

Chhattisgarh Athletes Excel at 38th National Games | Chhattisgarh | 01 Feb 2025

Why in News?

Chhattisgarh athletes are making a remarkable impact at the <u>38th National Games</u> in **Uttarakhand**, which are ongoing until **14th February**, **2025**.

 The state has secured an impressive total of **four gold and three bronze medals**, showcasing its growing prowess in multiple sports disciplines.

Key Points

- Highlights of the Achievement:
 - Weightlifting Success:
 - Vijay Kumar made history in the men's 55kg category, securing Chhattisgarh's first men's weightlifting gold in a decade.
 - Gyaneshwari Yadav continued her dominance in women's weightlifting, winning her second consecutive gold in the 49 kg category.
 - She also won gold at the <u>37th National Games</u> in Goa.
 - Kalaripayattu: It is a martial art based on the ancient knowledge of the human body. It originated in Kerala during the 3rd century BC to the 2nd century AD.
 - Vivek Singh won the gold medal, while Risha Nain and Anita secured bronze medals.
- Other Achievements:
 - The **Chhattisgarh women's beach handball team** continued their winning streak, defeating **Assam** in straight sets to grab their **second consecutive bronze** at the **National Games**.
 - The **Men's Badminton Team** reached semifinals with a **5-0 sweep** against Arunachal Pradesh.
 - **Bhumi Gupta secured fifth place** in the women's 100m butterfly final, delivering a commendable performance amid tough competition.

National Games 2025

- The 38th National Games, is India's own multi-sport event inspired by the <u>Olympics</u>, will see athletes from 28 states, 8 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 26th January.
- The overall winner of the National Games is awarded the Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy for each edition.