

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology Pantnagar, District Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)

Uttarakhand State Inter-University Games & Sports Meet 2025-26 inaugurated at the University

Pantnagar. February 23, 2026. The Uttarakhand State Inter-University Sports and Games Meet 2025-26 was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Honorable Governor, Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh at the Stevenson Stadium of Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. Approximately 722 students from 10 universities across the state are participating in the meet.

The stadium resounded with thunderous applause as the Chief Guest declared the Sports Meet open. A special highlight of the ceremony was the entry of the athletes with the torch, which added excitement and enthusiasm to the event. Following this, the Honorable Governor unveiled the Chancellor's Trophy and released a souvenir.

The Sports Meet formally commenced with the flag hoisting. Following this, athletes from various universities presented an impressive march past. The well-organized contingents, uniform attire, and disciplined marching captivated the spectators. Following the march past, the athletes took an oath of sportsmanship, fairness, and honesty.

In his address, the Honorable Governor stated that sports are a powerful tool for character building. He urged the youth to make sports an integral part of their lives and achieve excellence through healthy competition. He stated that the discipline and enthusiasm of the youth will play a crucial role in making India a developed nation by 2047. He extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the youth, especially the women, participating in the 800-meter race for their enthusiasm. He commended the Vice Chancellor of the University for organizing this comprehensive sports competition and stated that it would set an example for the future.

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Professor Manmohan Singh Chauhan stated that the University always attaches equal importance to academic excellence as well as sports and cultural activities, ensuring the all-round development of students. He expressed his gratitude to the Vice Chancellors and Registrars of various universities for their presence at the event and for ensuring the participation of students in this competition. He also thanked the Honorable Governor for his suggestions and guidance in organizing this event.

Registrar Dr. Deepa Vinay presented the outline of the Sports Meet and explained that hundreds of athletes from various universities will showcase their talents in various sports events at this state-level competition. She also shared information about the preparations and arrangements for the event. Dean Student Welfare and Organizing Secretary Dr. A.S. Jeena, in his welcome address, congratulated all the guests, participants and organizers and said that sports are not only a means of physical empowerment, but they also develop discipline, leadership, team spirit and positive thinking.

Students participated in the 800 meter race (men and women category) in which in the men's category, Mr. Ankit Nang, Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora got first position; Mr. Asif, Shri Dev Suman University, Tehri Garhwal got second position and Mr. Lalit Singh, Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora got third position and in the women's category, Ms. Neetu, Kumaon University, Nainital got first position, Ms. Chandni, Sanskrit University, Haridwar got second position and Ms. Sheetal Bhatt, Soban Singh Jeena, Almora got third position, who were honored by the Honorable Governor.

Mr. Rishi Raj, a student of the undergraduate program of the College of Agriculture, was honored for designing the logo of the game, Ms. Shivangi Bhatt, first year undergraduate of the College of Community Sciences, was honored for designing the Shubhanker, and Ms. Pinky, fourth year undergraduate, was honored for designing the alpina. At the end of the program, Dr. A.S. Jeena thanked all present. On this occasion, along with the chief guest, Vice-Chancellor of GBPUAT Prof. M.S. Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor of Kumaon University, Nainital Dr. D.S. Rawat, Registrar and Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Deepa Vinay and Dr. A.S. Jeena were present on the stage. Also, Vice Chancellors of other universities like Vice Chancellor of Uttarakhand Ayurveda University, Prof. Arun Kumar Tripathi; Vice Chancellor of Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Prof. Ramakant Pandey, Vice Chancellor of Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Medical Education University, Dehradun, Dr. Bhanu Duggal, Vice-Chancellor of Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora, Prof. Satpal Singh, and Registrars of various universities were present. Also present were District Magistrate of Udham Singh Nagar, Mr. Nitin Singh Bhadauria and other administrative officers, university deans, directors, faculty members, and students.

