

Annual Sports Fiesta Report: Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Nerul

The hallowed grounds of **Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Nerul**, on 21st November 2025 bore witness to a magnificent display of athleticism, dedication, and sportsmanship during its Annual Sports Fiesta. This event was a true celebration of the sporting spirit, uniting students, faculty, and esteemed guests in an atmosphere charged with energy and aspiration.

The Grand Opening Ceremony

The Fiesta commenced with a stately **Opening Ceremony**, setting a tone of solemnity and excitement. The event honoured tradition and celebrated the **Arrival of the Chief Guest**, Mr. Pradeep Sundaram whose **Introduction** and subsequent **Felicitation** underscored the significance of the occasion. With a coaching career spanning over 34 years, Pradeep Sundaram has been a Head Coach and Talent Curator. His coaching tenure saw the Mumbai University team win the prestigious Rohinton Baria Trophy for Mumbai after 17 years (2004-05) and the Mumbai Under-22 team secure the Col. C.K Nayudu Trophy in 2007-08. He has also personally coached prominent cricketers like Shardul Thakur, Dhaval Kulkarni, Tushar Deshpande, Deepak Chahar, and others from 2014 to 2019.

The spirit of competition was formally invoked with key rituals:

- **Hoisting of the Flag.**
- The disciplined and vibrant **March Past**.
- The symbolic **Torch Run** and **Lighting of the Flame**, signifying the purity and enduring light of sportsmanship.
- The participants affirmed their commitment to fair play with the **Athlete's Oath** and the **Sportsmanship Pledge**.

The ceremony culminated with the **Chief Guest's Speech** and the formal **Declaring the Meet Open**, unleashing the competitive energy for the events to follow.

The Sporting Spectacle: Events and Achievements

The core of the Fiesta was the thrilling array of sporting **Events**. From the precision of the **Prize Distribution (Class III to XII)** to the gruelling stamina required for the **Marathon (Class IX to XII Boys & Girls)**, every moment was a testament to the students' hard work.

Track Races - A Showcase of Speed

The track races were meticulously scheduled, highlighting emerging talent across various age groups:

Event	Class Category	Age Group	Track
50 mtr. Hurdles	Class III & IV (Boys / Girls)	Under 10	Track 1
100 mtr. Run	Class V & VI (Boys/Girls)	Under 12	Track 1
100 mtr. Run	Class VII & VIII (Boys/Girls)	Under 14	Track 2
100 mtr. Run	Class IX & X (Boys/Girls)	Under 17	Track 2
100 mtr. Run	Class XI & XII (Boys/Girls)	Under 19	Track 2

The track events, including the competitive **Relay** races, demonstrated exceptional speed, teamwork, and sheer determination from the participants. A brief **BREAK (10:00 am to 10:15 am)** provided a moment of rest before the intensity resumed, and the non-participants from **classes III to V** were respectfully dispersed.

The Dignified Closing Ceremony

The curtains were drawn on the spectacular meet with a fitting and dignified **Closing Ceremony**. This final event served to honour the champions and formally conclude the meet.

The ceremony included the **Arrival of the honourable Guests**, Rev Fr Shekar Mariadas, Vice Principal, Administrator, Rev Fr Allwyn Misquitta, Catechist, Principal Mrs. Kalyani Chaudhuri. The highlights were:

- **Prize distribution** to honour the outstanding achievements of the athletes.
- The symbolic **Extinguishing the flame**.

- The solemn **Lowering the sports flag**.
- The formal act of **Closing the meet**, followed by a final **Vote of Thanks**.

The Sports Fiesta was more than just a competition; it was an inspiring celebration of physical excellence and the invaluable life lessons learned on the field. The commitment displayed by the athletes and the seamless organization by the school staff truly made the event a resounding success.