

**Ministry of Home Affairs,  
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**4th All India Police Judo Cluster Championship inaugurated .**

Sports has a special significance for the police forces. Because sports and games inculcate values like discipline and dedication to duty. This was stated by Shri Nityanand Rai, Union Minister of State for Home while inaugurating the 4th All India Police Judo Cluster Championship at K.D. Jadhav indoor hall in IG stadium New Delhi today. Echoing the vision of the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister on the ambitious Khelo India programme, Shri Rai said that sports adds to the unity of the nation besides contributing to the health and fitness of the participants. He expressed the desire that such events should be organized at every level so that sporting talents can hone their skills.

Earlier welcoming the guests and participants, Shri Surjit Singh Deswal, DG, CRPF said that it is a great honour for the force to organize this event for the first time. Appreciating the illustrious history of CRPF in the arena of sports, Shri Deswal recalled how a number of force personnel have brought laurels to the country and also to the force from national as well as international sporting meets.

The 4th All India Police Judo Cluster Championship organized this year by CRPF is being attended by 34 participating teams consisting of 1207 sports persons from across the country. A total of 15 Trophies & 214 Medals besides 01 Medal for the Best Gymnast are up for grab by the competing teams and sports persons. Earlier, this cluster has been organized by Sashtra Seema Bal in 2016, West Bengal Police in 2017 and Odisha Police in 2018.

CRPF - the lead Force for maintenance of internal security and Law & Order in the country, which enjoys a rich tradition of valour and sacrifice has also made remarkable achievements in the field of sports and games. The Force has till date been awarded 02 Padmashri, 01 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and as many as 16 Arjuna awards. Apart from this, the Force has also won many other awards and accolades in different sports and games competitions. The first Arjuna awardee from the Force was the legendary athlete Shri Gurbachan Singh Randhawa who retired from CRPF in 1961. Ms. Kunjurani devi of CRPF has the unique distinction of being awarded Padmashri, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Arjuna award for her performance in the field of weightlifting.

The 05 days sporting event will draw to a close on the 7th of this month. Union Minister of state (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports and Minister of State for Minority Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest of the closing ceremony.

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