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The Presidents / Secretaries

All Affiliated State Archery Associations & Associate Members of AAI

Subject: 1st Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, under the flagship Khelo India Scheme, has announced the conduct of the 1st edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG). This maiden initiative aims to identify, nurture, and promote sporting talent from tribal communities across the country and integrate them into the national sports ecosystem.

The 1st Khelo India Tribal Games are tentatively scheduled to be held from 14th February 2026 onwards, with Chhattisgarh as the host State. The Archery competitions will be conducted in the following categories:

- Recurve Men
- Recurve Women
- Compound Men
- Compound Women

The selection process shall be conducted in two phases, as detailed below:

Phase-I: State/UT Selection Phase

The respective State/UT Archery Associations shall conduct selection trials within their jurisdiction and nominate the top three (03) Archers in each of the four categories to the Archery Association of India (AAI).

Phase-II: NSF Selection Phase

The shortlisted Archers from the State-level trials shall participate in the second phase of selection to be conducted at SAI, Sonapat, in the first week of February 2026.

For further details regarding the conduct of the Games and the selection process, kindly refer to the attached documents received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.

Eligibility Conditions:

1. Only Tribal Athletes (Scheduled Tribe) possessing valid documentary proof are eligible to participate in the KITG and the related selection trials.
2. There is no age bar; the competitions shall be conducted in the open-age category.
3. State Archery Associations must ensure that entries are submitted strictly for eligible tribal athletes only, along with valid and duly verified supporting documents, as prescribed



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All State Archery Associations are requested to submit the entries of three (03) Tribal Archers in each category (Recurve Men, Recurve Women, Compound Men & Compound Women) to AAI on or before **23rd January 2026**. Timely submission within the stipulated deadline is requested.

Your cooperation in the successful conduct of this important initiative and in the promotion of tribal archery talent across the country is highly appreciated.

Thanking you.

(GUNJAN ABROL)

Administrative Officer, AAI

Encls : As above.