



An MOU was signed between the Sports Directorate & SAI for Chhattisgarh's Khelo India Center

Why in News?

On 25 May 2023, an MOU was signed between the Sports Directorate & SAI for 24 Khelo India Centers in Chhattisgarh. Sports Director Shweta Srivastava Sinha and Regional Director of Sports Authority of India Vishnu Sudhakar signed the MoU.

Key Points:

- It is known that on the proposal of the Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare, the Sports Authority of India has approved 24 Khelo India Centers in Chhattisgarh in 3 phases for various sports in 24 districts.
- In the first phase, approval was given for Malkhamb in Narayanpur, archery in Bijapur & Shivtarai Bilaspur, volleyball in Gariaband, football in Surguja, hockey centers in Jashpur and Rajnandgaon. An amount of Rs 7 lakh was released for each center.
- In the second phase, seven districts have been approved for Weightlifting in Balod, Football in Baloda Bazar, Kabaddi in Patan Durg, Weightlifting in Raipur, Badminton in Raigarh, Football in Sukma and Kho-Kho in Kanker.
- Similarly, in the third phase, 10 districts including Hockey in Bastar, Wrestling in Dhamtari, Hockey in Janjgir-Champa, Football in Korba and Balrampur, Kabaddi in Bemetara, Archery in Dantewada, Archery in Mahasamund, Khelo India centers for football have been approved in Mungeli and Surajpur.
- Out of the remaining 9 districts, the proposal for 4 districts-Sarangarh Bilaigarh, Kondagaon, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi & Sakti has been sent to SAI by the Directorate of Sports and the proposal of the remaining 5 districts will be sent soon by the Directorate of Sports.
- It is worth mentioning that financial assistance is given by the Sports Authority of India for the Khelo India Center. High level training is provided to the players here.



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