



PRESS RELEASE

600 Fencers Set for High-Voltage Action at the 36th Senior National Fencing Championship

New Delhi, November 13, 2025: The Fencing Association of India (FAI), in collaboration with the Delhi Association for Fencing (DAF), is set to host the 36th Senior National Fencing Championship at the prestigious K.D. Jadhav Hall, Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, from November 15 to 19, 2025. The much-anticipated event will bring together over 600 top fencers from across the country, showcasing the finest talent in Indian fencing.

The championship will see India's best athletes compete for 12 gold medals in both individual and team categories across the three fencing disciplines — Épée, Foil, and Sabre. Among the star participants are Olympian and Asian Championship medalist C.A. Bhavani Devi (Sabre), along with international medalists Bibish K (Foil), Prachi Lohan (Épée), Gisho Nidhi (Sabre), Taniksha Khatri (Épée), and Karan Singh (Sabre), all vying for top honours.

The championship will be inaugurated by Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, Government of India, and former Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, who will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Extending his best wishes, Shri Satej D. Patil, President, Fencing Association of India, said: "The Senior National Championship is a celebration of India's fencing excellence and a reflection of our athletes' growing potential. We are proud to see over 600 fencers from every corner of the country come together in this spirit of competition and unity."

Welcoming the Chief Guest, Shri Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General, Fencing Association of India, said: "We are truly honoured to welcome Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, Government of India, as the Chief Guest for the 36th Senior National Fencing Championship. His unwavering support for Indian sports has always inspired athletes nationwide. His presence will motivate our fencers to perform at their best and elevate the spirit of the championship."

The five-day event promises thrilling contests, sportsmanship, and a celebration of India's growing fencing legacy, as athletes battle for supremacy and a chance to etch their names in national glory.

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