

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-632**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 21/07/2022

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF KHELO INDIA**

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the extent to which 'Khelo India' that was started in the year 2017 to provide a good platform to the youth to play sports has helped in uplifting the children in sports; and
- (b) the milestones that have been achieved in terms of preparing India's sporting future?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b) With a view to achieving the twin objectives of mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports, the Government introduced the Scheme of “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports” in 2016-17. Further, under the ‘Talent Search and Development’ vertical of the Khelo India Scheme, a platform has been provided for the purpose of identification of talented sportspersons and their development for achieving excellence at both national and international levels. Under the Khelo India Scheme, talent search is initiated at the grassroots level in two categories:-

- (i) Sports potential talent identification
- (ii) Proven talent identification

Talent identification and grooming of identified sportspersons and teams, including those from rural, tribal and backward areas of the country, for their participation in international sports events, including Olympics 2028, is done under the Khelo India Scheme as well as the sports promotional schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), viz. National Centres of Excellence, SAI Training Centre (STC), Extension Centre of STCs, and National Sports Talent Contest.

Major milestones that have been achieved in terms of preparing India's sporting future, under Khelo India Scheme are at Annexure.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 632 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/07/2022 REGARDING “ACHIEVEMENTS OF KHELO INDIA” ASKED BY SHRI SUJEET KUMAR, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA**

**Major milestones achieved in preparing India's sporting future under Khelo India Scheme**

**1) Creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure**

300 new sports infrastructure projects have been sanctioned across the country at a cost of ₹ 2753.78 crore of which ₹ 1324.93 crore has been released to beneficiaries for creation of sports infrastructure projects under Khelo India component of “Utilization and Creation/Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure”.

**2) Annual Sports Competition**

So far 6 (six) editions of Khelo India games have been conducted. The details and outcomes are mentioned below: -

- (i) The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Khelo India Games, 2018 was organized in New Delhi in 16 sports disciplines where 3507 athletes participated.
- (ii) The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2019 was organized in Pune in 18 sports disciplines where 5925 athletes participated.
- (iii) The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2020 was organized in Guwahati in 20 sports discipline where 6130 athletes participated.
- (iv) The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2021 was organized in Panchkula in 25 sports disciplines where 4453 athletes participated.
- (v) The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Khelo India University Games, 2020 was organized in Bhubaneswar in 17 sports disciplines where 3182 athletes participated.
- (vi) The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Khelo India University Games, 2021 was organized in Bengaluru in 20 sports discipline where 3735 athletes participated.

**3) Khelo India Talent Search and Development:**

- (i) 2745 Khelo India Athletes across 21 sports disciplines (including Para sports) have been selected under the Scheme till 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
- (ii) An amount of Rs. 1,132,850,000/- has been sanctioned till 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022, to the Khelo India Athletes as Out of Pocket Allowance.

**4) Khelo India Centres & Sports Academies:**

- (i) 29 Khelo India State Centre of Excellence and 523 Khelo India Centres are being supported under the Scheme, across the country. Further, 09 Sports Schools and 28 Army Boys Sports Companies are being supported across the country.
- (ii) A total of 264 academies are accredited for training of athletes identified under the Khelo India Scheme.

**5) Physical Fitness of School Going Children:**

- (i) 2,08,278 schools have been registered in the mobile app and fitness assessment of 23,43,317 students have been completed out of the total 65,70,493 student profile created.

- (ii) 3,43,109 assessors are registered on the system. 97,132 trainers have been trained through online mode during and after Covid-19 outbreak. Before Covid, 11,869 were trained in offline mode of teaching under the Training of Trainer program.

**6) Promotion of Rural/ Indigenous & Tribal Games**

- (i) Under the “Promotion of Rural/ Indigenous & Tribal Games” component of the Khelo India Scheme, games such as Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka and Thang-Ta are being supported. Grants have been sanctioned for infrastructure development, equipment support, appointment of coaches, training of coaches and scholarships. Recently, the game of Silambam has been added for support under the Scheme.
- (ii) 05 indigenous games, namely, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Kalaripayattu, Mallakhamb and Yogasan were added in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2021.
- (iii) 02 indigenous games, namely, Mallakhamb and Yogasan were added in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Khelo India University Games 2021.

**7) Sports for Women**

Under the “Sports for Women” component of the Khelo India Scheme, various women leagues in different sports disciplines such as Hockey, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Archery have been organized.

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