

1st All Women WWC- Gymkhana Sports Championship 2025

The campus of IIT Bhubaneswar was abuzz with energy and enthusiasm as the 1st All Women WWC- Gymkhana Sports Championship 2025 was held from 30th October to 1st November at the Student Activity Centre (SAC). The event was jointly organized by the Women Welfare Committee (WWC) and the Students' Gymkhana, IIT Bhubaneswar, with the aim of encouraging women to engage in sports, fitness, and friendly competitions.



The championship was inaugurated by the patron and chief guest of the event honorable Director of IIT Bhubaneswar Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar. His active participation in games (badminton and carom) inspired everyone. Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury (Chairperson, WWC), Dr. Kodanda Ram Mangipudi (President, Students' Gymkhana), Dr. Prama Bhattacharya (member secretary, WWC), Dr. Kiranmayi Landu and Mr. Manas Behera (members of WWC) were present during the event. As the experts on the ground, Mr. Biswajit Pegu (Assistant Sports Officer, Gymkhana) and all the dedicated coaches from Gymkhana; Ms. Sunita Verma, Mr. Irfan, Mr. Nooman Lodhi, Mr.

Harpal Yadav and Mr. Prakash Muduli were present in SAC to supervise the sports events. WWC student team (all associate and assistant coordinators, volunteers) led by Ms. Aarushi Srivastava (Coordinator, WWC) and student volunteers from the Gymkhana team coordinated the sports competitions with great enthusiasm.

Four sports- Badminton, Table Tennis, Chess, and Carrom were featured in the championship, drawing enthusiastic participation from 64 female students, research scholars, staff, faculty members and residents. The matches were conducted in a knockout format, ensuring thrilling encounters and fair competition.

Over the span of three days, the SAC witnessed a remarkable display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Each game reflected the growing passion and active participation of women in sports across the campus. From intense rallies in badminton and table tennis to the strategic battles of chess and carrom, every event brought forth moments of excitement and camaraderie. The grand finale ended with a prize distribution ceremony, where winners and runners-up from each four events were felicitated by the patron and chief guest honorable Director of IIT Bhubaneswar Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, with gold, silver and bronze (both semifinalists) medals. In addition to individual trophies for the winner for each four games, a trophy for "Woman of the Championship" was awarded to the best performer for the championship.



The event stood as a testament to the empowerment and unity of women at IIT Bhubaneswar. It provided a much-needed platform for female members of the community to connect through fitness, competition, and mutual encouragement. It was a resounding success, reflecting the shared vision of WWC and Gymkhana in promoting women's participation in sports and wellness activities.