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# Khel Mahakumbh

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**Why is in news?** PM inaugurates second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District via video conferencing

The honourable Prime Minister inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 via video conferencing today. Saansad Khel Mahakumbh has been organised in Basti district since 2021.

The first phase of the Khel Mahakumbh was organised from 10th to 16th December 2022 and the second phase of the Khel Mahakumbh is scheduled from 18th to 28th January 2023.

The Khel Mahakumbh **organises various competitions in both indoor and outdoor sports** like wrestling, kabaddi, kho kho, basketball, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, chess, carrom, badminton, table tennis etc.

Apart from these, competitions in essay writing, painting, rangoli making etc are also organised during the Khel Mahakumbh.

The Khel Mahakumbh is a novel initiative that **provides an opportunity and a platform for the youth of District Basti and neighbouring areas to showcase their sporting talent**, and motivates them to take sport as a career option.

It also endeavours to inculcate the spirit of discipline, teamwork, healthy competition, self-confidence and nationalism among the youth of the region.

The Prime Minister highlighted the role of the Central Government in overcoming the challenges faced by the sports sector and informed that special emphasis is being laid on ensuring adequate resources, training, technical knowledge, international exposure, and transparency in the selection of our players.

He also highlighting the key aspect of girl's participation in the Sansad Khel Mahakumbh, harness the talent available in every nook and corner of the country and the Saansad Khel Mahakumbh plays a key role in scouting and harnessing it.

He also informed that the Government has constructed a **Sports University in Manipur** for the youth of the North East and another Sports University is also being constructed in **Meerut, UP**.

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