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**PRESS RELEASE ON THE 15th ALL INDIA IMD SPORTS MEET AT SHREE SHIV
CHHATRAPATI SPORTS COMPLEX, BALEWADI, PUNE, FROM 17TH TO 20TH
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India Meteorological Department (IMD) is organizing 15th All India IMD Sports Meet 2025 to commemorate the 150th anniversary celebrations of IMD, from February 17th to 20th, 2025, at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune. Dr. M. Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, inaugurated the event on 17th February 2025, and addressed the gathering. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of sportsmanship, how sports bring people together, teach us to overcome challenges, promote equality across all levels and disciplines, and strengthen bonds among individuals.

This event received enthusiastic participation from various institutes under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), including the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), and the India Meteorological Department (IMD). IMD has always advocated for a healthy work-life balance, and this annual sports meet serves as a great platform for employees from various IMD offices to showcase their athletic talents and build camaraderie. The 15th edition of the event will feature competitions in badminton, carrom, chess, table tennis, cricket, shooting ball, volleyball, and several other sports disciplines. IMD is excited to see enthusiastic participation and a successful celebration of sportsmanship and teamwork!

The inaugural event included participants from various institutes within the Ministry of Earth Sciences, including IMD, retired officials, and visitors, with around 600 plus people attended the function. A few glimpses from the inaugural ceremony are attached below.






