

Press Release

Southern Boxers Flock to Bengaluru for Khelo India REC Open Southern Talent Hunt Programme

<u>Jan 4, New Delhi:</u> The Khelo India REC Open Southern Talent Hunt Programme 2024 has attracted a strong response from aspiring young boxers in the Southern region. The talent hunt, scheduled from February 2nd to 18th at the Sri Jayprakash Narayan National Youth Sports Institute in Bengaluru, sees the female boxers compete in two categories: Junior, and Sub-Junior.

The participation breakdown:

Junior Boys: 90 entries

Junior Girls: 23 entries

Sub-Junior Girls: 35 entries

Sub-Junior Boys: 111 entries

Boxing Federation of India in association with Rural Electrification Corporation & Sports Authority of India is conducting the 4 Region Khelo India REC Open Talent Hunt Program and 1 Combined National Level Talent Hunt Program for the holistic development of Junior & Sub Junior Boxers in the country. The aim of this Open Talent Hunt Program is to identify and help recognize the talent at the Elite and Youth levels in the country.

With a total amount of Rs 15.6 Lakh as prize money at stake, the event promises to be a fierce platform for talented boxers to showcase their skills and fight for recognition.

At the Khelo India REC Talent Hunt Boxing Program, scholarships will be given to the top 8 boxers in each weight category according to merit. A sum of Rs 3100, Rs 2500 and Rs 2100 is provided as cash awards to the Gold, Silver and 2 Bronze medalists.

These Khelo India Women's leagues, which is into its 3rd edition, has played a pivotal role in increasing the participation of women in Sports by organising various leagues. A total of 526 events have been held across 20 sports disciplines since 2022.

The leagues are utilized as a platform for Identification of new talents and evaluation of existing Khelo India Athletes. They also provide competition exposure to women athletes of different age categories across the country.