

AIIMS Bibinagar Celebrates, SPARK 2021, **First Annual Sports Carnival.**

“SPARK 2021” the first Annual Sports Carnival, was celebrated on 27th February at the sports complex of AIIMS, Bibinagar campus. Dr.Vikas Bhatia, Executive Director, AIIMS, Bibinagar along with Dean Dr Neeraj Agarwal and DDA Col SP Anant Rao officially inaugurated the complex and named it the "ARENA" at 10.30 AM on the same day.

Dr.Vikas Bhatia had set the keynote for this mega event early this month by emphasizing the need for maintaining physical fitness not only for students, but also among the faculty and non-teaching staff, aimed to align with the nation-wide “FIT INDIA” Movement.

The Sports Committee led by Dr.Ayya Syama Sundar and Dr.Rekha Priyadarshini took up the thread with much fervour. Shrubland was converted to a beautiful sports complex with a cricket pitch, football ground and athletic track in a very short time.

A friendly cricket match played between students and faculty on 17th February, gave impetus to the event. Volleyball and badminton courts were setup at different locations in the campus. A week-long program of multi-sport events was conducted after regular working hours of the institution, under the guidance of the Dean, Dr.Neeraj Agarwal. This gave the much needed “warm-up” to the students and faculty. Finalists were drawn from long list of enthusiastic participants in

various indoor and outdoor events such as chess, carroms, table tennis, badminton, throwball, volleyball, football and cricket.

The final matches played on 27th February, marked the culmination of the semaine de events. It was celebrated at the “ARENA” with much ardour. To add to the pomp, non-athletic field games were arranged to ensure more participation from all age-groups.

The logistics of the event were spearheaded by Col. S.P Anantrao, Deputy Director (Administration) with his team. The Food & Catering Committee led by Dr.Nabnita Patnaik ensured that the body and mind moved in seamless unison. Student representatives and volunteers came forward to secure a hassle-free event.

The closing ceremony of “SPARK 2021”, saw a glittering prize distribution ceremony. Dr.Vikas Bhatia in his concluding remarks reminded us to continue indulgence in physical activities regularly to maintain individual fitness and added that we are looking forward to the National AIIMS Cricket League for all AIIMS institutions, starting from January 2022.





