

Drass Warriors Lift Title as 17th CEC Ice Hockey Championship 2026 Concludes Successfully in Kargil

MP Hanifa Jan attends Closing Ceremony of 17th CEC Ice Hockey Championship as Chief Guest

Kargil, February 18, 2026: The Final Match and Concluding Ceremony of the 17th CEC Ice Hockey Championship 2026 successfully concluded today at the Ice Hockey Rink Biamathang amid great enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Haji Mohd Hanifa Jan, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Guest of Honour was Kacho Mohd Feroz, Executive Councilor, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Kargil, while the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kargil Imteeaz Kacho attended as the Special Guest.

Among other dignitaries present were the Chief Horticulture Officer Kargil Raza Ali, Chief Medical Officer Kargil Dr. Liyaqat Ali Khan, District Youth Services & Sports Officer Kargil Abid Ali, ZPEO Taisuru, Assistant Executive Engineer PWD, officials of the YSS Department, players, and a large number of sports enthusiasts.

The thrilling final match was played between Drass Warriors and Shakar Chiktan Red, in which Drass Warriors clinched the championship title with a decisive 3–0 victory.

Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble MP Haji Hanifa Jan stated that Ladakh is steadily emerging as a winter sports hub due to the dedicated efforts of the UT Administration and the Hill Councils of both districts. He highlighted that sports infrastructure is being developed keeping in view the immense potential of winter sports in the region. He also assured that the genuine demands put forth by the Ice Hockey Association Kargil in a memorandum submitted by its President would be taken up for necessary action.

The championship was organized by YSS Kargil in collaboration with the Ice Hockey Association Kargil under the supervision of Rakesh Kumar (IAS) Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Kargil.

During the prize distribution ceremony, the Chief Guest awarded trophies to the winners — Drass Warriors (Men) and Kargil Women Ice Hockey Foundation — and to the runner-up teams, Shakar Chiktan Red (Men) and Ice Hockey Association (Women). Mementoes of appreciation were also presented to volunteers and technical officials in recognition of their dedicated efforts in successfully conducting the event despite challenges posed by rising temperatures.

A total of 29 men's teams and 4 women's teams from across Kargil district participated in this mega championship, reflecting the growing popularity and strength of ice hockey in the region.

The 17th CEC Ice Hockey Championship 2026 concluded on a high note, reaffirming Kargil's strong sporting culture and its rising prominence in winter sports at the national level.



