



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



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- 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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