

With 230 athletes, IIT Indore ready to cause a big splash

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INDORE

Indian Institute of Technology Indore, which is going to host the 38th edition of the prestigious Inter IIT Aquatics Meet from October 1 to 5, is all set to create a big splash with around 230 athletes ready to dive into a week-long aquatic event. The inauguration ceremony is scheduled for September 30, kicking off a week of intense competition and camaraderie among participants from across the country.

This annual aquatic event is a significant part of the Inter IIT Sports Meet, drawing in participants from all 23 IITs. This year, around 230 athletes representing 17 IITs, including 60 female participants, will compete in a range of aquatic events such as swimming races, medleys, and water polo matches. The competition is renowned for fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and excel-

lence within the IIT community.

IIT Indore PRO commander Sunil Kumar (Retd) highlighted the significance of the event, stating, This prestigious meet will bring together some of the most talented athletes, promising a showcase of skill, dedication, and competitive

38TH INTER IIT AQUATICS MEET INAUGURATION TODAY

spirit. The event will be jointly judged by officials from the Swimming Federation of India and the Madhya Pradesh Swimming Association.

The Aquatics Meet serves as a prelude to the larger Inter IIT Sports Meet, which will be co-hosted by IIT Indore and IIT Kanpur from December 10 to 17, 2024. Owing to favourable weather conditions and a midterm academic break, the aquatics competition is traditionally held in October.

The opening ceremony will

be graced by chief guest Dr Kannan Pugazhendhi, a noted sports physician who has worked with the Indian cricket team, represented India at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, and supported the Indian hockey team during the 2002 World Cup.

IIT Indore boasts a state-of-the-art aquatic facility, which has been instrumental in converting over 1,000 students from non-swimmers to swimmers in the past two years. Additionally, the institute is in the process of expanding its sports infrastructure, with a new outdoor sports arena under construction, featuring a football field, hockey ground, tennis and volleyball courts, and a 400-meter athletics track.

