



Infrastructure Development For 38th National Games | Uttarakhand | 30 Jan 2025

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The roads connecting [Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium](#) in Raipur, Dehradun, will be widened to manage traffic more efficiently.

- The decision comes after **severe traffic congestion** during the **opening ceremony of the 38th National Games**.

Key Points

- **Future Events Consideration:** Since more sporting events will be held at the stadium in the future, the government aims to improve infrastructure and streamline traffic management.
- **National Games Closing Ceremony:** The closing ceremony is scheduled for **14 February 2025**.
- **National Games 2025:**
 - Into its **38th edition, the National Games**, India's own multi-sport event inspired by the Olympics, will see athletes from **28 states, eight Union Territories** and the **Services Sports Control Board (SSCB)** compete for medals in **32 different sports**.
 - The 2025 National Games kicked off with the **triathlon events on 26 January**.
 - The overall winner of the **National Games** is awarded the **Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy** for each edition.
 - The champion state is judged based on points scored which are earned based on finishing positions in the events.
 - The **National Games 2025** will feature some top athletes from India, including **Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain (boxing), Swapnil Kusale, Sarabjot Singh and Vijay Kumar (shooting)**.