

Pratishtha- Community Outreach by the Youth

The third edition of Pratishtha came with its own character. Some known faces along with many more that added on, could be seen. The event was organized on 28 July 2019 by the Youth Activation Committee – NCR , this year headed by the Youth leaders Param Ahuja and Siddhant Nath and supported by 60 Volunteers from Tagore International School Vasant Vihar& East of Kailash , Apeejay Pitampura , Amity University UP (NOIDA) and other colleges

Hanuman Park, Chirag Delhi witnessed an approximate attendance of 1000 persons over a period of 3 hours, among which 350 registered to play cricket, football, badminton, volleyball, powerlifting, Kho-Kho and tug of war. Cricket , this year, fetched the maximum number of registrations as against powerlifting that gravitated maximum numbers earlier during both the years. The public park robust with activity caught the attention of the evening walkers and also had the MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj and local Councillor- Pooja Jhakkar address the crowd. Mr Bhardwaj expressed his delight on seeing the youth leading an initiative spreading awareness of the Special Olympics Athletes while Ms Pooja Jhakkar encouraged and thanked them for being part of this barrier free celebration. An additional Zumba session kept crowds of all ages tapping their feet for most of the evening

The Youth planned and executed the event. Siddhant Nath had identified the park and arranged for some of the Coaches while Himanshu connected the YAC with the local MLA. Many more partners came on board. Simran Sahni and the team roped in the Robin Hood Army for the second year in a row. *The Robin Hood Army is a volunteer based organisation that works to get surplus food from restaurants to the less fortunate sections of society in cities across India and 12 other countries.* There may be a possibility for them to connect with Special Olympics during district games across other states of India.

Pratishtha, a Community Outreach initiative, was conceptualized in July 2017 by the Special Olympics Youth leaders with the objective to go beyond boundaries of schools and colleges to spread awareness about Special Olympics and to promote & celebrate inclusion. The baton of conducting the event passes from one Youth leader to the other, each year.

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