Special Olympics Bharat Annual Report 2018
Our Mission

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Our Mission is as relevant today as it was almost 50 years ago when Special Olympics was founded.

People with Intellectual Disabilities still face stigma, discrimination, social isolation and injustice every day of their lives.
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Special Olympics Bharat is a National Sports Federation, supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, accredited by Special Olympics Inc to conduct its sports Programs all over India.
It organizes Olympic-type sports for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities with over 1.4 million Athletes registered in the program.
Message from Anil
Athlete Leader- Puducherry

Greetings everyone

I am currently pursuing my 12th standard under NIOS at the Satya Special School Pondicherry. I have also undergone training computer data entry operation. I am the group admin in charge and monitor work done by 7 others. My job given me confidence and I have managed to earn lot of self-respect. In spite of my difficulties I love to learn new things and that makes me truly 'Special'. My training in sports happened due to my mother. She would accompany the teams from Pondicherry for various camps. When I heard her speak about her experience, I got drawn to sports. Participating in sports made me feel victorious, irrespective of whether I won or not. I participated. I made a difference! I also made friends across the country.
The Athlete leadership programme gave me the necessary training in communications, removing my inhibitions in talking before an audience.
Today I am not only confident in giving speeches but I am also able to inspire People 'like me' to overcome their difficulties and gain confidence. I think the only way to move forward is to believe in oneself. With the help of some wonderful people around me like my trainers, mentors and coaches I am today a happy person spreading warmth and love to my fellow human beings.
My recipe of success is 
"Yes we can, Yes we will change the world and make it truly inclusive"

If we want the world to be inclusive, Special Olympics athletes can and should contribute in ways beyond the sports field.
In our endeavours to promote Inclusion we have completed another successful year. With the passage of time Special Olympics has expanded its horizons allowing Persons with Intellectual Disabilities to re-discover themselves in a new light which takes them beyond the sports field.

Witnessing this transformation, enabled through the medium of sports is leading to change perceptions which will, I can say with certainty, affect change in attitudes. In conjunction with this strategy we, too, are expanding our reach to the diverse categories of the society to include active participation of families, siblings, medical communities etc. encouraging them to drive through their passion of supporting humanity, breaking divisions and respecting everyone.

I am proud and overwhelmed to be steering this organization with the mammoth support of the Government of India, the corporates who have come forward to fortify our efforts and to all our State Committees who emerge as strong pivots of remarkable networking and age-old associations whose roots run deeper than ever. Expansion with quality is what I foresee for this year.

We will continue with commitment and determination.
Our morale is high....
Year 2018 has indeed been an action packed year for Special Olympics Bharat. With our athletes as the center point of action, every stakeholder, be it coaches, partners, youth leaders, families, spectators and our sponsors/supporters were on an ever new high, celebrating 50 years of the movement. As usual, SO Bharat multi-tasked on various fronts.

Athletes, partners and coaches were on the roll towards the race to Abu Dhabi, with various competitions held at the National level following the State competitions held nationwide. New initiatives in train the trainers, Unified Schools, Unified Sports, Young Athletes, Youth Leadership, Coach’s certification by the Government and mammoth events with our sponsors and supporters were happening through the year and every single member of the huge SO Bharat team ensured compliance, exceeding their expected outcomes with energy and gusto. Not to forget, SO Bharat's maiden entry into the prestigious Guiness Book of World Records for our athletes, partners and supporters forming the world's largest Santa human hat.

Bharat, as usual, took on bonding and collaboration at the International level with various events spread across the length and breadth of the Special Olympics worldwide. SO Bharat athletes, partners, coaches and the leadership represented at various Programs across the world including Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Bhutan, Azerbaijan, Chicago, Dominican Republic and many others. The most commendable and pleasurable part of these events was to witness the confidence and pride of our athletes and athlete leaders who projected themselves with immense determination and won the hearts of so many.

Our spinal cord of the Program lies with the Area Directors of States. Every Area Director personally took the 50th Anniversary celebrations at a different level and ensured that the entire State was involved to the very last District and reached out to the last athlete and the last coach in his State and bring out the essence of the spirit of the celebrating Special Olympics.
The Facebook, State websites as well as numerous WhatsApp groups of SO Bharat were flooded this year with hundreds of videos and photographs with narrations of how each State ensured that the celebration was not just in the hearts of our athletes and coaches but also in the hearts of our Unified Partners, supporters and families. At the Annual Conference, one could easily see so much of satisfaction on the faces of our Area Directors who had performed par excellence in their respective states in the field of Sport, Unified events, 50th anniversary celebrations and most of all Youth Leadership. The spirit of Inclusive Leadership is well set into the minds of our wonderful Area Directors and I know that they will make sure that SO Bharat leads this particular facet of Special Olympics from the front.

The Government, as always, has been very supportive of our movement. Khelo India initiative by the Government instilled a lot of energy into our system by way of policy funding and every State ensured that this opportunity was fully utilized to give impetus to sports in respective States. Many National level events in different sports was an outcome of this initiative. The Government's nod for certification of our Coaches by RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) was another step which gave so much motivation and incentive to our Coaches to be formally certified by the Government in various coaching camps conducted under the aegis of the RCI. It was heartening to see that some State Governments issued formal policies on job employment for sportspersons with disability including reservation for Special Olympics athletes. Reports from various states during the Republic Day and the Independence Day of the country splashed photographs of our athletes being felicitated in public during State functions and this is indeed a mark of public acceptance and social unification with a strong back-up from respective Governments.

This year has also been a year of intense Information Technology Application and social media response. One could see more and more number of Youth Leaders, athletes, families and coaches aggressive on the Social media front and numerous stories were sent across to the National Office for posting on the National website of SO Bharat as well as transmitting to Special Olympics International.
At the IT front, the strong word of the upgraded SO Connect and related software was passed around to all Area Directors for compliance in terms of data and timelines. Despite teething problems, which any big software is bound to have, SOB took it as a challenge to ensure that the well begun task of meeting the standards of data as well as timely uploading was met with the help of all the Area Directors.

Air Marshal Denzil Keelor, our founder Chairman and CEO, has set very deeply founded and high quality standards for SO Bharat. That is one prime reason that despite the challenges of work, funding, numbers, social stigma, geographical spread of the country, Bharat always smiles – and takes on more… We believe that there are miles to go and we shall always take the path less traveled by …!!!!

RLC Feb 2018
Chaired the SOAP Regional Unified Sports Advisory Committee
Appointed Board Member of SOI

Unified Cup July 2018
Attended the SOI Board & the SOAP Regional Meetings

Attended the Charity Dinner held in December 2018 in Singapore
Percentage of Athletes

**Global Impact**
- 7 Regions
- 174 Countries
- 6 Million Athletes
- 4,00,000 Coaches
- 60,000 Competitions

- India: 25%
- Others: 52%
- China: 23%

**Regional Impact**
- Asia Pacific
  - India: 83%
  - Others: 17%
Special Olympics Bharat works across all States and Union Territories in India covering 688 districts

25 SPORTS
AQUATICS ATHLETICS
BADMINTON / BASKETBALL
BOCCE
CRICKET
CYCLING
GOLF
HANDBALL
NET BALL
POWER LIFTING
ROLLER SKATING
SOCCER
SOFTBALL TABLE
TENNIS VOLLEYBALL
FLOOR HOCKEY FLOOR BALL
ALPINE SKIING
SNOW SHOEING

36 States / U T'S
Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Dadar Nagar & Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, M.P., Mahashthra, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal

Athletes 14, 30,459; Young Athletes 2, 14,264; Coaches 1, 50,899; Trainers 7,699; Volunteers 90,011; Families 2, 71,639

Updated January 2019
The focus for Special Olympics is on, both, providing a high quality sports experience and engaging key influencers and communities with that experience in ways that help create positive attitudes and bring about permanent change towards inclusion of people with Intellectual Disabilities.
As Nelson Mandela said, "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does… Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair… It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination."

With the support of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India, National Coaching Camps are held to train the Athletes. These Camps are held across different locations in India with each witnessing participation of approx. 200 Athletes and 50 Coaches.

From January to December 2018, 22 National Coaching Camps were conducted across 16 States of India featuring 16 disciplines.

Before reaching the National level, the Athletes undergo trainings and participate in local, district, and State level competitions.
The Special Olympics vision is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities all over the world. When high quality sports is combined with a wider audience, and connect more people with our athletes, it changes attitudes.

**Unified Sports** encourages persons with and without Intellectual disabilities to team up and play. This breaks barriers in as much as targeting common goals and sharing experiences, it is considered a catalyst in promoting

**Unified Sports**

*January-December 2018*

**Athletes:**

**Unified partners:**

**Unified competitions:**

Unified Partners: 5517
Unified Athletes: 9887

**Playing Unified With:**

*Mainstream Schools & Colleges*

*Media persons*

*Sports Clubs*

*Diplomats from the Latin American Nations*
The UN Convention on the Rights of the Children states that every child should have the right to play.

_Sadly not every child enjoys this right_

Funding from the IKEA Foundation has supported the growth of Young Athletes in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Thailand from 2017 and would continue to do so through 2019.

**Achievements in India**
Children with and without ID

- Coaches: 10303
- Districts: 158
- States: 25

Coaches training: Amity University NOIDA | Iwitness: Haryana & West Bengal
Educating & Upgrading Coaches: Special Olympics emphasizes on coaching as the key to high quality sports participation. National Training Programs for Coaches are organized with the support of the Sports Authority of India.

Under the HRD Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, 18 Training Camps were held across 14 states awarding RCI points to the trainees.

**Some Key Coaches Trainings**

- **Figure Skating**: December 2018, Haryana
  - 73 coaches from 3 states

- **Young Athletes**: June 2018, Uttar Pradesh
  - 80 coaches from India, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka

- **Mini Javelin**: November 2018, Karnataka
  - 75 coaches from 22 states

- **Unified Sports by Scott Weaver**: New Delhi
  - 61 coaches from 21 states

- **AFCC Certificate Course**: October 2018, Singapore
  - 2 coaches from India
‘Khelo India’ is the new scheme of the Government of India for the Promotion of Sports. SO Bharat has been recognized by the Government for implementation of the program for Persons with Intellectual Disability.

31 States covering 150 districts of India had Athletes with Intellectual Challenges mark a place in 'Khelo India' this year. From Jan 2018 to March 2018 approx 45,200 Special Athletes participated across 10 sports namely, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Judo, Kabaddi, Power lifting, Table Tennis, Volley Ball and Swimming.

We do even more than bring joy of sports to persons with Intellectual Disability: we provide life transforming experiences for Athletes, Coaches and Volunteers alike.

Dr Tim Shriver
Chairman Special Olympics
The Scheme for the promotion of Sports for Persons with Disability is unique which along with sports represents a major step against discrimination and reaffirms the strong policy of the Government of India in supporting Inclusion through Sports.

**National Khelo India Games**

Over 600 Athletes with Intellectual Disabilities, 150 Coaches from 26 States of India participated in the inaugural Khelo India National Games supported by over 300 volunteers held at the National Law University Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from 5-9 July 2018.

The Opening of the National Games highlighted the 50 year celebrations of the Special Olympics movement World over. With over 6,000 persons present at the venue. The Ceremony witnessed the gracious presence of Dr. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare as Chief Guest; guest of honour, Shri Nitinbhai Patel, Hon'ble Deputy CM, Govt. of Gujarat.
Health

The right to health is a fundamental human right, essential to the fulfilment of other human rights and thus must be guaranteed to all people, including persons with disabilities. However, while people with disabilities are more likely to have health care needs, they are less likely access equitable health care.

The Special Olympics Healthy Athletes program provides free health screenings in a fun, welcoming environment that removes the anxiety and trepidation people with Intellectual Disabilities often experience when faced with a visit to a doctor. Special Olympics trains health care professionals who then go back to their practices with increased knowledge of and compassion for people with Intellectual Disabilities. It works with governments, non-governmental organizations, Universities and the private sector to encourage them to provide better healthcare for People with ID.

Overview SO Bharat 2018

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The Special Olympics Healthy Community was launched at the Asha Kiran Home New Delhi in November 2018 covering over 900 residents across Fitfeet and Special Smiles. MATP (Motor Activity Training Program screenings) were held under the supervision of Dr Sudeep Saxena.

I feel that the Physiotherapists are trained to a level wherein they can delve deeper into the subject to focus attention on the profound physical challenges faced by the Special Athletes. Introducing the MATP program to the Physiotherapist students would help a whole new generation to alter normal protocols to accommodate special and individual needs.

Dr Sudeep Saxena PT CMT, MPT(Sports), Clinical Director, FUNfitness Special Olympics.

The International College of Dentists Section VI India Sri Lanka and Nepal in collaboration with the Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences and Research signed an MoU with Special Olympics Bharat in August 2018, committing to Oral health of the residents of the Asha Kiran Home for 3 years. Dr Vineeta Chugh from the office of Secretary General ICD Section VI inaugurated the 3-day Special Smiles screening program there.

Facilitated through Dr Reena R Kumar, Clinical Regional Advisor-Special Smiles and Dean, Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research, Modinagar, UP, in addition to the Memorandum of Understanding with ICD (International College of Dentists), Yenopoya University, Mangaluru and the MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru formalized their commitment to improve Oral health of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.
Raising Awareness

Special Olympics works to improve awareness of what People with ID can achieve. We need people to see our athletes competing, and leading the way as the face and voice of our movement; that is what opens hearts and minds and ultimately promotes inclusion in friendships, communities, health, education and jobs.

**Unified Cup 2018** was held in Chicago USA to celebrate the organization’s 50th anniversary. 24 female & male teams of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities from all over the world competed in football. India played three preliminary matches.

Supported exclusively by Herbalife Nutrition, a Unified Female team from 6 States of India participated following a series of training Camps held since March 2018 under the meticulous supervision of Mr Victor R Vaz, National Sports Director, SO Bharat and the Coaches from the Delhi Dynamos Football Club (India’s Official Training partners).

The SO Bharat team was invited by the Consulate General of India, Chicago USA enjoying the warm hospitality of the office of Ms Neeta Bhushan.
Shivani, Athlete from Rajasthan and Shitu, Athlete from Goa got an extraordinary opportunity on 20 July 2018 to play a Unified Football friendly match with the celebrities at the Toyota park. The Legends included Hidetoshi Nakata, Zico, Didier Drogba and more.

The Law enforcement officers, athletes, and the public ran the Flame of Hope from 31st Street Beach through Soldier Field to the Eternal Flame of Hope Monument on 20 July 2018. As an added surprise it was also announced that the road by Soldier Field will be renamed Special Olympics Drive.

Light Up for Inclusion, was a global display of unity representing the dawn of the Inclusion Revolution. Hampi Uggra Narasimha Temple Karnataka joined over 225 monuments and stadia world over, which lit up in Red for Inclusion.
### Special Olympics World Summer Games

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Gearing Up for Abu Dhabi Games 2019

Meet The Determined

Preparatory Camps
5-10 March 2018 @ Bhopal Madhya Pradesh
24-28 March 2018 @ Gurugram Haryana
19-24 June 2018 @ Pilani Rajasthan
An exclusive Football & Futsal Preparatory Camp was held from
1-6 September 2018 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

289 Athletes and 73 Coaches from SO Bharat are participating in 17 out of 24 Olympic-type sports featuring the SO World Summer Games from 14-21 March 2019 in Abu Dhabi with an estimated participation of 7500 Athletes from over 176 nations.

“When I run, I feel strong and that I should run fastest and go ahead of everyone. I want to win a Gold Medal”- Lalita Chattisgarh

“I love to cycle. I never knew that something which I used as a mode of transportation will take me outside the country giving me an opportunity to represent my country- Shubham Himachal Pradesh
5000 Athletes and 1000 Volunteers in the state of Kerala combined to form the world’s biggest Santa Human Hat which marked the entry of SO Bharat into the prestigious space of Guinness Book of Records in January 2018. Later the evening saw participation of 8000 Athletes with 8000 Unified Partners in yet another record breaking Unified Buddy March entering the Asia Book of Records.

Sports with Special Schools supported by the AFWWA (Air Force Wives Welfare Association) in April 2018 at the HQ Western Air Command, Subroto Park, Dhaula Kuan.
The third edition of the TISB Swimathon, a fundraiser, will be conducted from 28 Feb-2 March 2018 at The International School Bangalore (TISB) engaging another group of students with the Special Athletes.

Unified 5-a-side Futsal exhibition match following a Panel discussion on 'Schools as a supportive environment for Children' during the UNICEF World Children’s Day.

WWE Superstar Matt Hardy traveled to Chennai and Mumbai in December 2018 while Braun Strowman engaged with Athletes in Mumbai and Hyderabad in July 2018.

On 3rd December in an ISL (Indian Super league) clash with the Mumbai City FC in New Delhi, it was for the first time that the players of the Delhi Dynamos Football Club walked into the arena escorted by the Athletes of SO Bharat - Delhi, few also being the Flag bearers.
The ESPN film Crew visited India to film Arpita Mohapatra from Odisha in the '50 Game Changers' series for her extraordinary role in coaching Persons with and without Intellectual Disabilities to swim not only for competitions but for saving lives in a flood situation which the state is very prone to.

After having screened around 1500 Special Athletes in the past year I feel inspired and motivated to create more ways of providing care to them. They are often seen as ‘inferior’ and live in isolation but I have had the opportunity of learning from them. I have learnt empathy & patient. I feel a change in me.

Dr Ankur Agarwal, Senior Lecturer, Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research, Modinager UP

Niren was diagnosed with mild mental retardation. His father could do little for him as he had mild Intellectual Disabilities too. Life threw one challenge after the other. Niren lost his mother. But having joined SO Bharat in 2002 Niren got a chance to show his sporting strengths. He won two Silver Medals at the Regional SOAP Games 2013 Australia. Niren, now 30yrs, is a Coach Assistant and has a regular job as Asst Teacher with the Guru kripa Residential School Anand Gujarat.
Ankit, 7yrs, stays in a 10x10ft room with his two elder siblings and parents in the Village Karondha, Rohtak, Haryana. His mother is physically challenged, having folded legs while his father has Intellectual disabilities. He did not speak and later could not study. His concentration was limited. His mother got him examined by a doctor who told her, 'he will not be able to study like other children', although Ankit does speak now. About two years back Ankit was identified by the Chetanalaya Society. He has been going regularly to the school and attending the Young Athletes sessions there. While the sessions continue, Ankit can be seen as coming out of his shell and having fun!

Pooja, 21 yrs, who once could not even walk with stability represented SO Bharat at the Unified Cup 2018 Chicago USA. Pooja contracted brain fever when she was 6 months old. Although she recovered, it left her hearing and speech impaired. Her mother recalls how one day her father kept honking in very close proximity, but failed to get any reaction from her. At the age of 13 she joined SO Bharat and participated in Athletics, Football, Floor Hockey and bowling. Pooja did SO Bharat proud when she participated in the Unified Cup 2018 Chicago USA. Prior to the event she was selected to play with the Delhi Dynamos Football Club Coaches and was even coached exclusively by them for the Unified Cup 2018.
The aim is to align existing and new partners with our strategies, and combine increased resources with dynamic leadership to deliver the best possible impact for people with ID.

Supported by the Lions Clubs International, the Special Olympics Leadership Academy was held in January 2018 at the Lions Den, Kolkata India. Two Academy Workshops were held during this time; while Leader-I brought in a fresh batch of participants, Leader III invited participants who had qualified the previous two levels. The participants were from the Asia Pacific Region including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka & India. The program was led by Mr Denis Doolan, Chief of Organizational Excellence, and Ms Olga Yakimakho, Senior Manager, Organizational Excellence Special Olympics International. Dr Cmdr Kartikay Saini, Chairman, SO Bharat took two sessions along with being one of the distinguished panelists at the ‘Dialogue Cafe’
The Inclusion manifesto

We are not just Athletes. We are the Ambassadors of an uprising. Peaceful protesters in a rebellion against anyone who has a fear of difference. Our demands are equality, dignity, and the recognition of our shared humanity. We will not stop or accept anything less. We are deserving. When we compete, we’re fighting for a more inclusive world. We are a champion on the field and for this cause. Today, our world is more divided than ever, and coming together has never been more urgent.

Shrey Kadian, Member of the Regional Athlete Input Council (Special Olympics Asia Pacific) from India participated at the Global Athlete Congress held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. More than 60 Athlete Leaders representing 56 nations came together to Stand Up for Inclusion and showcase to the world the power of Inclusive Leadership.
During the Unified Cup 2018 held in Chicago USA Shrey Kadian and Harpreet Singh, his mentor, represented SO Bharat at the Athlete Input Council. The workshop prepared the Athlete leaders to assume leadership roles.

The Athletes will teach the world the true meaning of Inclusion.

#InclusiveLeadership
The Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional leadership conference held in Singapore was themed “Leading Change: 50 years and beyond”. It was attended by 28 countries and 5 SO East Asia Countries.

During the Conference an inaugural Youth Input Council and the Athlete Input Council were convened with representation from 9 National Programs.

The National Leadership Conference was held in August 2018 in Delhi witnessing participation of Senior Representatives from all the State Programs along with their prospective Youth leaders with and without Intellectual Disabilities. Mr. Simon Koh, President & Managing Director SOAP along with his team graced the occasion.

Regional (Asia-Pacific) Family and Sibling Workshop was held in Singapore in September 2018. Ms Uma Chopra, teacher of the Tagore International School New Delhi and parent of a Special Olympics Youth leader without Intellectual Disabilities and Ms Rekha Das, sibling of a Special Athlete from Assam represented SO Bharat at the workshop.
To ensure program quality we continue to develop Youth Leaders, enabling them to lead at every level. They also are more open to Inclusion, bringing creativity and energy which is much needed to change the world.

YAC (Youth Activation Committee) meets every quarter to create new areas of activation. The YAC - NCR steps up to spread across the country.

Refining thoughts and actions through meaningful Interactions.
The Special Olympics Global Youth Leadership Forum was held at Baku, Azerbaijan witnessing participation of 120 youth leaders with and without Intellectual Disabilities along with 100 Educators, mentors and Program representatives from 45 countries. The event was one of the flagship events held in celebration of 50 years of the Special Olympics movement graced by representatives from business, government, service organizations along with high profile sports stars and celebrities committed to the Special Olympics movement.

Dr Cmdr Kartikay Saini was a Panelist at a Panel discussion while he moderated another and also addressed the Youth leaders.
Seeking Opportunities for building alliances with corporate partners, governments, donors, National/International NGOs and more to support inclusive sports and health work.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt of India designated SO Bharat as National Sports Federation in the year 2006 and later also as the nodal agency in conducting Sports for Persons with Disabilities.
The revamp of “Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports aims at strengthening the entire sports ecosystem.

IKEA Foundation

Funding from the IKEA Foundation supports the growth of Young Athletes in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Thailand to create socially inclusive communities that foster the development and growth of children with Intellectual Disabilities.

Mission Inclusion: Bharat is the National Partnership shared between Special Olympics Bharat and Lions Clubs International committing to create an expanded Inclusive development platform across India to benefit persons 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 the communities throughout the country.
Early this year, Herbalife inked a partnership with Special Olympics Bharat after having extended support since 2015. Herbalife exclusively supported the participation of the SO Bharat contingent at the Unified Cup 2018.

Stavros Niarchos Foundation and Special Olympics have created a partnership model that will amplify the global impact that Special Olympics is making through its programmatic work in inclusive sports and youth and school engagement. India is one of the many nations supported by the Foundation.
### Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

**“The Rights of Persons with Disabilities”**

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Government of India

### Ministry of Youth affairs and Sports

**“The Power of Sports to transform lives”**

- Jamsetji Tata Trust
- Special Olympics
- Young Athletes

### Schools/Institutions

- Special Olympics
- Young Athletes

### Logos

- Indian Dental Association
- Essilor
- Bajaj
- LV Prasad Eye Institute
- HDFC
- DLF
- Special Olympics
- Toys R Us
- AVSC
- FIFA
- Rayat-Bahra
- Premier League
- Tottenham Hotspur
- IKEA Foundation
- Mattel
- PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Hudco
- Khelo India
- Be Fearless
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Choose To Include

Blending Inclusion with the flavors of India
“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt”
Transforming lives through the Power & Joy of Sports

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