

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**(Sainik School Balachadi)**

**ALL INDIA SAINIK SCHOOLS INTRA GROUP 'G' HOCKEY TOURNAMENT  
CONCLUDES AT SAINIK SCHOOL BALACHADI**

The All India Intra Sainik Schools Group 'G' Hockey Tournament concluded at Sainik School Balachadi on 08 May 2026 with a splendid closing ceremony featuring a March Past, Hollow Square formation, prize distribution ceremony at the Ranji Sports Arena of the School campus.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Col Shariq Azad, Commanding Officer, 27 Madras Regiment, Jamnagar. He is an alumnus of Sainik School Nagrota, National Defence Academy, Pune and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.

The tournament was conducted in three categories — Boys Under-17, Boys Under-15 and Girls Under-17. The event was inaugurated on 04 May 2026 by the Officiating Principal of the School, Cdr Hari Ram Poonia. Six Sainik Schools from the states of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat participated enthusiastically in the week-long championship.



In the Boys Under-17 category, Sainik School Bijapur emerged as champions, while Sainik School Satara secured the runners-up position and Sainik School Chandrapur finished third.

In the Girls Under-17 category, Sainik School Balachadi lifted the championship trophy, followed by Sainik School Bijapur as runners-up and Sainik School Satara at the third position.

In the Boys Under-15 category, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Military Academy, Silvassa emerged victorious, while Sainik School Bijapur secured second position and Sainik School Chandrapur finished third.



The Chief Guest distributed medals, certificates and trophies to the winners and participants. Player of the Tournament was awarded to Cadet Adarsh Patel of Brahmaand Vidya Mandir, Chhaparda. Special medals and certificates were also presented to the Best Forward, Best Midfielder, Best Defender and Best Goalkeeper in all three categories.



Addressing the gathering during the closing ceremony, the Chief Guest highlighted the importance of Sainik School education in the holistic personality development of students. He expressed happiness over the excellent performance displayed by the young players in the national game of the country. Emphasising the growing need for physical fitness and moral courage among students, he advised cadets to follow the OODA principle — Observe, Orient, Decide and Act and to value the three important facets of life: Time, Resources and Money.

Cdr Hari Ram Poonia, Officiating Principal, Sqn Ldr Rakesh Tiwari, Vice Principal, Staff and Cadets witnessed the event.

The School Cadet Sports Captain, Cadet Aditya, proposed the Vote of Thanks. The participating teams appreciated the warm hospitality and pleasant environment of Sainik School Balachadi during the tournament organised under the aegis of the Sainik Schools Society.