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## **MESSAGE**

The KODAIKANAL Boat Club, an affiliated Rowing Club of TARA, has very enthusiastically come forward to host the 15th Sub Junior National Rowing Championship on the picturesque Kodaikanal Lake for the second time.

This event will go a long way in giving a boost to the rowing activities in the State and the RFI was extremely happy to approve the venue for this Regatta.

We were constantly aware of the difficulties that TARA and the KODAIKANAL Boat Club have faced in hosting this event at a high altitude, with it's attendant logistical problems and have keenly watched the developments.

I congratulate the Organising Committee for having put together an excellent Championship which will be enjoyed by all the participants and spectators in this salubrious and bracing climate of Kodaikanal Hills.

Over the years, the Sub Junior event has become one of the very popular Regattas of the country and has attracted a large number of young rowers and the increased participation is indeed very encouraging.

It is a pleasure to watch the keenness and competitive spirit of our young and budding rowers and their remarkable watermanship, considering the short time they get to practice the sport back home.

I take this opportunity to send my best wishes to the Organising Committee and the participants, for a successful championship and great racing.

I extend a warm Welcome to all participating teams to Kodaikanal and wish you all an enjoyable stay.

> Rajlaxmi Singh Deo President Rowing Federation of India