



## Uttar Pradesh Rural Sports League started

### Why in News?

On December 4, 2023, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the league by lighting the torch of Uttar Pradesh Rural Sports League in Gorakhpur.

### Key Points:

- On this occasion, a prize distribution ceremony was organised for the winners of Rashtrasant Brahmaling Mahant Avaidyanath Maharaj Fifth All India Prizemoney Men's Kabaddi Competition-2023.
- In the final match of Kabaddi competition, Uttar Pradesh won the title by defeating JD Academy New Delhi. After the end of the match, the Chief Minister awarded the winning teams and players.
- The Chief Minister also directed the Sports Department to double the prize money in the Brahmaling Mahant Avaidyanath Memorial All India Prize Money Kabaddi Competition next year.
- While inaugurating the Uttar Pradesh Rural Sports League, the Chief Minister said that this competition will be held in all the development blocks of the state. There will be many types of sports competitions in it. After the block level, rural sports talents will get opportunities at the district, zone and state level. Lakhs of players will benefit from this.
- The Chief Minister said that the government has taken many important steps to increase sports resources and activities in the state. Under this, playgrounds and open gyms are being developed in every village. Stadiums are being built at the district level and mini stadiums at the block level.
- Currently there are 2 international cricket stadiums in Uttar Pradesh. The construction work of International Cricket Stadium is going on in Varanasi. 15 synthetic hockey tracks, 3 synthetic running tracks, 67 multi-purpose sports halls, 15 indoor basketball halls, 2 judo halls and 6 shooting ranges have been built in the state. The state's first world class sports university in the name of Major Dhyan Chand is being constructed in Meerut.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that Khelo India, Fit India Movement and MP Sports Competition have given a lot of encouragement to sports and players. To give further impetus to this, sports centres are being built in every district.
- The Chief Minister said that to encourage the players, the state government is giving them government jobs along with providing adequate funds. Many coaches have been appointed on a monthly honorarium of Rs 1.5 lakh. Players are also being provided help from the Eklavya Sports Fund.
- He said that the players of the state who participate and win medals in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships are being given ample prize money, and those who win medals at the international level are being appointed to gazetted posts. 500 players have been appointed in the state.

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