



Bastar Olympics Gets National Recognition as 'Khelo India Tribal Games'

Why in News?

Two major developments have been announced in Chhattisgarh's sports and healthcare sectors. The **Bastar Olympics** has now been officially recognized as '**Khelo India Tribal Games**', giving it national-level status.

Key Points

- **Support for Indigenous Sports:** The [Khelo India Scheme](#) includes a dedicated component for "**Promotion of Rural and Indigenous/Tribal Games**".
 - Sports like **Mallakhamb, Kalaripayattu, Gatka, Thang-Ta, Yogasana, and Silambam** have already been promoted under this component.

Khelo India Scheme

- The Khelo India Scheme, launched in **2016-17**, aims to promote mass participation and excellence in sports across India.
- Extended till **2025-26** with a financial outlay of ₹3790.50 crore, the scheme focuses on developing sports infrastructure, organizing competitions, talent identification, and supporting sports academies.
 - It also promotes inclusiveness through initiatives for women, persons with disabilities, and indigenous sports.
- Key components include the [Fit India Movement](#), playfield and coaching development, and a national physical fitness drive for school children.

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