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Jointly Organized

GRD

INTERNATIONAL

KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP – 2025

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Date: 23.11.2025

Venue: Kailash Indoor Stadium,

Dr. G.R. Damodaran College of Science (Autonomous),
Affiliated to Bharathiar University, Coimbatore – 14, Tamil Nadu, India

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INTRODUCTION

Karate, a martial art originating in Okinawa, Japan, emphasises discipline, focus and self-control. With a rich history and strong philosophical foundation, it has grown into a global phenomenon. From its beginnings as a method of self-defence, karate has evolved into a widely practised sport known for its stunning techniques, Kata and Kumite.

Karate offers numerous physical and mental benefits. Practitioners develop fitness, strength, coordination, confidence, discipline, focus and self-defence skills. It also promotes character building, respect, perseverance and overall personality development.

TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

The **GRD International Karate Championship 2025**—an international-level karate tournament—was held at **Kailash Indoor Stadium, GRD College of Science**. The event was jointly organized by the **GRD Martial Arts Association** and **Hayashi-Ha Shito-Ryu Kai Karate-Do India** on **23.11.2025** and concluded at **9.30 pm**.

The tournament witnessed the participation of **1338 karate athletes** representing **four countries** and various states of India. The event spanned two days, including coaching sessions and competitive bouts, attracting players, coaches and passionate spectators from across the globe.

PURPOSE OF THE TOURNAMENT

The objective of the tournament was to encourage and promote martial arts—especially karate—at an international level. The event focused on:

- Improving physical fitness and individual skills & competitive exposure
- Providing a platform for performance evaluation
- Encouraging active and healthy lifestyles
- Build character by facing pressure and competition
- Provide platform to showcase dedication
- Building relationships and global networking in martial arts

The tournament successfully supported skill growth, unity and sports culture among martial artists.

INAUGURAL FUNCTION

The inauguration ceremony was held on **23rd November at 10.30 am** at Kailash Indoor Stadium, GRD College of Science, Coimbatore. The event marked the grand commencement of a competitive tournament featuring **1338 participants from India and abroad**.

CHIEF GUESTS & GUESTS OF HONOUR

The function was graced by:

S. No	Name & Position
1	Dr. D. Padmanaban – President, GRD Martial Arts Association; Managing Trustee, Correspondent & Hon. Chairman, GRD Group of Institutions
2	Shri. Skandha Varadaraj – Honorary Secretary, GRD Martial Arts Association
3	Shri. Harish Kapil – Vice President, GRD Martial Arts Association
4	Shri. Ajeya Varadaraj – Vice President, GRD Martial Arts Association
5	Shri. Kiran G. Rajkumar – Joint Secretaries, GRD Martial Arts Association
6	Kyoshi Dato Dr. Thiagu Ponniah – Malaysia, World Karate Federation Referee (WKF)
7	Mr. Barnabas Budhi Kusumo – International Coach, Indonesia
8	Mr. A.D. Hiran Karishantha – Sri Lanka
9	Mr. Raja – Tamil Nadu Hayashi-Ha Karate-Do India
10	Mr. Vikash Svojas – Hayashi-Ha Karate Kerala
11	Mr. Nageswara Rao – Andhra Pradesh Karate Hayashi-Ha
12	Mr. Pandi Sakathi – Karate & Bodybuilding Coach

All dignitaries shared inspirational words highlighting the role of karate in personality development. They motivated athletes to compete with discipline, respect and sports spirit.

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Particulars	Details
Total Participants	1338
Countries Participated	4 (India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia)
Foreign Players	28
Indian States Participated	5
Indian Participants	1310
Tamil Nadu Districts	8
Competition Categories	Individual – Men & Women
Age Groups	7years to 21 years

Particulars	Details
Event Types	Kata & Kumite
Format	Individual Open Championship
Rules Followed	WKF, AKF & KIO Regulations
Match Officials	20 Referees + 60 Judges = 80
Chief Referees	Mr. Rajkumar & Mr. Ramesh
Volunteers	10 Staff + 50 Students = 60

All 1338 participants received certificates and medals.

Winners of the top three positions were awarded **1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies.**

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Committees were formed for Guest & Participant Accommodation, Media & Press, Invitations, Certificates & Medals, Food & Hospitality, First Aid, Stage & Venue Arrangements, Transport, Housekeeping and Maintenance.

The entire event was successfully executed under the guidance of **Dr. D. Padmanaban**, President – GRD Martial Arts Association, supported by executive members, officials, staff, student’s volunteers and technical teams. Participants and officials were provided **free food and refreshments throughout the event.**

ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all winners, runners-up and third-place achievers. We appreciate the commitment of all athletes, coaches, officials, executive members, Hayashi-Ha Shito-Ryu Kai Karate-Do India members, GRD staff, student volunteers and supporting teams for making the event a grand success.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

The valedictory ceremony was held in the evening of **23rd November 2025** at Kailash Indoor Stadium. Dr. D. Padmanaban presided over the function along with distinguished guests.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Trophies, medals and certificates were awarded to the winning and runner-up athletes. Every participant received recognition for their effort and sportsmanship.

CHIEF GUEST ADDRESS

The Chief Guest congratulated all winners and participants for their dedication and performance. He emphasised that Karate builds mental strength, discipline and character in youth.

VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. S. Sasikala, The treasurer of the association – GRD Martial Arts Association, delivered the vote of thanks. She expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, officials, participants, volunteers and supporting departments for their contribution.

Dr. L. Manivannan, Director of Physical Education, GRD College of Science, coordinated the event in collaboration with Hayashi-Ha Shito-Ryu Kai Karate-Do India, ensuring smooth and successful completion.

Press and Media link

1. <https://youtu.be/CurbnKopiHE?si=9FM1NE9T9D7oiKEf>
2. https://youtu.be/yKQZ6OTEF_w?si=pqNQcmv5VlsTh7A3
3. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DRZ_EljEuyg/?igsh=ZTZjczU1YzZ1N2Zu
4. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DRZ_EljEuyg/?igsh=ZTZjczU1YzZ1N2Zu
5. https://youtube.com/shorts/_RHDEqs6Vnc?si=ZEoAF841Dt6394BH

FUTURE OUTLOOK

More than 10 countries have already expressed their interest in participating in the upcoming International Karate Championship. Therefore, the target has been set to bring **20 countries onboard by November 2026** for the next championship.

CONCLUSION

The GRD Martial Arts Association is committed to promoting the art of karate across the globe and will continue to conduct the **International Karate Championship annually** in order to strengthen and expand martial arts practice worldwide.

Let us continue to preserve, promote and honor martial arts!

Jai Hind!

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23.11.2025 - SUNDAY 10.30 a.m. RAJAH MURUGAN STADIUM

*Cordially invite you to the
 Inaugural Function of the*

**GRD INTERNATIONAL KARATE
 CHAMPIONSHIP - 2025**


CHIEF GUEST

Dr. D. PADMANABAN
 President, GRD Martial Arts Association

SRI. R. SRANISHA VARADARAJ
 President, Karate, GRD Martial Arts Association

SRI. HARISH KAPIL, K
 Vice President, GRD Martial Arts Association

SRI. AJEYA VARADARAJ
 Vice President, GRD Martial Arts Association

SRI. KIRAN D. RAJANUMAR
 Joint Secretary, GRD Martial Arts Association

Dr. TSANTHA
 Principal, GRD College

R. RAJANUMAR
 Joint Secretary, GRD Martial Arts Association

We welcome you all

SPECIAL GUESTS

Kyoshi Dato Dr.Thilagu Panniyah
 Malaysia Referee World karate federation (WKF)

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Barnabas Bodhi Kusuma
 International coach Indonesia

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A.D.Hiran Karishantha
 Sri Lanka

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Raja
 Tamilnadu Hayashi Ha karate do india

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Vikas Svojes
 Hayashi - Ha karate Kerala

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Nageswara Row
 Andhra Pradesh karate
 Hayashi - Ha (Kerala)

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Pandi Sakthi
 Karate & Body building coach Wolf Gym













































We aspire to achieve new heights under the visionary leadership
of our Founder President, Dr. D. Padmanaban
That day is within our reach.
With commitment and unity, let us continue the journey he has begun.

Dr. L. Manivannan
Director of Physical Education