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Khelo India: Kick Starts with its Inauguration Ceremony

Khelo India University Games Inauguration Ceremony kicks start in the presence of Ministers of Parliament and Shree Venkateswara Naidu, Vice President of India

Nehal Agarwal

On 24th April, the Inauguration Ceremony for The Khelo India commenced at the Kanteerava Indoor Stadium. The Chief Guests present for the event were Vanketasera Naidu (Vice President of India), Anurag Thakur (Sports Minister of India), Basavaraj Bommai (Chief Minister of Bangalore) Ministry of Affairs, Members of Parliament, honourable ministers of Karnataka. The event began at sharp 4 pm with the National Anthem followed by the felicitation of the Chief Guests.

The chief minister of Karnataka Shree Basavaraj Bommai, Sports Minister of India Shree Anurag Thakur, Vice President of India Shree Venkateshwara Naidu and Prime Minister of India Shree Narendra Modi addressed the audience and spoke wise words for the Khelo India University Games. Shree Basavaraj Bommai said, "sports is what develops a student's mind.



He also addressed the athletes and said, 'if you are afraid to lose you will never win.' Shree Anurag Thakur Sports Minister of India also said 'He gives his heartiest wishes for the Khelo India University Games which is hosted by Jain Deemed to be University for organising a National Level Sports event. He furthermore says, 'He also believes an event at such a scale has never been conducted in India before, this is the first time an event at such a scale with athletes from many sports have participated.

Shree Narendra Modi Honourable Prime Minister of India addressed the crowd through digital media, he congratulates Bengaluru upon hosting khelo India. Bengaluru is the majesty, dignity and honour of the digital world. He salutes the youth for organizing such a massive sports event. He also says, 'Sports is what will take you forward, sports and life both should work hand in hand. In both of these, there will always be losses and wins.

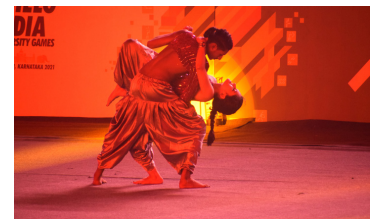
And finally the Vice President of India

Shree Venkateshwara Naidu addressed the students from Various colleges and universities to be active in sports. It will help the young generation to stay fit and sound. He furthersays, 'Ruralsports should be given the top priority, sports are what build the team spirit and healthy competition in a young mind. In a youthful country like India, sports activities should be addressed the most.

The Khelo India University Games 2021-2022 commenced with the speech of the Vice President of India

speech. Followed by the torch lighting ceremony and a group dance conducted by various Athletes and students from different colleges and universities respectively. This marks the end of The Khelo India Inauguration Ceremony 2021-2022.

Glimpse of Khelo India University Games Inauguration 2021



KHELO INDIA 2021: A kickoff starts with the Volleyball Game



Sweta Behera

Women's Volleyball 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

The Volleyball Competition at Khelo India got off to a strong start, with Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam paving the way versus the University of Calicut. Though the famous guys of Kottayam won the opening two sets, UOC defended effectively. Today's triumph, however, sealed MGU's fate after three straight wins with a score of 25-23. Meanwhile, the Women's team had SRM vs PUB in the opening round, where the Chennai girls got off to a good start and gave the opponent team a tough fight. Even the players of SRM by winning 3 consecutive sets

against PUB with a scoreboard of 25-17. The first half of the programme featured Mrs Ritu A. Pathik, Regional Director of Sports Authority of India, Dr Raj Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Jain University, and Amarjyoti, chairperson of GTCC. As the second round began, the lads of Guru Nanak Dev University, Punjab, took the court with great zeal to give the boys of Mangalore University, Karnataka a good win. As both team players gave their all and scored nearly evenly, Mr Bijoy Babu, the Technical Head of Muthutu Volleyball

Institution, entered the room to scout talent for his Kochi academy. Baljeet Singh, the chairman of the Association of Indian Universities, was also present for a brief time. The game between the GNDU and MAU eventually became more interesting, and the score was tied during the fourth set. And it was a thrilling moment, as team GNDU won the round by a 2-point margin. It was a satisfying conclusion. The boys of KUK and Adamas University, West Bengal left everyone to bite their nails as they kept on scoring back-to-back with equal rage and smash.

Girls from HPS and PUC appeared equally powerful as they warmed up before the round began. HPS led in the first half, but Chandigarh grabbed control after a planned stoppage. However, stupid mistakes caused the team to lose the round, resulting in HPS winning the round with a score of 25-18. On the other hand, as the men's game was going on, Kurukshetra University in Haryana defeated Adamas University in West Bengal by a score of 25-22, which is pretty commendable.

Glimpse of Volleyball event



KHELO INDIA: Girls Football Match

Sunmathi

On April 24th, 2022, the Khelo India University Games began. Football group stage group B was one of the games played for girls at "The sports school" of Jain university. It began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 11:00 a.m. Each squad has ten players including one goalkeeper. The match was between Dev Nanak University (Punjab) and Utkal University (Odisha). For the first 30 minutes, neither team scored a goal, with Punjab trying 5 times and Odisha trying twice. Dev Nanak scored two goals in a short amount of time later in the second half. The second time, Utkal University scored one goal while leading the match, although they attempted for goals but the keepers were strong enough to prevent them. Dev Nanak University eventually won the game by a large margin.



Women's Football KIUG 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

Mallakhamb 2021

Hosted for the first time in Khelo India University Games 2021

Maitri Deori

"The gymnast and little of bars" and that's what best outline what Mallakhamb game is all about. This year Khelo India University games 2021 is being hosted at Karnataka by Jain (Deemed-to-be University) and Mallakhamb was one of the events that took place in it. It is a traditional sport, originating from the Indian subcontinent, in which a gymnast performs aerial yoga or gymnastic postures and wrestling grips in concert with a vertical stationary or hanging wooden pole, cane, or rope. The word 'Mallakhamb'

also refers to the pole used in the sport. The event commenced with the traditional ritual of smashing a coconut by the chief guest Dr. Baljeet Singh (AIU) and all the delegates who were present. All the names of the teams were announced who took part in Mallakhamb. There were two categories of the event one was Pole Mallakhamb the head judges were Ravi Prakash and Brijesh Dwivedi. The other category was 'Hanging Mallakhamb' and the judges were Abhijeet Bhosle and Brijesh Dwivedi. The participants were given

1- minute and based on the number of stunts and how perfect their posture was, the results were decided. The Gondwana University, Maharashtra started the first performance in the category of 'Hanging Mallakhamb' and Mumbai University in the category of 'Pole Mallakhamb' and both the categories were for both male and female participants. This is the first time Khelo India University games is introducing a traditional sport like this.



Mallakhamb 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

Women’s Boxing Championship 2021: Emergence of new talent



Women’s Boxing Championship KIUG 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

Maitri Deori

It was the first day of boxing for the Khelo India University Games with 48 bouts scheduled throughout the day across different weight categories. The second half of the event started at 6:10 pm and it went in full swing on the global campus of Jain (Deemed-to-be University).

The highlight arrived early in the day, as Vinka, representing Kurukshetra University outclassed Desh Bhagat University’s Shaheen Gill to win her opener in the 57-60kg category. Vinka, a Khelo India scholar and a TOPS athlete, won gold at the 2021 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in the 60kg category. The second session commenced with the first match between Punjab University, Chandigarh, and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University, Rajasthan in the 57-60kg category.

As intense as this match was, both the participants were powerful and sturdy but Punjab University made it through the quarter-finals among others are Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Niraj International School, Chandigarh, Nirwan University and Lovely Professional University will be competing against one another tomorrow at the Jain Global Campus. Women’s boxing has grown from a niche sport into an important game in recent years, making it to the headlines. Not that long ago, those types of milestones seemed almost impossible. But the determination and the aggression in today’s event that people witnessed will show beyond doubt that with the growth of women’s boxing, our future is spectacular though it still has a long way to go.

Volleyball 2021: SRM University Made It to The Finals

Maitri Deori

The third day of Khelo India University games for Volleyball men took place on the global campus at Coliseum stadium. The semi-finals began at 2:30 pm with the match between Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, which was the blue team, and SRM Institute of Technology, Chennai, which was the red team. Both the teams were at a neck-to-neck level, the match got so fascinating to watch that the audience could be seen cheering and encouraging all the players.

The main highlight of today’s volleyball match was player Santosh from SRM University, he was the pillar for his team today, showing the audience his amazing skills. The competition was a tough one and both the teams were well fortified. But MGU did a few mistakes which resulted in additional scores for SRM University. The match went for 3 hours with SRM University leading the match with a score of 16 and 10. MGU lost its chance to make it to the finals and SRM University going to the finals.

KHELO INDIA 2021: Shooting – Trap/Indoor at SAI Shooting Range

Akshara Vashishta

At Khelo India, the shooting competition was split into several sections. The majority of shooting falls into one of two categories: indoor shooting and outdoor shooting. Indoor shooting ranges were 10 metres today, while outdoor shooting was a free range because it was a trap shoot. The lighting and comfort of SAI were commended by the participants who undertook inside shooting (Sports Authority of India). Those who were outside were thankful for the weather, since it contributed in today’s game. There will be no rain, and there will be a moderate amount of humidity. The match went smoothly. While speaking with Sharan Suniel, the coach and a player himself, he stated that Karnataka needs to improve its shooting infrastructure. “Access to firearms and ammo (in terms of the sport) is improving, but not to where it should be,” he said, adding that Bangalore is performing well in comparison to other Karnataka cities due to the S.A.I, which is the “sole” shooting range. In an interview with Dikshant Sanjay Jadhav, a certified SAI instructor, he stated that the best 8 players are chosen for the indoor competition. Khelo India drew a total of nearly 38 universities from throughout the country.

“Khelo India is one such platform that is quite valuable in the life of a young shooter; all of the rules are certified by the National Rifle Association.” For the first time in Karnataka, university games are being held, and the fact that all players, regardless of position, are playing together is a significant feature. Many individuals did not know what shooting was when they were younger, and they assumed that shooting meant filming. However, it was only until Abhinav Bindra that people became aware of what shooting is, and as a result, the sport’s development is critical, and it has been improving ever since. Female shooting competition is fierce, and things have improved dramatically since my time.” Around 25 shooters from various institutions and states gathered for the first portion of the trap shooting competition like O.P. Jindal Global University, Rajasthan University, Punjab University, and others. Men and women both put up a good fight by standing their posters and shooting the flying targets. The weather cooperated with the sport. As Mahesh (an international level shooter) pointed out, illumination was an important aspect in indoor shooting, and the air-conditioned environment was ideal.

It was a fantastic mix of light and vibes, and no shooter could say no.

Gajanan Khandagale (Savitribai Phule Pune University), Paarth Makhija (Delhi University), and Maddineni Mahesh (K.L University KLEF) won bronze, silver, and gold, respectively, in the indoor 10 metre range finals.

Glimpse of Shooting at SAI



Women’s Shooting Indoor KIUG 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

Khelo India kick starts on the second day of the Basketball event

Akshara Vashista

University of Madras vs University of Mumbai

The second round of Basketball game kick-started on 25th April with the University of Madras, scoring the first point against the University of Mumbai in Quarter 1. The university of Mumbai making the first foul hence giving the university of madras their free penalty short. At the break of quarter 1, the score of the university of madras was 10 and the University of Mumbai was 1, the University of Madras giving a tough competition to the University of Mumbai here. At the end of the first quarter, the scores were 31-11 with the University of Madras leading the match. Let's see if it can make a comeback in quarter 2!!

University of Mahatma Gandhi vs Guru Nanak University Girls.

Quarter 1 of girls' basketball began between the University of Mahatma



Men's Basketball 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

University, with Guru Nanak University scoring the first basket of the afternoon against Mahatma Gandhi university. The scores were 28-16 with Guru Nanak University leading the match. In Quarter 2, the match was again led by Guru Nanak University. The scores by the end were 35-41. At the beginning of quarter 3, Mahatma Gandhi University scored their first

basket followed by Guru Nanak University marking their scores as 38-43. Now this being the turning point of the match!! Both giving each other a tough competition, with the scores being 40-45 with Guru Nanak University leading the 3rd quarter. The scores were equal to 57-57 by the end, with both the teams giving each other a neck-to-neck competition. The university of Mahatma Gandhi breaks the score

bond with the scores being 60-58, and lead the match. With the commencement of quarter 4 MG University made their first basket with scores being 67-58. By the mid of quarter 4, the scores were 77-61 with Mg University leading it. In the last 2 minutes of quarter 4, the scores were 91-72 with again MG university leading the match. In the last 1 minute of the match, both the teams were

struggling for points. And finally!! the MG University won the match with an unbeatable score of 96-79 this marks the end of the match with Mahatma Gandhi University Girls going to the next round. Dr Suma Joseph the manager of the Mahatma Gandhi team says, 'she is proud of her girls for winning the match but however, they have more potential in them. And they are looking forward to tomorrow's match' At halftime, the scores were 53-22 with the University of Madras leading the match. At the beginning of quarter 3, the University of Madras scored the second point there followed by the University of Mumbai marking their scores as 59-26. With the University of Mumbai giving their best for a comeback, the University of madras is still leading the match with an unbeatable score of 66-33. In the last 1 minute of the quarter 3 University of Madras, girls created a solid score of 80-45.

Khelo India University Games 2021-22 Swimming Competition

Preethi Jagadeesha

As on 25th may the swimming competition for both men and women started at 8 in the morning and ended around 11 am. The event took place at the Jain Global campus, Kanakapura Bangalore. Under men's 400 m freestyle the gold medalist was Shubham Dhaygude with 4min 17.67 sec who represented SavitriBai Phule, Pune University, Silver medalist was Abhilash Challagani with 4min 19.86 sec who represented Jawaharlal Nehru Technology and the bronze medalist was Mathews Koshy with 4 min 19.96 sec. Under women's 400m Freestyle the gold medalist was V Varsha with 4 min 59.63 sec who represented the University of Madras, the silver medalist was Preetha V

with 5min 03.22 sec who represented Bangalore University and the Bronze medalist was Nirmala R with 5 min 13.52 sec who represented the University of Kerala. Under Men 200m Medley the Gold medalist was Siva Sridhar with 2 min 0.543 sec who represented Jain university the silver medalist was Benediction Rohith with 2 min 12.33 sec who represented Anna University and the Bronze medalist was Siddhant Sejwal with 2 min 14.70 sec. Under women's 4 x 200m Freestyle the Gold medalist was the University of Madras with 9min 53.66 sec, the silver medalist was Jadavpur University with 9min 54.86 sec and the bronze medalist was Jain University with 10 min 11.88 sec

It was exciting to watch how the athletes were competing with each other with their amazing spirit and determination. All the athletes represented their universi

ties and their talent well. The sportsmanship was commendable and the confidence they carried was completely visible in the way they played

The competition ended on a very good note and was really fun to watch.



Swimming 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

Players smashes into National Badminton Championship Semi-Finals of KIUG-2021



Men's Badminton Singles (Semi-Finals)
Source: AIU Photography Team

Shruthi D

Semi- finals of the badminton tournament began on the 4th day of the Khe- lo India, University games competition for both Men and Women from four Uni- versities of each category. Men participants were from Jain University- Bangalore, Savitribai Phule University- Pune, Punjabi University- Patiala and SRM Institute of Science and Technolo- gy- Chennai. And Wom- en participants were from Madurai Kamaraj Univer- sity- Madurai, Osmania University- Hyderabad and SRM Institute of Science and Technology- Chennai. The Semi- Finals under men have 7 participants repre- senting each Universities by competing in 3 singles and 2 doubles matches. Under Women Category only 5 participants compete in 2

singles and 1 double match totaling 10 and 6 reports respectively. The best play- ers with consecutive wins in 3 matches shall move to the finals playing for gold, silver and bronze medals. In today's semi- finals play- ers smashed their way to the finals with sheer commit- ment and grit even though there were immediate pow- er fluctuations due to pow- er cuts during the matches. With the result of 6 matches, out of 10 under Men's cate- gory 2 singles and 1 double were won by Jain Universi- ty, Bangalore and 1 single and 1 double were won by SRM University and Punja- bi University won a singles match. Likewise, the wom- en's category of 4 matches out of 6 were won by Os- mania University and Jain University equally by 1 sin- gle each and 1 double each.

Weightlifting KIUG 2021



Weightlifting
Source: AIU Photography Team

Charishma.M.Reddy

One of the superior matters regarding weightlifting is the amenities and who it executes lie competed, especially in recent years. With virtually no entry rate because of provincial meets, every one of anybody's age and capacitance competes. However, just due to the fact weightlifting competitions are reachable does no longer low up to expect all people to know what after anticipate, what after do, or in imitation of function it. The competition's rules and procedures are a fulfilled mystery for deep about them. As the encounter kicked off the battle begin with the Women's 76 kilograms category. Every participates attitude was they were not

going to give up, everyone maximized the opportunity to the fullest potential. The total number of participants was 7, although Ritu from PAHE-U, unfortunately, lost 3 attempts continuously and was out of the race. Swathi Kishor from the University of Calicut (Kerala) who lifted 188 kilograms in total later went on to win the Women's 76 kilograms category, accompanying her Dhathri Palati from Adikavi Nannaya University (AKNU) took second place with 176 kilograms and Nicemol Thomas from the University of Calicut (Kerala) took third place with the total of 175 kilograms. As we head to the next category, Women's 81 kilograms, the category numbers grew in the competition, so the competition became tougher.

In the category mentioned above, Rakhi from Punjab University won the first prize with a lead of 9 kilograms which was 194 kilograms, the second place was covered by Anjali Joshi from Lovely Professional University with 185 kilograms and the third spot was taken by Yogita Khedkar from SPPUP with the result 171 kilograms. Now we switch to the Men's 91 kilograms category where the number of participants was 4, as the competition started with Punit Chandra Sahu from KIIT and Gurpreet Ralh from SBBSU were off to a tough start however they hooked on to the pressure and The winner of the Men's 96 kilograms category Vaishnav Thakur from SPPU (Pune).

Rifle and Track Shooting – 2021

Ishan Sinha

The third day of the shooting event continued in full action at the SAI campus on the 26th of April. The 10-meter rifle shooting event was the first segment held, it had notable participants like National level shooters, Atmika Gupta, and Jasmin Kaur, and International Champions namely Mamini Kaushik, Gayatri Pavaskar, and Zeena Khitta We interviewed the Competition Director of the National Shooting Association Mr. G.Sushil. He also serves as the Hon. Secretary of National Rifle Association.



Women's Rifle Shooting
Source: AIU Photography Team

During the interaction, he told us about his 40 years of shooting experience at both state and national levels respectively.

His son, Sharan Sushil, is an international-level shooter who has won many accolades and medals in World Cups and Asian Shooting

Championships. While covering the event of Track shooting, we also interacted with two champion track shooters, Aadya

Tripathi and Kriti Gupta both from Delhi University. Aadya is a reigning National Level gold medallist. She also holds the record for the highest number of shots by any woman in India (73/75), which was previously held by Shreyasi Singh (72/75). Kriti Gupta also is an international-level shotgun champion, she won a medal at Asian Shotgun Championship, held in Kazakhstan in 2019. She began her shooting at 12 and won her first gold medal in Finland. Her father Amit Kumar Gupta was also a National Level shooter. The event concluded with a Track shooting team event in which Vardha Sharma got the highest points (24/30).

Jain University wins Gold at Badminton.

Ishan Sinha

The finals of Badminton competition held at Sports School Campus, Jain University on 27th April, 2022. The event was graced by the presence of Honorable Chairman of JGI Group Mr. Chenraj Roychand and Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Raj Singh who spoke to the participants and encouraged them. The first set of matches of the day were Men's singles, played between SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai and Jain University, Bangalore. SRM University defeated Jain University in both the matches. The second segment of Men's Singles was played between Punjabi University, Patiala and Savitribai Phule University, Pune. Savitribai Phule University defeated Punjabi University (0-3). In Women's Singles, Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu defeated Jain University (0-2) and Osmania University; Hyderabad defeated SRM University (0-2). The last match of the badminton tournament of Khelo India University Games 2021 was a nail-biting final of the Men's Doubles which was played between SRM Institute (H. Arunesh,

Jain University defeats SRM Institute Chennai at Men's Doubles



Men's Badminton Finals
Source: AIU Photography Team

Ritwik Satish Kumar Sanjeevi) and Jain University (M .Rohith, V.Suhas) in which Jain University defeated SRM Institute (2-3).



Men's Badminton Finals
Source: AIU Photography Team

The Scorecard of the Match: SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai .vs. Jain University, Bangalore

Event	SRM Institute	Jain University	Score	Points	Duration
MS 1	Ritwik Satish Kumar Sanjeevi	Raghu Mariswamy	21-17, 21-15	1-0	32m
MS 2	Arunesh H	Rohith. M	25-23, 21-12	1-0	37m
MD 1	Mauryan Kathiravan - Arjun Krishnan	Raghu Mariswamy - Sai Prateek	14-21, 20-22	0-1	25m
MS 3	Kavin Thangam	Shamnath Rao Kidyoor	21-19, 16-21, 17-21	0-1	51m
MD 2 finals	Arunesh H - Rithwik Satish Kumar Sanjeevi	Rohith. M - Suhas V	16-21, 21-23	0-1	30m

Khelo India 2021: Swimming Championship



Women's Swimming Championship
Source: AIU Photography Team

Aishwarya Raj Laxmi Kadka

On the fifth day of Khelo India University Youth Games 2nd edition i.e., 27th April'22, swimming championship continued. The dignitaries who graced with their presence were Mr. Avinash Menon Rajendran (IAS), Mr. Santosh Babu (IPS) and Mr. Ikvamulla Shariff as well. The 25th event was Women's 200m freestyle swimming and the winner was V Varsha representing University of Madras. The winner for Men's 200m freestyle swimming was Anurag Dagar representing Punjab University. The next category was Women's 100m

Butterfly swimming and the winner was Shrishti Upadhyay representing Jadavpur University and the winner for same in Men's category was Siva Sridhar representing the host university, Jain University. The last event was for Women's 4*100m Medley swimming and the winner was the swimmer from University of Madras. The event came to an end with prize distribution ceremony around 6:30 pm. The enthusiasm and determination of the athletes was seen to be as fresh as the first day. It is always a refreshing experience to watch the athletes in such spirit.

Archery – KIUG 2021



Men's Archery
Source: AIU Photography Team

Sumit Singh

The first event of Compound Archery of KIUG was the Women's Archery 1/6 Elimination Round which consisted of 32 participants in total from different universities in the country. With Honorable Home Minister of Pondicherry A. Nammasivayam as the chief guest. The event consisted of celebrity archers like Muskan Kirar, Sneha Rani in women's, and Aman Saini in men's. The event was conducted from a range of 50 meters with 5 rounds each. In Compound Men's team

Punjabi University, Patiala ranked first, followed by the University of Delhi ranking 2nd and Maharishi Dayanand University ranking 3rd.

In the women's category, Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya secured the first rank followed by Savitribai Phule University ranking 2nd and Saint Gadge Baba Amravati University ranking 3rd. The quarterfinals were conducted today, 28th April and the finals for all the categories will be held on the 30th.

Judo 2021



Women's Judo
Source: AIU Photography Team

Maitri Deori

It was the first day of Judo for the Khelo India University Games and the event began at 10:00 am in Colosseum stadium with the welcoming of a special guest Mrs. Nitu, a dignified Judo player in India. There was also a special appearance of Prof. B Bhushan, Chairman - NAAC alongside Prof. (Dr) Sandeep Sancheeti Former President AIU and Prof Sushma Yadava - UGC Commission Member at 11:50 am. The match started with Bankura University, West Bengal, and DAV University, Punjab under the weight category

of -48kg (women) for the quarter-finals followed by the -60kg category for men. Bankura University and Jananayak Chandrashekar University, Ballia Uttar Pradesh pulled it through the preliminary round in the women's category. There was also a repechage round for the ones who failed for the same. Here, the DAV University and Lovely Professional University made it to the quarter-finals. Both the matches for men and women are in full swing accompanied by competitive players from different universities.

Khelo India Boxing Tournament comes to an end



Women's Boxing
Source: AIU Photography Team

Shivatmika Manvi

Khelo India 2021 taking place in Bengaluru completes yet another sports event. The women's boxing started on 25th April with 44 bouts for quarterfinals and found its gold medalists on 28th April 2022. The sports had a total of 12 weight categories, each offering 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. That's a total of 12 gold, 12 silver and 24 bronze. Starting with the minimum weight (45-48kg) category, the bout between Shilpa Yadav of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University, UP and Shobha Koli of Soban Singh Jeena University, Uttarakhand gave us the first gold medal of the women's boxing. The fierce battle between the two ended with 5-0 in Shobha's favor.

The second weight category of 48-50kg was fought between Rinky Kishor of Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, UP and Pooja of Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University (CHRSU), Haryana. Pooja in blue won with a unanimous decision of 5-0 on board. The third bout of the day, bout no. 71 was an intense one between Diya Bache of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Maharashtra and Renu of Indira Gandhi University Meerpur (IG-UMR), Haryana under 50-52kg weight category. The match was a close one ending in a split decision of 3-2 in favor of Renu. The next bout, bout no. 72 under 52-54kg known as bantam weight was nail biting with the players pushing each other into the corners.

This match between Sandeep kaur of Chandigarh University, Mohali, Punjab and Shivani of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University (PT-DUS), Rajasthan was won by Sandeep with yet another split decision of 4-1. Reaching the finals under feather weight (54-57kg) category were Poonam of Kurukshetra University, Haryana and Kirti of Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Haryana. With 1 deducted point, Kriti tied with Poonam on one of the scores yet made her way to victory with 3-1 on board. The sixth bout of the day under Light weight (57-60kg) category took place between Muskan of PT-DUS and Rekha of IG-UMR. The bout ended with a unanimous decision of 5-0 in favor of Muskan. Bout no. 75, light welterweight (60-63kg) category, giving us the 7th gold and silver medalist was between Rajbala of Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Chhattisgarh and Deepika Sharma of CHRSU. The gold was bagged by Deepika with a split decision of 4-1. The welterweight (63-66kg) category, 8th of the day started with the lead from siwi of

KUK, but was later taken charge by Astha Pahwa of Chaudhary Charan Singh University Meerut, UP. The match ended with a split decision of 4-1 in Astha's favor. Coming to the 9th category of Light middleweight (66-70kg), Kushum of Guru Jambheshwar University, Haryana and Kiran of Shri Khushal Das University, Rajasthan kept the energy going with an aggressive bout. The results however were unanimous (5-0) in favor of Kiran. The middle weight category (70-75kg) had Deepika of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, UP and Shertima Thakur of Himachal Pradesh University, HP as their finalists and they did not fail to deliver. The results came out 3-2 in favor of Shertima. The last but one category of light heavyweight (75-81kg) was fought between Neha of Jaipur National University, Rajasthan and Komal of PUC. Neha seized the title with a unanimous decision of the judges (5-0). The last battle for the gold medal of the day was in the heavyweight category (81-81+kg) between Neha of Punjabi University, Patiala and Deepika of Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Haryana. This one last bout was won by Neha with a 5-0 on the scoreboard. The day sailed smoothly presenting us the 12 gold and 12 silver medalists of the Khelo India 2021. The ladies march on with the same energy and passion leaving us all saying 'Until next time'.



Men's Boxing
Source: AIU Photography Team

Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal- Secretary General of AIU talks Khelo India, University Games.

Special Interview of Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal by Shruthi D | On 24/04/22, 12:00 pm- At The Lalit Ashok hotel boardroom, Seshadripuram, Bangalore.



Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal- Secretary General of AIU
Source: AIU Photography Team

Shruthi D

This year the traditional Khelo India is happening all over Bangalore with more than 4000 participants from 100 Universities and 16 sports. And this year's Khelo India University Games are different from previous years because they are environmentally friendly green games, according to Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, who is a Fulbright Scholar and a topper in MSc & PhD in Agricultural Statistics from IARI, New Delhi. She has nearly three decades of experience in higher education policy planning and management. In a recent special interview, she also discusses this year's University Games in further detail.

SD: Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav -the Govt of India initiative, the festival aims at awakening the nation, fulfilling the dream of good governance and global peace and development. What is the role of sports in this initiative?

Dr Pankaj Mittal: Sports are very significant when we talk about higher education with participation in teaching, learning, and research. Sports assist them to open up the mind, body, and soul to learning for their holistic growth.

SD: As a woman representing an organisation like AIU, how do you believe you can enhance women's participation in sports events like Khelo India?

PM: We are already encouraging women to participate heavily; from academics to sports, the gross enrollment for women is increasing, and in India, it is currently greater than for men. This was a source of concern in the past, but it is now less so. Right now, it is less in this Khelo India because male enrollment is larger, as men's participation is 2045 and women's involvement is 1841. Perhaps in the future, there will be more since women are becoming more involved in sports, as gross enrollment for women is higher than the previous year.

SD: What characteristics distinguish Khelo India 2022 from prior editions?

PM: First the sports events are more this year than last year, and this time we are making it green games, so when we say green games mean environmental friendly games that mean no to plastics so no plastics will be used in any games in this year Khelo India neither as crockery nor as cutlery or water bottles so everywhere we are promoting it as green games. So the green games we are hosting with Jain University make the difference.

SD: How do you think such a prestigious event like Khelo India is going to uplift a state like Karnataka with a rich heritage and cultural history?

PM: A coffee table is made for this Khelo India, in that we are providing all the details about this, the previous year's Khelo India, this year whatever events have happened so far including the cultural heritage along with delicious cuisine of Karnataka state. And this book will go to more than 1000 Universities in India and everybody will get to know about Khelo India, Jain University, and Karnataka's rich culture, monuments and cuisine here.

SD: India is rich with several universities, what made

you choose Jain University to be the host of this event?

PM: There were several Universities in the race when we were looking for a host, but when we saw the facilities available for sports for the students in Jain, as well as the attitude that was really crucial as they were so forthcoming, they were so eager to do anything to do for the games. That 'we want to do the games and we will do the best we can mentality inspired us to collaborate with Jain University.

On one side it is slowly becoming the talk of the town, and on the other side athletes and sportspersons are competing and representing their Universities national level and making their state proud. This is happening with this grand gosh only with the help of AIU. From volunteering to Media operations along the way encouraging the people to participate and work together has a big impact on today's youth. And it is proud and all worthwhile to witness while being a part of that youth, so let us Jee-to India with Khelo India.



Source: AIU Photography Team

Volleyball 2021



Women's Volleyball
Source: AIU Photography Team

Preethi Jagadeesha

Adams University, West Bengal vs Himachal Pradesh, Shimla Adams University West Bengal (AUW) won the match against Himachal Pradesh, Shimla (HPS). Both the teams were putting all their effort to achieve their goal. At the start, AUW won continuous 2 starts, but HPS girls didn't lose their determination and gave it their all to compete with each other and won the 3rd set. But unfortunately, in the last set i.e the 4th set, both the teams had a difference of 2 points. The time was up. Hence, the winners of the match were AUW with points 26 - 24. When the game was going on, the honorable chief guest, Anurag Singh Thakur, the current minister of sports, and the Youth Affairs minister, visited the game and encouraged the participants. An intense volleyball match started between SRM University, Chennai, and Adams University, West Bengal.

Kabaddi Third-Day Qualifications Khelo India University Games



Men's Kabaddi
Source: AIU Photography Team

Charishma.M.Reddy

With the encounter among 7 people on the court, the battle between the Universities began again. As it started at 10:00 AM and continued till 4:00 PM. On 1st May at the Jain Global Campus (Kanakapura). As all the participants and the spectators were filled with enthusiasm and excitement. The mentioned category was Under 26.

JOY OF UTTAR PRADESH, DEFEND FOR HARYANA (Boys)

The competitors were determined to put up a fight from the outset at Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, and they got off to a strong start against Maharshi Dayanand Uni-

versity, concluding the first half with a score of 25 - 12. Maharshi Dayanand University stood steadfast in the second half, putting up a strong battle, with the final score being Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University 47, Maharshi Dayanand University 41.

ECSTATIC HIMACHAL PRADESH, DISAPPOINTED PUNE (Girls)

Himachal Pradesh University was delighted to win after a dominant performance in the first and second halves. However, the preeminence silenced Bharati Vidyapeeth University, which could not find a way to tie the score and was down 13 points in the first half. In the second half, Himachal Pradesh University took ad-

vantage and increased the score, and the final score was Himachal Pradesh University 51, Bharati Vidyapeeth University 27.

ROAR OF THE BLUES SILENCED THE REDS (Girls)

Participants were ready to take on each other in the battle between Mangalore University (Reds) and Kurukshetra University (Blues), who took a comfortable lead in the beginning. However, the win could only go one way, and Kurukshetra University won. Mangalore University's competitors put up a strong fight against the opponents, with a score of 52 for Kurukshetra University and 24 for Mangalore University after the second half.

KIUG 2021: Athletics (Men And Women)

Aditi S Rau

The athletics in Kanteerava stadium started off with a bang. The Men's 200m run was secured by Mangalore University in the first and third place by Vignesh A and Theerthesh Shetty, respectively. The silver medal was awarded to Shashikanth Angadi. Even Men's 800m run was secured by Mangalore University. Whereas the first place was backed by MDU University. The 5000m Men's run was bagged by Lokesh Choudhary from MDU University. The second place was secured by Aiay (Lovely Professional) and third place was Rohith Kumar (Guru

Nanak Dev University). In Event #14, Men's Triple Jump, Krishna Singh won the gold medal. The second place was won by Selva Prabhu T (Bharathidasan University). In the Men's High Jump, gold medal was secured by Jay Chand (Maharaja Ganga Singh). He said that he has been preparing since 2012 and has won three gold medals in hammer throw and Men's Triple Jump. He and his father were extremely elated. In the Men's 4x400m relay, Mangalore University secured the first place, Mahatma Gandhi the third and Chaudhary Charan Sin A secured the third place. Pooja from Chaudhary Ban-

si Lal University secured the third place in Women's 800m long jump and second place in Women's Heptathlon and the Javelin throw. She also won first place in Shot put. She performed extremely well. Winning four medals. In the Heptathlon, Tanu from Guru Jambheshwar University came first and secured the gold medal. The 5000m run was an interesting one. Nikita Raut came in first place. Bharati (MDU) came second. The 4x400m Relay women's, took place at the end of the event. Initially, the University of Calcutta was leading but ended up coming second. The first place was secured by Punjab University which caught up quickly.

WIN FOR AMRITSAR, DEFEAT FOR VARANASI (Boys)

The conflict that drew the most attention, was the heated atmosphere, and a battle between two famous universities, Guru Nanak Dev University and Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith. The spectators were more passionate during the match, and the players were more eager to win. Guru Nanak Dev University got off to a fast start and led by ten points at half-time. However, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith made a strong comeback in the second half, and

Guru Nanak Dev University won. After the second half, the score was 42 for Guru Nanak Dev University and 39 for Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith.

DOMINATION OF KOTA OVER BHIWANI

The fans had a roller coaster ride watching the battle between the University of Kota and Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, which was determined in the final seconds of the contest. Each person's adrenaline level was raised. After the second-half whistle, the University of Kota

KIUG 2021 Hockey Finals



Hockey
Source: AIU Photography Team

Sweta Behera

MEN'S HOCKEY

The sunny Sunday started off with the face-off between PUY and Savitri Bai Phule University at the Cariappa Stadium, Bengaluru. Despite the day being too hot players rain into the field with enthusiasm raging on their faces. Boys hailing from SBP university in their blue jerseys no doubt gave a tough competition to the PUY by leading the scores. SPU won the match with 4 goals during the shootout round with Rohan Patel's smashing match-winning goal. After a good amount of break time, the second round of Men's Hockey began where Bangalore University played against Guru Nanak Dev University. In this round, the winner seemed obvious. Boys hailing from Bangalore University did not even spare a chance for the players from GND University to make a goal. They backed themselves up well and won the match with a Field Goal score of 3-0.

WOMEN HOCKEY

After a quenching rain that poured in various parts of Karnataka, the women's hockey match started in the evening. For the 3rd 4th position, Ranchi University and Punjabi University played against each other. Though the surroundings were all cool and breezy, the women had a heated-up rivalry. But only one team gets to win a game. Ranchi University got the winning prize by scoring 3-2 against Punjabi University women. Those 3 goals were scored by Pramila Soreng (17), Betan Dungdung (7), and Reshma Soreng (3).



Khelo India University Games 2021 Fencing Finals



Fencing Finals
Source: AIU Photography Team

Sweta Behera

Khelo India University Games have been a boost for the fencing sport in India after introducing in the 1st edition of Khelo India University Games 2020 held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. Khelo India has given a valuable platform to the fencers of India to hone their skills.

The finals of the Fencing Championship of Khelo India University Games 2021 took place in the Jain Global Campus, Kanakpura. It was the final day to witness who bags the Gold Medal to their University. The day started off with the Women Foil round where the fencer from Guru Nanak Dev University and the fencer from Manipur University had a face-off.

It was a game to witness as it kept the audience glued to their chairs with the tremendous gameplay. And as it was very clear, Manipur University won the match. According to the rankings, Manipur University was on top followed by Guru Nanak Dev University followed by Cluster University, and Kannur University.

Qualifications For Finals Khelo India University Games 2021



Women's Kabaddi
Source: AIU Photography Team

Charishma.M.Reddy

The encounter for a place in the finals began from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. On May 2nd, at Jain University Global Campus (Kanthapura). The environment began to heat up between the participants and the team officials. 2 matches were played in the category of Under 26 Boys and Girls. With all the enthusiasm and motivation, the participants and the spectators were ready to kick off. With the first match being Under 26 Girls, Himachal Pradesh University Vs Mother Teresa

University, unfortunately, Mother Teresa Women's University couldn't secure a win, although it was a comfortable win regardless of a great start for Himachal Pradesh University. As the score stood at 51-19 at the end of the second half, We proceeded with the second match between Kurukshetra University(Haryana) Vs Maharshi Dayanand University. KUK had a brilliant start compared to MDU. After the first half, the scoreboard stood like KUK-26—MDU-7. However, the second half

of MDU's game had a tremendous recovery as they could close the gap by 10 points. The score was like KUK 39-MUD-29. The kick-off of the boys' encounter commenced. The University of Kota Vs Dr. C.V. Raman University's (CG) first semi-finals under the boys' category was a tough encounter. Both teams tried their chances to qualify, and both teams had a steady start. After the first half of the match, the battle became more intense, although the win could only go one way, which went to the University of Kota as the score ended as UOK-39, Dr. C.V. Raman University-34. Resumed with a second match of the semi-finals between Guru Nanak Dev University(Amritsar) and Chaudhary Bansi Lal University(Bhiwani) for the spot in the finals. Chaudhary Bansi Lal University(Bhiwani) had a great start, leading with 4 points after the first half. Later in the second half, the scores were 41-35. GNDU (Amritsar) and the University of kota qualified for the finals.

KIUG 2021 – Table Tennis



Women's Table Tennis
Source: AIU Photography Team

Ishan Sinha

The finals of men's and women's table tennis was held at Sports School campus, Jain University. The first segment was the women's final between SRM University, Chennai and Adams University, Kolkata. SRM University won the finals by a score of 3-0 out of 5. In men's finals University of Mumbai were up against SRM University. The match was won by University of Mumbai by a score of 3-0 The players who represented their respected-teams were SRM University men's – Shrikrishna Arunachalan, Abhinav Vi

jay Babu, Lakshmanan P L. University of Mumbai men's – Chinmaya Sornaiya, Deepit Patil, Parthav Kelkar. In women's the players who represented their teams were as follows – SRM University – Kowshika V, Gladyn Flora S, Pavithra. Adams University – Dipanwita Basu, Munmun Kundu, Srijanee Dey. The tournament commenced with the medal ceremony with SRM University winning Gold in women's category and silver medal in men's category. Adam University won the silver medal in women's category and University of Mumbai won the gold medal in men's category.

KIUG 2021 – Table Tennis

Ishan Sinha

Men's and women's table tennis finals were held at Jain University's Sports School campus. The first round featured the women's final, which pitted SRM University in Chennai against Adams University in Kolkata. SRM University won the finals with a 3-0 score out of a possible 5 points. The University of Mumbai faced SRM University in the men's finals. The University of Mumbai won the match with a score of 3-0. The players who represented their respected teams were SRM University men's – Shrikrishna Arunachalan, Abhinav Vijay Babu, Lakshmanan P L. University of Mumbai men's – Chinmaya Sornaiya, Deepit Patil, Parthav Kelkar. In women the players who represented



Women's Table Tennis
Source: AIU Photography Team

Khelo India University Games 2021 Closing Ceremony



Closing Ceremony of KIUG 2021
Source: AIU Photography Team

Sumit Singh

Today was the wrap of Khelo India University Games 2021, Today marks the end of ten days of the country's biggest athletic extravaganza, which has been phenomenal and tremendous. This edition of KIUG promotes Green Games to save our mother nature. The second edition of Khelo India University Games, 2021 held in Bengaluru witnessed 3886 athletes from 209 universities in India with 20 sports disciplines (Yoga and Malakhamb introduced), there were 8000 delegates present during the games. The closing ceremony takes place at Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru. The stadium was full of audience energy and positive vibes. The ceremony marks its beginning with group dance performances and

cultural events performed by the students of Jain University. Yogasana was performed by 500 students showcasing the theme of Azadi ka Mahotsav. Bindu Subramaniam an Alumni of Jain University sang some beautiful Kannada songs without any musical instruments and background music, It made the crowd feel better. A recap video of the KIUG 2021 was relayed. Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah was the Chief Guest at the glittering closing ceremony of the Games. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraja Bommai and Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi and Minister for Youth Affairs and Union Minister for Information Broadcasting and Sports Minister Shri Anurag Thakur and Kannadiga Superstar

Actor Kiccha Sudeep were among the dignitaries present on the occasion During this ceremony, Anurag Thakur released a video montage of the Evolution of University Games in India, and Karnataka Chief Minister released a Postal Cover on the games, in his speech he said " Nothing can be achieved with the fear of losing, but if you are determined for winning, you will win. Shri Amit Shah released a coffee table book on Khelo India University Games, 2021. In his speech, he shared that " In childhood, I was always taught that while Playing a person either Wins or Learns but he never Loses". Next, He announced that India is preparing to send around 250 athletes and players for the upcoming Olympics. He also men



tioned Jain University and thanked the entire team who made this mega event successful. The Home Minister Felicitated the Men's and women's hockey teams along with the winners of KIUG 2021, he was accompanied by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Basavaraj Bommai and Prahlad Joshi. Champions , Jain University secured 20 gold medals, 7 silver and 5 bronze.

1st runner up Lovely Professional University has won 17 gold, 15 silver and 19 bronze . 2nd runner up Punjab University has won 15 Gold, 9 Silver, and 24 Bronze Medals in this Edition of Khelo India University Games. A victory lap winning Universities players was organised. The ceremony concluded with a sound , light and laser show with fireworks.



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