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■ Sports Minister Declares Inaugural *Khelo India* Para Games in New Delhi

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, has declared the launch of the first-ever *Khelo India* Para Games. The event is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from December 10 to 17, showcasing over 1350 para athletes from 32 states and union territories. The mega sporting spectacle will feature competitions across seven disciplines, including para athletics, para shooting, para archery, para football, para badminton, para table tennis, and para weightlifting. The events will unfold across three Sports Authority of India (SAI) stadiums—the IG Stadium, Shooting Range in Tughlaqabad, and the JLN Stadium. The announcement follows India's historic performance at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, where Indian para athletes secured an unprecedented 111 medals. The *Khelo India* Para Games aim to provide continuous training and encouragement to para athletes, with an annual event dedicated to their development. (Source: AIR/PIB)



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