

## Khelo India Youth Games 2024: A Spectacle of Sporting Excellence in Tamil Nadu

The 6th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) has unfolded in Tamil Nadu, showcasing the prowess and determination of young athletes from across the nation. Running from January 19 to 31, the event is not just a competition but a celebration of India's vibrant sporting culture. Hosted in Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, and Coimbatore, the games have attracted over 5,600 athletes, making it a remarkable spectacle of skill, dedication, and sportsmanship.



(Source: Olympics.com)

## Medal Tally Drama: Maharashtra Takes the Early Lead

In the early days of the Khelo India Youth Games 2024, Maharashtra has emerged as the front-runner, securing an impressive 28 gold, 24 silver, and 31 bronze medals, totaling 83. This early dominance reflects the state's commitment to sports development and the effectiveness of its grassroots programs. Tamil Nadu closely trails behind with 26 gold, 13 silver, and 23 bronze medals, accumulating a total of 62. Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh have also showcased commendable performances, setting the stage for intense competition.

## Individual Triumphs: Stars in the Making

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The journey of individual athletes has been a highlight of KIYG 2024. Navyaa SH from Tamil Nadu clinched the day's first gold in girls' traditional yoga, showcasing not only physical prowess but also mental discipline. Fencer Arlin AV's victory in the boy's Sabre final against Haryana's Lakshya Badser was a gripping encounter, ending 15-14 and contributing to Tamil Nadu's growing medal tally.

Delhi, not to be overshadowed, made a significant move up the medals tally after their judokas secured two gold and two silver medals at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium. Tannu Mann from Delhi triumphed in the girls' 48kg category, and Anurag Sagar claimed the boys' 55kg gold, adding to the capital's medal count.

## Basketball Battles: Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu Dominate



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In basketball, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu showcased their prowess in both girls' and boys' categories. Maharashtra defeated Kerala 81-54 in the girls' Group A match, while Tamil Nadu secured a convincing 109-45 victory against Chandigarh. In the boys' division, Uttar Pradesh dominated Mizoram with a 109-52 win in Group A, and in a thrilling encounter, Tamil Nadu edged past Karnataka 99-72 in Group B.





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## Boxing Brilliance: Quarterfinals Unfold

The boxing quarterfinals added another layer of excitement to KIYG 2024. Young pugilists showcased their skills, determination, and hunger for victory, making the competition fierce and captivating. The results of these bouts will shape the path to the podium and determine which states emerge as boxing powerhouses in this edition of the games.

## Fencing Fervor: Arlin AV and K Abhinash Shine

In the fencing arena, Arlin AV's victory in the Sabre category added to Tamil Nadu's glory. The gold medal match against Haryana's Lakshya Badser was a closely contested battle, ending 15-14 in Arlin AV's favor. Meanwhile, in the boys' Foil final, Manipur's K Abhinash defeated Tejas Patil of Maharashtra, showcasing Manipur's prowess in this traditional sport.

## Judo Jamboree: Delhi's Golden Run

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Judo enthusiasts witnessed Delhi's golden run in the 40kg, 44kg, and 48kg categories. Sapna from Chandigarh clinched the gold in the girls' 40kg category, while Ankita N from Gujarat secured victory in the girls' 44kg category. Tannu Mann continued Delhi's success by winning the gold in the girls' 48kg category. On the boys' side, Shivansh Vashisht from Punjab claimed the gold in the 50kg category, and Anurag Sagar from Delhi secured the top spot in the 55kg category.



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## Kabaddi Conquest: Haryana Defends Title

In the fiercely contested Kabaddi competition, defending boys' champion Haryana showcased their dominance by setting up a summit clash against Rajasthan. Haryana secured a facile 45-28 victory over Maharashtra in the semifinals, while Rajasthan had earlier beaten Tamil Nadu 41-23 in the other semifinal. The Kabaddi finals promise to be a spectacle of strength, strategy, and agility.

## Squash Sensation: New Dimensions Added

Squash made its debut in the Khelo India Youth Games 2024, adding a new dimension to the competition. The Round of 8 matches witnessed intense battles, with players vying for a spot in the semifinals. Pooja Arthi, Shameena Riaz, and Deepika V from Tamil Nadu showcased their squash prowess in the girls' category, while Tanveet Singh Mundra, Sandesh Pr, and Arihant Ks excelled in the boys' category.

## Yogasana Triumphs: Navyaa SH Shines



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(Source: PIB)

The Yogasana competition witnessed exemplary performances, with Navyaa SH from Tamil Nadu shining in the Traditional Yoga category. Her gold-winning score of 64.75 points showcased not only physical flexibility but also a deep understanding of yogic principles. The inclusion of traditional sports like Yogasana reflects the holistic approach of the Khelo India Youth Games.

## About KIYG 2023, Tamil Nadu: A Sporting Extravaganza

The Khelo India Youth Games 2023, hosted in Tamil Nadu, are a testament to India's commitment to nurturing sports at the grassroots level. With over 5,600 athletes participating across 26 sporting disciplines in 15 venues, the games have become a symbol of national unity and sporting excellence. Silambam, a traditional sport of Tamil Nadu, takes center stage as a demonstration sport, highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

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## State Participation: A Pan-India Celebration

Athletes from all 36 States and Union Territories of India are participating in the Khelo India Youth Games, making it a pan-India celebration of talent and diversity. Tamil Nadu, as the host, has fielded a formidable contingent of 559 athletes, setting the stage for a strong representation and spirited competition.

## Medal Tally Dynamics: A Close Contest

The medal tally dynamics reveal a closely contested battle among states. Maharashtra's early lead is a testament to its comprehensive sports development programs, but Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh are not far behind. The competition promises twists and turns as athletes continue to compete in various disciplines, contributing to their state's overall medal count.

## A Festival of Sports

The Khelo India Youth Games 2024 in Tamil Nadu have transformed into a festival of sports, celebrating the spirit of competition, unity, and excellence. As athletes continue to dazzle spectators with their skills and determination, the games serve as a platform for the next generation of sporting stars to emerge. With diverse disciplines, traditional sports, and new additions like squash, the Khelo India Youth Games exemplify India's commitment to fostering a culture of sports at the grassroots level. The journey has just begun, and the remaining days promise more thrilling moments, unforgettable performances, and the crowning of new champions.

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