

# KARATE & KOBUDO NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT AND INDO-RUSSIA GOODWILL KARATE TOURNAMENT

Viacheslav Timofeev, Acting President of the World Karate Confederation, President Karate Federation of Russia version WKC, visited Chennai (India) on a working trip, where the All-India National Karate and Kobudo Tournament, as well as the Indo-Russia Goodwill Karate Tournament took place from June 3 to 5, 2022.



The organizer of the competition was ALL INDIA KARATE-DO & KOBUDO PROMOTION FOUNDATION (AIKKPF).

ALL INDIA KARATE-DO & KOBUDO PROMOTION FOUNDATION (AIKKPF) – Member of the World Karate Confederation founded by Fritz Wendland for 20 years. President AIKKPF Dr. Rethinam Swakki is a 9 Dan red belt holder, karate and kobudo master, Okinawa shorin-ryu style specialist.







President AIKKPF Dr. Rethinam Swakki has repeatedly visited Russia, the last time he was in 2018 during the Open Tournament Karate Federation of Russia version WKC "Sport for Peace". In the photo there are: (left) President Karate Federation of Russia version WKC – Viacheslav Timofeev (Russia), (in the middle) President AIKKPF Dr. Rethinam Swakki (India), (right) founder of the World Karate Confederation – Dr. Fritz Wendland (Germany).

On the first day of the competition, under the guidance of Referee Faustin Moses Rethinam and Samson Rethinam, a refereeing seminar with a theoretical and practical part, a technical seminar, as well as a qualification exam for judges were held.











There were more than 50 judges at this seminar, all participants of the seminar were in the WKC judicial uniform, perfectly prepared according to the rules of the WKC. Everyone actively participated, debated, asked questions and received answers, thereby increasing their theoretical and practical knowledge.

On the next day of the competition, the All-India National Karate and Kobudo Tournament was held at the Monfort Indoor Stadium, Santhome High School. More than 1000 athletes participated in this tournament. All styles are developing in India, especially the styles that prevail: shorin-ryu, goju-ryu, shito-ryu, shotokan and kobudo. It was interesting to watch the performance of the athletes, each of them showed maximum efficiency and a good level of training.



**Monfort Indoor Stadium, Santhome High School**







After the national competition, the Indo-Russia Karate WKC Goodwill Tournament began. The best athletes of India (champions of the national tournament) participated in this tournament against athletes from Russia.

All participants were well prepared, demonstrated a high level of skill and professionalism. Two gold medals were won by Mikhail Terentev (Samara region) in the age category of 6-7 years in the discipline kata (all styles) and in kumite sanbon - 25 kg. His brother Andrei Terentev managed to win in the age category of 10-11 years and in the discipline kata (all styles). Liudmila Grigoreva, an athlete from the Chuvash Republic, won two medals among women aged 18 and older, 1st place in kata (shotokan style), 3rd place in kata (all styles).

Russian athletes at the award ceremony:



Terentev Mikhail



Terentev Andrei



Grigoreva Liudmila







The ceremony was attended by:

**Dr. Viacheslav Timofeev** – President of the Karate Federation of Russia version WKC, Acting President of the World Karate Confederation founded by Fritz Wendland (WKC)

**Hanshi Dr. S. Rethinam** – 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Red Belt, President AIKKPF, Director WKC (Okinawan Karate & Kobudo)

**MJF. Lion. NRD. Prem Kumar** – Secretary – Violet Group of Educational Institutions

**PMJF. Ln. Dr N. R. Dhanapalan** – Chairman & Managing Director – NRD Group of Companies, Chairman – AIKKPF

**Soke Faustin Nigli** – Universal Karate India





Before the awarding of athletes, the 12th Anniversary celebration was held from the day of the official development of the WKC in India, with demonstration performances by athletes and coaches of India.



Viacheslav Timofeev and MJF. Lion. NRD. Prem Kumar were honored purely in national Indian traditions.



Acting President of the World Karate Confederation founded by Fritz Wendland Viacheslav Timofeev awarded MJF. Lion. NRD. Prem Kumar with a certificate of merit for services to the promotion of WKC karate in India.











**Memorable photos of coaches, team representatives, competition judges and athletes of India with the Acting President of the World Karate Confederation (WKC).**









After the end of the competition, Acting President of the World Karate Confederation (WKC) Viacheslav Timofeev and his wife, Doctor of Medical Sciences, professor, holder of the 1 Dan black belt in karate Liubov Timofeeva, who was an athlete and team doctor at these competitions, as well as the champion of the India-Russia goodwill tournament Liudmila Grigoreva visited memorable and historical places of India.



The historical temple complex in Mahabalipuram was founded more than 1300 years ago from solid stones and is 60 km away from Chennai city.







**The church of St. Thomas was built at the beginning of the XVI century by Portuguese travelers and rebuilt in 1893. According to Christian tradition, Saint Thomas is one of the twelve apostles, the closest disciples of Jesus Christ**



**Thomas arrived in Kerala from Israel in 52 and preached until the age of 72, when he was martyred on the mountain, later called Mount St. Thomas.**



**The Bay of Bengal is a sea bay located in the northeastern part of the Indian Ocean, washing the shores of India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.**



**To the departure of the Acting World Karate Confederation (WKC) Viacheslav Timofeev was visited by a famous film actor, a master of karate and kobudo, who performs elements of martial arts in films Hanshi Hussaini, to whom the organizers of the competition presented a memorial sign and a weapon Kobudo tonfu, and Viacheslav Timofeev a national Indian stole.**

