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Dutt ready to give up Oly medal

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New Delhi: Yogeshwar Dutt battled a career-threatening knee injury to achieve his goal of winning a medal at the Olympics. But disheartened at wrestling's axe from the 2020 Olympics, Yogeshwar is willing to return his medal in support for the sport he's been associated with since his childhood.

The 39-year-old grappler feels the Games will lose its significance without wrestling. "Olympics will have no meaning to me if it doesn't have wrestling. If sacrificing our medals can get wrestling back in the programme, then take them away right now. I am willing to return my bronze medal," Yogeshwar said.

Meanwhile, two-time Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar was happy with the strong reaction wrestling probable sack from Olympics has elicited around the world. "Everyone has come out in support of the sport. The whole country is with us and everyone loves wrestling," the Baprola grappler said. Sushil



Sushil Kumar and Yogeshwar Dutt at a promotional event in New Delhi on Thursday

said that the ancient sport would soon find its place in the 2020 Summer Games.

The wrestlers were speaking at the start of a campaign, 'Push for Wrestling', launched by a soft drink brand in the Capital.