

The first-ever Khelo India University Games

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The Prime Minister launched first-ever Khelo India University Games in Odisha in February 2020

Key highlights

- As many as 3400 athletes from 159 universities across the country have been given entries in 17 disciplines, including rugby which is among the six-team events
- The attempt is to make the Khelo India University Games an aspirational competition for India's youngsters with twin objectives of helping them find the balance between sport and education.
- There were a total of 17 sports namely archery, athletics, boxing, fencing, judo, swimming, weightlifting, wrestling, badminton, basketball, football, hockey, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, rugby, and kabaddi.
- It is the largest ever multi-discipline sports event being conducted at one venue for University students and hopes to unearth talented sportspersons for India.

About Khelo India

The Khelo India programme has been introduced to **revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level by building a strong framework for all sports** played in our country and **establish India as a great sporting nation.**

Khelo India programme has been divided into 12 verticals, namely: