



# 26th All India Forest Sports Competitions to be held in Haryana

## Why In News?

On February 25, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that the 26th All India Forest Sports Competitions are going to be organized in the state soon. And the logo and mascot of the competition have also been released.

## Key points

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that Haryana, which is called the powerhouse of sports, has successfully organized the 10th All India Forest Sports Competition in the year 2003 and the 13th in the year 2013 respectively.
- This time these games will be organized from March 10 to 14, in which about 2500 participants from all states, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Union Territories and Forest Research are likely to participate. Different sports teams will be formed by appointing players to the post of Forest Guard in Group C in Forest Department.
- The Chief Minister named the mascot of the Games as 'Krish'.
- It may be noted that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India organizes the All-India Forest Sports Competition every year, the responsibility of which is assigned to a state every year. This time the responsibility of organizing the 26th Forest Sports Competition has been given to the Haryana Forest Department.
- Ministry of Forest and Environment, Government of India in The Annual All India Forest Sports Competition was started by the year 1993 for the proper promotion of sports in the Forest Department, the first of which was organized in Hyderabad. Since then, the competition has been organized a total of 25 times.
- The Chief Minister said that the black buck, which is a stunning wildlife created in the culture of the state and the state animal of Haryana, has been chosen for the logo of the All-India Forest Sports Competition. The state map in the logo indicates that the state of Haryana that is hosting the Games this year is also at the forefront of sports with rapid progress in all fields.
- The games identified in the circular circle are about the sports held prominently in Haryana which will be played during the competition. The leaves shown in the people above reflect the forest brotherhood.
- It is known that in Indian mythology, the black buck is considered the charioteer of Lord Krishna. It has also been described as the vehicle of Vayu deity and Chandra deity at some places.
- The main center of the 26th All India Forest Sports Competitions will be Tau Devi Lal Stadium located in Sector-3 of Panchkula. All types of races like walking, obstacle race, discus throw, javelin throw, hammer throw, long jump, high jump, shot put, triple jump, indoor games like badminton, carrom, table tennis and chess, basketball, cricket, hockey, Kabaddi, volleyball and tug of war will be organized.
- Apart from this, golf club, Sector-3 Panchkula golf and gymkhana club in, Sector-6 lawn tennis bridge, billiard and squash competitions in snooker, will also be held. Archery will be held at The Sports Ground of Panjab University and shooting competition will be held at Shooting Range Chandigarh. The weightlifting competition will be held at Government College, Sector-1, Panchkula.
- In all the above competitions, 285 types of sports events will be organized, in which about contestants of open veteran and senior veteran category for women and men 2500 will participate.

Everyone can participate in the open category. Veteran and Senior Veteran category is for contestants from 45 years to 52 years and Senior Veterans above 52 years, coming from 36 in the form of 43 teams States and Union Territories and 7% institutions.

- Separate committees have been formed for traffic catering arrangements, reception, accommodation and cleanliness etc. for the event. All sports venues have been kept plastic-free and logos of G-20 and LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) will also be inscribed everywhere.

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