



Vision:

To transform communities by inspiring people throughout the world to open their minds, accept and include people with intellectual disabilities and thereby celebrate the similarities common to all.

Mission:

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for Children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop Physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and Friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Accreditations:

Registered in 2001 under the Indian Trust Act, 1882, with 21,671 registered athletes, Special Olympics Programs are recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for Olympic type Athletics and Sports Programmes.

Special Olympics Bharat is accredited by Special Olympics International to conduct Special Olympics Programs in India.

Special Olympics Bharat has been recognized by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in 2006, as the National Sports Federation in the 'Priority' category for the development of Sports for persons with Intellectual Disabilities.

It has been designated as the Nodal Agency in 2010 by the Government for the conduct of Sports for persons with all disabilities on account of its national presence, outreach and experience.

Special Olympics Bharat is certified as an ISO 9001:2015 NGO by TUV NORD Pvt Ltd

Population:

The most recent WHO numbers (2011) put the prevalence of Intellectual Disability at 1% of the population. This marks a change from the previous (2001) WHO estimate which puts the prevalence of ID between 1% and 3%. Using this estimate the population of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in India is calculated at over 36 million.

Scope:

Special Olympics Bharat provides sports training and competition opportunities covering 36 States/ Union Territories and 679 districts in India. Using Sports as a catalyst for change we offer a range of Special Initiatives that help in the overall development of the athlete and in building communities.

Total Potential: 36 Million

Category	Current Status
Athletes (including Young Athletes)	1404750
Coaches	130564
Trainers	7,186
Volunteers	85,526
Families	202971



Our Programs:

“Sports play a critical role in the health and development of all children, including those with disabilities.”
Hon. Ann Veneman, Executive Director, UNICEF

Special Olympics organizes sports and competitions at various levels- local, district, state, national and international and based on abilities and performance athletes cross each level to participate at higher consecutive levels. Each of these Athletes is given an opportunity to get trained and compete in sports. Special Olympics Bharat has a large pool of coaches and trainers that it draws on, for training Athletes. Coaches also undergo constant training to equip them to cater to our growing number of athletes as standalone coaches and trainers and also as physical educators at local levels and special schools.

Sports Offered: 16 Summer Games , 7 Winter Games and 2 local Games

Summer Games	Aquatics; Athletics; Badminton; Basketball; Bocce; Cricket; Cycling; Football; Team Handball; Netball; Power lifting; Roller Skating; Softball; Table Tennis; Volleyball; Golf
Winter Games	Alpine Skiing; Floor Hockey; Figure Skating; Speed Skating; Snow Boarding; Snowshoeing; Floor ball
Local Games	Kabbadi; Kho-kho

With the support of Sports Authority of India (SAI)/Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) under Annual Calendar for trainings & competitions (ACTC) the Athletes are trained at the National Coaching camps (NCC) enabling them to face international competitions.

To train our coaches Advance Coaches Training Programs (ACTP) are organized .Special Olympics Bharat facilitates further education of coaches through programmes such as, Post Graduate Diploma Courses in Special Olympics, carried out at the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, faculty of General and Adapted Physical Education and Yoga.

Training in Games Management System (GMS) is conducted to impart computer knowledge to the Coaches. The GMS is a course which aims at managing large- and small-scale events, along with registering and tracking athletes in competition and training.

Initiatives:

- Athlete Leadership Program (ALPs)
- Healthy Athlete Program
- Young Athlete Program
- Youth Activation
- Family Forum
- Special Olympics Get Into It (SOGII)
- Unified Sports ®
- Motor Activity Training Program (MATP)



Sports training and competitions are the mainstay of the Special Olympics Program supported by 7 special initiatives designed to positively impact the holistic development of the athlete.



Special Olympics Athlete Leadership Programs (ALP's)

The ALP's program allows athletes to explore opportunities for greater participation in our movement beyond sports training and competition: as coaches, officials, team captains, spokespeople and Board and committee member



Young Athletes program

The Young Athletes program (YAP) is designed to introduce children ages two through seven to the benefits of sports involvement, and to prepare them for competitions when they are 8 years of age.



Special Olympics Youth Activation

A strategy that uses sports and education programs to activate young people to develop school communities where all youth are agents of change – fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities.



Family Forum

Families form the support system for our Special Olympics athletes giving them love, support and encouragement every step of the way. This program was added to focus on family outreach and support- the Family Support Network (FSN) to reach out to other families and to welcome them into the community



Special Olympics Get Into It

Special Olympics Get Into It consists of online resources that include lessons, activities, videos, athlete stories and supplemental materials. At the core of Get Into It are age-appropriate lessons designed to be taught in the context of class periods.



Healthy Athletes

The SO Healthy Athletes program helps athletes to improve their training and competition by focusing on overall health and fitness. This is achieved through basic health screenings, provision of preventative and some treatment services, educational information, and referrals for follow-up care. Healthy Athletes currently offers health screenings in seven areas: Fit Feet (podiatry), FUNfitness (physical therapy), Health Promotion (better health and well-being), Healthy Hearing (audiology), MedFest (sports physical exam), Opening Eyes (vision) and Special Smiles (dentistry).



National & International Events

2017	<p>The Special Olympics Golf Masters Macau Tournament, was held from 16th April to 22nd April 2017. The 3 Golfing Athletes played 2 rounds of Golf at Level 5, the highest level, in a 36-hole tournament. While Ranveer won a gold medal Kushagra and Ankush won a bronze medal each</p> <p>89 Athletes represented India at the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017, Austria across 7 disciplines returning with 37 Gold, 10 Silver and 26 Bronze medals</p>
2016	<p>Special Olympics Bharat-Odisha, in collaboration with Lions Club International & the KIIT University, Bhubaneswar hosted the Special Olympics Inter-Regional Unified 11-a-side Football Tournament. Teams from Thailand, Bangladesh, Korea and India played league matches resulting in Thailand as winner, Korea 1st runner up followed by India the second runner up. The Competitions were preceded by a Special Olympics Coach Development program and a Unified Football Referee Training Program.</p> <p>With support from the lions Club International, a first ever Multi-disciplinary Unified Sports Nationals was held at the Rayat Bahra Institute, Hoshiarpur, Punjab from 12-16 November 2016. Alongside sports, a Healthy Athlete Train the Trainer Program was held inviting Clinical Regional Advisors from Slovenia, Malaysia, Germany and India to lead the sessions</p> <p>6 Unified teams, 2 each from India and Bangladesh as well as one each from Pakistan and Serendib participated at the SO 2nd South Asian Unified Cricket 2016, Dhaka, Bangladesh held at the Fatullah Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Cricket Stadium, Dhaka, Bangladesh in November 2016. SO Bharat won gold in group B.</p>
2015	<p>At the Special Olympics Asia Pacific FIFA 5 a Side Football Tournament held in Nepal from 27th to 29th December 2015 India won the Trophy. Matches were played between Nepal, Pakistan and India. Team from India included 8 athletes and 2 Coaches</p> <p>214 Athletes represented India at the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015, Los Angeles, USA across thirteen disciplines returning with 61 Gold, 65 Silver and 121 Bronze medals with them.</p> <p>3 Athletes from India participated at the 4th edition of Special Olympics Golf Masters 2015 held at Macao, China. Team India debuted participation at Level 5 this year. India bagged two trophies, one in Level 1 and the other in Level 5</p>
2014	



	<p>36 State and National Program leaders from Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Philippines and India participated at the inaugural Special Olympics Leadership Academy 2014. The course was held in Gurgaon, Haryana, India and was led by Denis Doolan, Vice President, Movement Leadership & Integration, Special Olympics International</p> <p>775 persons with disabilities from all over India participated at the 4th MYAS National Games for persons with all Disabilities held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha in November.</p> <p>4 Athletes competed in Badminton and Table Tennis at the Invitational JOCS Special Olympics Barcelona – Calella 2014. They returned with Gold Silver and Bronze medals in badminton league matches and a bronze in Table Tennis</p> <p>30 Coaches with a few Athletes participated at the SOI Training for Sports Performance held in Chennai in 6 sport disciplines, led by 6 trainers from SOI</p> <p>Two teams (Team A&B) of 18 Athletes and 11 Unified Partners participated at the first South Asian Special Olympics Unified Cricket tournament, held in Bangladesh. Team B won the Championship.</p> <p>Three Athletes represented SO Bharat at the third edition of Special Olympics Golf Masters Macau 2014, having won a team trophy and one Gold medal each.</p>
2013	<p>Over 700 persons with disabilities from all over India participated at the 3rd MYAS National Games for persons with all Disabilities held in Ajmer, Rajasthan in December.</p> <p>383 Athletes participate at the inaugural Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Games 2013, Newcastle, Australia in 8 disciplines, returning with 111 Gold, 136 Silver and 140 Bronze medals</p> <p>An Athlete represented SO Bharat for the first time at the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Master’s Cup 2013 held in Macau, bringing back two Gold medals and a trophy.</p> <p>57 Athletes represented India in the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2013, PyeongChang, South Korea across six disciplines bringing back with them 13 Gold, 16 Silver and 16 Bronze medals with them.</p>
2012	<p>3 Aquatics Athletes participated in World Aquatics Invitational Games held in Puerto Rico, USA and came back with 3 Silvers, 2 Bronze and 2 Fourth Place Ribbons</p> <p>Two teams participated in the 1st South Asian 5-a-side Football Tournament, Dhaka. The Champion Trophy was won by the Senior team and a Silver Medal by the junior team.</p>



	<p>305 athletes participated in the National Championship for Softball organized in Alwar, Rajasthan in November.</p> <p>973 athletes participated in 1st MYAS National Games for persons with all Disabilities held in Chennai, February this year.</p> <p>In December, 658 athletes participated in 2nd MYAS National Games for persons with all Disabilities held in Bhopal.</p>
2011	<p>183 Athletes represented India in 12 disciplines in Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece .The Athletes came back with 78 Gold, 79 Silver and 92 Bronze medals.</p> <p>Special Khel Mahakhumb was held in Gujarat in November presided over by the Chief minister of Gujarat, Mr. Narendra Modi. This event saw participation of 16 lakh athletes out of which 44,000 were Special athletes.</p>
2010	<p>National Championship for World Winter Games in 6 Disciplines at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla and in Narkhanda.</p> <p>Be a fan of Dignity 2010, the signature campaign to ban the 'R' word, was held totaling an overwhelming 11.25 million signatures. A unified fashion show was part of the event that was held in Bangalore. Special Olympics Bharat athletes walked the ramp along with models and actors.</p>
2009	<p>45 Athletes participated in 4 disciplines in Special Olympics World Winter Games, Idaho, USA. Indian Girls Floor Hockey team played for the first time bringing back a silver medal in this event.</p> <p>To enhance cross border relationships a Cricket Exhibition Match was held between India and Bangladesh at Eden Gardens in November.</p> <p>International Cricket Carnival was held in Delhi. 8 teams from the Asia Pacific region participated.</p> <p>India Boys Cricket Team participated in Invitational Cup at Shanghai to introduce Cricket discipline to the Chinese and came back with gold medals</p>
2008	<p>A Torch Run was organized in December at Red Fort, Delhi, spreading awareness about the World Winter Games to be held in Idaho, USA</p> <p>A four-tier system of Special Olympics coaches training was established through International Inspiration paving way for high standards of coaches training in India</p> <p>National Games (Winter) were held in Shimla where nearly 900 athletes participated.</p>
2007	<p>Winter Sports namely Alpine Skiing, Snowshoeing and Snowboarding were introduced in India.</p> <p>137 Athletes participated in 12 disciplines in the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Shanghai. They came back with 36 Gold, 45 Silver and 67 Bronze.</p>
2006	<p>The Torch run started as a precursor to the Special Olympics International Cricket Cup. The torch was handed over to actor Akshay Kumar, Brand Ambassador, SO</p>



	Bharat by Mr. Wasim Akram, the Brand Ambassador for SO Pakistan at the Wagah Border. It was then transported to Mumbai for the opening ceremony of the tournament.
2005	16 Athletes participated in the World Winter Games held at Nagano, Japan. National Championship (Summer) was held in Delhi where nearly 1500 athletes participated.
2004	Special Olympics Bharat organized Asia Pacific International Cricket at Ahmedabad, Gujarat
2003	81 Athletes participated in the 11 th Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Dublin, Ireland winning 34 Gold, 36 Silver and 40 Bronze
2002	The first National Games (Summer) were held in New Delhi with over 1200 athletes participating in it in Athletics and Bocce.

Projects in Partnership

Special Olympics entered a partnership with the **IKEA Foundation** to support growth of Young Athletes in India, Bangladesh, Thailand and Pakistan starting in 2017 through 2019. The IKEA 'Let's Play for Change' campaign, is a new IKEA good cause campaign to support children's development and learning, through participation in sports and play

A National Partnership is shared between Special Olympics Bharat and **Lions Clubs International** and the **Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust** to create an expanded inclusive development platform across India to benefit children and adults with intellectual disabilities, their families and their communities. As Founder of the Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust, and as International Director of Lions Clubs International, Mrs. Aruna Oswal's commitment also provides increased opportunities for Lions Clubs volunteers and their youth network, Leos, to serve under marginalized communities throughout the country. The partnership serves as a national extension of the global Special Olympics- Lions Clubs International global partnership, titled "**Mission: Inclusion**" referred in India as **Mission: Inclusion Bharat**, which brings service, support and inclusive programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities as part of a multilateral commitment to forge full social inclusion. In addition, the partnership will position the multilateral partnership to elevate the plight facing this marginalized population to the SAARC Nations (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)

The Walt Disney Company, **ESPN** and Special Olympics announced a two-year global initiative, starting September 2013, to leverage the power of sports to promote an environment of social inclusion and acceptance, by uniting people with and without intellectual disabilities through the Special Olympics Unified Sports Program. Unified Sports activities in India assumed a position of central importance through this partnership, making it part of Strategy Growth



Special Olympics and **Tottenham Hotspur Foundation (THF)** are delivering an International Disability project that will improve the quality of coaching in India for people with intellectual disabilities, leading to a greater talent pool across the country. **THF** Coaches travelled to India, training 200 Coaches across 4 Camps held in Goa, Gujarat, Kolkata and Haryana in 2014. The program progressed to further train more Coaches and Athletes. The program piloted in India progressed to a Coaches Clinic held in Singapore in June 2015 and a higher module delivered to the same Coaches in August 2016

Special Olympics and **WWE** announced an international partnership in June 2016 wherein WWE will support Special Olympics' Play Unified campaign, which fosters friendships, understanding, and inclusive communities among people with and without intellectual disabilities by uniting them through the power and joy of sports. WWE Superstars will participate in Play Unified events with Special Olympics athletes from around the world, including China, India, Mexico, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States, and WWE will utilize its global platforms including WWE Network, television broadcasts, live events, and digital and social media to generate awareness and support for Special Olympics. The Global level collaboration would further strengthen WWE and SO Bharat activities, initiated in 2014.

Our Leadership

Dr. CMDR. Kartikay Saini Chairman



Dr. Commander Kartikay Saini has almost 30 years of distinguished Service behind him, both in the Armed forces as well as the corporate world. He is currently the Chairman of Scottish High International School and a Director of Hema Group of Industries, a 5,000 million turnover company.

An Alumni of The Sacred Heart Convent, Ludhiana and The National Defence Academy Pune, Dr. Cdr Saini is an Engineer and MBA by qualification with over 14 professional qualifications in different fields. His rich experience includes being the Joint Director Defence Procurement, CEO of Tobu India and CEO

Eurotherm HemaRadiators, an Indo-German joint venture. Dr. Cdr Saini is a highly decorated Officer with over 19 decorations in the Defence and Civil world including 'Gem of India', 'Rashtriya Gaurav Award', 'Shiksha Bhartiya Award' among others.

Continuing to hold sway, Dr. Saini's inexhaustible quest and contribution to the society has always been at the fore. Dedicated to the cause of Special Needs Children, he has been the frontrunner towards macro expanding the climate of awareness and has also been vaulting to set the tone for 'Acceptance' of special needs kids in the mainstream.



Dr. Cdr Saini has practiced philanthropy and compassion throughout his life and contributed to the cause of Special Needs intensively. Other than his mammoth National Level efforts for education, especially the under privileged, Integrated education for children with intellectual disabilities, he has pioneered research in intellectual disorders and heads the Autism Research Centre of India constituted under the Central Government Ministry.

Assuming the mantle as Chairman, Special Olympics Bharat, on 13th August 2015, Dr. Saini endeavours for a freewheeled platform for around 1 million athletes of India. In addition, he is also the Vice Chairman of Special Olympics Asia Pacific Leadership Council and the Chairman of Asia Pacific Unified Sports Committee. He is the Head of The Autism Research Centre of India since 2007

**Air Marshal Denzil Keelor PVSM, KC, AVSM, VrC
Founder Trustee & CEO**



Air Marshal Keelor is the founder Trustee of Special Olympics Bharat, having being the Chairman for 12 years. He is highly respected and revered for his experience, result- oriented performance and professional leadership. He is a man of integrity and character and is forthright in his convictions.

In 2004, he received an award from Special Olympics International for his leadership and efforts to reach out to over 450,000 Special Children. In October 2007, at the World Summer Games in Shanghai, a special ceremony was held where he received the "Special Spirit of China Award of Excellence", along with world leaders Nelson Mandela, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Vanessa Williams, Quincy Jones, Nadia Comaneci and other distinguished personalities, in recognition of his outstanding commitment and unique contribution to the Special Olympics Movement.

In the words of Air Marshal Denzil Keelor (Retd.), PVSM, KC, AVSM, VrC: *"We have maintained our policy and record of 'sustained, quality growth. We are now an ISO 9001 certified by TUV Germany and committed to customer satisfactions and constant improvement. We are no longer an event but a movement and are now encompassing not only sports but building communities through promoting awareness and a series of new initiatives in which we are engaging the youth and the society outside the parameters of sports. This is not only transformative for athletes and their families but goes beyond, reaching out to the society at large. We continue to extend our program to the rural areas where in our endeavor to cover all 600 Districts. The morale of our Program is high!"*



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