

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**Press Communiqué**

**Governor inaugurates 69<sup>th</sup> National School Games**

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), inaugurated the 69<sup>th</sup> National School Games at Khelo India Indoor Stadium, Itanagar on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The Governor, declaring the 69<sup>th</sup> edition of the National School Games open, said that the Games is a celebration of youth, talent, and the spirit that shapes our nation's future. Extending his best wishes to every participant of the Games, he reminded them that the competition is about learning, bonding, and growing together. He encouraged the young athletes to embrace every challenge, play with passion, respect their opponents, and uphold the true spirit of sportsmanship throughout their journey.

The Governor said he looked forward with pride to witnessing their talent, determination, and camaraderie in action. He expressed his hope that the event would nurture a strong pool of young athletes who will one day represent India in Taekwondo and Weightlifting on the global stage. He urged the participants to dream big, aim high, and strive to be champions not only in sports but also in life.

Emphasizing India's rising global sporting ambitions, the Governor called for a scientific approach to nurturing talent, including the promotion of sports medicine to help match students' natural abilities with the right sport. He urged schools and sports departments nationwide to invest in playgrounds, coaches, and proper infrastructure so that every child feels encouraged to participate, grow, and discover their potential.

The Governor expressed pride that Arunachal Pradesh, despite being one of the youngest States and the newest member of the School Games Federation of India, has achieved a historic milestone by hosting the 69<sup>th</sup> National School Games in Itanagar. With boxing already completed and Taekwondo and weightlifting underway, this marks the first time in 71 years that the SGFI has entrusted the State with such a prestigious event. He said this achievement reflects Arunachal Pradesh's growing commitment to sports and youth development and showcases its readiness to host national-level competitions of the highest standards.

The Governor commended the Department of Education for its dedicated efforts in organizing this prestigious event. He added that such competitions enrich the State's sports calendar, inspire greater participation among children and youth, and nurture discipline, teamwork, and healthy competition, values essential for building confident and resilient citizens.

MLA and Advisor to Home & Education Minister, Shri Mutchu Mithi, Commissioner Education, Shri Amjad Tak, also spoke on the occasion, highlighting the National School Games.

1291 participants, including 843 girl students from 26 States, 6 Union Territories and 8 Central Organisations, are participating in two disciplines, earmarked for the 69<sup>th</sup> National School Games. 890 players in Taekwondo and 401 in Weightlifting will be competing under the watchful eyes of 140 Technical Officials. Approximately 200 parents of the athletes are also attending the games.

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