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SHRI WASNIK FELICITATES NCC GIRLS EXPEDITION TO BABY SHIVLING

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Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Mukul Wasnik declared that the Government is likely to institute National Adventure Awards soon in order to give a boost to sports activities in the country.

Shri Wasnik was speaking at a function organised to felicitate NCC Girls Mountaineering Expedition here today. The 16-member NCC girls expedition led by Maj R.S. Kutlehria has returned after successfully climbing the Baby Shivling Peak at the height of 5606 M. in Central Garhwal Himalayas.

The Minister said that height of a peak is not that important as is the spirit behind the expedition. He said that NCC is the largest and most disciplined organisation and it will help a lot in generating feeling of national integration.

Shri Wasnik also gave away momentos to all the members of the Expedition. The Director General of NCC, Lt Gen G L Bakshi was also present on the occasion.

The NCC Girls Expedition was flagged off on May 17 and climbed the Peak on May 31, 1993. The climbing involved highly technical skill as the Peak is steep and has a complete vertical rock face with snow at places.

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