



Bihar to Host Khelo India Youth Games & Para Games in 2025

Why in News?

Bihar will host the [Khelo India Youth Games \(KIYG\)](#) and [Khelo India Para Games \(KIPG\)](#) in 2025.

Key Points

▪ Khelo India Youth Games:

◦ About:

- KIYG is a **national-level, multi-disciplinary sports competition** for school and college students in India.
- The games are held annually in January or February and are part of the government's [Khelo India initiative](#).
- It aims to promote sports culture and identify sporting talent at the grassroots level.
- The previous 5 editions of the Youth Games have been held in **Delhi, Pune, Guwahati, Panchkula and Bhopal**.

◦ Format:

- It is held in two categories, namely **under-17-year-old school students and under-21 college students**.
- It operates in a **team championship format**, wherein the medals earned by individual athletes or teams contribute to the overall medal tally of their respective state or Union Territory (UT).
- Upon the event's conclusion, the **state or UT securing the highest count of gold medals** is declared the winner.

▪ Khelo India Para Games:

- The Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) is **aimed at empowering para athletes in India**.
- It is organized by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, [Sports Authority of India](#), and other bodies**.
- It is part of the broader **Khelo India Initiative**.
 - Khelo India was **introduced by the Indian government in 2017**.

▪ Sports Infrastructure in Bihar:

- Bihar has [38 Khelo India Centres](#) and **one Khelo India State Centre of Excellence**, which provide facilities for athletes at various levels.
- There are three **Sports Authority of India Training Centres** catering to the state's sporting needs.

KHELO INDIA PROGRAMME



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- Mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports
- Revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level

12 VERTICALS OF KHELO INDIA



GAMES UNDER KHELO INDIA

- **Khelo India Youth Games** (aka Khelo India School Games till 2019)
 - 1st edition - New Delhi (2018)
 - Age limit - 18
 - Host of 5th Edition of KIYG - MP (Bhopal)
- **Khelo India University Games**
 - 1st edition - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Odisha (2020)
 - KIUG 2023 host - UP (Lucknow, Varanasi, G.Noida and Gorakhpur)
- **Khelo India Winter Games (KIWIG)**
 - 3 editions held since 2020 (in Leh, Ladakh and Gulmarg (Kashmir))

SELECTION AND ASSISTANCE

- 1000 kids elected yearly for a scholarship program, trained to become medal winners
- Talented players identified in priority sports disciplines are provided Rs. 5 Lakh p.a. for 8 years.

NODAL MINISTRY

- Ministry of Youth & Sports Affairs

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- Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (New Delhi)



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