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Khelo India University Games 2020

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Why in News

The Prime Minister will launch the **first-ever Khelo India University Games** in Cuttack (Odisha) on February 22, 2020.

Key Points

- The Khelo India University Games are being **launched by** the Government of India in association with the **Government of Odisha**.
- It is an aspirational competition for India's youngsters with the objective of helping them find the balance between sport and education.
- It is the **largest ever competition** held at the university level in India and will have about **3500 athletes from over 150 universities** across the country taking part in it.
- There will be 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.

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.
- It also aims to establish **India as a great sporting nation**.
- It is implemented by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- Under the scheme, the talented players identified in priority sports disciplines at various levels (by the High-Powered Committee) will be provided **annual financial assistance of INR 5 lakh per annum for 8 years**.

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