

Khelo India ASMITA

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Recently, the Khelo India ASMITA Football League 2025-26 was inaugurated by the Minister of State, Youth Affairs and Sports in Jalgaon, Maharashtra.

About Khelo India ASMITA

- **Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women (ASMITA)** is part of **Khelo India's gender-neutral mission** to promote sports among women through leagues and competitions.
- It is an **affirmative action** in sports for **increasing women's participation**.
- **Objective:** Inclusive and grassroots-driven sports development.
- The Khelo India ASMITA league is a **core component of the 'Khelo Bharat Niti,'** promoting sports for nation-building and women's empowerment.
- The league is a dedicated platform for young girls, addressing historical imbalances and creating new opportunities.

- As such, the **Sports Authority of India** (SAI) supports **National Sports Federations** in conducting Khelo India women's leagues across multiple age groups at both zonal and national levels.
- It was **started in 2021**, ASMITA leagues not only aim to increase the participation of women in sports but also to **utilize the leagues as a platform** for the **identification of new talent** across the length and breadth of India.
- This financial year 2025-26, 852 ASMITA leagues have been planned in **15 sports disciplines**, targeting more than 70,000 women athletes in all States/ UTs of the country.
- **Significance:** This initiative is changing the narrative around women in sports, helping them challenge stereotypes and become new role models.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

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