Press Release from Sikkim Table Tennis Veterans Association (SVTTA)

5th North East Masters Table Tennis Championship 2026 Inaugurated in Gangtok

Gangtok, 26 November 2026: The 5th North East Masters Table Tennis Championship 2026 was inaugurated today, 26th November 2026, at the Indoor Hall, Paljor Stadium, Gangtok, Sikkim. The three-day championship, organised by the Sikkim Table Tennis Veterans Association (SVTTA), will conclude on 28th November 2026.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by the Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim, as the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest was warmly welcomed by Shri Chandan S. Limboo, President, Sikkim Table Tennis Veterans Association, with a floral bouquet, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp.

Shri Phurba Wangdi Bhutia, Managing Director, State Bank of Sikkim, attended the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The inaugural programme was also attended by Directors, the Deputy Director of Paljor Stadium and members of the Sikkim Table Tennis Veterans Association.

The championship has witnessed enthusiastic participation from all eight North Eastern States, with a total of 165 registered participants, comprising both men and women. Out of the total participants, 152 are veteran players belonging to the age group of 40 to 70 years. Manipur has sent the largest contingent, with 45 veteran players participating in the championship.

The event provides an important regional platform for veteran table tennis players to demonstrate their sporting talent, maintain physical fitness and promote a healthy and active lifestyle. It also aims to strengthen friendship, unity and camaraderie among the eight North Eastern States through the spirit of sportsmanship.

The Sikkim Table Tennis Veterans Association expressed its sincere gratitude to the Government of Sikkim, particularly the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, for its support and encouragement in promoting table tennis in the state. The Association also extended its appreciation to all participating state associations, officials, dignitaries, sponsors and supporters for their valuable contributions towards making the championship a success.

The championship is expected to further strengthen the sporting relationship among the North Eastern States and encourage greater participation of veteran athletes in table tennis.