



## Palamu Players won 11 Medals in National Gatka Competition

### Why in News?

The National Gatka Competition was organized at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Guwahati, Assam from August 4 to August 6, 2023, in which players from Palamu district of Jharkhand brought laurels to the district by winning a total of 11 medals.

### Key Points:

- A total of 110 Gatka players from Jharkhand participated in this national competition. Among these, the least number of players participated from Palamu and maximum from Dhanbad.
- 72 players from Dhanbad, 13 players from Palamu became part of the Jharkhand team, while 25 players from Bokaro participated.
- Palamu's Anamika Mehta, playing in the Under-11 age group, made a golden debut by winning the gold medal in the single Soti events, which she retained in the team event as well. Anamika gave a total of two gold medals to Jharkhand.
- Kajal Kumari also won a gold medal for Jharkhand in the Under 17 Fairy Soti event.
- Apart from these, Hrithik Raj Tiwari won a gold medal in Fairy Soti while playing Under-11. Agria Priyadarshini also won the gold medal in Team Fairy Soti.
- Rishu Raj Dangi, Shubham Singh and Aryan Pandey won the silver medal in Team Fairy Soti in Under-11 while Satwik Pandey won the bronze medal in Under-17 singles demo. Roshan Kumar also won a bronze medal in the Under-25 team.
- President of Palamu Gatka Association Sumit Barman said that players from 29 states of the country participated in this competition.
- Out of these, five best performing players will be selected for the 37th National Games organized by Khelo India and Indian Olympic Association.
- It is known that the Gatka game is one of the traditional games of the country, currently it is becoming a part of various sports competitions played in the country with new rules and formats.



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