

Press Release

Teachers, students flock to Khelo India Youth Games to draw lessons for the future

Pune, January 12: The Khelo India Youth Games has over the last five days welcomed a host of guests, dignitaries, spectators and players. An important component of this influx of visitors are the schoolchildren, who have flocked to the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex here in large numbers.

Several Pune clubs, schools and junior colleges including Vishwakarma High School, Blossom International School, Wakad, have been encouraged to bring their students to witness the competition in the different disciplines and imbibe the spirit of sport and sportsmanship.

These children have flocked to venues hosting events like athletics, badminton, gymnastics, wrestling, weightlifting and swimming among others and followed proceedings with great interest and involvement.

This is something the authorities responsible for this mammoth exercise involving over 6,000 athletes and several hundred officials have sought to encourage in the hope of creating interest and instilling a sense of involvement and participation.

Teachers have also been encouraged to allow their students to visit as many facilities as possible and examine opportunities related to sports as a future. Said one visiting teacher, "We used to make our students concentrate on studies instead of sports. But here we realise that sport also brings a lot of career opportunities and creates a positive spirit among the children."

To that extent, the first week of Khelo India Youth Games has been a success. A change in mindset of those who shape and guide minds is one important step in helping the dream of making India a sporting super power in the not very distant future.