

Date: 12/12/2025

**MEDIA INVITATION**

**Subject: Invitation to Cover the Valedictory Ceremony of the 53rd Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Memorial Tournament (SSBMT) – Indoor Zonal-5**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite your esteemed media organisation to cover the Valedictory Ceremony of the 53rd Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Memorial Tournament (SSBMT) – Indoor Zonal-5, hosted by CSIR–Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI), Kolkata. The ceremony will be held on 15 December 2025 (Monday) at 3:00 PM at the M.N. Saha Auditorium, CSIR-CGCRI.

The SSBMT is one of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's (CSIR) most distinguished institutional sporting events, organised annually in honour of Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, the visionary founder of CSIR. The tournament celebrates teamwork, sportsmanship, inter-laboratory bonding, and the scientific spirit that unites CSIR staff across India.

**Programme Highlights**

- Address by Prof. Bikramjit Basu, Director, CSIR-CGCRI
- Tournament Report & Prize Distribution
- Special Address by Mr. Sambaran Banerjee, Former Indian First-Class Cricketer
- Feedback Session & Vote of Thanks

Your presence and coverage will greatly support our efforts to highlight this important CSIR initiative and its role in fostering a culture of wellness, collaboration, and institutional harmony. The detailed programme schedule and press release are attached for your kind reference.

We look forward to your valuable participation.

Warm regards,

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**53<sup>rd</sup> SSBMT Indoor Zonal-5**  
**CSIR-CGCRI, Kolkata**  
**Program Schedule (Tentative)**

<b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Inauguration Ceremony at CSIR-CGCRI Assembly Point 1)</b>	
02:30 PM	Reporting of participating teams
03:00 PM	March-past at CSIR- CGCRI Assembly Point
04:00 PM	Welcome Address by Prof. Bikramjit Basu, Director CSIR-CGCRI ,Chairman, SSBMT Organizing Committee
04:05 PM	Address by Dr. Vamsi Krishna Balla, Organising Secretary
04:10 PM	Address by SPB Observer
04:15 PM	Address by Chief Guest: Mrs <b>Shanti Mullick, Indian former women's footballer</b>
04:20 PM	Oath by Participants
04:30 PM	Releasing of Souvenir
04:35 PM	Tournament Opening Declaration
04:40 PM	Vote of Thanks by COA and Vice-Chairman SSBMT organising Committee
04:45 PM	High Tea
05:30 PM	Managers Meeting call by Organising Secretary Dr. Vamsi Krishna Balla at APC Roy Seminar Hall
08:00 PM	Dinner at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	
07:45 AM	Breakfast at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
08:45 AM	Sports Event at Respective Venues
12:50 PM	Lunch at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
01:30 PM	Sports Event at Respective Venues
04:00 PM	Evening tea at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
06:45 PM	Cultural Program
08:00 PM	Dinner at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	
07:45 AM	Breakfast at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
08:45 AM	Sports Event at Respective Venues
12:50 PM	Lunch at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
01:30 PM	Sports Event at Respective Venues
04:00 PM	Evening tea at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
06:45 PM	Cultural Program
08:00 PM	Dinner at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	
07:30 AM	Breakfast at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
08:30 AM	Sports Event at Respective Venues
12:50 PM	Lunch at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
<b>Valedictory at M.N Saha Auditorium, CSIR-CGCRI</b>	
03:00 PM	Welcome Address by Prof. Bikramjit Basu, Director CSIR-CGCRI ,Chairman, SSBMT Organizing Committee
03:10 PM	Tournament Report by Organising Secretary, Dr. Vamsi Krishna Balla & Prize Distribution
	Address by Mr. Sambaran Banerjee, Former Indian First Class Cricketer
03:25 PM	Address by COA, CSIR-IIP
03:35 PM	Feedback from SPB Observers
04:00 PM	Feedback from participating Team Managers
04:15 PM	Vote of Thanks by Administrative Officer
04:30 PM	Evening tea at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall
08:00 PM	Dinner at KD Sharma Multipurpose Hall

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CSIR-CGCRI Hosts the 53rd Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Memorial Tournament (SSBMT) – Indoor Zonal-5**

**Kolkata | 15 December 2025**

The CSIR–Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI), Kolkata proudly hosted the 53rd Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Memorial Tournament (SSBMT) – Indoor Zonal-5 from 12 to 15 December 2025, bringing together participating teams from CSIR laboratories across India for one of the organisation’s most prestigious sporting events.

Instituted in honour of Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, founder and first Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the tournament upholds CSIR’s long-standing tradition of promoting camaraderie, team spirit, physical fitness, and holistic well-being among its staff members.

#### **Inaugural Ceremony**

The tournament commenced on 12 December 2025 at the CSIR-CGCRI Assembly Point with an inspiring opening programme featuring:

- Welcome Address by *Prof. Bikramjit Basu*, Director, CSIR-CGCRI
- Remarks by *Dr. Vamsi Krishna Balla*, Organizing Secretary and CSIR Sports Promotion Board (SPB) Observer
- Address by Chief Guest *Mrs. Shanti Mullick*, renowned former Indian women’s footballer
- Oath-taking Ceremony for participants
- Release of the Tournament Souvenir and formal Opening Declaration

#### **Tournament Highlights**

From 13 to 15 December 2025, participants competed in a series of indoor sports including Table Tennis, Bridge, Carrom, Chess, and Badminton. Cultural programmes added vibrancy to the event, fostering stronger bonds and healthy interaction among CSIR laboratories nationwide.

#### **Valedictory Ceremony**

The closing ceremony held on 15 December 2025 at the M.N. Saha Auditorium, CSIR-CGCRI, included:

- Address by *Prof. Bikramjit Basu*
- Tournament Report & Prize Distribution by *Dr. Vamsi Krishna Balla*
- Special Address by *Mr. Sambaran Banerjee*, former Indian cricketer
- Feedback Session with SPB Observers and Team Managers
- Vote of Thanks delivered by the Administrative Officer, CSIR-CGCRI

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