

**Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3900  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

**Setting up of National Level Youth Centre or Sports Academy in Meerut**

**†3900. Shri Arun Govil:**

**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Meerut is a youth-dominated city with immense potential for education, sports and skill development;**
- (b) if so, whether there is a need to expand sports facilities, establish skill development centres for youth empowerment and implement special schemes under the National Youth Policy;**
- (c) the plan of the Government to establish a national level youth centre or sports academy in Meerut so that the youth can get better opportunities;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up special training centres to provide more employable skills to the youth of Meerut; and**
- (e) the schemes of the Government to develop sports infrastructure in Meerut so that the youth can get a better platform to compete at the national and international level?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
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- (a) to (e): 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development and encouragement of sports in the country, rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments, and the Central Government only supplements their efforts. However, the Government is running various sports promotional schemes across the country, including Uttar Pradesh. These schemes include:**
- (i) Khelo India- National Programme for Development of Sports;**
  - (ii) Assistance**

to National Sports Federations (NSFs); (iii) Cash Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; (iv) National Sports Awards; (v) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons; (vi) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Sports Welfare Scheme; (vii) National Sports Development Fund (NSDF); and (viii) Running Sports Training Centres (STCs) through Sports Authority of India (SAI). Details of these schemes are available in the public domain on the website of the Ministry at <https://yas.nic.in/>.

Under the component “Creation and Up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure” of the Khelo India Scheme, various sports infrastructure projects are sanctioned across the country, including UP. Till date, 30 infrastructure projects have been sanctioned in the state of UP, including 2 in Meerut. Details of the projects are available at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in/>.

Further, under Sports Authority of India (SAI), at present, one Extension Centre of STC i.e. Gurukul Archery Academy is functional at Meerut in the discipline of Archery with 11 athletes.

The details of Khelo India Centres (KIC) in Meerut are as follows:

State	District	KIC	Discipline
Uttar Pradesh	Meerut	Godwin Public School	Shooting, Wushu
		Kailash Prakash Sports Stadium, Meerut	Athletics

There is no scheme under the National Youth Policy 2014, however, it is a guiding document for a number of Central Ministries/ Departments, including the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which have implemented/ are implementing schemes/ programmes having bearing on development and empowerment of youth.

Under the Government of India’s Skill India Mission (SIM) , the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres / institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial

**Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including state of Uttar Pradesh. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.**

**The Schemes of MSDE are demand driven and the Training Centres are set up or engaged on need basis. Details of the Training Centres set up or engaged are as under:**

State/UT	PMKVY 4.0 Centres	JSS Centers	NAPS Establishments	ITI (Session 2023-24)	
				Govt. ITIs	Pvt. ITIs
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6,395</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>2,964</b>
<b>Meerut</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>

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