



REPORT

GILLI DANDA SKILL COMPETITION AND DEMONSTRATION

ORGANISED ON
24TH APRIL, 2017

VENUE:
VMSS SPORTS COMPLEX,
MANJALPUR, VADODARA

Gilli Danda skill competition was organized by Swarnim Gujarat Sports University Gandhinagar, under the aegis of Sports Youth and Cultural



Activities Government of Gujarat, on 24th April 2017 between 06:00am and 11:00am at VMSS Manjalpur Sports Complex Vadodara. The event was conceptualized under the

EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT initiative of the government of India. Teams from Chhattisgarh competed with teams of Gujarat in the event and demonstrated their traditional games like Pittu, Genge, Kugdi, Tuve Langrachi etc. Doctors, Teachers, Advocates, College Students, Gujarat Kreedha Mandal, Lakshminath Vyayam Mandir and many others participated in the competition.



In Gilli Danda competition ,45 teams participated,

wherein skills of -Driving, Aiming, Toss from ground and hit, Toss from hand and hit etc. were put to test. The competition was held in two categories- Under 25 and Above 25. The mass demonstration of Gujarati



Traditional games by Swarnim Gujarat Sports University, Gandhinagar, through musical accompaniment was the cynosure of audiences' attraction.

Dr Jatin Soni, honourable Vice Chancellor ,Swarnim Gujarat Sports University said- "Traditional games of India must be revived as they have immense health benefits, are inexpensive and behold the traditional cultural heritage of our nation."

Honorable Sports Minister, Gujarat, Shri Rajendra Trivedi was the chief guest of the event. He said, "In today's age of technology, children play more on screen rather on ground. I urge everyone to indulge in some or the other kind of sports as it will make us and the whole nation healthy." The minister highlighted the



significance of traditional games of India and championed the 'Ek Bharat shresth Bharat' initiative of the Indian government.

Shri Yogesh Bhai Patel , Honorable Deputy Mayor, Vadodara, Dr Jigishaben Seth, *Sthayi Samiti Adhyaksha*, Vadodara, Shri Rahul Kumar



Singh, Nayab Niamakshri - Culture and Archeology Vibhag , Chhattisgarh , Shri Sandeep Pradhan, Director General, Sports Authority of Gujarat, Dr D D Kapadia, Registrar,

SGSU , Shri Paresh Bhai Patel, Chief Coach, SGSU, Ms. Shakuntalaben Shinde , Municipal Councilor, Vadodara Mahanagar Palika, Shri Pankaj Aundhia, Deputy Municipal Commissioner etc. graced the occasion with their presence. The honorable minister along with the dignitaries tested their hand in Gilli Danda over the ground.

The guests, participating teams, hockey legend- Shri Dhanraj Pilley who was also present on the occasion were presented with *Satodia*- as memento. Dr D D Kapadia, Registrar, SGSU delivered the Vote of thanks and hoped to have many such cultural and Sports exchange

programmes in near future, especially involving the traditional Sports of India.

The teams from Chhattisgarh along with officials visited places in Vadodara, interacted with locals, enjoyed Gujarati cuisines and were



introduced to the culture of the state of Gujarat. Swarnim Gujarat Sports University successfully coordinated and organized the whole event.