

2nd All-Women Sports Championship Celebrates Sporting Excellence and Empowerment at IIT Bhubaneswar

The 2nd All-Women Sports Championship 2026, organised by the Women Welfare Committee (WWC) and the Students' Gymkhana, IIT Bhubaneswar, was held from 4th to 6th September 2026. The three-day event brought together more than 90 participants across 167 total event entries, marking a spirited celebration of women in sports.

Building on last year's offerings of Badminton, Table Tennis, Carrom, and Chess, this edition introduced another four new events; 60-Metre Sprint, Standing Broad Jump, Slow Cycling, and the group event Basketball. In response to participant feedback from the previous year, age-wise categories (25 and below, and 26 and above) were introduced for Badminton, Table Tennis, 60-Metre Sprint, Standing Broad Jump, and Slow Cycling, reflecting the championship's growing participation.

Inauguration

The championship opened on 4th September at the Student Activity Centre (SAC), with Ms. Radhika Singh Chauhan, Associate Coordinator (Sports), WWC Students' Team, extending a cordial welcome to all present. Mrs. Shruti Karmalkar, President, Residential Clubs, IIT Bhubaneswar, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and formally inaugurated the event. In her address, she commended all women participants, particularly residents, for their enthusiasm in sports. The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury, Chairperson, WWC; Dr. Chetan, President, Students' Gymkhana; Dr. Divyansh Patel, Faculty Advisor, Sports & Games, Students' Gymkhana; and WWC members Dr. Kiranmayi Landu and Mr. Manas Kumar Behera.



The Championship

Over the following days, participants showcased their sporting skills, competitive spirit, and teamwork across disciplines and age categories. The events drew enthusiastic participation and created an energetic campus atmosphere, with students, staff, faculty, and residents cheering the competitors on.



Closing Ceremony

The championship concluded on 6th September, followed by the Award and Valedictory Session, introduced by Ms. Radhika Singh Chauhan. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, and Chief Guest Mrs. Shruti Karmalkar graced the closing ceremony. Prof. Karmalkar presented Champion trophies to the winners of each event, while Mrs. Karmalkar felicitated the top three finishers in each category with gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Manisha Soreng was adjudged **Woman of the Championship**, having won gold in the 26 & above category of both the 60-Metre Sprint and Standing Broad Jump, in addition to being part of the gold-winning Basketball team.



Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury, Dr. Chetan, Dr. Kiranmayi Landu, and Mr. Manas Kumar Behera also congratulated the participants on their achievements. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks extended by Ms. Deshika Laxman, Coordinator, WWC.



2nd All-Women Sports Championship reaffirmed the commitment of IIT Bhubaneswar in promoting fitness, sportsmanship, inclusion, and empowerment, offering a vibrant platform for women to excel in sports.