

Press Release for 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **IISS Organized the Central Zone Sports Meet of ICAR at Bhopal**

The Central Zone Sports Meet 2024 of ICAR began with great spirit and enthusiasm on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Taty Tope Stadium, Bhopal. The chief guest Dr Anil Kothari, Director General, MPCOST, Bhopal inaugurated the event and declared the meet open. He appreciated the sporting spirit of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi and stated that the research organisation has coupled sport with science. He further stated that this mega sport event is amazing and big enough to showcase the talent and sportsmanship of its staff. He also thanked ICAR for promoting sports and to give employees the chance to participate. He thanked the organizers for organising these 4 days mega event. He also said that in spite of the busy schedule of employees they participated in this event and appreciated the spirit of sportsmanship. He emphasised that to organise such sport event is itself an achievement.

Dr. S.P Datta welcomed and greeted Dr. Anil Kothari (DG, MPCOST, Bhopal), Dr Aniket Sanyal (Director NISHAD, Bhopal) and Dr. P.K. Das (ADG, Commercial Crops) and the entire sports contingent from 14 different ICAR institutes. Dr Datta reiterated the objective of this tournament and said that sports are important in order to cultivate and inculcate engagement in every sphere of life. He further said that it is the unique platform to show our strength and sportsmanship. He also expressed his honour and said that this time it is our proud privilege to host ICAR Central Zone Sports Meet in Taty Tope Stadium, Bhopal, which is having superior facilities to hold all the events. He thanks all the 14 ICAR institute for making it memorable event and blessed everyone for their best efforts. He also thanked the efforts of Organising Secretary, Chief-De Mission, Manager and Chairman and Co-chairman of committees of all the events who put all their best efforts. He also thanked Dr Anil Kothari the chief guest for readily agreeing to attend the inaugural function. He thanked all the participants for taking all the pain to participate in this mega sports event. Dr Aniket Sanyal greeted everyone and said that we are meeting at single place in a team manner. It is great occasion that brings competitiveness amongst participants and institutions. He wished everyone for their successful participation. Dr. P.K. Das greeted everyone and said that winning and losing is part and parcel of the game hence it is important that everyone should come and participate in the event. It was followed by the release of souvenir and 800 M men's race.

About 500 players from fourteen different ICAR institutes are going to participate in these 4 days mega sports events comprising of men and women staff under scientific, technical, and administrative from different ICAR- institutes. The sports activities comprise of several major events such as football, kabaddi, badminton, table tennis, volleyball, basketball, cycle race, smashing, cricket, carrom, chess etc. It also includes athletic events namely high jump, long jump, short put, discus throw, javelin throw, relay race etc. Dr. R. Elanchezian, Organizing Secretary coordinated the event and Dr R.S. Chaudhary Co-Organizing Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.



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Dignitaries appreciating the march past by the contingent



Dignitaries initiating the flame march for the event



Dr Anil Kothari (DG, MPCOST, Bhopal) addressing the sports contingent



Dr S.P. Datta (Director, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal) addressing the sports contingent



Dignitaries released the Souvenir



Dignitaries felicitated the winner of men's 800 m race

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