



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](#).



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