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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 514/2025
HARSHITA YADAV

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Jeesh Kalathil Gopi, Mr. Nishad LS, Mr. Vineeth S., Ms. Jannat and Ms. Bhagya Ajith, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ruchir Mishra, Mr. Mukesh Kr. Tiwari, Ms. Reba Jena Mishra and Ms. Harshita Sharma, Advs. for R-1/UOI.
Mr. Vikash Singh and Mr. Ujjwal Chaudhary, Advs. for R-2/IOA.
Mr. Kaushal Gautam, AAG and Mr. Mrinal Sharma, Advs. for State of Uttarakhand.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

15.01.2025

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1. The present petition seeks that the respondent nos.1 and 2 be directed to reinstate '*Kalaripayattu*' as a competitive sport in the 38th National Games.
2. It is noticed that on the previous occasion/s, '*Kalaripayattu*' was included as a competitive sport.
3. On a query by this Court, learned counsel for State of Uttarakhand does not express any difficulty / impediment in including the '*Kalaripayattu*' as a competitive sport in the upcoming national games at Uttarakhand.



4. After some hearing, with the consent of respective counsel for the parties, it is directed that the present petition shall be treated as a representation by the respondent no.2 / IOA and a suitable decision shall be taken for reinstating '*Kalaripayattu*' as a competitive sport in 38th National Games. The IOA shall take into account the cultural and historical importance of the said sport and its status as a part of the country's national heritage and take an appropriate decision. A reasoned order shall be passed by the IOA latest within a period of one week from today.

5. The present petition is disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

JANUARY 15, 2025/cl

SACHIN DATTA, J