



Khelo India Youth Games 2024 Medal Tally

Why in News?

Recently, Haryana emerged among the top three states in [Khelo India Youth Games \(KIYG\) 2024](#), the sixth edition of the flagship event under the Indian government's Khelo India initiative.

Key Points

- Over **5,600 athletes from all over the country competed** at the Khelo India Youth Games 2024, which ran from 19th to 31st January, 2024. **Tamil Nadu hosted the KIYG 2024** in four cities - Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore.
 - **Maharashtra** defended their Khelo India Youth Games title after topping the medals tally with **57 gold medals, 48 silver and 53 bronze**. It was their fourth KIYG title.
 - Host state **Tamil Nadu finished second with 38 gold, 21 silver and 39 bronze** for their best-ever finish.
 - **Haryana**, who have won two KIYG titles, **came third with 35 gold, 22 silver and 46 bronze medals**.
- A total of 926 medals - 278 gold, 278 silver and 370 bronze - were on offer across 26 sports at KIYG 2024 Tamil Nadu.
 - **Squash made its KIYG debut** this year while [Silambam](#), a form of indigenous martial arts, featured as a demonstration sport.

Silambam

- It is an **ancient weapon-based martial art** that emerged in Tamilakam, which is now the Tamil Nadu region of India. It is **one of the oldest martial arts in the world**.
- The term Silambam contains a meaning which itself reveals about the sport, **silam stands for a 'mountain' and bam stands for bamboo** which is the main weapon used in this form of martial arts.
- It is closely linked to the Kerala martial art [kalaripayattu](#).

KHELO INDIA PROGRAMME



AIM

- Mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports
- Revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level

12 VERTICALS OF KHELO INDIA



GAMES UNDER KHELO INDIA

- Khelo India Youth Games (aka Khelo India School Games till 2019)**
 - 1st edition - New Delhi (2018)
 - Age limit - 18
 - KIYG 2023 host - MP (Bhopal)
- Khelo India University Games**
 - 1st edition - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Odisha (2020)
 - KIUG 2023 host - UP (Lucknow, Varanasi, G.Noida and Gorakhpur)
- Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG)**
 - 3 editions held since 2020 (in Leh, Ladakh and Gulmarg (Kashmir))

SELECTION AND ASSISTANCE

- 1000 kids elected yearly for a scholarship program, trained to become medal winners
- Talented players identified in priority sports disciplines are provided Rs. 5 Lakh p.a. for 8 years.

NODAL MINISTRY

- Ministry of Youth & Sports Affairs

HQ

- Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (New Delhi)

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