

## Inter NSTI W Sports Meet 2025: A Grand Celebration of Skill, Fitness and Unity Concludes at MAM Stadium Jammu

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The iconic Maulana Azad (MAM) Stadium in Jammu turned into a vibrant hub of energy and youthful enthusiasm as the Inter NSTI Ws (Jammu, Mohali, and Shimla) Sports Meet 2025, organized by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Directorate General of Training, and hosted by NSTI (W) Jammu, successfully concluded today.

The two-day event, held on 11th and 12th July 2025, brought together trainees and staff from National Skill Training Institutes of Jammu, Mohali, and Shimla, fostering not just competitive spirit but also regional unity and camaraderie.

**Inaugural Ceremony Highlights**

The sports meet was formally inaugurated on July 11 by Lt. Col. Vishal Arora, Regional Director, RDSDE Punjab, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized:

"Such events not only promote physical fitness but also inculcate discipline and teamwork, which are indispensable in both professional and personal spheres."

Sh. Achyut Singh,



Commandant 7Bn Jammu, attending as the Guest of Honour, highlighted how sports prepare youth for life's larger battles, stating:

"Sports sharpen your mind, strengthen your resolve, and prepare you to face challenges head-on."

V. Babu, ISDS, Regional Director (J&K, Ladakh, and Himachal Pradesh), under whose stewardship the event was conducted, remarked during the inauguration:

"These sports meets are not just games; they nurture confidence, build lifelong bonds, and celebrate the very essence of healthy competition. A skilled mind thrives better in a healthy body - this meet stands tes-

timony to our belief that fitness is the first step towards excellence."

**Closing Ceremony and Special Thanks**

At the grand closing ceremony on July 12, the stadium echoed with applause as medals were awarded and teams celebrated their victories - big and small.

Lt. Col. Vishal Arora, who was specially thanked for his unwavering support, delivered an inspiring message:

"This event is a shining example of how we can integrate fitness into our vocational ecosystem. Watching these young trainees compete assures me that our nation's future is in deter-

mined, disciplined hands." He concluded with a motivating quote:

"Victory is not just crossing the finish line first; it is about getting up every time you fall. That's the true spirit of sportsmanship - and of life itself."

V. Babu praised the seamless conduct of the sports meet, extending heartfelt gratitude to all teams, coaches, and staff. He highlighted how the event strengthened bonds among institutions, encouraging a culture of holistic growth among the trainees.

**A System Observer Exclusive Perspective**

The two-day spectacle was more than a sports meet

- it was a testament to how skill development in India is embracing a 360-degree approach, nurturing not only technical prowess but also health, character, and interpersonal connections.

Participants from diverse backgrounds competed with zeal and forged friendships that transcended state lines, truly reflecting India's unity in diversity.

**System Observer** Newspaper is proud to bring this exclusive, on-ground coverage from Jammu, showcasing how such initiatives are crafting a generation of skilled, spirited, and socially connected youth ready to lead India into a brighter future.

## Jammu Police Dedicates Volleyball Ground with Night-Play Facilities to Ambaran Village Youth in Akhnoor



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In a commendable initiative to promote youth engagement and physical fitness, the Jammu Police has dedicated a volleyball ground to the youth of Ambaran Panchayat in the Akhnoor area. The facility features night-play arrangements with inverter backed floodlights and a complete volleyball kit.

This is the initiative of Mangesh Sharma, a government teacher, with the active

support of social activist Ajay Saraf, who facilitated the installation of floodlights. Inspector Sanjeev Chib, SHO Akhnoor, played a key role in managing the provision of volleyball kits and other essential equipment.

The ground was formally inaugurated by the SP Rural Jammu, in the presence of SDPO Akhnoor and respected members of the local community. This initiative aligns with the Jammu & Kashmir Police's mission to positively channel the energy of the youth, promote

healthy lifestyles, and combat the growing menace of drug abuse. Officials also highlighted that the project aims to encourage competitive spirit among young people and identify local talent in volleyball, a sport that holds significant promise in the Akhnoor region.

Residents of Ambaran and nearby areas have expressed heartfelt gratitude for this community driven effort, recognizing it as a timely and much-needed step toward youth development and social upliftment.

## Pat Cummins to skip white-ball series against South Africa

**Kingston**

Pat Cummins will skip the upcoming white-ball series against South Africa next month as he focuses on preparing for the Ashes later this year.

Cummins had already been rested for the five-match T20I series against the West Indies, alongside Mitchell Starc and Travis Head. Now, Josh Hazlewood - who was initially named in the squad - will also return home following the Test series, with Xavier Bartlett brought in as his replacement.

While Hazlewood is set to play in the white-ball series against South Africa in August - which includes three T20Is and three ODIs across Darwin, Cairns, and Mackay - Cummins will instead focus on a fitness block in preparation for the home summer.

Cummins is targeting a return for the brief T20I tour of New Zealand in early October and hopes to feature in some of the limited-overs games against India leading up to the Ashes in late November. He may also play a Sheffield Shield match for New South Wales - something he didn't do last season ahead of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

"I'll have a good training block for the next couple of months, six weeks or so," Cummins told reporters at Sabina Park.

"Probably not bowling, but lots of gym work. (My) body feels pretty good, but there's always little bits and pieces you're always trying to get right and then build up for the summer. So it'll probably look like white-ball (cricket)...we've got some (matches against) New Zealand, India, potentially a Shield game and then into the home summer."

Cummins remains Australia's ODI captain but has only led the side twice in the format since the 2023 World Cup final. He missed this year's Champions Trophy due to an ankle issue he had been managing during the Test series against India.