



Khelo Uttar Pradesh Centre

Why in News?

According to UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, '**Khelo Uttar Pradesh Centre**' will be established in every block of the state on the lines of the '**Khelo India Centre**' being established in every district by the Government of India.

Key Points

- The Union Sports Minister honoured the medal winners and participants in the [19th Asian Games-2022](#), [4th Para Asian Games-2022](#) and [37th National Games-2023](#) at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow's Gomti Nagar.
 - **Prize money worth Rs 62 crore was distributed** to 189 outstanding players of the state.
 - Along with this, **appointment letters** were also given to **seven medal winning players** as the **Deputy Superintendent of Police, District Youth Welfare Officer and Passenger/Goods Tax Officer**.
- **The players**, who can give their time after the games, will be **appointed coaches** at the '**Khelo UP Centre**' on a fixed honorarium.
- Uttar Pradesh is the home of 16% of the country's population and **UP players have won 25% of the Asian Games medals**.

Khelo India Programme

- The Khelo India Scheme **aims to encourage sports all over the country**, thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.
- Under the Scheme, talented players identified in priority sports disciplines at various levels are **provided annual financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh per annum for 8 years**.

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KHELO INDIA PROGRAMME



AIM

- Mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports
- Revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level

12 VERTICALS OF KHELO INDIA



GAMES UNDER KHELO INDIA

- Khelo India Youth Games** (aka Khelo India School Games till 2019)
 - 1st edition - New Delhi (2018)
 - Age limit - 18
 - KIYG 2023 host - MP (Bhopal)
- Khelo India University Games**
 - 1st edition - Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Odisha (2020)
 - KIUG 2023 host - UP (Lucknow, Varanasi, G.Noida and Gorakhpur)
- Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG)**
 - 3 editions held since 2020 (in Leh, Ladakh and Gulmarg (Kashmir))

SELECTION AND ASSISTANCE

- 1000 kids elected yearly for a scholarship program, trained to become medal winners
- Talented players identified in priority sports disciplines are provided Rs. 5 lakh p.a. for 8 years.

NODAL MINISTRY

- Ministry of Youth & Sports Affairs

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- Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (New Delhi)



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