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KJC wins historic gold and silver at national pencak silat championship

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Kristu Jayanti College marked a major milestone by securing its first-ever medals at the All India Inter-University Pencak Silat Championship. Hosted jointly by Bengaluru North University and Kristu Jayanti College under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the championship kicked off today and will continue till April 16.

The college's martial arts team made history on the opening day by winning a gold and a silver medal. Thoshitha Gowda clinched the gold in the fiercely contested 80–85 kg category, while Lazar Lino Peter earned the silver in the 90–95 kg category.

These achievements not only represent personal triumphs but also elevate the college's rep-



utation in national sports. Over 750 athletes from 68 universities across India have gathered on the Bengaluru campus, highlighting the growing popularity of Pencak Silat, a traditional martial art from Southeast Asia, in Indian university circuits.

The inaugural event was graced by dignitaries including Prof. Niranjana Vanalli, Vice Chancellor of Bengaluru North University; Fr. Dr. Augustine George, Principal of Kristu Jayanti College; and other senior officials.

Prof. Vanalli spoke on the importance of martial arts in instilling discipline and resilience, while Fr. George emphasized its role in fostering unity and cultural exchange.

The event features solo (Tunggal), pair (Ganda), and sparring matches, overseen by referees from the Karnataka State Pencak Silat Association, and is being conducted as per AIU norms. The championship will conclude with final bouts and a valedictory ceremony on April 16.