



8TH INTERNATIONAL TURKISH OPEN KICKBOXING WORLD CUP, ISTANBUL, TURKEY FROM 18TH TO 21ST MAY 2023



The 8th Turkish Open World Cup held in Istanbul from 18th to 21st May 2023 was a great success for WAKO India. It was another great tournament under the aegis of WAKO in which 78 countries took part and performed with over 3700 participants in both males and females categories. The event under the Management of WAKO Turkey President, Mr Salim Kayici was superb and was an example where a developing country can learn a lot of process and the smooth functioning of an event. This is truly a proud moment for the nation and for all the Kickboxing lovers in India for touching a newer height and setting a new benchmark.



















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The 22 members delegation of Team India which was led by Mr Santosh K Agrawal, President of WAKO India along with his 2 coaches, Mr. Suresh Babu as a Chief Coach and Mr. Sidharth Bhaleghare as a Coach and other team members including the fighters from across India, were selected by their respective state associations to play in this prestigious championship in different age groups. President WAKO India Mr. Santosh Kumar Agrawal being awarded the WAKO International 6th Degree Black Belt by Mr Roy Baker, President WAKO.



































































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It was a great event for WAKO India athletes who not only got noticed but also impressed the opponent. Team India is proud of for pulling off a breath-taking victory by its players.

- 1. Mr. Bharat Vishnu won Gold Medal in L.C. -32 KG
- 2. Mr. Balakumaran Rajendran won 2 Bronze Medal in P.F & L.C. -84 KG
- 3. Mr. Avinash Kumar Shetty won Bronze Medal in Senior, MF HSW

Our President Mr. Santosh K Agrawal handed over Rs 5,000 cash prize to the player for Winning the fights and they brought glory for India which is commendable. The ambience was marvellous and the kickboxing followers were loving each and every bit of it. Mr. Santosh K Agrawal, President of WAKO India was overwhelmed with the fighters efforts and ensured the champion gets the recognition at the International level for their stupendous performance. The level of improvement which Indian Players have shown this time through their combat techniques was clearly seen.















































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Local boys excel in international kickboxing tourney



By Our Staff Reporter

coaching in Spitfire Kickboxing category and M. Gokula-Academy (Anna Nagar, Ph: krishnan came 5th in light-con-90251 11265) represented the tact and kick-light events in Indian team and excelled in the the 63kg category. 8th WAKO World Cup Kick- Kickboxers from Bulgaria, boxing Tournament held in Germany, Greece, Uzbekistan, Istambul (Turkey) from May Malaysia, Singapore and 18 to 21.

While S. Bharathvishnu won tournament. the 1st place in the 32kg category in the light-contact Sureshbabu.

event, S. Ashwin came 5th in Three students undergoing the point-fight event in the 47kg

Srilanka participated in the

They are coached by C.







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Santosh Kumar Agrawal Head of Delegation President - WAKO India Chief Coach





Vivek Anila Satheesh Referee



Samarth Lakshmi Kanth Referee



Suresh Babu Chief Coach



Siddharth Bhaleghare

PLAYERS



Jeevan Jyot Kaur



Ishita Gandhi



Pavni Dayal



Rithu Nandha



Sanju Manju Shaji



Arun Surendran Nair



Bharat Vishnu



Ashwin Suresh



Akash Chavan



Prithvi Luxary



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