



Exclusive Meeting of the Chairperson with the Area Directors

Wednesday 14 April 2021

11 - 11:45AM

Persons in Attendance

Convener: Dr Mallika Nadda, Chairperson SO Bharat

Board: Mr Satish Pillai and Dr Amitav Mishra

National Office: 9

State Program: 38 from 23 States

The objective of the Meeting was to initiate a connect between the Chairperson and the Area Directors, addressing the forthcoming activities at State levels to be planned in conjunction with the SOI Global Strategy, enabling sustained quality growth within India, for the Inclusion of Persons with Intellectual Disability

Serial Number	Points Discussed	Speaker
1	The Meeting was opened by Air Cmde LK Sharma, inviting the leadership, the Area Directors and the National office Staff	Air Cmde LK Sharma
2	Mr Satish Pillai thanked everyone for their support during his tenure as the Chairman of SO Bharat, upheld the guidance from Air Marshal Denzil Keelor and welcomed Dr Malika Nadda	Mr Satish Pillai
3	Dr Malika Nadda addressed the congregation, highlighting the following points: CoronaVirus: Owing to the pandemic the Athlete registration has reduced from 1.5 Million to 1.3 Million. She advised to formulate targets for the next year to include more Athletes who have not been able to be actively involved in SO Bharat in the last year. SO Strategy: In conjunction with the Special Olympics Global Strategy 2021-24, the plan to strengthen local programs through digitalization of the movement, focusing on sports and fitness as the key way to achieve social change through community building activities, was highlighted. The National office will support the States in tapping State Govt Support, CSR Funding or any other area identified by the State	Dr Malika Nadda

	<p>Expansion of Relationships and Programs: Enhance efforts in developing a relationship with Ministries and departments beyond Sports (MYAS) like the Education, Health, Social Justice and Empowerment, Woman and Child Department, that would strengthen programs like the Inclusive Youth leadership and Schools and the Young Athletes Program at the local, State and National levels</p> <p>Kazan World Games 2022: SO Bharat is preparing a contingent of 63 for the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2022, Kazan Russia. The preparatory Camps held so far have witnessed a safe participation and departure of the Athletes and Coaches.</p> <p>Vision: To strengthen the eco system for Sports for Change in India : a) Plan to host International events in India like the Regional Asia Pacific Games b) continue to cover 180 districts under the <i>Khelo India</i> scheme</p> <p>Legacy & Gratitude: The legacy and expanse of the program through the leadership of the Founder & CEO Air Marshal Denzil Keelor was upheld; the Area Directors, as pillars of the program in India, were advised to further strengthen their respective State programs, with the National office supporting them in any manner required</p>	
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Dr Nadda, concluded her address with announcing frequent virtual interactions with the Area Directors that will be pursued in the times to come. The Meeting concluded with a note of thanks to all, by Air Cmde LK Sharma