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- The mascot of Khelo India Youth Games 2022 is '**Asha**'. While the theme song is '**Hindustan Ka Dil Dhadka Do...**' sung by famous singer **Shaan**.
- The torch of Khelo India Youth Games was named **Amarkantak**, on which the figure of **Maa Narmada** is also engraved.
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**Khelo India Youth Games 2022**

- The Games will be hosted in Madhya Pradesh from **31 January 2023 to 11 February 2023**.
- For the first time water sports namely **Kayaking Canoeing, Canoe Salaam and Fencing** will be part of this edition of Khelo India Games.
- It will be organised in **eight different cities** of the state.
- The eight host cities designated are **Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Maheshwar, Mandla and Balaghat**.
- More than **8 thousand 500 athletes** and sportspersons are expected to participate in this sporting event.
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