



# National Games 2024 in Uttarakhand

## Why in News?

Uttarakhand is set to host the [National Games](#) in 2024 as announced recently by **PT Usha**, the president of the [Indian Olympic Association \(IOA\)](#).

## Key Points

- Uttarakhand will host the **38<sup>th</sup> edition** of the National Games for the first time. The games are scheduled for October 2024.
- Various cities in Uttarakhand, including **Dehradun, Haldwani, and Haridwar**, will host events.
- In the National Games 2024 more than **30 sports disciplines** will be featured.
- **Indian Olympic Association:**
  - The IOA is the governing body for the [Olympic Movement and the Commonwealth Games](#) in India.
  - As an affiliated member of the [International Olympic Committee \(IOC\)](#), [Commonwealth Games Federation \(CGF\)](#), [Olympic Council of Asia \(OCA\)](#), and [Association of National Olympic Committees \(ANOC\)](#), the IOA administers various aspects of sports governance and athletes' welfare in the country.
  - IOA oversees the representation of athletes or teams participating in the [Olympic Games](#), [Commonwealth Games](#), [Asian Games](#), and other international multi-sport competitions of the **IOC, CGF, OCA, and ANOC**.
  - Beyond participation in the Games, the IOA has also established various initiatives with different stakeholders for the development of sports education and Olympic studies.
  - IOA is recognised by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
  - **Foundation:**
    - It was established in 1927 with Sir Dorabji Tata and Dr. A.G. Noehren as the Founding President and Secretary General, respectively.
    - It is registered as a **Non-Profit Organisation under the [Societies Registration Act, 1860](#)**.
  - **Members:**
    - The members of the IOA include **National Sports Federations (NSFs)**, State Olympic Associations, IOC Members, and other select multi-sport organisations.
    - In accordance with the Olympic Charter, the membership of NSFs mostly include NSFs that govern sports featured in the sports programme of the **Summer Olympic Games, Winter Olympic Games, Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games**.
  - **Governance:**
    - It is currently governed by a **32-member Executive Council**, headed by the President.
    - The election for the Executive Council is held once every four years.
    - The working of the Executive Council is also assisted by different Standing Committees of the IOA that are constituted with experts in the subject-field to help in various aspects of governance.

## National Games

- **Background:** The Olympic movement, which garnered the attention of the nation in the **1920s**, includes the **National Games**. The **National Games** in India were first envisioned as the Indian Olympic Games with the goal of promoting Olympic sports in the nation.
  - The **first edition** of the **Indian Olympic Games** at Lahore in an undivided Punjab in 1924.
  - The Indian Olympic Games were named as **National Games** beginning in 1940. This competition sets athletes from several Indian states with one another in a variety of sporting disciplines.
- **Objectives:**
  - They are held for the benefit of Indian athletes, sports organisations etc.
  - They help in raise awareness among **states/UT's** about the necessity of developing internationally grade sports infrastructure.
  - It attempts to attract a wide number of youths to participate in sports activities.
  - It aims to inculcate sports culture in individuals from all walks of life and educate them on the value of sports in building a healthy society.
- **Jurisdiction:** The duration and the regulations of the **National Games** are entirely within the jurisdiction of the **Indian Olympic Association**.

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