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KHELO INDIA WOMEN'S KICKBOXING ZONAL TOURNAMENT 2025-26

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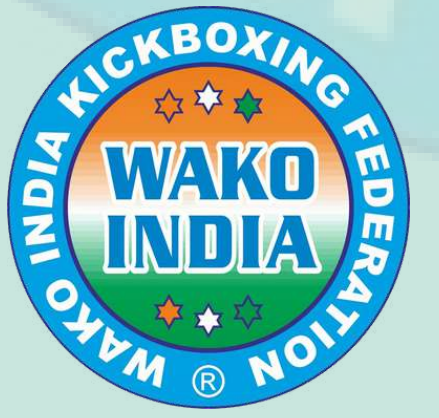
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Khelo India Asmita Women's Kickboxing League: A New Era of Women Empowerment Through Sports Kickboxing in India has entered a historic phase with its inclusion in the prestigious Khelo India Asmita Program, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, aimed at promoting women's participation in sports and strengthening grassroots development across the nation.

Under this visionary program, the WAKO India Kickboxing Federation has been officially authorized to conduct the Asmita Khelo India Women's Kickboxing League, which will span 32 States and Union Territories, covering 150 cities, and structured across four zones – West, North, South, and East. This nationwide initiative is expected to connect more than 30,000 women athletes, making it one of the largest women-centric combat sports programs in India.

The journey continued with the Khelo India Asmita Women's Kickboxing North Zone League, scheduled to be held in Jammu, from 26th to 25th feb 2026. This landmark event will feature talented women athletes from the western region competing across the cadet, junior, and senior categories.

Speaking on this historic occasion, Mr. Santosh Kumar Agrawal, President, WAKO India Kickboxing Federation, stated that kickboxing has now become an integral part of the esteemed "Khelo India Asmita Program", reflecting the growing recognition of the sport at the national level.

"This is a great initiative by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, towards the development of women's empowerment. Through kickboxing, women not only gain competitive opportunities but also develop self-confidence, discipline, physical fitness, and self-defence skills," he said.

City Leagues, Zonal Leagues & All India Inter-Zonal League

The Asmita Khelo India Women's Kickboxing League follows a well-defined competitive pathway:

City Leagues will be conducted across 150 cities in 32 States/UTs

Qualified athletes will advance to Zonal Leagues (West, North, South & East)

Top performers from zonal competitions will earn qualification for the All India Inter-Zonal Asmita Kickboxing League 2025–26
Athletes qualifying for the All India Inter-Zonal League will also receive the benefit of cash awards provided by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), further motivating women athletes to pursue excellence in sports.

Empowering Women, Strengthening the Nation:

This mega initiative aims to harness India's vast sporting talent, inspire young women, and provide them with structured competition, professional exposure, and high-quality infrastructure. The league offers a powerful platform for women athletes to showcase their skills at the highest level and contributes significantly to the growth of kickboxing in India.

The Khelo India program envisions nurturing talent from the grassroots, training athletes with world-class facilities, and enabling them to bring laurels to the nation on international platforms. The introduction of kickboxing under the Asmita vertical marks a significant milestone in expanding opportunities for women in combat sports.

A Collective Effort Towards Sporting Excellence:

The successful inclusion of kickboxing in the Khelo India program is the result of the collective efforts of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India (SAI), and the WAKO India Kickboxing Federation.

WAKO India expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Mansukh Mandaviya Ji, and Hon'ble Minister of State Smt. Raksha Khadse Ji for their constant encouragement and support towards the development of kickboxing and women's sports in India.

Marching Forward Together:

Together, with determination, unity, and the true spirit of sportsmanship, India is embracing a new chapter in women's sports. The Asmita Khelo India Women's Kickboxing League is not just a competition—it is a movement empowering women, strengthening self-belief, and shaping future champions.

This unique initiative is a great opportunity for women to: Compete at the national level

Learn self-defence

Build confidence and leadership

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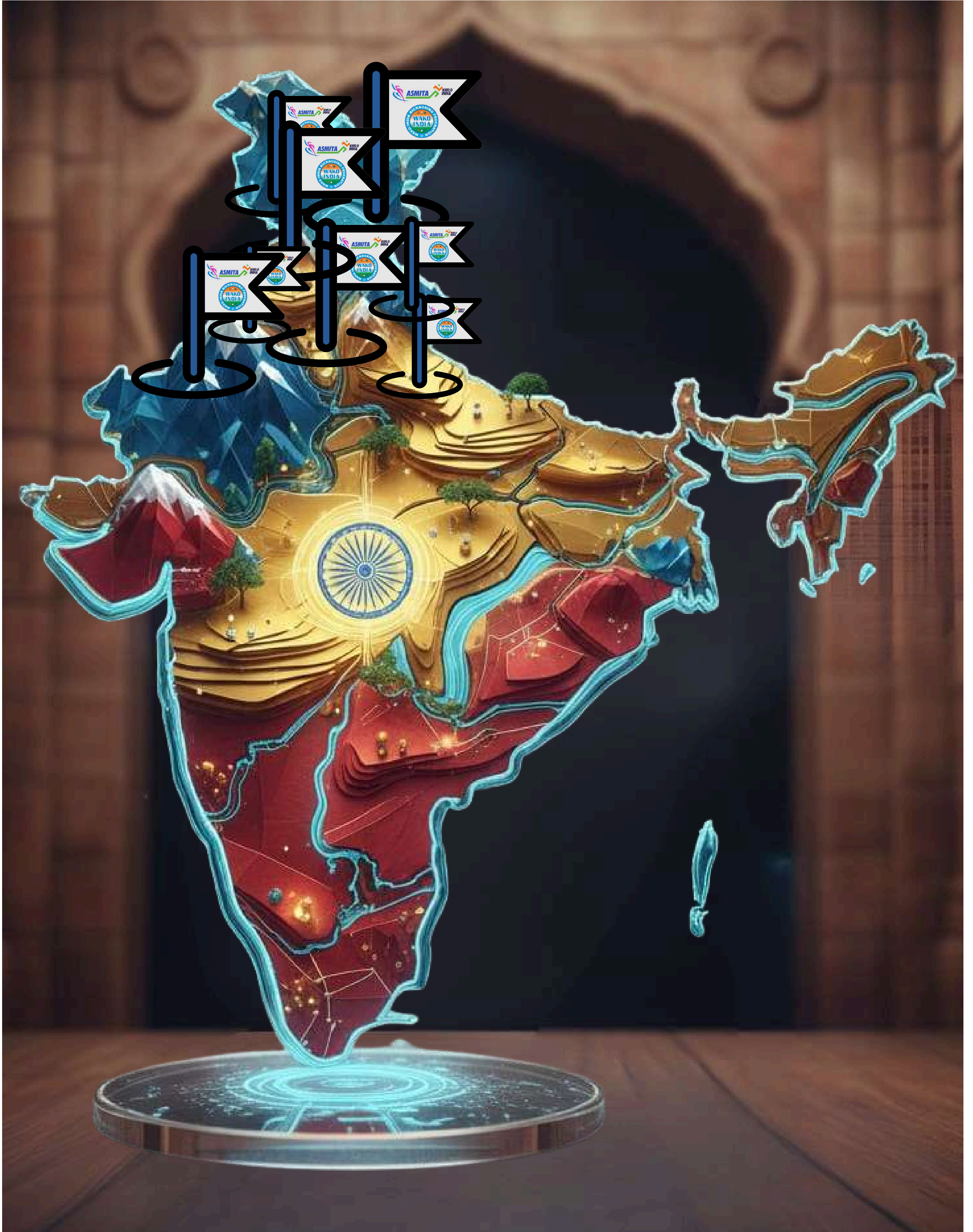
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A Historic Celebration of Women's Kickboxing Excellence in Jammu & Kashmir!
The Khelo India ASMITA Kickboxing Zonal League 2025-26 (North Zone) was successfully organized by the Kickboxing Association of Jammu & Kashmir, under the esteemed guidance of the WAKO India Kickboxing Federation, at Jammu University, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir. The League stood as a landmark event in Indian kickboxing, reflecting discipline, unity, and the rising power of women athletes in combat sports





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All participating teams arrived in Jammu on 22nd January 2026. Registration was conducted smoothly through the SportsData electronic system, followed by body weighing, medical examinations, and document verification. The well-organized process ensured fairness, transparency, and athlete safety from the very first day.





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The Opening Ceremony marked a proud and vibrant beginning of the League and was graced by distinguished dignitaries:

Chief Guest Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Shri. Surender Chaudhary ji
Shri Santosh Kumar Agrawal, President, WAKO India Kickboxing Federation
Dr. Sanjay Yadav, Senior Vice President, Wako india.
Shri. Pratik Kumar, Shri. Sonu Haldwani, Shri. Sachin Dogra - SAI Observer.

The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing unity, energy, and the sporting spirit. This was followed by a March-Past by all participating teams, proudly representing their states. A vibrant cultural program added colour and enthusiasm to the event, making it a memorable celebration of Indian sports culture.

The dignitaries delivered motivational addresses, inspiring young athletes to pursue excellence with discipline and integrity. Each guest was felicitated with a memento as a token of appreciation. The opening day truly set the tone for an exciting and inspiring League.





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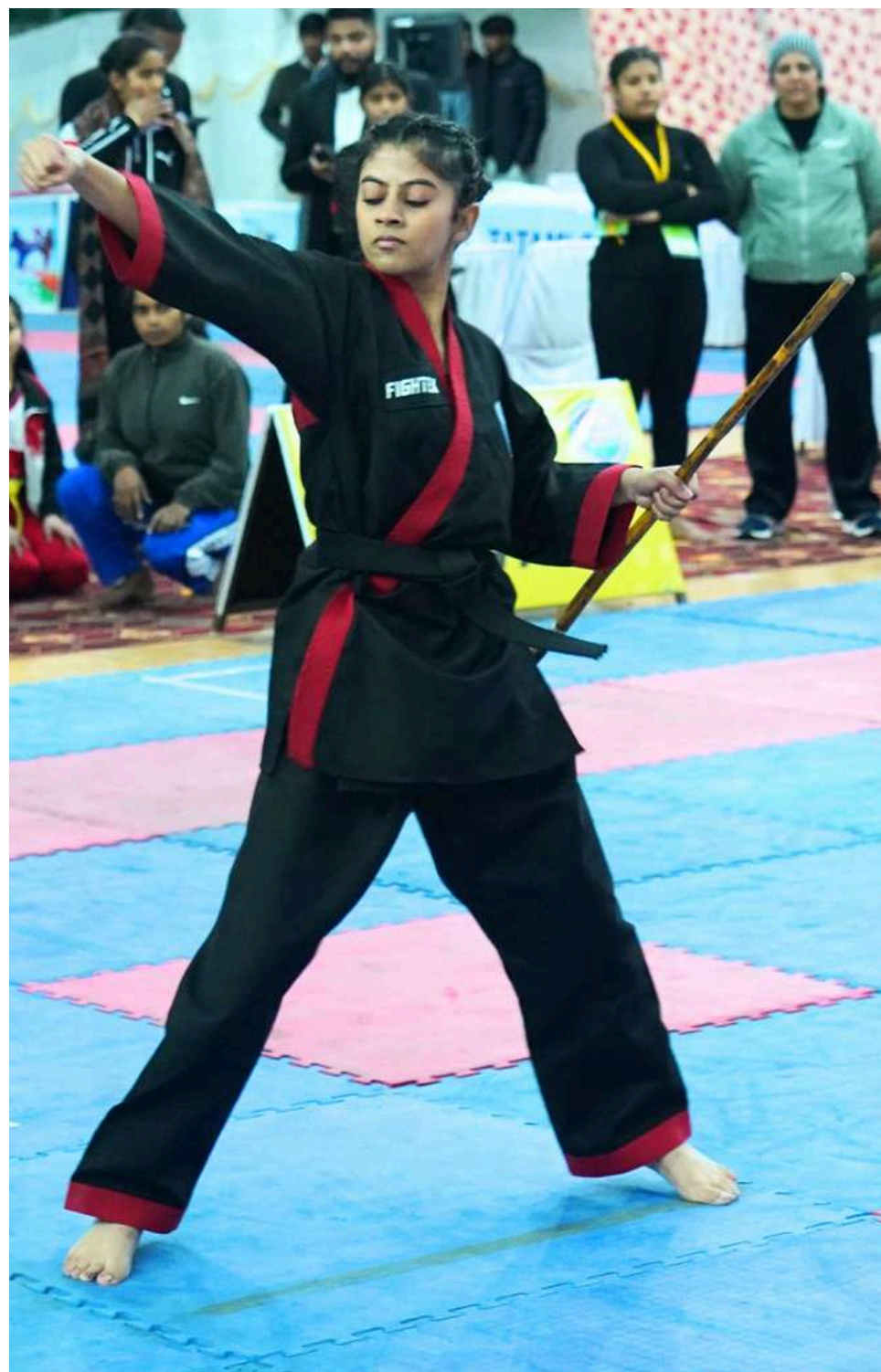
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The League witnessed electrifying action across one ring and three tatami areas, providing a world-class competitive environment.
Participating States: Delhi, Ladakh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir.
9 WAKO India-affiliated states.
Total Entries of Women Athletes: 527
Coaches: 20
Referees: 23
Officials: 2
The overwhelming participation showcased the growing popularity of women's kickboxing across the country. The athletes demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and fighting spirit, bringing immense pride to their teams and supporters.

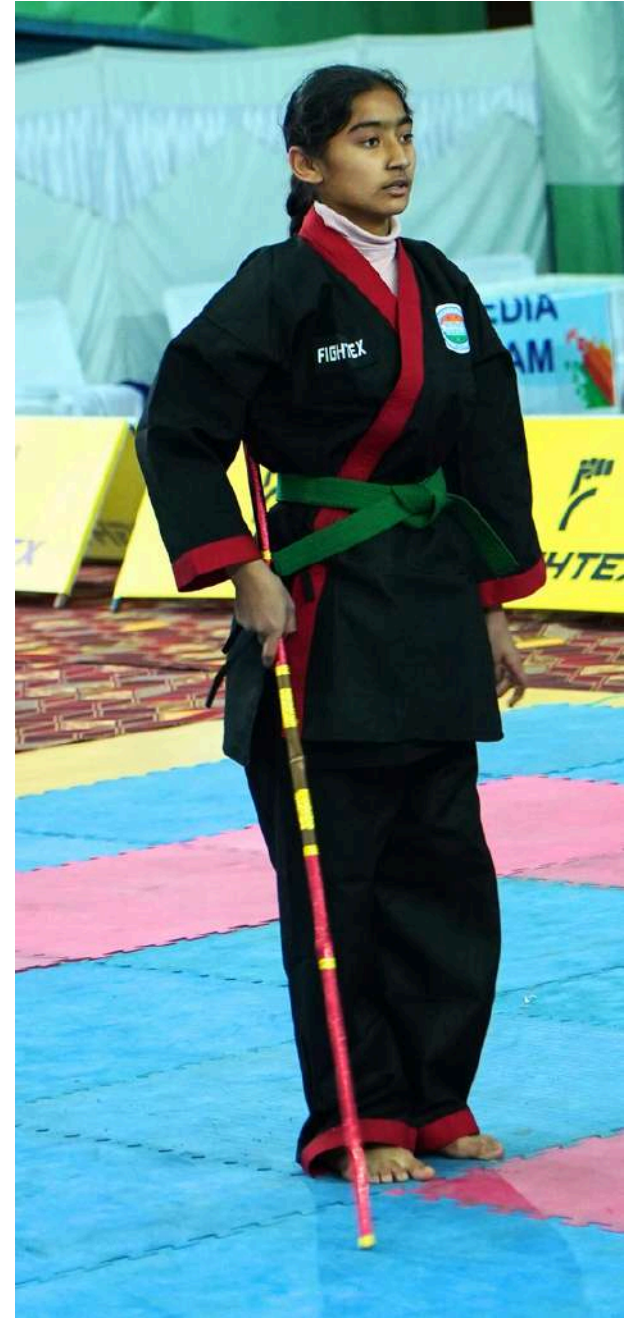




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The third day of the League became unforgettable with a mesmerizing Kavi Sammelan, featuring renowned poets:

Shri. Dinesh Raghuvanshi

Smt. Khusboo sharma

Shri. Vinod Shama ji

Under the starlit sky, their powerful verses echoed the courage, resilience, and passion displayed in the ring. The poetic evening beautifully blended sports and culture, as athletes, coaches, and spectators immersed themselves in words that celebrated valour, unity, and national pride. It transformed the sporting arena into a soulful celebration, leaving everyone inspired and uplifted.





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The Closing Ceremony was graced by eminent dignitaries:

Shri Satish Sharma ji, Chief Guest Honourable Sports Minister.

Shri Santosh Kumar Agrawal, President, WAKO India

Shri. Anand Jain, ADG Armed, J & K Police.

Shri. Aman Sharma, Khelo India Nodal Officer J & K and Ladhak.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Physical Education.

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The ceremony featured spectacular Musical and Creative Forms of Kickboxing, performed by National and International level athletes, captivating the audience. The final Point Fight kept spectators on the edge of their seats, showcasing elite technique and teamwork.

The entire League—from registration to results—was conducted using the SportsData Electronic Scoring System, ensuring transparency and efficiency. The event was live-streamed on the official YouTube channel of WAKO India, expanding its reach nationwide.

Importantly, the tournament concluded with no protests, no disputes, no complaints, and no serious injuries, reflecting exemplary organization and discipline.

Overall Medal Tally:

🏆 Overall Champion – Haryana

🥇 Gold: 20

🥈 Silver: 9

🥉 Bronze: 12

🥈 Second Place – Punjab

🥇 Gold: 12

🥈 Silver: 15

🥉 Bronze: 18

🥉 Third Place – Uttar Pradesh

🥇 Gold: 11

🥈 Silver: 12

🥉 Bronze: 23





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Shri. Santosh Kumar Agrawal, President, WAKO India Kickboxing Federation, stated: "We have successfully concluded the Khelo India North Zone ASMITA Kickboxing League in Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir. This tournament is a proud milestone—injury-free, controversy-free, and complaint-free, reflecting our strong commitment and alignment across all stakeholders. We have truly ushered in a new era of Kickboxing in India, with athletes receiving cash awards under the Sports Authority of India, a historic first for our sport." A milestone event empowering women, strengthening grassroots sports, and shaping the future of Kickboxing Sports in India. He extended heartfelt appreciation to Organizers Mr. Abhishek Jain, the Jammu & Kashmir Kickboxing Team, Zone officials, referees, coaches, athletes, medical teams, and media partners for their tireless efforts.





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Felicitation ceremonies honoured officials, referees, and organizing committee members for their invaluable contributions. Special thanks were conveyed to the print and electronic media, medical teams, and volunteers who ensured the smooth execution of the four-day mega event. The League concluded on a proud and emotional note with everyone standing in respect during the National Anthem of India, marking a memorable end to a historic sporting celebration.





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Media coverage

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EARLY TIMES REPORT

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CM Omar Abdullah reviews situation after severe wind storms & snowfall across J&K

Focused attention should continue for restoration of power & clearing of roads at the earliest : CM

SRINAGAR, JAN. 23 : Amid inclement weather conditions following widespread snowfall, gusty winds and snow storms, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday evening chaired a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat here to review the overall situation across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Minister Satish Sharma; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; Additional Chief Secretary, R&B, Anil Kumar Singh; IGP Kashmir V.K. Birdi; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Akshay Labroo; Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Faz Lul Haseeb; heads of various departments, and other senior officers.

The Divisional Commissioner Jammu and all Deputy Commissioners from the Kashmir Valley and Jammu division participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister took a detailed assessment of the impact caused by heavy snowfall, rainfall, and

strong winds that have prevailed since last evening. The Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu briefed the

Chief Minister on the prevailing ground situation and the progress of restoration efforts.

This was followed by a district-wise appraisal by the Deputy Commissioners, focusing on the status of essential services, including electricity supply, drinking water, road connectivity, and other basic facilities affected due to snow accu-

mulation and high-velocity winds across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Minister appreciated the Divisional

Minister stressed that road connectivity and power supply must be restored at the earliest to avoid public hardship. He also sought



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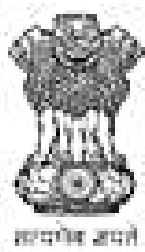
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and Administrations for their swift and effective response in minimising public inconvenience. He directed them to maintain the same level of preparedness and coordination in view of the prevailing weather advisory to ensure uninterrupted functioning of essential services. Emphasising priority restoration, the Chief

regular updates on restoration measures to ensure seamless delivery of public services.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah further directed the concerned authorities to carry out a timely assessment of damages caused by the inclement weather so that affected families are provided immediate assistance.

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