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ICAR South Zone Sports Tournament closing ceremony

ICAR South Zone Sports Tournament closing ceremony was held on February 13, 2026 at RSC grounds Secunderabad. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR- CMFRI) emerged as overall team champion, whereas Mrs Aachal, NIVEDI, Bengaluru won individual championship among women, and Dr. P. Rajendran, CMFRI, Kochi received individual Men championship. Dr D. Shikhamany, Former VC, YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh was the chief-guest on the occasion. While addressing the players, he said sports tournament stood as a testament to the importance of integrating sports into institutional life to build and learn discipline. The event not only showcased athletic excellence but also reinforced values of teamwork, resilience and mutual respect among participants, he added.

Dr Gopal Lal, Acting director, NAARM said participation is much more important than winning in sports. He praised the organizing team for wonderful conduction of the tournament. The cooperation of the players and their families helped for successful completion of the tournament, he added.

The winners and runners prizes were given away for the games like Volleyball (Shooting and smashing), basketball, cricket, football, shuttle badminton, carroms, table tennis, cycling, kabaddi, etc. The tournament was organized by NAARM from Feb. 10 to 13, 2026 wherein around 885 players, of which 750 Men and 135 women, from 28 different ICAR institutions participated in this South Zone tournament.







