



National Junior Girls Handball Championship

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh won **the 47th National Junior Girls Handball Championship** .

Key Points

▪ About the Championship:

- Uttar Pradesh won the title of this championship **for the first time** .
- Uttar Pradesh **defeated Himachal Pradesh in the final** .
- This championship was organized from 26 to 30 March 2025 **at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium in Lucknow** .
- It was organised on the occasion of the **50th foundation day of Uttar Pradesh Handball Association**.

▪ Handball:

- It is an **indoor game** , consisting of two teams and each team has seven players.
- Handball originated in **Scandinavia** and **Germany** in the late 19th century .
- Earlier it was an outdoor game and was known as '**Field Handball**'. Later, **G. Wallstrom** introduced indoor handball in **Sweden in 1910**.
 - Between 1938 and 1966, separate world championships were held for both formats of handball, but from 1967 onwards the world championship was held only for indoor handball.
- Handball was included in **the Olympics** only once as an exhibition sport in Berlin in 1936, while it was officially included as an **Olympic sport in Munich in 1972**.
 - Women's handball was included in the Olympics in 1976.

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