



MP Revives Pittu: Street Sport

Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government has added Pittu to the sports calendar of all Madhya Pradesh colleges for the academic year **2024-25**.

Key Points

- **Aim:** To revive **Pittu**, a [traditional Indian game](#), believed to have been played by [Lord Krishna](#) as mentioned in the [Bhagavata Purana](#).
- **Game Structure and Rules:**
 - Pittu is played on a **26m x 14m** field with **two teams of six players each** (four substitutes allowed per team).
 - The game consists of two halves, each lasting **10 minutes**.
 - The striker team knocks over a stack of seven coloured tiles (Pittu) and must reassemble it, while the defending team tries to prevent this.
- **Significance:**
 - Pittu is believed to have originated in the **southern Indian subcontinent**.
 - Revival of Pittu is part of the MP government's effort to teach students about Lord Krishna's life and connect them with **Madhya Pradesh's heritage**.
 - The game gained renewed attention after the Prime Minister mentioned it in his [Mann ki Baat speech in January 2021](#).
 - Pittu was demonstrated during the [National Games](#) and even had a **Lagori World Cup** in 2015-16.

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