

Powerlifting Powerhouse: All India InterUniversity Powerlifting Championship concludes at KU

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Srinagar, April 7: The University of Kashmir (KU) brought the curtains down on the All India Inter University Powerlifting Championship (Men & Women) with a dazzling closing ceremony, marking a landmark moment in Jammu and Kashmir's sporting history. #

Organized over four action-packed days by the Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, KU in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the event saw enthusiastic participation from 160 universities and more than 1000



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athletes from across the country. #

This mega sporting spectacle aimed to provide a competitive and spirited arena for university-level powerlifters, setting the stage for the upcoming World University Games later this year. The championship not only celebrated strength and stamina but also symbolized national unity through sports. #

The glittering valedictory function, held at the University campus, was presided over by Vice Chancellor KU Prof. Nilofar Khan, who expressed immense pride in the university's role as a pioneer in hosting a national-level sports event of this scale in the Union Territory. #

"This event has etched the University of Kashmir into the annals of national sports history. The passion and perseverance displayed by athletes from every corner of India show how sports continue to unify and empower youth," Prof. Khan said. #

She also praised the Directorate for elevating the university's sports profile and hosted a special dinner to honor the officials, technical staff, and volunteers whose efforts made the championship a grand success. #

Prof. Shareef-u-Din Pirzada, Dean Academic Affairs, KU emphasized the university's commitment to integrating sports within the academic framework as per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, including offering academic credits for sports participation—an initiative poised to boost the sports economy in J&K. #

Prof. Khursheed Ahmad Butt, Dean College Development Council, KU highlighted the university's role in positioning Jammu and Kashmir as a "nursery for sporting talent," while Registrar KU Prof. Naseer Iqbal acknowledged the power of such events in harnessing student energy for national development. #

Dr. Surjeet Singh, Organizing Secretary of the championship presented a comprehensive report on the event's milestones, thanking all participating universities, J&K Police, athletes, and supporting teams for their dedication and collaboration. #

In the Men's category, Guru Kashi University secured the Overall Championship, with Sunrise University, Hyderabad finishing as Runners-Up. In the Women's category, CTU Ludhiana emerged victorious, followed by University of Calicut as Runners-Up. Trophies and mementos were awarded by the Vice Chancellor. #

The event concluded with an air of celebration and accomplishment, as Sheikh Adil, Gymnasium Coach, KU conducted the formal proceedings of the closing ceremony. #

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