

All-India Inter-NIT Faculty & Staff Tournament begins in Jalandhar

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The All-India Inter-NIT Faculty and Staff (Men & Women) Tournament 2025 commenced today with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship at Dr BR Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar.

The prestigious three-day sporting event brings together faculty and staff members from 24 teams representing various National Institutes of Technology across the country and IIST Shibpur, fostering camaraderie, physical fitness and inter-institutional bonding through competitive sports.

Basking on the glory of successful conduct of the similar All India Inter NIT basketball and table tennis (Boys & Girls) students tournament in the beginning of this year, Prof Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Director of NIT, Jalandhar said that all arrangements have been put in place to welcome 450 participants and officials.

To ensure the comfort and convenience of all participating teams, NIT, Jalandhar made comprehensive arrangements for transport facilities, enabling smooth daily commuting from the teams' respective hotels to the institute campus and back. Our players are keen to achieve new milestones as all of them have prepared well for this prestigious tournaments. The sports infrastructure in institute campus has been developed tremendously in recent years, he further said.

Prof Ajay Kumar Bansal, Registrar; Prof Anish Sachdeva, Dean (SW); Prof Subhash Chander, Dean (P&D); Dr Gurmej Singh Dhaliwal, Head of the Department of Physical Education & Sports and Organising Secretary of the All India Inter-NIT Faculty & Staff (M&W) Tournament



Chess players in action during a match; (below) badminton players competing in a match; and table tennis players take part in the All India Inter-NIT Faculty and Staff (Men & Women) Tournament at Dr BR Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar.



2025-26; Dr Vijay Kumar Mishra, SAS Officer & Dr S K Syal Former Sports Officer NITJ were present at the tournament venue to oversee the conduct of the event and encourage the participants.

The tournament features three popular indoor and court games—badminton, chess and table tennis. On the opening day, a series of league and preliminary matches were held across all three disciplines, drawing

active participation and keen interest from the visiting contingents.

Badminton events witnessed a lively start with men's doubles and women's singles matches taking centre stage. The courts echoed with competitive rallies and strategic play as teams strive for early momentum in the tournament. Table Tennis matches, including doubles fixtures, showcased quick reflexes and tactical precision, while



Chess rounds saw intense concentration as players engaged in methodical battles of strategy and foresight.

The inaugural day set a positive tone for the tournament, emphasising the spirit of healthy competition and mutual respect among participants. Officials and coordinators highlighted that the event aims not only to promote sporting excellence but also to strengthen professional relationships among faculty and staff

members of NITs and IIST Shibpur through informal interaction beyond academic settings.

The tournament will continue over the next two days with singles and knockout rounds, leading to the finals in badminton, chess and table tennis. With competitive intensity expected to rise, the coming days promise thrilling encounters and exemplary displays of sportsmanship.

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