



Mr. Satish Pillai- Dhyan Chand Awardee
Board Member, Special Olympics International
IAC Representative, Asia Pacific Advisory Council
Advisor, Special Olympics Bharat



Mr Satish Pillai is a keen and a well reputed sportsperson, having represented India in the International Championships. He represented India in the Asian Games 1974 (Tehran) and in the first Asian Athletic Championship in (Manila) in 1973, in long jump, winning bronze medals on both occasions.

He has been the former director of the TATA Football Academy having served the Tata Steel Limited for over 40 years, shouldering responsibilities for several projects related to the development of Sports and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility). He retired as Advisor to the Managing Director in 2011.

Mr Pillai has been a Member of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National Committee on Sports,



and on the Advisory Committee of the Naval Tata Centre of Excellence, Kolkata in Sports Management, in addition to being on the committee for several National Sports Federations. In 2009, he was awarded with Tata Electric Companies Officers' Guild Award for the Best Gentleman Sportsperson and was presented a Special Award for his contribution to the cause of sports, by the Tata Sports Club. This included organizing sports in the rural areas for persons with Disabilities.



He has been associated with Special Olympics Bharat for over 15 years having served as the Vice-Chairman of the National Board of trustees and President of the Special Olympics Bharat-Jharkhand State Committee. He has served two terms as Chairman of Special Olympics Bharat completing the second one in March 2021. He, presently, is a member of the Board of the Special Olympics International.

He has been instrumental, not only in overseeing growth and development of the Special Olympics program in India but also in providing significant and sustained financial corporate support at both, National and International levels. With this background he is well known and recognized for his management skills, sports achievements, social responsibilities and the development of sports at the National level.

In 2010, he was awarded the Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award by the President of India in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the Development of Sports in the country

