youth Games, Pune 2008, Mr. **Michael Fennell** – President, Commonwealth Games Federation, Mr. **Mike Hooper** – CEO Commonwealth Games Federation, Mr. **V. K. Verma** – President, Badminton Association of India, Mr. **Nanavati**, President All India Swimming Federation and Lt. Gen. **Ashok Kapur**, ADG, Commonwealth Youth Games, Pune 2008.

Addressing the conference, Mr. Kalmadi announced the appointment of Mr. V. K. Verma as the Director General for Commonwealth Games, Delhi 2010 and Commonwealth Youth Games, Pune 2008. He also mentioned the appointment of Prasar Bharti as the Official Broadcaster. The official caterers for the village and the volunteers during the games have also been finalised at the Executive Board meeting held yesterday at the Commonwealth Youth Games office.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Michael Fennell said “It is always a pleasure to be in Pune. It is a very friendly city and I enjoy coming here. I am very impressed with progress on the main competition venues.” Mr Fennel was concerned on the completion of the hostel, but was re-assured that it would be completed in 64 days in time for the games. He also applauded the “**Bond Forever**” initiative for bringing Pune schools closer to the visiting athletes, as the Youth Games are not just about sports but also about exchange of culture and forming ever lasting bonds of friendship around the globe.