

Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) – Indian Governments Flagship Grassroots Talent Hunt Programme

Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), formerly known as Khelo India School Games (KISG), is a pan-Indian multi-disciplinary sports competition for the country's under 17 and under 21 years youngsters. It is the **Indian Governments flagship grassroots talent hunt programme**.

KIUG are the games conducted for the athletes from universities across the country. KIYG currently has **25 sports** under its belt, whereas the KIUG have around 20 sports that athletes participate in. Under the Khelo India Program, every year 1000 kids are selected under scholarship and trained for International Sporting Events.

When was it inaugurated?

On **January 21, 2018**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, unveiled the first edition of the KIYG at the Indira Gandhi Arena in New Delhi.

Later in February 2020, Modi launched the first-ever Khelo India University Games in the city of Cuttack in Odisha.

The motto/aim of khelo India?

Khelo India Programme aims to harness the tremendous potential of the country in the field of sports, inspire young talent, give them top-notch infrastructure and train them at the highest level so that they can bring laurels to the country. It also aims to revive the sports culture in the country and establish a strong framework for all sports.

The Khelo India Youth Games motto is **“Kheloge Kudoge banoge Lajawaab”**.

Headquarters of Khelo India Youth Games?

The headquarters of the Khelo India Games is located in **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Lodhi Road, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi**.

How much amount is given as scholarship to each player under khelo India program?

Every year, the best 1000 athletes (2 from each event) are given an **annual scholarship of Rs.5 Lakh for 8 years**.

What is the duration of the khelo India scholarship?

Each athlete is selected under the scholarship for a duration of 8 years.

How many games are there in khelo India?

There are 16 sports in 1st edition at Delhi, 17 sports in 1st edition at Bhubaneshwar, 18 sports at 2nd edition in Pune, 20 sports in 2nd edition at Bangalore, 20 sports at 3rd edition in Guwahati and 25 sports at 4th edition in Panchkula.

12 Guiding Principles of Khelo India

To accomplish the above objectives Khelo India has identified 12 sectors on which it strives to work on. They are as follows:



1. **Playing field development**
2. **Community coaching development**
3. **Build state-level Khelo India centres**
4. **Organise annual sports competition**

5. **To search and develop talent**
6. **To create, upgrade and utilize sports infrastructure**
7. **To provide support to national/regional/state academics**
8. **To increase the physical fitness of school children**
9. **To involve more women in sports**
10. **To promote sports amongst para-athletes**
11. **Use sports as a tool for peace and development**
12. **To promote rural and indigenous tribal games**

Khelo India 2021

3rd edition of KIYG was held from 10th Jan – 22nd Jan 2020 in Guwahati, Assam. The event witnessed 20 sports played in the under 17 & under 21 categories. Maharashtra topped the medal tally with a haul of 78 Gold, 77 Silver and 101 Bronze medals. 37 states and union territories participated in the event.

The 1st edition of the KIUG was held from 22nd Feb to 1st March 2020 in Bhubaneswar & Cuttak, Odisha. The games included 211 events in 17 sports and saw a participation of 4000+ athletes from 176 universities. Punjab University finished first with a totally tally of 46 medals which included 17 Gold, 19 Silver and 10 Bronze.

Khelo India youth games 2021-22?

The 4th edition of the KIYG is going to be held in Panchkula (majority of the sports) while some sports will be held in Delhi, Shahabad, Chandigarh and Ambala from 4th – 14th Feb 2022. 264 Gold medals will be up for grabs and around 6000+ athletes are expected to participate in 25 disciplines of sports.

How to register for khelo India youth games?

For KIYG, only selected school kids under the age of 17 years are eligible to compete. In the Individual Sports, top 8 sportsperson.

In India's National School Games, 4 nominations from federation, one from Central Board of Secondary Education, one from the host state and 2 wild card entries for the individual events will be selected.

In Team Sports, the top 4 from the National School Games, 2 nominations by the federation, 1 from the host state and one from the organizing committee will be selected.

For Archery, Badminton and Shooting, the top 16 from the National School Games, 8 nominations by the federation, 1 from CBSE, 1 from host State, 1 from organizing committee, and 6 from wild cards will be selected.

Step to Apply Online Khelo India Youth Games Application Form 2022

Step 1- Visit the Official Website Ministry of Sports.

Step 2- On Homepage, Click on "Play India Youth Games in 2021 Registration Form" Link.

Step 3- Registration Form page will displayed on screen.

Step 4- Now enter the required details & After this upload your photo and agree to the terms and conditions.

Step 5- Then click on the Create Profile option. After clicking on this option, you will see 2 pages of the registration form. Now fill your educational details, documents and bank account details in this form.

Step 6- After that, click on continue, after that you will see the last page of the registration form, now fill your Keating details and information and submit your details.

Step 7- Then you can login to your profile with the help of username and password.

Most successful states in Khelo India?

Maharashtra has so far been the most successful state at the KIYG with overall 2nd position in the 1st edition and overall back-to-back 1st position in the 2nd and 3rd editions. Haryana is the 2nd most successful state with overall 1st position in the inaugural edition and consecutive 2nd position in the following editions. Delhi is consistent at overall 3rd position in all the 3 editions of the games.

Khelo India Youth Games & Khelo India University Games is a Govt. of India initiative which is Intended to create medal winners in the Olympics.

Sporting talents like Manu Bhaker, Saurabh Chaudhary, Anshu Malik, and Srihari Nataraj are some of the finds of Khelo India who have already represented India at Tokyo Olympics, 2020.

With the current work done by Sports Authority of India and Government of India, it looks certain that Khelo India will continue to provide more athletes that not only will represent India in the Olympics at international level but also be podium finishers.