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### Why in News?

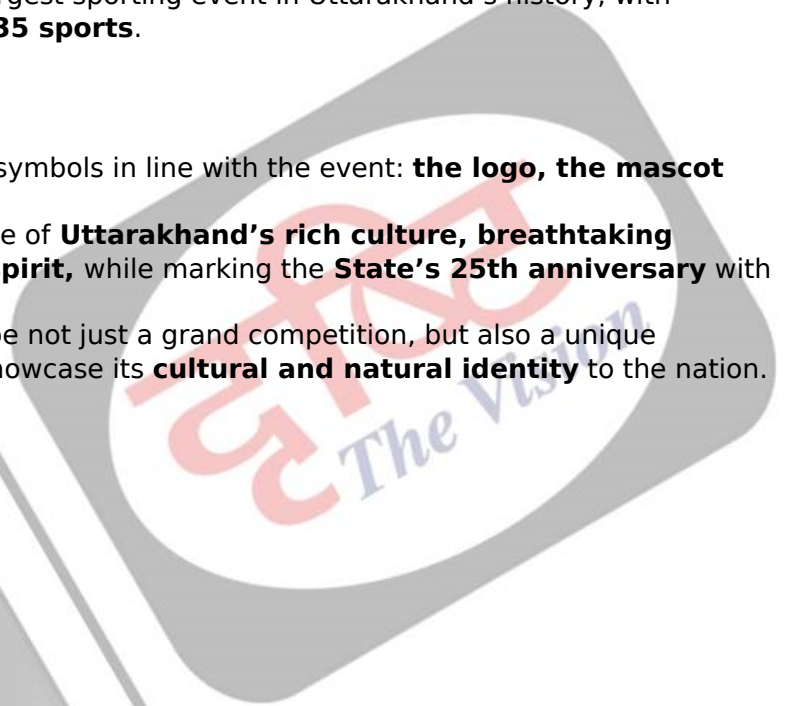
Uttarakhand is preparing to host the [38<sup>th</sup> National Games](#), set to begin on 28th January, 2025.

- The **38<sup>th</sup> National Games** will be the largest sporting event in Uttarakhand's history, with athletes from across India competing in **35 sports**.

### Key Points

- The State has unveiled three significant symbols in line with the event: **the logo, the mascot Maui, and the torch Tejaswini**.
  - These symbols reflect the essence of **Uttarakhand's rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and unwavering spirit**, while marking the **State's 25th anniversary** with pride and celebration.
  - This sporting event promises to be not just a grand competition, but also a unique opportunity for Uttarakhand to showcase its **cultural and natural identity** to the nation.
- **The Logo:**

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- The official logo of the 38<sup>th</sup> National Games is a harmonious blend of Uttarakhand's natural beauty and cultural heritage. It prominently features:
  - **The Himalayan Peaks:** Representing the State's grandeur and resilience.
  - **The Himalayan Monal:** Highlighting biodiversity and cultural pride.
  - **The Ganga River:** A sacred symbol of purity and spirituality central to Uttarakhand's identity.
- **The Mascot Mauli:**
  - Named after Uttarakhand's State bird, the **Himalayan Monal**, the **mascot Mauli** embodies the **natural beauty, vibrant wildlife, and enduring spirit of the region.**
  - The Himalayan Monal, known for its **dazzling colors and grace**, is a symbol of **Uttarakhand's pristine environment**, from its majestic mountains to its lush forests.
  - Mauli reflects the determination, energy, and perseverance of the people of Uttarakhand and mirrors the same qualities that athletes bring to the games.
  - By choosing Mauli as the mascot, the State celebrates its harmonious connection with nature and the resilience of its people, **making it a fitting emblem** of the National Games.
- **The Torch Tejaswini:**
  - The official torch of the **38th National Games**, named **Tejaswini**, represents power, inspiration, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.
  - The torch will carry the **flame of sportsmanship** and **competition** across Uttarakhand, uniting the State and the nation in the **spirit of the games.**
  - Designed to reflect the **grandeur of Uttarakhand's mountains** and the **vibrant energy** of its people.

- **Tejaswini** is a testament to the **State's commitment to excellence** and **unity**.
  - Its radiant light symbolizes a bright future for Uttarakhand's athletes, inspiring them to achieve greatness while fostering a sense of pride and togetherness.

## Himalayan Monal



- The Himalayan Monal, **also known as the Impeyan monal**, Impeyan pheasant, is a bird in the pheasant family, Phasianidae.
- It is the **state bird of Uttarakhand**. It has been selected as the mascot for the 38th **National games** that were held in Uttarakhand in 2018.
- Himalayan monal is a Schedule - I bird, according to the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** and classified as **Least Concern (LC)** by the **IUCN**.