

PRESS NOTE

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"Cultivate Resilience Through Sports" - Padma Shri P T Usha at SRM AP National Sports Fest - UDGAM'25

SRM University-*AP* National Level Sports Fest-UDGAM 25 was flagged-off in the presence of former Olympian and President of Indian Olympic Association, Padma Shri P T Usha. The National level Meet commenced with the lighting of the Olympic torch marking the start of the 3-day fest. The National Level Sports Fest also transformed into a platform that honoured and celebrated the achievements of sporting legends like Jessie Raj, Retd army officer Mr Varra Prasad Reddy and Ms Akula Hyama.

UDGAM 2025 is set to witness 40+ competitons with 2000+ students and a promising prize pool of over rupees 10 Lakhs. The meet saw the presence of Registrar Dr R Premkumar; Director I/C Sports and Director-Campus Life Management, Mr Anup Singh Suryavanshi; Assistant Director-Sports, Dr Sushmita Kumari; Faculty, Staff and Students.

Addressing the gathering, Smt P T Usha emphasised the significance of a national level sports fest of this stature. She stated, "Sports have a profound role in shaping character. It is a journey of discipline, persistence and resilience and instills the spirit of never giving up in the face of adversity."

Vice Chancellor Prof. Manoj K Arora remarked, "UDGAM is our signature sports fest. Our aim is to nurture athletes who will emerge as future champions with our remarkable amenities and infrastructure." He also wished all the participants to engage wholeheartedly and embody the true spirit of sportsmanship.

The 3-day sports fest aims to bring together athletes from across the country and saw a wide participation from some of the renowned colleges like VIT-AP; Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amaravati; Vignan University; K L University; Mohan Babu University, Tirupati; Lakireddy Bali Reddy College of Engineering (LBRCE); Seshadri Rao Gudlavalleru Engineering College, Gudlavalleru, among many others.

The fest will feature individual events, team sports and e-sports along with various track and field events for both men and women. Assistant Director-Sports Dr Sushmita Kumari commented, "UDGAM, our Annual Sports Fest is a forum that does not just test your skills but helps you embody the qualities that define great individuals. In the spirit of sportsmanship, I urge all participants to compete with integrity and passion and inspire us all with your performances"

UDGAM 2025 promises to be an exciting avenue for students to showcase their skills and compete at a national level, demonstrating their sporting spirit and talent. Participants will have the opportunity to not just compete against some of the best teams in the country and learn from top coaches but also win lucrative prizes.

