



Dr. Mallika Nadda

Chairperson

Dr. Mallika Nadda is the Chairperson of Special Olympics Bharat. She is one of the leading social activists with a keen sense of social responsibility, dedicated to serving the cause of the differently-abled, under-privileged and women empowerment for over 30 years. An academician with a doctorate in history and special

interest in urban studies she is associated with the Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.

Born in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mallika Nadda inherited true values of selfless service from her parents, who were prominent social and political figures of their time. She drew inspiration from her mother who was a member of the Parliament, and who was instrumental in garnering appropriate support for SO Bharat in its formative stage. As a student activist, Dr Nadda was an elected president of the Jabalpur College and University. She also became active in the field of social service early in life and is a founder member of Viklang Sewa Bharti, Jabalpur an organization working for the equality and dignity of differently-abled and integrating them in the mainstream.

Dr Nadda re-located to Himachal Pradesh after her marriage in 1991 with Sh. Jagat Prakash Nadda, who has also been a member of the Board of SO Bharat. Consistent with her passion Dr Nadda founded 'CHETNA'– a civil society initiative with a vision to integrate Persons with Physical and Mental challenges into the mainstream society through capacity building, in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. She set up the Himachal Pradesh Chapter of Special Olympics Bharat in 2002, also taking the lead in organizing Snow Sports and Winter Games, enabling the Athletes to participate in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in high numbers, thereafter.

She has been felicitated with prestigious accolades including the Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Puraskar awarded in 2010, by the Ministry of Women and Child, Government Of India for exemplary work in the field of Child development, the Derozio Award in 2011 in the field of Education and Human Enrichment and the "Rotary Shreyas Award" in 2015-16 for exemplary Social Services.