

STAGS Overview

The mission of the SIMS sports cell, commonly known as STAGS (SIMS Team for Administration of Games and Sports), is to promote and support the health and well-being of students on campus. Its main goal is to encourage all students to actively participate in a wide range of sports events by giving them equal opportunity.

Overall purpose and significance

- To promote and provide equal opportunities and encouragement to all students for participation in sports events.
- To advocate and promote health and well-being in the institute.

The STAGS team actively supports the involvement of students in a myriad of Inter-Institute and Inter-University sports events. The well-known Inter-Institute sports events organised by the team include the Deshpande and Nandal Sports Olympiad (DNSO), Happy Healthy Campus, Sports Fiesta, etc. These events are conducted to make sure that staff and students always have the chance to participate in sports and leisure activities.

The STAGS team oversees the participation of SIMS students in various Inter-Institute sports championships organised by the Department of Sports, Recreation & Wellness (DSRW) - Symbiosis International (Deemed University) throughout the academic year. These championships include football, cricket, volleyball, basketball, handball, swimming, tennis, badminton, table tennis, squash, chess and many more.

STAGS takes immense pride in its accomplishments, driven by the active participation of SIMS students in both Inter-Institute and Inter-University sports events, consistently showcasing excellence and securing victories in a multitude of tournaments.

Responsibilities

- **Organizing Events:** Plan and execute various sports events, tournaments, and competitions within the college, such as DNSO, Seniors vs Juniors, Happy Healthy Campus, etc.
- **Team Management:** Oversee the formation and management of sports teams, including conducting trials, facilitating practice, etc
- **Facility Maintenance:** Ensure the upkeep of sports facilities, equipment, and playing areas to provide a conducive environment for athletes.
- **Promoting Physical Fitness:** Encourage and facilitate fitness programs, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle among students.
- **Student Engagement:** Foster a sense of community by engaging students in sports activities and encouraging participation.
- **Athlete Support:** Offer support services for athletes, including transportation, reimbursements, jerseys, etc.
- **Collaboration with Authorities:** Work closely with college administration to address logistical needs, secure funding, and ensure compliance with college and university policies.
- **Promotion and Marketing:** Promote sports events and achievements to enhance the cell's visibility and attract participation.

- **Budget Management:** Responsible for financial management of the sports cell, including preparation of budget, allocation of resources, purchase of new equipment, etc.
- **Intercollegiate Relations:** Facilitate interactions with other colleges for friendly matches, tournaments, and collaborative training.
- **Records and Statistics:** Maintain records of team performance and achievements for historical reference.
- **Inclusivity:** Ensure inclusivity by offering a variety of sports options that cater to diverse interests and skill levels, from conventional sports like football and cricket to exciting new sports like water polo, best physique, etc.
- **Rules and Regulations:** Educate members on the rules and regulations governing sports participation and adherence to ethical standards.
- **Communication:** Inform all the students about the communication received from the University Sports Board

Details of events conducted/participated in between January 2023 and January 2024

1. Inter Institute Swimming Championship

STAGS, in association with the Department of Sports, Recreation & Wellness (DSRW), organized the Inter Institute Swimming Championship from August 17th to 18th, 2023. The two-day tournament saw 78 participants from 11 institutes of Symbiosis International (Deemed University).

Hitesh Kumar (2023-25) from SIMS secured first position in 100 mts Backstroke, 100 mts butterfly and 200 mts Individual Medley.

The men's Freestyle Relay team from SIMS, consisting of Nikhil Jadhav (2022-24), Rananjay Bika (2022-24), Abhijeet Yadav (2022-24) and Hitesh Kumar (2023-25) secured first place.

Vidushi Yadav (2023-25) from SIMS secured second position in 100mts Butterfly.



2. Inter Institute Powerlifting Championship

The Inter Institute Power Lifting Championship was organized by the Department of Sports Recreation and Wellness (DSRW), in association with the Symbiosis Law School- Pune (SLS P) on the 5th and 6th of September 2023. SIMS students did exceptionally well in the championship.

In the women's category, Anubha Gupta (2023-25) from SIMS secured first position in the Weight Class of 52kg with 163.37 Points, and Bishnu Priya (2022-24) from SIMS secured first position in the Weight Class of 82.5kg with 182.29 Points.

In the men's category, Abhishek Mohanty (2022-24) from SIMS secured first position in the weight class of 110kg-125kg category, and Sagar Joshi (2022-24) secured 3rd position in the weight class of 75kg-82.5kg category.

SIMS team was declared the overall Inter-institute Champion in the women's category and Inter-institute runner-up in the men's category for Inter Institute Powerlifting Championship 2023.



3. Inter-Institute Handball Championship

The Inter Institute Handball tournament was organised by the Department of Sports, Recreation & Wellness in association with the Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB) on 05th Sep 2023 at the Multi-purpose Ground, Lavale Hill Top Campus.

SIMS Men's Handball team secured the second position in the championship.

Team members

Anubhab Chattopadhyay (2022-24), Digvijay Singh (2022-24), Akash Kumar (2022-24), Eshant Rawat (2022-24), Prince Kumar (2022-24), Rishikesh Takare (2022-24), Dheeraj S Deshmukh (2022-24), Samay Patel (2023-25), Rishav Rawat (2023-25), Naman Singh (2023-25), Lokender Rathore (2023-25) Moksh M Surange (2023-25).



4. Inter Institute Tennis Championship

The Inter Institute Tennis Championship was organised by the Department of Sports Recreation and Wellness in association with Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID) on 5th & 6th September 2023 at Viman Nagar (New Campus). There were a total of 38 participants (Men and women) from 18 constituent institutes of SIU.

Gayatri Kumaraiah (2023-25) from SIMS showcased remarkable skill and determination, securing the gold medal in the women's category.



5. Inter Institute Basketball Championship

The Inter Institute Basketball Championship was organised by the Department of Sports Recreation & Wellness in association with Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS) from 5th September to 12th September 2023 at Sports Complex, SIU, Lavale Hilltop Campus.

A total of 43 teams participated in the championship, where 26 teams were from the men's category, and 17 teams were from the women's category, with a total participation of 430 students (260 Men and 170 women).

SIMS Women's team secured second place in the tournament, and the SIMS men's team secured third place. Medhali Sharma (2023-25) from SIMS was adjudged as the best shooter of the tournament.



6. Inter Institute Chess Championship

Inter Institute Chess Championship was organised by the Department of Sports, Recreation & Wellness in association with Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR) on 22nd and 23rd August 2023 at Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS) Khadki.

The SIMS team consisting of Adesh Chaudhary (2022-24), Vinayak Naik (2022-24), Manish Joshi (2022-24), Arunjai Agarwal (2023-25) and Nirupkumar Reddy (2023-25) won the second position. In the individual event, Adesh Chaudhary secured the 6th position and was selected for the SIU team.



7. Inter Institute Cricket Championship

The Inter Institute Cricket Championship was organised by the Department of Sports Recreation & Wellness in association with Symbiosis School of Sports Sciences from 30th November to 7th December 2023 at Multipurpose ground, SIU, Lavale Hilltop Campus. 22 teams, i.e., a total of 349 students, participated in the championship.

In a thrilling display of sportsmanship and skill, SIMS emerged victorious, clinching the tournament title. Mohammad Danish (2022-24) from SIMS was declared player of the match in the finals, and Kush Khera (2022-24) from SIMS won the best bowler of the tournament award in the championship taking 11 wickets in 4 matches.



8. Inter Institute Squash Championship

The Inter Institute Squash Championship was organised by the Department of Sports Recreation and Wellness (DSRW) in association with Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts from August 18th to 19th, 2023, at SIU, Lavale Hilltop Campus.

Maitri Saklani (2022-24) from SIMS secured third place (bronze medal) in the women's category.



9. Inter-Institute Yoga Championship

The Inter Institute Yoga Competition was organised by the Department of Sports, Recreation and Wellness, in association with the Symbiosis Institute of Health Sciences (SIHS) at SUHRC Yoga Group Hall.

Rishab Kumar Jha (2022-24) from SIMS secured third position in the men's category, whereas Medhali Sharma (2023-25) secured 6th position in the Women's category.



12. Happy Healthy Campus

STAGS, in collaboration with the Department for Sports Recreation and Wellness (DSRW), organised the Happy Healthy Campus to promote health and happiness amongst the students, staff, and faculty. Held annually in either December or January, Happy Healthy Campus (HHC) welcomes participation from all members of the university community, including students, faculty, and staff, who eagerly engage in a diverse array of games and activities designed to offer a rejuvenating break from the demands of daily life.



In the recent iteration of HHC, held in January 2024, the following activities were conducted:

Zumba: An active Zumba session was conducted by Zin Rishi, a well-renowned Zumba instructor in the state. Students danced with infectious energy throughout, thoroughly enjoying the dynamic experience.



Rappelling: It was one of the most popular and enjoyable activities, attracting active participation from a large number of students and staff. The element of adventure kept everyone on their toes, especially considering that many students were trying this activity for the first time. Their palpable excitement and thrill while engaging in the activity added to the overall enjoyment of the experience.



Back to School games: This event started with the three-legged race, in which many participants were actively engaged and enthusiastic. This was followed by engaging activities such as the parachute game, sack race, and lemon spoon.



Pottery: When you are given a chance to showcase your art and creativity, who doesn't want to do that? A number of students were taking part in making a pot of their choice, and they were literally happy while doing so.



Djembe: Everyone gathered together to play the djembe, a communal activity that undoubtedly contributes to fostering positivity within oneself and enhancing coordination with others.



Skill-up: This activity was most challenging for students as they tried to throw a football through the tyres and tried hitting headers to football tied at a height, showcasing their football and ball handling skills.



Badminton: One of the most engaging sports for faculty, as well as students, was organised under the girls' hostel.



Balloon Games: These consisted of games like bursting the balloon with their feet while saving their own balloons and another game of catching water balloons by letting them burst.



Chess and Carrom: Students, staff, and faculty were offered an opportunity to engage in classic indoor games like chess and carrom. It was a chance for everyone to exercise their minds and enjoy some friendly competition in a relaxed setting.



Stack up: As the name suggests, the game involved stacking up glasses and forming a glass pyramid.



Fitness hub: Various activities were organised for fitness enthusiasts, and the events were arm wrestling, tyre flips, rope extension, and dumbbell lift.



Skip like no one's watching: Skipping activity that encouraged everyone to showcase their jumping the rope skills as if no one was watching.



Snakes and ladders /Ludo: Embracing the classic approach, participants indulged in a nostalgic experience with human-sized dice and a sprawling mat to play the game.





12. Deshpande and Nandal Sports Olympiad (DNSO)

Deshpande and Nandal Sports Olympiad (DNSO) is an intra-institute annual sports Olympiad at Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies. The Olympiad was started in 2016, and it continues to be a cherished tradition.

DNSO pays homage to the memory of the late Mr. Jaswinder Nandal and the late Mr. Nitin Deshpande, distinguished alumni of Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, who were part of the MBA batch of 2003-2005. This Olympiad owes its existence to the vision and dedication of the alumni from the 2003-2005 batch, who also generously sponsor it.

The primary aim of the Olympiad is to promote fitness, health and overall well-being of the students on campus. The Olympiad is conducted by the SIMS Team of Administration of Games and Sports (STAGS) and includes a diverse array of sporting competitions across various categories such as table tennis, carrom, chess, basketball, futsal, Box Cricket, volleyball, swimming, fitness, badminton etc.

Deshpande and Nandal Sports Olympiad (DNSO) - 2023-24 was organized from 23rd December 2023 to 7th January 2024, followed by a closing ceremony and prize distribution on 19th January 2024. The overarching theme for this edition of DNSO was "Seniors vs. Juniors," with the junior batch emerging victorious.

Four exhilarating events were featured in this year's DNSO:

DNSO FUTSAL - (Date – 23rd December 2023)

The Deshpande and Nandal Sports Olympiad (DNSO) kicked off with an electrifying futsal tournament organized by the sports cell, i.e. STAGS, at SIMS. Both the senior MBA batch of 2022-2024 and the junior batch of 2023-2025 exhibited outstanding sportsmanship in a fiercely competitive series of matches, drawing enthusiastic support from all the students and showcasing the unity and passion for sports within the student community at SIMS. The seniors emerged victorious with a 2-1 score, setting a thrilling precedent for the upcoming events in DNSO.





BOX CRICKET – (Date – 30th December 2023)

STAGS organized a thrilling box cricket tournament as the second event in the ongoing DNSO, drawing a total of 16 teams, including 11 from the senior batch and 5 from the junior batch. Team ‘Six Appeal’ emerged as the best senior team amongst seniors, while ‘Stallions’ was the best among the Juniors. With passionate displays of skill and determination, the juniors of the 2023-2025 batch claimed the championship. The showdown was a testament to extraordinary athleticism, remarkable teamwork, and a fierce drive to win, leaving an indelible mark on DNSO and setting the score at a tantalizing 1-1.





DNSO BASKETBALL - (Date – 6th January 2024)

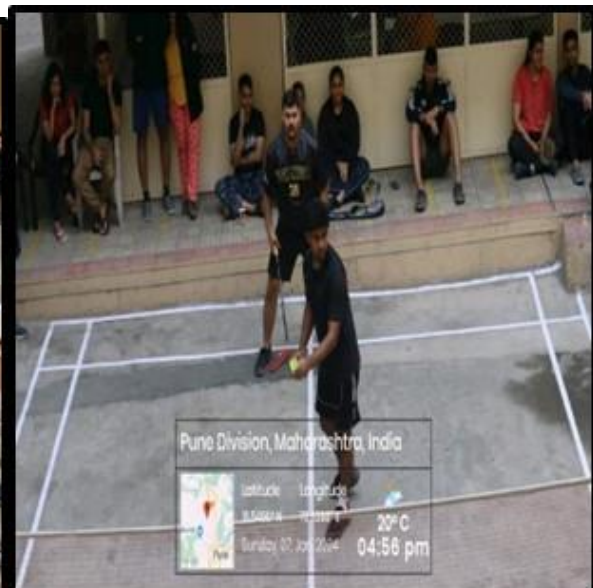
The third sporting championship of DNSO, organized by Team STAGS, was the Seniors vs Juniors Basketball championship on 6th January at the EME ground. A total of 45 players from both batches participated across 7 teams in the Men’s and Women’s categories. All the matches, marked by intense competition and outstanding displays of skill, culminated in the Junior Women’s team emerging victorious, securing a 1-0 lead in basketball, followed by the junior men's team solidifying their dominance with a win over seniors, paving the way for a 3-1 score in the DNSO championship.





DNSO BADMINTON - (Date – 7th January 2024)

The culminating sporting event, the Badminton tournament, was organized by STAGS on the 7th of January at 1:30 PM at the badminton court near the main girls' hostel. The tournament was played across 3 events, which were men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. A total of 45 players from 28 teams showcased their skills, engaging in intense matches until 6:30 PM. Remarkably, the juniors' batch emerged victorious in all three categories, solidifying their dominance in the Badminton championship of DNSO 2023-24.





DNSO CLOSING CEREMONY - (Date – 19th January 2024)

The DNSO closing ceremony took place on January 19th, 2024, with Ms. Bhakti Deshpande gracing the occasion as the chief guest. The ceremony was attended by esteemed dignitaries, including Director Brig (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar, Campus Administrator Air Commodore Vishwajit Dedgaonkar, Deputy Director Dr Pravin Bhojar, and the sports faculty-in-charge, Dr Tajamul Islam.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended to all the dignitaries. The STAGS team presented a video highlighting the glimpses of DNSO- 2023-24. Following this, Director Sir shared insightful words of wisdom, setting a tone of inspiration for the event.

The highlight of the ceremony was the prize distribution ceremony, where the outstanding achievements of the participants were duly acknowledged and celebrated. Awards were presented to honour their remarkable accomplishments, adding a sense of pride and accomplishment to the event. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from the sports faculty-in-charge, Dr. Tajamul Islam, and STAGS member Vidushi Yadav, expressing gratitude to all involved for making the DNSO a memorable success.

