

# 34 players from Nagpur vying for the top honours

## 7th National Aerial and Pole Sports Championship begins

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**T**he 7th National Aerial and Pole Sports Championship—a blend of determination, courage, opportunity, strength, and success—is being held at the Goregaon Sports Club in Mumbai. In this two-day event, 180 athletes from nine states including 34 from Nagpur are participating and showcasing their sporting prowess.

Top competitors from across the country will demonstrate their skills in categories such as Aerial Silk, Pole Sports, Hoop, Hammock, and Flying Pole.

The championship was inaugurated by Dr. Vijay Thakare, Director of the Directorate of Forensic Science Laboratories, Maharashtra.

Distinguished guests present at the occasion included film actor Pravin Dabas; Shrikant Pandit, Secretary to the Assembly Speaker; Minal Patwardhan, Managing Director and Vice President of Inved Agro Limited; Vinod Poddar, President of



Dignitaries during the inauguration of 7th National Aerial and Pole Sports Championship on Monday.

### 'Medals should not be sole aim'

Addressing the athletes, Dr. Vijay Thakare stated that winning a medal should not be the sole aim of competing; rather, working hard to improve upon oneself compared to yesterday is the true victory. Kumar Masram outlined the vision behind organizing the tournament, while Kishor Bagde delivered the introductory address. Keya Engineer hosted the program. Masuma Moon, Aditi Deshpande, Riya Bajaj, Chinmai Dusane, Avi Prabhu, and Kanchan Dusane served as technical judges, with Pankaj Kunde as the announcer. Sachin Mathane, Anand Dabare, Shreyas Rangari, Yatin Nachare, Sarang, and Hemant Dusane put in dedicated efforts for the event's execution.

GSC; Sanjay Malu, former Secretary; Neeraj Kumar Jha, technology and business expert; Kumar Masram, Chief Patron of IPSA and Chairman of the Organizing Committee; renowned legal practitioner Adv. Anil Thakare; event coordinator Kishor Bagde; Dr.

Shrikant Varankar, President of the Indian Pole Sports Association; Treasurer Suresh Gandhi; Organizing Secretary Milind Pakal; Para Olympian Gita Chauhan, Captain of the Indian Para Basketball team; and prominent martial artist C. K. Singh and others.