



38th National Games

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The Union Home Minister addressed the closing ceremony of the [38th National Games](#) in **Haldwani, Uttarakhand**, highlighting the development in **India's sports infrastructure**.

- The **39th National Games** will be held in **Meghalaya**.
- **About 38th National Games:** It was held from **28th January to 14th February 2025** in Uttarakhand.
 - **Mascot:** The mascot of the games was **Mouli**, inspired by Uttarakhand's state bird, the Monal.
 - **Top Performers: Services Sports Control Board (1st)**, Maharashtra (2nd), and Haryana (3rd).
- The **National Games of India** is an **Olympic-style multi-sport event** where athletes from **states and Union Territories** compete for medals.
- **India's sports budget** grew from **Rs 800 crore in 2014 to Rs 3,800 crore by 2025-26**.
- India aims to host the [Olympic Games in 2036](#), with athletes already preparing for success through the [TOPS \(Target Olympic Podium Scheme\)](#).

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