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ICAR South Zone Sports Tournament Inaugurated

ICAR South Zone Sports Tournament is inaugurated on 10 February, 2026 at RSC grounds Secunderabad. Dr B. Venkateswarlu, Former VC, Vasatrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth was the chief-guest, and declared the tournament open. He said team work and sports spirit are required in sport which extends to research in ICAR. Sports help to maintain healthy life style, and sports spirit to be maintained even after the sports, he added.

Ms N. Bhavani Sri, IAS, Secretary, National Turmeric Board was the guest of honor on the occasion. While addressing the gathering, she said ICAR personnel are doing great service to the nation in agriculture sector. She advised the players to make great memories, and this is the only occasion wherein personnel sport across all positions and hierarchies in the system.

Dr Arun Tiwari, writer, author and scientist, DRDO said participating in games is a blessing. In the age of artificial intelligence, knowledge is an absolute intelligence. The technologies developed by ICAR goes to the entire country.

Dr Gopal Lal, Acting director, NAARM addressed the players, and said sports are good for health denoting healthy mind in a healthy body which further result in overall work output. He advised the players to keep up with good sportsmanship.

Earlier, Dr K. Srinivas, organizing secretary, NAARM welcomed the gathering. The sports and games include athletic events, badminton, volleyball (Shooting and smashing), basketball, cricket, football, carroms, table tennis, cycling, kabaddi, etc. The tournament is being organized by NAARM from Feb. 10 to 13, 2026 wherein around 885 players from 28 different ICAR institutions are participating. 750 Men and 135 women participants are participated in this south Zone tournament. Dr P.D. Sreekanth, NAARM proposed vote of thanks.



