

Ankit Menon Memorial Sports Festival 2025–2026

Inter-School Sports Tournament

Venue: Essence International School, Nagalwadi, Nagpur

Duration: 8th January 2026 to 12th January 2026

Essence International School, Nagalwadi, Nagpur, hosted **Ankit Menon Memorial Sports Festival 2025–2026**, a prestigious four-day inter-school sports tournament aimed at promoting physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, leadership, and holistic development among students. This event brought together young athletes from various schools and sport clubs, providing them with a vibrant platform to showcase their talent, competitive spirit, and sportsmanship.

Day 1: Inauguration Ceremony and Skating Events

Date: 8th January 2026

The inauguration and skating event commenced with great enthusiasm and grandeur. The school campus was filled with excitement as dignitaries, participants, and coaches arrived for the inaugural ceremony. The Welcome Committee received the guests with warmth and respect, reflecting the school's values of hospitality and discipline.

The inaugural ceremony began with the **lighting of the ceremonial lamp**, symbolizing unity, perseverance, and the true spirit of sports. Ganesh Vandana was recited by **Mrs. Mayura Deoras (HOD Sanskrit)**.

The occasion was graced by eminent dignitaries: -

Mr. Baburao Yadav – Former Ranji Trophy Player (Vidarbha), Ex–Indian Railways Ranji Player, Ex–ICL Player, MRF Pace Foundation Player, and Founder Director, DY Patil Sports Academy – **Chief Guest**

Dr. Upendra Varma – Secretary, Nagpur District Skating Association and Vice President, Skating Association

Essence International School Directors -**Mr. Vijay Menon** and **Dr. Hema Menon**

Principal -**Mrs. Beena Menon**

Quality Coordinator- **Mrs. Jayshri Sastri**

Vice Principal (Secondary) -**Mrs. Arpana Wilson**

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Academic In- charge -**Mrs. Zanisha Raja**



The Chief Guest **Mr. Baburao Yadav** addressed the gathering and encouraged the students by highlighting the importance of discipline, dedication, and perseverance in sports. He inspired them to value participation and teamwork.

A motivational speech was presented by the Director, **Mr. Vijay Menon**, to enlighten students on the vital role of sports in overall personality development. During the session, **Mr. Vijay Menon** emphasized that sports are not merely physical activities but powerful tools for building discipline, self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, and resilience.

He highlighted how regular participation in sports helps students develop a positive attitude, learn time management, and cope with challenges both on and off the field. Through inspiring examples and practical insights, he encouraged students to actively engage in sports to enhance their physical fitness, mental strength, and social skills.

The speech was highly informative and motivating. It left a lasting impact on the students, inspiring them to view sports as an integral part of holistic education and personal growth.



The sports event was formally inaugurated with the **Race** at the Skating Rink, followed by the inauguration of **Cricket and Volleyball matches** by the dignitaries. The day featured exciting **Skating Competitions**, where students displayed remarkable speed, balance, and technical skills. Medals were awarded to the winners, and the **Maximum Participation School Award** was presented to **School of Scholars, Wanadongri**.



The event was conducted under the supervision of **Mr. Sadashiv Boldhan (Sports In-charge- Essence International School)**, supported by **Mr. Shailesh Tarare (Skating Coach)**, **Mr. Kunal Evanate (Volleyball Coach)**, and **Mr. Kalpesh Paunikar (Cricket Coach)**.



Day 2: Inter-School Chess Tournament

Date: 9th January 2026



Students of grade I to IX participated in the **Chess tournament**. The tournament was graced by **Directors Mr. Vijay Menon and Dr. Hema Menon, Principal Mrs. Beena Menon, Quality Coordinator Mrs. Jayshri Sastri, and School Manager Mr. Hitesh Wagh**. Coaches from the participating schools were also present.

Director- Dr. Hema Menon, motivated the students, encouraging focus, patience, and sportsmanship. Director Dr. Hema Menon inspired the students by emphasizing the importance of sports in building true sportsmanship, patience, discipline, and resilience. She encouraged them to maintain a positive attitude, embrace teamwork, and view both success and failure as valuable learning experiences, helping them grow not only as athletes but also as responsible individuals.

The matches were conducted under the fair and professional supervision of **Arbiters Ms. Shital and Ms. Gayatri**.

Students across various age groups demonstrated exceptional strategic thinking and concentration. Winners were declared in different categories for boys and girls from Classes I to IX. Based on cumulative points, the **Overall School-wise Results** were: - **Classes I–IV:** Winner – Essence International School; Runner-up – Orchid’s International School - **Classes V–VII:** Winner – SOS Wanadongri; Runner-up – Essence International School - **Classes VIII–IX:** Winner – MKH Sancheti; Runner-up – Essence International School

A **Prize Distribution Ceremony** was held at the end of the tournament to felicitate the winners and participants, marking a successful and intellectually stimulating day.



Day 3: Inter-School Yoga Competition and National Youth Day Celebration

Date: 12th January 2026



The third day of the festival coincided with **National Youth Day**, commemorating the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda**, which made the occasion both meaningful and inspirational. To mark this significant day, an **Inter-School Yoga Competition** was organised with the aim of promoting physical fitness, mental discipline, and inner harmony among students.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of **Mr. Pankaj Kunde** and **Mr. Anand Dabore**. Students from various schools participated with great enthusiasm and dedication, showcasing yogic postures with remarkable precision, balance, flexibility, and controlled breathing.

At the conclusion of the competition, medals were awarded to the winners by the **Vice Principals** and the **Academic Coordinator**. The prestigious **Champions of Champions Trophy** was awarded as follows:

Girls Champion: Ms. Bhargavi Charde

Boys Champion: Master Kaushik Pal

Runner-up: Master Vanshraj Thorane

The **Maximum Participation Trophy** was awarded to **Somalwar Nikalas School**. The trophies were presented by the **Directors, Principal, and Quality Coordinator**. The day concluded on a serene and inspiring note, reinforcing the importance of yoga in daily life and holistic well-being.



Day 4: Championship Finals and Closing Ceremony

The final day marked the **Closing Ceremony of the Ankit Menon Memorial Sports Festival 2025–2026**. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various schools and clubs, with students showcasing outstanding performances in **Volleyball, Football, and Cricket**.



The ceremony was graced by: -

Chief Guest -**Mr. Rajesh Tathare** - Senior Police Inspector

Special Guest- **Mr. Christopher Cladius Peter** – Assistant FIFA Referee

Directors- **Mr. Vijay Menon** and **Dr. Hema Menon**

Principal -**Beena Menon**

Quality Coordinator - **Mrs. Jayshri Sastri**Mr.

Sports Head -**Mr. Sadashiv Boldhan**



Championship Results

- **Volleyball:** Runner-up – The Radiance School; School Of Scholars, Wanadongri
- **Football (U-10):** Winner – Nobel Sports Academy
- **Football (U-15):** Winner – St. John School; Runner-up – Essence International School
- **Cricket (U-15):** Winner – Jindal Public School; Runner-up – South Public School

Individual Game Stoppers

- **Football U-10:** Ayansh Paul (Best Goalkeeper), Arnav Shinde (Best Striker), Devansh Gaur (Player of the Tournament)
- **Football U-15:** Dhawal Waghale (Best Goalkeeper), Sahil Samudre (Best Striker), Moses Joseph (Player of the Tournament)
- **Cricket U-15:** Viaan Poranwar (Best Batsman), Umer Abdul (Best Bowler), Sharnam Shambharkar (Player of the Match)

The dignitaries congratulated all winners and participants. They emphasized on the importance of physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. The festival concluded successfully, applauding the dedicated efforts of the school management, Sports Committee, coaches, officials, volunteers, and students.



Conclusion

The **Ankit Menon Memorial Sports Festival 2025–2026** concluded on a meaningful and dignified note, reflecting the values of discipline, unity, and excellence. The event left behind inspiring memories, strengthened inter-school bonds, and reaffirmed **Essence International School's** commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals through sports and holistic education.

Press Release

The Ankit Menon Memorial Sports Festival was covered by various leading newspapers, bringing attention to the inter-school participation, disciplined conduct of competitions, and the school's commitment to promoting sportsmanship and holistic development among students. The media reports highlighted the significance of the memorial event and acknowledged the organised efforts of the management, organising committee, and sports department of Essence International School.

अंकित मेनन स्मृति क्रीड़ा महोत्सव का शुभारंभ पहले दिन स्केटिंग में दिखा जोश



हिंगना. नागपुर स्थित एसेंस इंटरनेशनल स्कूल के विद्यालय परिसर में वार्षिक अंतर-विद्यालय अंकित मेनन स्मृति क्रीड़ा महोत्सव का उद्घाटन मुख्य अतिथि बाबुराव यादव द्वारा किया गया. विशेष अतिथि के रूप में डॉ. उपेंद्र वर्मा की उपस्थिति रही. उद्घाटन दिवस पर विभिन्न आयु वर्गों में स्केटिंग प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें खिलाड़ियों ने उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन कर दर्शकों का मन मोह लिया. इस अवसर पर अधिकतम सहभागिता विद्यालय पुरस्कार स्कूल ऑफ स्कॉलर, वानाडोंगरी को प्रदान किए जाने की घोषणा की गई. महोत्सव के पहले दिन का समापन विजयी प्रतिभागियों को पदक प्रदान कर किया गया. कार्यक्रम में विद्यालय के निदेशक विजय मेनन एवं डॉ. हेमा मेनन, प्राचार्या बीना मेनन तथा गुणवत्ता समन्वयक जयश्री सास्त्री की उपस्थिति रही. यह क्रीड़ा महोत्सव विद्यालय के क्रीड़ा प्रभारी सदाशिव बोलधन के मार्गदर्शन में संपन्न किया जा रहा है.

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Inter-school Ankit Menon memorial sports fest organised



The guests during the opening of sports festival.

Nagpur: The annual inter-school Ankit Menon Memorial Sports Festival was inaugurated at Essence International School in the school premises. The festival was formally declared open by Baburao Yadav, former Ranji Trophy player (Vidarbha). The inaugural function was also graced by Dr Upendra Varma, secretary of the Nagpur District Skating Association. School directors Vijay Menon, Dr Hema Menon, principal Beena

Menon and quality coordinator Jayshri Sastri. The event was executed under the supervision of sports incharge Sadashi Boldhan, with support from skating coach Shallesh Tarare, volleyball coach Kunal Evate and cricket coach Kalpesh Ponykar. Skating competitions were held on the opening day, and the maximum participation school award was announced to School of Scholars, Wana-dongri.

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क्विक Update



एसेंस इंटरनॅशनल स्कूलमध्ये क्रीडा महोत्सव

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Ankit Menon memorial sports festival held

ESSENCE International School
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its premises recently.

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Christopher Cladius Peter, Asst
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ent. The volleyball title went to
The Radiance School while SOS
Wanadongri finished runners-

up. In U-10 football, Nobel Sports
Academy emerged winner.
The U-15 title went to St John's
High School, Mohan Nagar while
Essence International School
ended up runners-up.
In U-15 cricket, Hindal Public
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Our Visionary Leaders

1. **Mr. Vijay Menon (Director)- (M.Com., L.L.B)**
2. **Dr. Hema V Menon (Director) - (M.A- Socio), M.A. (Pub. Admn), LLM, Ph.D. RTM Nagpur University**
3. **Mrs. Beena Menon (Principal) - (M.Sc., B. Ed)**
4. **Mrs. Jayshri Sastri- (Quality Coordinator) (B.A., B.Ed.)**

Organizing & Administrative Committee

1. **Vice-Principal (Secondary)- Mrs. Arpana Wilson**
2. **Vice-Principal (Primary)- Mrs. Shashiprabha Suryavanshi,**
3. **Academic In- charge- Mrs. Zانشا Raja**
4. **School Manager- Mr. Hitesh Wagh**

Comparing Committee

1. Mrs. Shashiprabha Suryavanshi
2. Mrs. Tanveer Khan
3. Mrs. Gunjan Rana
4. Mrs. Apeksha Sadafale
5. Miss. Sruthi Nair

Cultural Committee

1. Mrs. Mayura Deoras
2. Mrs. Ashwini Bhatarkar

Welcome Dance Committee

1. Mrs. Kavita
2. Mrs. Neha Gore
3. Ms. Drishti Sadasivam

Logistic Management Committee

1. **Mr Hitesh Wagh (School Manager)**
2. Mr Ashish Samarth
3. Mr Nishant Dronkar
4. Mrs Ritika Ladwani
5. Mr Deepak Mohkar
6. Mr Praful Khapekar
7. Mr Yash Nakade

8. Mr Pravin Sakhare
9. Mr Yogesh Mali
10. Mr Devendradhar Dwivedi
11. Mr Rajat Neware
12. Mr Aniket Chikhalkhunde
13. Moreshwar Naitam
14. Nitesh Meshram

Sports Committee

- 1. Mr Sadashiv Boldhan (HOD Sports)**
2. Mrs. Nisha Tarare
3. Mrs. Supriya Hirekar
4. Mrs Shital Panbude
5. Mr Deep Dhabale
6. Mr Aditya Shripatre
7. Mr Shailesh Tarare
8. Mr Papan Pramanik
9. Mr Kunal Evanate
10. Mr Kalpesh Paunikar
11. Mr Pratik Kanake
12. Mr. Moreshwar Naitam

Transport and Logistic Committee

- 1 Mr. Kamlesh Chaturvedi (Transport Head)**
- 2 Nilesh Baniya
- 3 Ramrao Kale
- 4 Ashok Raj
- 5 Shivaji Tathe
- 6 Raghveer Gareval
- 7 Ravi Gawai
- 8 Mahendra Chaudhary
- 9 Deepak Walde
- 10 Khushal Pille
- 11 Chetan Chavhan
- 12 Sachin Umare
- 13 Ramesh Nagpure
- 14 Nikhil Kanojiya
- 15 Sachin Kale
- 16 Kailash Rathod
- 17 Someshwar Wadai
- 18 Gyaneshwar Rathod
- 19 Vinod Rathod

- 20 Dinesh Patil
- 21 Pramod Dongre
- 22 Rupesh Dadmal
- 23 Rajesh Sharma
- 24 Shyam Taywade
- 25 Dilip Garud
- 26 Manish Hundiwala
- 27 Vinod Awadhoot
- 28 Amit Kale
- 29 Tushar Marbate
- 30 Rajesh Atagare

Hospitality & Guest Management Committee

1. Mr. Rahul Godhankar
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