

# Gramin Khel Mahostav 2017

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The Delhi Gramin Khel Mahotsav 2017 is being organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in association with Delhi Government from 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, to invite the talent from rural areas of NCT of Delhi to come and participate in a multi-sport championship to promote the culture of sport in Delhi. Announcing this here today Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel said, a need has been felt to deepen the sports culture among the rural youth. The festival will help involve rural youth in large number to participate in popular sports and will encourage them to achieve excellence and adopt healthy life style. He said these Games are intended to act as a catalyst to promote sports in rural areas of the entire country and are going to be replicated in other States and UTs as well.

Structure of the competitions will be as under:-

- (i) Block Level
- (ii) Inter Block Competitions
- (iii) Final

He said, the games will be held in respect of following sports disciplines:-

S. No.	Sports Disciplines	Events
1.	Athletics	Race 100 mtrs, 400 mtrs & long jump
2.	Kabaddi	Team Championship
3.	Kho-Kho	Team Championship
4.	Volley Ball	Team Championship
5.	Wrestling	Weight Categories:-  57,61,65,70,74,86,97,125 (Men) 48,53,55,58,60,63,69 & 75 (Women)

**The above events will be open to all participants of the age of 18 years as on 31 December, 2016**

S. No.	Sports Disciplines	Events
1.	Tug of war	Team Championship for both men & women
2.	Matka Race (100 mtrs)	For women only

**The events will be open to veteran participants of the age of 50 years and above as on 31 December, 2016**

S. No.	Sports Disciplines	Events
1.	Race with headgear	200 mtrs

**The above event will be open to male participants of the age of 65 years and above as on 31 December 2016.**

Shri Goel said, five blocks namely, Alipur, Nangloi, Najafgarh, Mehrauli and Shadara will participate in the games. The qualifying matches will be organized in the respective blocks. The Inter-block competitions will be held in Bawana and Finals will be conducted in Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi. Before start of semi-finals and finals, an opening ceremony will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and the conclusion of the game will be followed by a closing ceremony on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi. Participant and Winners in the Games will be incentivized both in cash and in kind. He said, in order to capture the popular imagination and encourage the youth of Delhi to take keen interest in sports, renowned wrestlers, Ms. Geeta Phogat, Mr. Yogeshwar Dutt & Mr. Sushil Kumar are being invited to participate in Demonstration matches to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. These Wrestlers will be declared as Brand Ambassadors and suitable token money will be given to them.

The Minister said, these Games will be organized with a lot of fanfare and publicity and are being packaged to make them very attractive. It expected that the Games will garner great participation in terms of athletes as well as viewers. Efforts are being made to involve as many athletes from rural villages of Delhi as possible.

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