

Inauguration of the Tournament

Inauguration Ceremony

The inauguration ceremony of the All India Grappling Tournament 2025 was held on 18th February 2025 at the Sports Complex of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, with great enthusiasm and dignity.

The grand event was inaugurated under the esteemed chairmanship of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the university Prof.K.P.Singh. The ceremony was graced by the august presence of the Chief Guest, **Maj Gen Deep Ahlawat**, Vice Chancellor, Major Dhyan Chand Sports University, Meerut, along with senior university officials, office bearers of the Sports Council, representatives from various colleges, coaches, and participating athletes, which added further significance to the occasion.

The event commenced with a vibrant march past, Pledge followed by a welcome address by the sports secretary Prof. S.S Bedi.

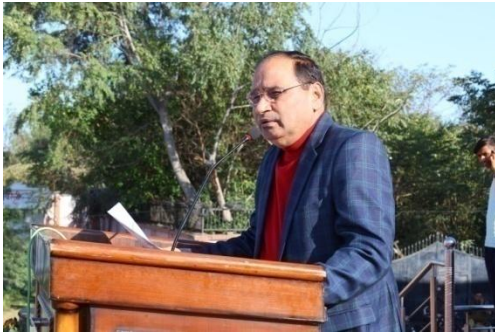
To mark the commencement of the tournament, **balloons and pigeons were released into the sky**, symbolizing peace, unity, and the soaring aspirations of the athletes.

This inaugural event fostered a spirit of unity, healthy competition, and a pursuit of excellence at the national level.





Vice Chancellor's Address: Inspiring the youth



The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, in his inspiring address, emphasized the crucial role of sports in the holistic development of students. He encouraged the participants not only to give their best in the competition but also to uphold the true spirit of sportsmanship.

Chief Guest Address

In his speech, the Chief Guest praised the university for hosting such a prestigious national-level event that promotes not only sporting excellence but also unity and cultural exchange among youth. He highlighted the importance of grappling as a sport that cultivates strength, discipline, and mental resilience.

Addressing the athletes, he commended their hard work and dedication, encouraging them to compete with passion, integrity, and the true spirit of sportsmanship. He also acknowledged the tireless efforts of coaches, organizers, and volunteers behind the scenes.

The Chief Guest concluded his address by officially declaring the tournament open, expressing hope that the event would inspire future champions and contribute to the growth of sports in India.



Secretary Sports Council Address



Secretary of the University Sports Council. In his speech, he highlighted the objective and significance of the tournament and reiterated the university's unwavering commitment towards the promotion of sports.