

**Press Release****Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin Chairs Meeting to Discuss Preparations for the 6<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games 2023**

Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, convened a meeting with the working and organizing committee in the presence of Thiru. Shiv Das Meena, I.A.S., Chief Secretary to Government, to deliberate on the arrangements for the upcoming 6th Khelo India Youth Games 2023. The Games are scheduled to be held in Chennai, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, spanning from 19<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Khelo India Youth Games 2023 will feature the participation of over 6000 athletes and 1600 plus support staff from 36 States and Union territories in the U-18 category. The event will also see the involvement of 1000 plus technical officials and more than 1200 volunteers. This edition will feature 27 sports disciplines including Tamil Nadu's traditional sport Silambam as a demo sport.

Key discussion points in the meeting was about Venues & Schedule, Infrastructure Status, Reception/Protocol, Transportation, Ceremonies, Host City Activation, Water Supply & Sanitation, Event Days Management, Media and Publicity, Marketing & Branding / Design Agency, Host State / District Activation, Security & Fire Safety, Cultural & Prize Distribution, Health & Medical Services, Accommodation & Catering, Venue, Field of Play (FOP), and Stage Arrangements, Finance and Tender, Electricity & Power Supply, Major Roads & Road Furniture, Government of India/State Government Coordination, State Coordination & Control Room, Accreditation ,Technology & IT Services, Perimeter Area Management of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Spectator Engagement / Cultural Activity / Volunteers.

Dr. Atulya Misra, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, Ms Ekta Vishnoi, DDG, Sports Authority of India, Additional Chief Secretaries to Government, Secretaries to the Government, Police Officials and other senior government officials who are the part of working committee have also attended the meeting.

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