

# Dakshinanchal of Gkp to get waterways facility: CM

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**Gorakhpur:** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday announced that a waterways facility will be provided in Dakshinanchal of Gorakhpur, facilitating export of farmers' crops and vegetables through the port. He said that the region was set to shine on the industrial map.

CM Yogi was addressing the closing ceremony of MP sports competition organized by Bansaon Lok Sabha constituency MP Kamlesh Paswan at GD Inter College,

Dighwa on Sunday afternoon.

The CM said that previously maximum migration of workers used to take place from Dakshinanchal. However, with so many industries to be set up at industrial townships at Dhuriapar, Gola, Sikriganj, Khajani, people will no longer have to go anywhere to seek employment. The Government has allocated Rs 200 crore in the budget for land acquisition in this regard.

The CM said that according to the intention of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and under his guidance, the state government is committed to develop sports and encourage sportspersons, adding that there is no shortage of funds for this.

"Resources are being strengthened on a large scale in the state to promote sports and sportspersons. The government has taken several steps to increase interest in sports in the state, including developing playgrounds and open gyms in every village. Stadiums and mini stadiums have been built at the district

level," the CM said.

Since 1994, expenditure on various items of sports hostel was never increased. Along with increasing this, the diet money of the players was increased from Rs 250 to Rs 375 per day. Players are being given free travel facility in AC III class. The construction of the state's first sports university named after Major Dhyanchand in Meerut is going on at a fast pace, the CM pointed out.

CM Yogi said that arrangements have been made to give huge prize money to the play-

ers of the state who won medals in Olympics, Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games. In the Olympic singles event, an arrangement has been made to give Rs 6 crore to the gold medallist, Rs 4 crore to the silver medallist and Rs 2 crore to the bronze medalist. An additional Rs 10 lakh is being given to the players of the state participating in the Olympics, he informed.

According to the CM, in rural areas, sports kits are being made available to rural players through Youth and Women's Mangal Dals.