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## **MESSAGE**

I am happy to know that 1<sup>st</sup> Kho Kho World Cup 2025 is being organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports between 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 in New Delhi.

I do hope that this historic event will showcase India's rich athletic heritage and will also serve as a platform to promote sportsmanship and foster cultural exchange on a global stage.

Kho Kho is more than a game; it embodies agility, teamwork, and strategic brilliance. Its dynamic nature reflects universal values of unity, resilience, and perseverance, transcending borders and cultures. Hosting this prestigious event highlights the growing admiration for Kho Kho worldwide, making this a proud moment for India.

Let this World Cup foster friendship, cultural exchange, and mutual respect among nations. More than a competition, it is a platform for building lasting bonds and promoting shared values.

I am given to understand that this tournament also accentuates India's aspirations as a global sporting hub. As Kho Kho continues its remarkable growth-played across 680 districts in India and represented in 55 countries-this event reflects our vision for including indigenous sports on global platforms, and become a part of the Asian Games and the Olympics.

I extend my best wishes for its resounding success and immense joy to its supporters worldwide.

(Vinai Kumar Saxena)