

## REPORT

Special Olympics Bharat  
National Health fest for Divyangjan-  
WE CARE

Return to play  
*on the occasion of*  
*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*

April 2022

Greetings & best wishes to all on the occasion of World Health Day.

The initiative to conduct the National Health Fest for Divyangjan-WE CARE a health screening program by Special Olympics Bharat is commendable

The empowerment of Divyangjan ranks amongst our top priorities. We are working tirelessly towards creating an eco-system that ensures equal opportunities to divyangjan to fulfil their dreams & aspirations

The Return to Play campaign will inspire our Special Athletes to prepare for bigger sporting events and continue to do the nation proud

**- Hon'ble Prime Minister of India , Shri Narendra Modiji**  
**(excerpt from his message dtd 1 April 2022)**

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Let me Win  
But  
If I cannot Win  
Let me be  
Brave in the Attempt

- **Special Olympics Athlete Oath**

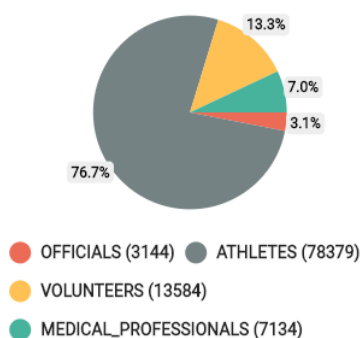
## Executive Summary

The World Health Day 2022 created a milestone for Special Olympics Bharat, amplifying the message of Inclusion in decibels unheard of in its history so far. Recovering from the impact of the global pandemic SO Bharat envisioned a methodical entry of the Athletes with Intellectual Disability into the sporting field, planning their health assessment as a first step.



Over 102,037 health screenings including Health Promotion (Prevention & Nutrition), Opening Eyes (Eye examination) and Special Smiles (Dental screening) were conducted across **139 locations in 31 States and Union Territories of India**. The North Eastern region of India is a tough terrain, however 5 out of 7 states of the North East Region proactively activated their states. Over 78379 Athletes were screened for which 8772 Medical professionals were trained prior to the event. 155 Assistant Clinical Directors, a new unit of medical experts, were trained, to support and fill up at locations where the Clinical Directors were not present. They were trained in a series of trainings held physically as well as virtually and will continue to support SO Bharat Healthy Athletes for the next twelve months.

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equipment.

On 3 December 2021, International Day for Persons with Disabilities, the festival was officially announced at a ceremony held in FICCI, New Delhi with the aim to reach out to as many partners while spreading awareness about SO Bharat and the abilities of the Special Athletes. The buzz around giving wings to the dreams of the General Secretary, DR DG Chaudhari within no time snowballed into a structured plan with multiple youth joining to execute it, various **departments of the Govt of India** mustering support of twenty-three partnerships, including, PSUs, Media, Corporates etc, forged at the National level. Approx 200 Medical institutions have come on board to support SO Bharat in screenings, facilities and



## Program Components



### National Health Fest

7 April 2022

Screening Disciplines:

**Special Smiles**

**Health Promotion**

**Opening Eyes**



### Fitness Corner

7 April 2022

At all the screening venues:

**Fit 5**

**Young Athlete drills**



### Sports Centers

250 per year in the next 3 years

**Regular Sports & expanded inclusive activities/engagements**

**Fundraising** endeavours scaled up, wherein approx. INR 7.2 CR (USD 9,27,900) was raised nationally. **Media** partnerships were forged and approx. 1000 journalists from 400 Media houses were reached that covered 300 features, stories all over India. **Social Media** across all SO Bharat handles peaked between 1 December 2021 and 30 April 2022.



On separate counts, **SO Bharat was awarded** with the prestigious Guinness Book of Records, World Talent organisation Award, Asia Book of Records and has attempted the Limca Book of Records

Another feather in the cap emerged in the form of a **digital platform developed in India**, to manage one of the largest single day health screening programs, perhaps, ever attempted. The app would house a robust

database making it possible for anyone to directly reach out to the athletes, which earlier was not possible.

## A National Program with a Global Vision

### Return to Play

The Covid 19 global pandemic posed a huge setback to sports as well as the health of the Athletes. Since March 2020 the Athletes and coaches were forced to stay indoors, abandoning their passion tied to the sports field. The need of the hour led to virtual modules of sports that salvaged the situation. It was successful in enabling everyone to stay connected and upscaled cross- interactions. The year 2021 introduced a hybrid model that

hints on booking a spot in Sports in the years to come and finally came 2022 that showed a light at the end of the tunnel.

With bated breath though, SO Bharat planned returning of the Athletes to playing field. To bring them back to activities, it was important to examine their readiness physically & medically, to ensure that it's a gradual & an enjoyable come back



*I am hopeful that through this event, it will change the way people view people with Intellectual Disability*— **Mr Dipak Natali, PMD, SOAP**

### Special Olympics Health

Despite severe need and higher health risks, people with intellectual disabilities (ID) are often denied health services. Inclusive health means people with ID are able to take full advantage of the same health programs and services available to people who do not have ID; and what could have been better than the World Health Day to conduct the medical screenings fusing awareness with sensitized activation

*People with Intellectual Disability die on an average 20 years earlier than the rest of the population and it's not due to their disability but, due to preventable health conditions-*

**Dr Alicia Bazzano, Chief Health Officer, Special Olympics International**

**Special Olympics is creating a world where people with intellectual disabilities have every opportunity to be healthy**





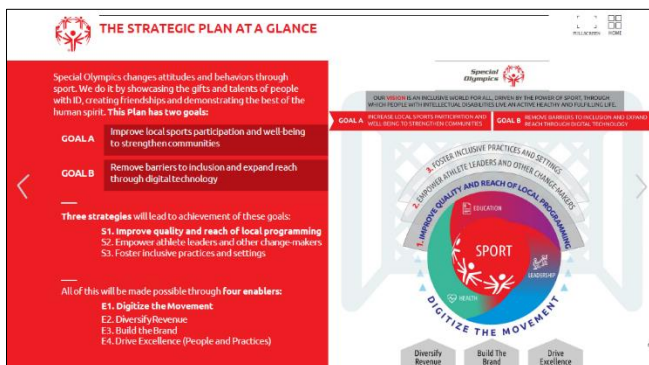
## Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

The importance of health rose up a few notches globally, owing to the pandemic and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav had the attention of the nation to the programs being executed under the banner.

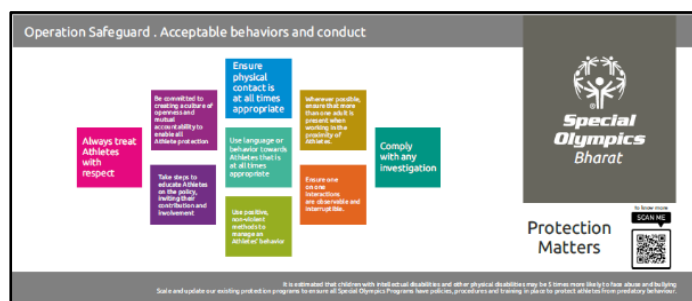
Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, is a national flagship program of the Government of India celebrating 75 years of India's Independence. The official journey of Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav commenced on 12th March 2021 which started a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of independence and will end post a year on 15th August 2023.

## Following the Special Olympics Global Strategy 21-24 and promoting the UN Sustainable Developmental Goals



**Goal 3- Good health & Well-being:** Expanding the clinical volunteer base through trainings and screening of the Athletes while partnering with several medical institutions and corporates for follow-up care | **Goal 11 sustainable cities and communities:** The envisioned Sports centres will spread across nearly all the districts of India, taking sports closer to the homes of Athletes with Intellectual Disability, while also providing non-sporting Inclusive experiences thus strengthening local programming | **Goal 16- peace, justice and strong institutions:** Social Justice for people with Disabilities, is what we aim to bring about by spreading awareness drawing mass attention as well as that of the key stakeholders at central and local levels, to the seclusion of this marginalized population **Goal 17 partnerships for the goals:** Expand existing partnerships as well as forge new ones across a wide spectrum of the society to heighten endeavours towards achieving the Special Olympics goals.



In sync with the deepening focus of Special Olympics on **Safeguarding** the Athletes, for the first time, banners, specifically addressing the subject carrying a QR code that led to more details, were placed in nearly all the locations, all over India during the Health fest

## Events leading up to the National Health Fest

To chalk out a suitable timeline, accommodate changing strategies and addressing challenges, frequent meetings were held with the internal and external key stakeholders, pre- launch and while the preparations were going full -throttle.

A team of 50 youth volunteers joined the National office team to carry out operations

### Meetings with the key stakeholders



(L to R)- National office; Hon'ble Union Minister of Health, Govt of India; Hon'ble Chief Minister ,Gujarat; National Core Team; Area Directors

### Launch- 3 Dec 2021

FICCI and Special Olympics Bharat jointly launched the “National Health Fest for Divyangjan – We Care” at the FICCI Federation House in New Delhi with **Olympic medal-winning boxer MC Mary Kom** as the Chief Guest





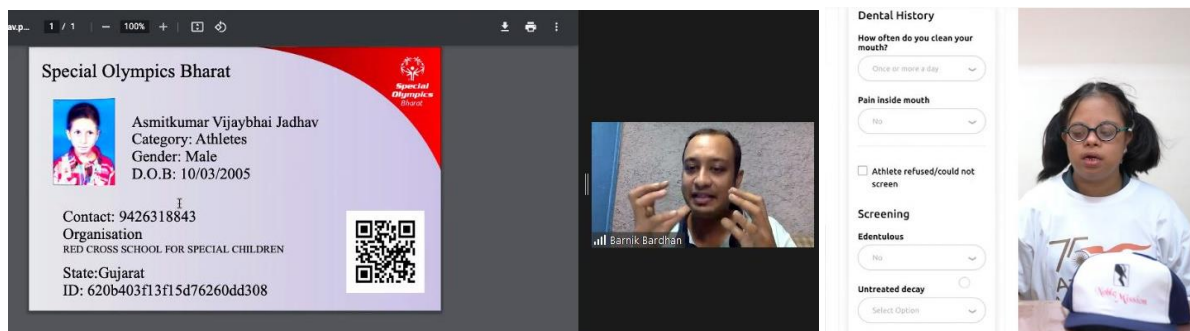
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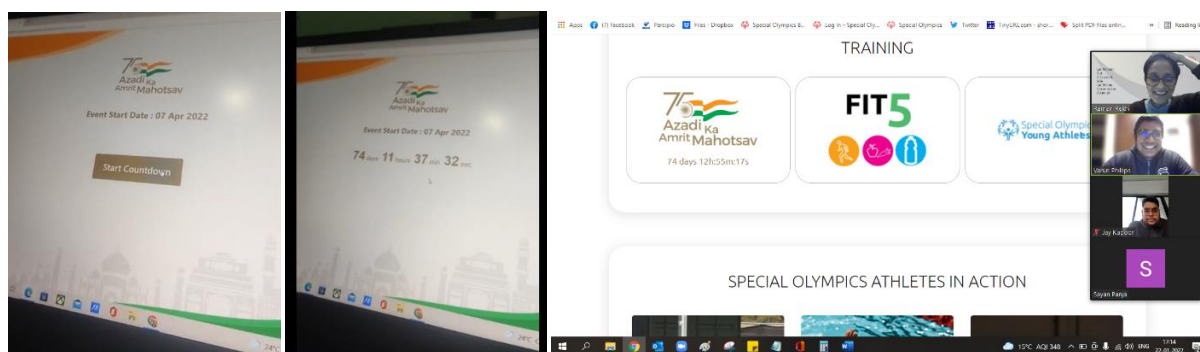
## 20 Jan 2022- Registrations of Athletes opened

Registrations for the Clinical Directors & Volunteers opened on the 10th of Jan while those for the Athletes opened on 20 January 2022



## 22Jan 2022- 75-day Countdown to the World Health Day

The 75 Day countdown to the mega event day began to tick . A timer was started on the Application Website



**18 February 2022-** A virtual interaction with the hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Dr Virender Kumar in observance of the **World Day of Social Justice**





### 6 March to 6 April 2022 -Assistant Clinical Director's Trainings

Special Olympics Bharat trained **155 Assistant Clinical Directors** through In-person training programs held at Kochi, Pune, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Delhi and Ahmedabad held between 6 March and 6 April 2022, while **8482 medical professionals** were trained through the virtual platform between 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The participants were Clinical Volunteers for Special Smiles from the Dental Colleges, for Health Promotion from the Nutrition & nursing Colleges and there would be the Physio-therapists, Occupational Therapist & Sports Coaches for the fitness corner examination of 20 Athletes across both the disciplines, as well.



## THE EPICENTRE – AHMEDABAD GUJARAT



The program saw largest participation from the states of Kerala and Gujarat. Kerala registered **11,339 athletes** and conducted events in 15 locations, while Gujarat registered **10,516 athletes** and conducted events in Surat and Ahmedabad.

The maximum screenings in any one location were held in the Karnavati University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, where over 7500 athletes were

screened. Speaking on the occasion, **Additional Director, Karnavati University, Prof. (Dr.) Rohan Bhatt** said, *"We had over 1800 volunteers on ground on the day of the screening including university students, doctors and masters' students working relentlessly. I am very thankful to them for being able to execute this mammoth task of successfully conducting screenings of over 7500 intellectually disabled athletes here at our premises."* The University was one of the venues where the Guinness record was attempted. The National program culminated in a grand celebration held at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. To witness the large-scale screening as well as to attend the closing ceremony program officials from Special Olympics International headquarters and the Asia Pacific Region travelled to the city. Their visit entailed deliberations around Return to activities and the way forward from hereon.



(L to R): Shruti Mehta , Consultant, Organizational Development, SO-Asia Pacific Region; Annemarie Hill, Vice President, Global Health Operations with SOI; Dipak Natali, President and Managing Director, Asia Pacific Region, SOI; Dr Alicia Bazzano, Chief Health Officer, SOI Preethy Janarthanan, Consultant Sports, SO-Asia Pacific Region

### Press Conference 6 April 2022

The Unified Pair Niren Patel, Medallist from the 2013 Asia Pacific Games and his Unified buddy, Havya Thakkar, opened the Conference with a forceful message from Niren to the Media. Niren spoke about his journey through Special Olympics and his transformation, concluding with emphatically advising the media to showcase the abilities and achievements of Athletes with intellectual Disability.



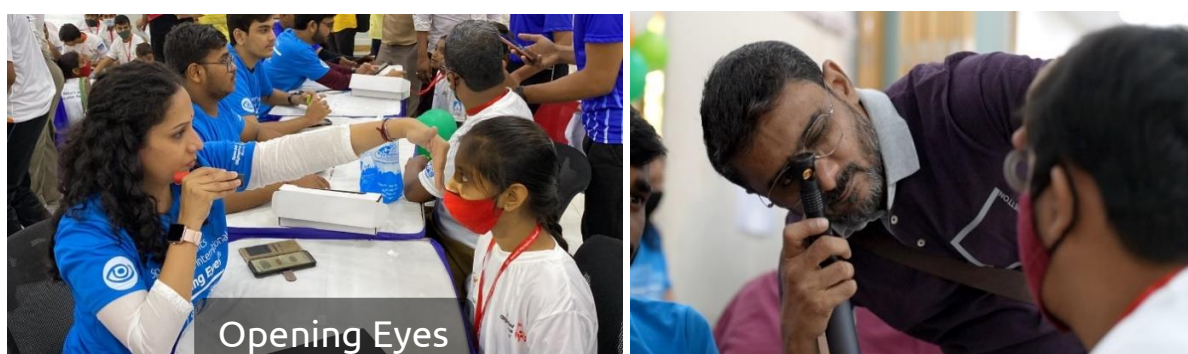




The officials of Special Olympics International and India addressed the media about the dismal reality of the health of persons with Intellectual Disability and the urgency of Inclusive Health. Dr Mallika Nadda, Chairperson of SO Bharat and Dr DG Chaudhari, General Secretary, SO Bharat spoke about the Special Olympics movement and the National Health Fest respectively.



**Medical Screenings**



**Opening Eyes**





## Fitness Corner







## Felicitations





### Guinness Attempt

2500 Athletes across 75 locations all over India attempted the Guinness record by running on a spot for 1 minute. In Gujarat the attempt was made at the Karnavati University



### Closing Ceremony 7 April 2022 World Health Day

A ceremonial closing of the festival on the World Health Day was held at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat. While the stands came alive with a mammoth attendance of the Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers and families, the dais gleamed with the distinguished presence of heads of the States, corporates, sportspersons including the Special Olympics World Games medallists and the leadership of Special Olympics International and India.







While the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of Gujarat, Shri **Bhupendra Patel** presided the ceremony, His Excellency **Shri Acharya Devvrat** concluded the event with his motivation and blessings. Also present on the occasion were star Indian Athletes (Wrestlers) Yogeshwar Dutt and Babita Phogat.



Seated on the dais L to R : Shri Rushikesh Patel, Health Minister of Gujarat; Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat; Acharya Devvrat, Governor of Gujarat; Dr Mallika Nadda, Chairperson, SO Bharat



Seated on the dais L to R : Shri Ajay Patel, Patron SO Bharat Gujarat; Shri Dipak Natali, PMD , SOAP, Ms Babita Phogat, Indian Wrestler; PID Ms. Aruna Abhey Oswal, Founder ,Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust





Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister expressed, “Today has become a special day for Gujarat. This programme is aimed at the health of people with intellectual disabilities and has become a unique and inspirational one on the occasion of World Health Day. This National Health Fest will become an example of healthcare and boost the health of people with intellectual disabilities. It has shown a new path in their lives.”



Felicitation of the distinguished guests by the SO Bharat Athletes (Clockwise from top left): Mr Dipak Natali, PMD SOAP, Mr Yogeshwar Bhat, Indian Wrestler; Ms Sonal Shah; Shri Jitu Vaghani, Minister of Education, Govt of Gujarat





The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi conveyed his blessings through a specially drafted message, while the Chief Ministers of a few states sent video recorded messages on the occasion. After reading out the message sent by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Mallika Nadda, Chairperson SO Bharat said, *"Special Olympics Bharat has organised a national health fest today which has had a massive impact on the athletes with intellectual Disability. A record 1,00,000 health screenings have been successfully concluded today. I thank Shri Narendra Modi to change the nomenclature from Viklang to Divyang - these athletes are truly close to the divine and working for them is a service towards the progress of mankind."*







### An Award-Winning Moment



### Grateful to the Supporters in Gujarat





## Glimpses from the States of India

### Andhra Pradesh



### Arunachal Pradesh

### Assam



### Bihar







Chandigarh



Chattisgarh



Delhi

Goa







Haryana



Himachal Pradesh



Jharkhand













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**Maharashtra**



**Manipur**



**Mizoram**





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**Tamil Nadu**



**Tripura**





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**Telangana**



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**Uttar Pradesh**



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West Bengal

Ms Annemarie Hill and Ms Shruti Mehta, from Special Olympics International travelled to Kolkata West Bengal to hold discussions with Lions AP Singh & Sangeeta Jatia as well as witness the event there.

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The event witnessed the presence of distinguished individuals representing the State Government entities, local admin authorities, educational institutions etc.

### SO Bharat is grateful to all

Sr . N o.	State	City	Guests – Representatives of the Central and State Government	Designation
1	Haryana		Shri Bandaru Dattatreya	Governor State of Haryana
2	Assam		Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma	Chief Minister
		Jorhat	Ms Ajanta Neog	Minister Social Welfare & Finance
3	Bihar		Shri Mangal Pandey	Health Minister
4	Chattisgarh	Bilaspur	Mr. Shailesh Pandey	MLA
5	Delhi		Shri Ramvir Singh Bidhuri	MLA
			Shri Ramesh Bidhuri	Member of Lok Sabha
			Shri Mahendranath Pandey	Member of Lok Sabha
			Shri Raj Kumar Bhatia	Zila BJP
			Mr. Vijender Gupta	MLA
			Gen. V.K. Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation
			Mr. Shyam Sunder Pandey	(Central Minister)
6	Gujarat	Ahmd	Shri Acharya Devrat	Governor State of Gujarat
		Ahmd	Shri Bhupendra Patel	Chief Minister
		Ahmd	Shri Jitu Vaghani	Education Minister
		Ahmd	Shri Rushikesh Patel	Health Minister
		Ahmd	Shri Harsh Sanghavi	Sports Minister
		Ahmd	Shri Rakesh Shah	MLA
7	Haryana		Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya	Governor
			Sh Mahant Balaknath Yogi	MLA (Chancellor of Baba Mastnath University)
		Panchkula	Sh. Anil Vij	Health Minister
		Panchkula	Sh. Gian Chand Gupta	Speaker
8	Himachal Pradesh	Bilaspur	Shri Jai Ram Thakur	Chief Minister
			Shri Sarveen Chaudhary	Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
			Shri Rajinder Garg	Minister for Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs
			Shri Rajiv Saizal	Minister for Health& Family Welfare
			Shri Rakesh Pathania	Minister for Forest, Youth& Sports
			Shri Rakesh Jamwal	MLA Sundarnagar
9	Jammu		Shri Manoj Sinha	LG Sabha
10	Kerala	vyppin	K.N Unnikrishnan	MLA
		Muvattupu zha	Adv.Mathew Kuzhulnadan	MLA
11	Puducherry		Mr. Naga Thiyagarajan	MLA
			Mr Annibal Kennedy	MLA
12	Punjab	Jalandhar	Dr. Baljit Kaur	Min, Social Security & Women & Child Development, Govt of Punjab



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		Amritsar	Sh.Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh	MLA- Amritsar North
13	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Chief Minister
			Shri Prabhuram Choudhary	Health Minister
		Indore	Shri Kamal Patel	Agriculture Minister
		Ujjain	Dr Mohan Yadav	Higher Education Minister
		Tikamgarh	Shri Rakesh Giri	MLA
14	Tripura		Sri Biplab Kumar Deb	Chief Minister
15	Uttarakhand		Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal	Financial and Social Minister
			Shri Dhan Singh Rawat	Educational and Health Minister
			Shri Sanjay Sehgal	Former Deputy Minister
16	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly	Shri Dharam Pal Singh	Cabinet Minister
		Bareilly	Shri Arun Kumar Saxena	Minister
		Ghaziabad	Shri Anil Agarwal,	MP
		Ghaziabad	Shri Pankaj Tyagi	Senior Leader BJP
		Ghaziabad	Ms.Vidushi Upadhyay	Senior Leader BJP
		Kanpur	Shri Aseem Arun	Social Welfare Minister
		Lucknow	Shri Rajeswar Singh	MLA
		Mathura	Shri Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary	Cabinet Minister
		Agra	Dr. G.S Dharmesh	MLA
		NOIDA	Shri Mahesh Sharma	MP

The States invited distinguished persons from a diverse field of activities. A strong presence of officials from the educational institutions including the government supported organisations, attended the event. Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Lions Clubs International, Rotary Club etc

Name of the State	Name of the Chief Guest on 5th/7th April 2022
<b>Arunachal</b>	Mr. Neelam Tan, APCS, Deputy State Project Director ISSE- Samagra Shiksha. Abhiyan, Itanagar, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh; Mr Zara Tapi Sorang, Deputy Director of School Education, Itanagar Capital Complex; Mr J. Lombi, Vice Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School, Itanagar
<b>Bihar</b>	Shri Gyan Prakash (SDO, East Muzaffarpur Subdivision); Shri Navin Kumar (D.M. Munger); Shri Sanjay Kumar (DDC. Munger); Dr. Anand Shankar Sharan Singh (Civil Surgeon, Munger) ; Shri Keshav Prasad (District Education Officer Nalanda) Dr. Vijay Singh (Medical Officer); Shr. Hirday Yadav (Vice President Bihar Association of PwD; Sh. Brajesh Kumar Singh (Dist. Health Society, DPM) Dr. R.P. Singh (RBSK District Coordinator) ; Dr. Vibha Kumari (Civil Surgeon, Patna) Shri Yogesh Kumar Sagar (Deputy Development Commissioner, Buxar) Shri Hari Narayan Paswan (Deputy Development Commissioner, Bhojpur) Dr. Ramprit Singh (Civil Surgeon, Bhojpur)
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Durg- Mr.Bhupendra Kuldeep, Registrar,Durg University; Raipur- Mr. Aijaz Dhebar, Mayer; Raigarh- Assistant Manager JSPL
<b>Delhi</b>	Ms. Kiran Chopra (Director, Punjab Kesri); Ms. Manju Khandelwal (Counselor) Mr. Sanjeev Sharma (Vice-President, Delhi Olympics); Mr. Anil Sharma (Ex-MLA) Ms. Sneha Verma (Principal Kulachi Hansraj Model School) Mr. Jyotsana Suri (Chairman, Lalit Hotel); Mr. Satish Aggarwal (Saksham) Ms. Upasna Arora (Yashodha Hospital); Ms. Gunjan Gupta (Counselor, Amar Jyoti)



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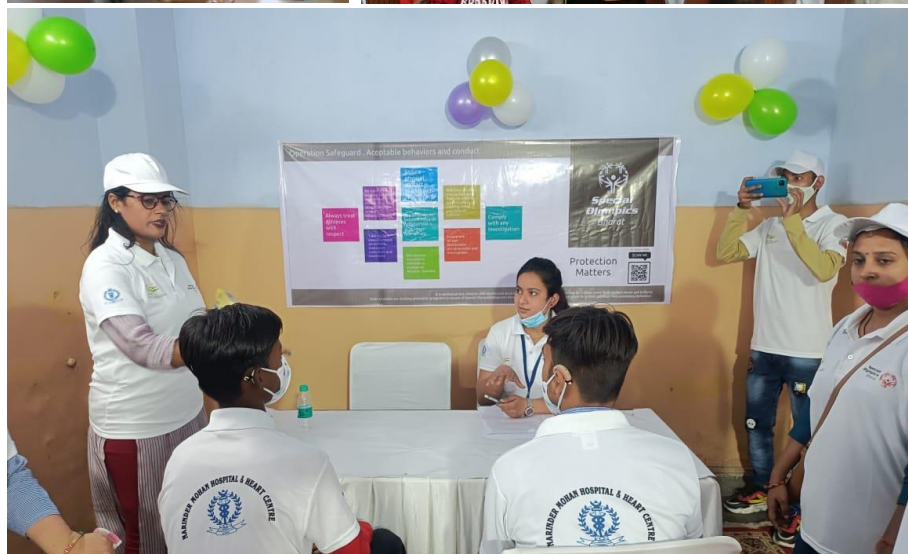
	Ms. Uma Tuli (Padma Shri Awardi); Ms. Seema Tuli (Principal, Amar Jyoti) Ms. Anju Ahuja (Swadha); Mr. Suresh Jain (Bharat Vikas Parishad) Mr. Raja Ikbal Singh (Mayor); Ms. Rekha Gupta (National Adhyaksh Mahila Morcha)
<b>Goa</b>	MR. PAWASKAR , DISABILITY COMMISSIONER - GOA
<b>Gujarat</b>	Smt Sonal Shah, C/O Mr Amit Shah, Union Home Minister; PID Mrs. Aruna Oswal , Founder, Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust; Wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt, Olympian ; Wrestler Babita Phogat, Commonwealth Champion;Shri Dhanraj Nathwani,Director Reliance new energy Ltd & vice President GCA member; Additional Director, Karnavati University, Prof. (Dr.) Rohan Bhatt; Shri Ajay Patel, Chief Patron SO Bharat Gujarat; Shri Durgesh Agarwal, CEO Durgesh Infra
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Shri Randheer Sharma Chairmen Disaster Management Himachal Pradesh. Dr. Kshama Metre Padam shri awardee & Founder CORD (Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development); Smt. Lalita Sharma Regional Director SAI Chandigarh Smt. Payal Vaidya Secretary Child Welfare Council Himachal Pradesh
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Mr Amrendu Parkash Director in Charge SAIL BOKARO STEEL LTD; Mr B D BODHANWALA MD TARAPORE Group of Industries
<b>Kashmir</b>	Shri Mr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Directorate of Health Services Kashmir; Dr Irfan Rabani , Principal Skims Bemina; Dr Mir Zaffar Iqbal,Director composite Regional centre; Mr Shameem,Rehabilitation officer of Composite Regional Centre; Professor Manzoor Ahmad lone, Principal Govt degree College Bemina
<b>Kerala</b>	Dr.Babu Raj,HOD University Rehabilitaion Science; Br.George,St.John Of God Pampady Manager; Fr.Roy Mathew Vadakkal, Chairman,Orphanage Board Control ,Gov Of Kerala; Proffessor George Onakkur, famous novelist,short story writer in Kerala; P.K Raj Mohanan,Chairman of Neyyatinkara Municipality; Gopinath Muthukad, Founder Of the World 1st Magic Academy For The Mentally Challenged Children; Mrs.Renuraj, collector alappuzha; Shri. Jose Kannamundayil, Kattappana Block President; Ln.Roy Thundiyl, Kattappana Lions Club President;Mar.Paulin Kannurkkadan, Bishope Irinjalakkuda Diocese; Shri Nisha, AEO OF Irinjalakkuda
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Shri Vinod Gautiya, Chairman MPT
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Mr. Samadhan Ingle & Mrs. Anuradha Kanade - Jai Vakeel, Mrs. Jyotsna Mehta -SPJ Sadhana School, Ms. Rekha Rao - Andheri Sports Complex, Mr. Adarsh Nayyar - Raigad, Mr. Sanjayji Nilegaonkar - Latur, Satish Bansode - MDC Home
<b>Manipur</b>	Ngangom Uttam Singh, MCS , Director Social Welfare, Govt. of Manipur
<b>Puducherry</b>	Mr M Adharsh, Dy Collector (Revenue) Karaikal; Mr S Baskaran, Dy Collector(Disaster Management), Karaikal; Mr Rakesh Kumar, M D , Karaikal Iyenger Bakery Mr. Udayakumar, Secretary Welfare, Govt of Puducherry; Mr. N. Sivacoumar, Deputy Director Sports & Youth Service; Mr. N.Dinakar, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha; Mr. Mukesh Jain, President, BNI
<b>Punjab</b>	In Ludhiana Mr. Patrick Hebert ( Consulate General of Canada )
<b>RAJASTHAN</b>	Mr Harimohan Meena District Collector , Kota Sh Gajanand Sharma, Secretary social welfare department govt. of Raj Sh Vikram Singh Rajpurohit Advisor Center Government Sh Umashankar sharma, State Disability commissioner, Udaipur Smt. Madhu Sharma BJP mahila morcha purv pradesha adhyaksh Jaipur Rajasthan Swami Brahmdev ji Maharaj, ADM City Smt. Kamla Alariya Sriganganagar
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Smt. Nirmla Dixit,Member, State Women Commission; Smt. Shruti Dawar,Social Activist, Agra; Shri Om Veer Singh,Rashtriya Pracharak, RSS;Dr. Umesh Gautam, Mayor, Bareilly;Mrs. Rashmi Patel, Zila Panchyat Adyaksh; Ms. Shruti Singh,IAS District Magistrate, Etawah;Shri Atul Bhargav,President,Lions Club, Etawah;Mrs. Asmita Lal, IAS CDO ,Ghaziabad;Dr. Arun Kumar,MD,Narinder Mohan Hospital, Ghaziabad; Shri Brij Bhushan Chaudhary, BSA, Ghaziabad;Shri Vijay Singh Meena, IPS Commissioner of Police, Kanpur;Shri Mahendra Nath Sabharwal, IPS,Ex. DGP,UP; Smt. Sanyukta Bhatia, Mayor, Lucknow; Prof. Rana Krishna Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Shakuntla Mishra National,Rehabilitation Institute, Lucknow;Mr. Mukesh Arya, Mathura; Dr. Nitin Gaur,CDO, Mathura; Shri Anand Chauhan, Trustee Ritnand Baldev Education Foundation, Noida;Admiral R.C. Kochhar (Retd.), VC, Amity University, Noida; Prof (Dr.) Jayanti Pujari, Director,Amity Institute of Rehabilitation Science, AMITY University UP NOIDA



## Safeguarding

Prior to the screenings, the Assistant Clinical Director's (ACD) trainings included 'Safeguarding' as a separate topic integrated into the module. It was for the first time that Safeguard banners were placed during an event. Specific focus on the subject conveyed the message of its urgency. The Safeguard banners were used across nearly all the 139 locations.

*"It is so important that we should talk categorically about Safeguarding the Athletes. By making the topic visible like what we did at the health fest, we are drawing people's attention to it. The Athletes would feel safe and all others will understand that we are serious about it"*  
- Dr Anjana Goswami



Safeguard is very important, especially for the female Athletes. We placed the banners everywhere to drive a message through to everyone that we are concerned about the protection of our Athletes.

I strongly believe that Athletes will perform better if they feel secure

- Mr Satbir Singh Sahota, Asst Area Director, SO Bharat Jharkhand

### Special Olympics International:

Our desire is to keep athletes of all ages safe and to do so, we must ensure our volunteers, coaches and staff are prepared and well trained to safeguard athletes from predatory and abusive behaviors. We must amplify our efforts to stop bullying wherever it occurs. Further, we must insist on accountability when such incidents occur. This means individuals must learn how and where to report such incidents.



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The Athletes were briefed. We announced safeguard measures taken at the venue, on the public address system and monitored the athletes as they were being screened. The banner helped us talk about it

-Mr C Rajasekhar, Area Director SO Bharat Telangana



Safeguard is very very important for the Athletes who we work with, especially girls who are prone to abuse. In many instances the abuser is from within the family. Sensitizing the family and all those who come in contact with the Athletes must be spoken with. Respect for the Athletes is foremost. Special Olympics is a wonderful platform to do so. My entire team feels that this space is safe and secure for our Athletes

-Ms Chitra Shah Area Director SO Bharat Puducherry



Safeguard and protection of Athletes is very important. The sports performance is impacted by how an athlete feels comfortable and protected during an event. We feel proud when we see global inclusion of our 'Super Heros' by looking into every aspect of their development.

-Mr Bhupal Mehta, Program Official SO Bharat Uttar Pradesh

## Awards



**Guinness Book of Records:** Most people running in place simultaneously (multiple venues). **World Talent Organization:** Largest number of people (Intellectually Impaired/IDD) participated in fitness training program in a week - (multiple locations). **Asia Book of Records:** Maximum medical and sports professionals trained online for screening & training people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
Special Olympics Bharat attempts





## Heartening Outcomes

### An Athlete with an Intellectual Disability re-unites with his family

Story from Madhya Pradesh



The National Health Fest held on 7 April focussed on the preparedness of the Athlete to return to activities. It may amaze how the largest fest ever, and that too specifically, for Persons with Intellectual Disability, aided achievements from perspectives that may be beyond the official radar. As the days pass and the thrill of the culmination of the festival ebbs out, the profound impact of the nation-wide celebration is beginning to surface from different parts of India.

Anas Ashfak Khan, fondly called Laloo, 15 yrs, participated in the Guinness attempt in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, on 7 April 2022. He is a person with Downs Syndrome, a challenged speech & has a mild Intellectual disability. For registrations for the event, a few documents were required for establishing the identity of the Athletes which would position them to avail



benefits of several Govt schemes for Persons with Disabilities in future. Laloo applied for his Aadhaar card. Records showed that it was already made. The perseverance of the state govt officials traced his family back to Jalgaon in Maharashtra. Laloo was reunited with his family. Through a video call, he instantly recognised and called out for his sister's husband. Following a thorough verification process, Laloo will be travelling back with his family, once all

the paper work is over. Laloo was brought to the Govt facility for abandoned children with Intellectual Disability in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, in 2017 where his age was estimated to be 10 at that time.

*"According to me the fest is nothing short of being WONDERFUL. Amongst all the disabilities, intellectual disability often is overlooked. This fest, in terms of scale and specification of benefitting the persons with ID, has never been heard of earlier. In my location about 3000 Athletes were screened; and all now have Aadhaar cards, Disability certificates etc. this will help them avail all the benefits in future. Aadhar card is the greatest challenge. The govt officials assign one day in a week to make it. However, for this event they worked round the clock and created a dream future for so many Children and Adults with Intellectual Disability"*  
– Ms Vanmala Rai, Special Educator at the facility.

### Telangana assigned Special Athletes who are professional photographers, to take photos at the event

Story from Telangana

The National Health fest organized at *Name of Center*, had two passionate photographers capturing moments within the frame- Jagadish and Vijay. Jagadish, 42 years, is a person with Downs Syndrome, and Vijay, 20 yrs has an Intellectual Disability. Both have participated in Special Olympics Bharat events at district level, in Athletics and Bocce. For several years

they have been enrolled with the Shankar Foundation's Sannidhi Center for Life Skills, and have received systematic training in taking photographs of persons, places, and other



subjects using different measurements of light and angle. The event had the Area Director re-connect with them and he plans to invite them for the Special Olympics events

### **The happiness partner of SO Bharat at the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**

*Story from New Delhi*

On April 13, 2022, Mr Keshav Suri, Executive Director at The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group celebrated his birthday with a special twist. For the first time his list of invitees included the Champions of SO Bharat – Aditi Sabrawal , Suman, Patrick Gomes, Deepak Soni & Siddhant Nath.



The LaLiT collaborated with SO Bharat as **'Happiness Partner'** at the National Health Fest, providing food to the Centres across Chandigarh and Delhi. Dr Jyotsna Suri, Managing Director at Bharat Hotels Limited (New Delhi), visited the



screenings held at Aanchal School, Chanakya Puri. Additionally, they positioned the SO Bharat Amrit Mahotsav standees in the Delhi hotel lobby and had the SO Bharat banner running across all their room screens for a week, in all the cities where the hotel is located

“The practice of ‘giving back’ and supporting the marginalized intersections of our society is deeply ingrained into The Lalit DNA. Being a part of the hospitality industry, we want to be of service to the people, especially the disempowered intersections of the society. We are celebrating #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav with the mission to create opportunities and bring the neglected intersections into the fore,” said **Dr Jyotsna Suri, Chairperson and Managing Director, Bharat Hotels Ltd.** (The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group).

Going forward the hotel is open to train the SO Bharat athletes in the hospitality sector and also hire them in Mumbai and Delhi, to begin with.





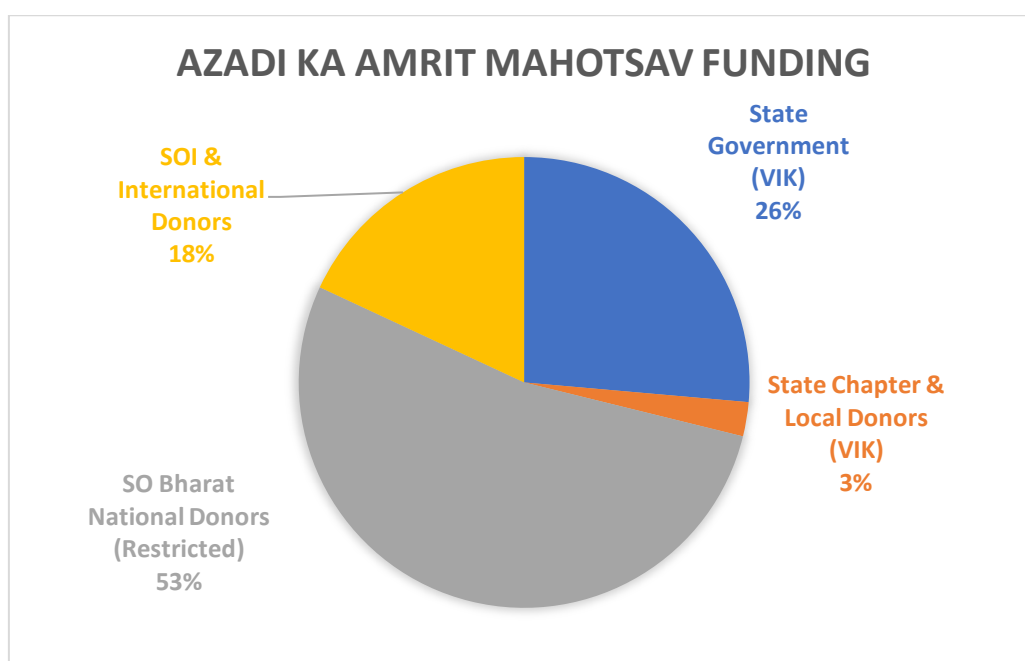
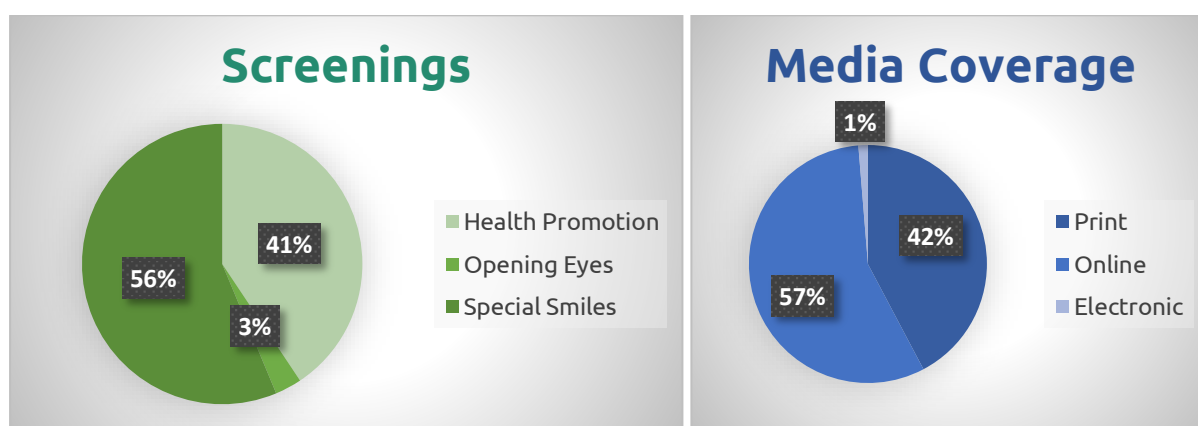
## At a Glance

With 65275 Athletes entering the Fit 5 arena, 57442 Athletes were screened in Special Smiles, 3144 in Opening Eyes and 41451 in Health Promotion.

With the state governments supporting the event in a few states, the educational institutions, Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs and local organisations came forward to provide the covid essentials, venue, transportation and food. The National office supplied the medical equipment including disposables and Rentals, T shirts, Event Supplies (Flags, Stationary) ,

388 News coverage, National and local, was reported, out of which online was 219, print was 164 and 5 was the electronic media coverage. Approx. 750 Sports and 250 health journalists across through over 400 media houses were reached nationally

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed for about a month with The Bridge, the digital media partner and Mirchi 98.3, Radio partner for the event. The Bridge is a leading digital media house that focusses on narratives of Indian Sports. Mirchi 98.3 is a leading Radio station that composed a jingle specially for SO Bharat that played across 11 cities, every day 2-3 times every hour.



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Sports centres to be set up in Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Dhanbad and Bokaro  
Initiative by Special Olympics Jharkhand to provide  
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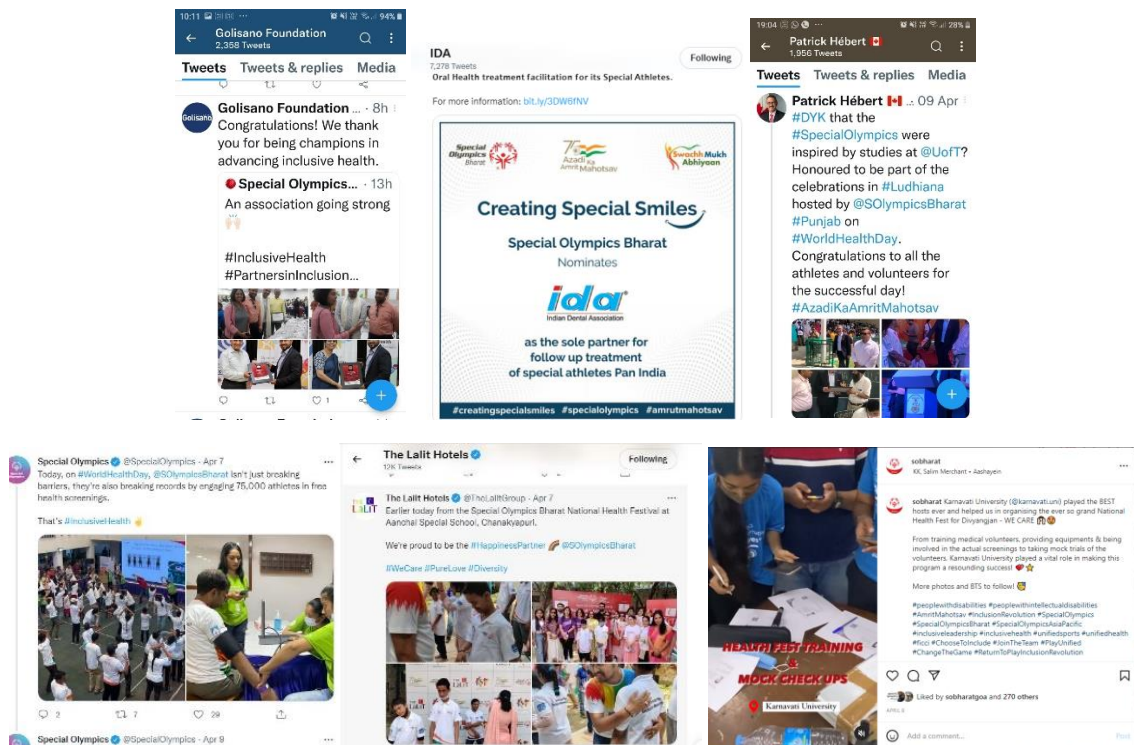
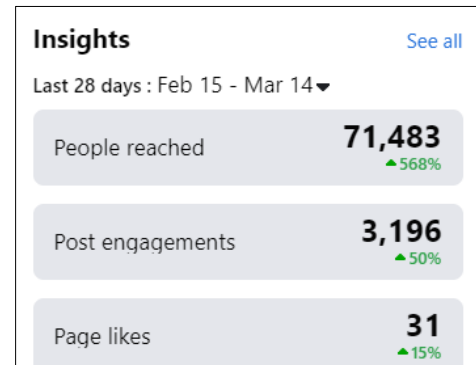
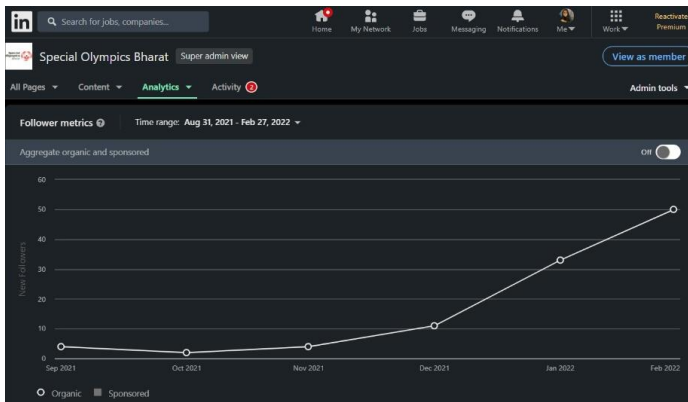
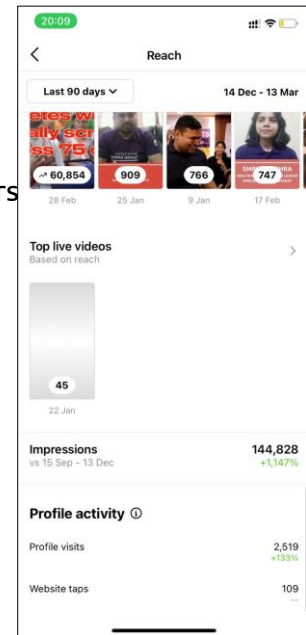
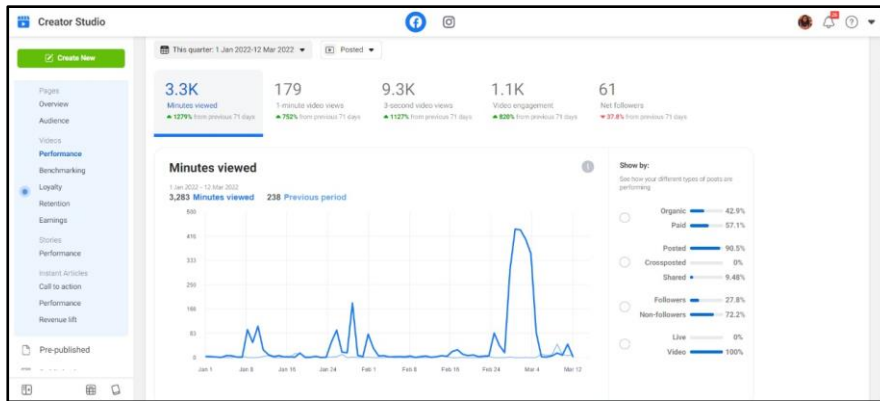
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### Social media outcomes as a result of the event

**Facebook:** increase by 1200% in video engagements & likes

**Instagram:** increase by 3600% in total engagement rates and

**Followers; Twitter 316/344; LinkedIn:** 78% increase of the followers



## **Messages and Testimonials**

Dear Mallika,

I am writing to congratulate you and your team for the splendid program you carried out in Gujarat and all over the country. The idea was excellent and beautifully presented and it has made a powerful impact all over the country.

- Air Marshal Denzil Keelor, **Founder, SO Bharat** 13 April 2022

What we have achieved today is simply incredible. It simply shows that good team work delivers wonders. I would like to personally thank each one of you at the National office for the whole hearted cooperation to achieve such a magical figure of registration today. The well-oiled team did wonders. In Punjab, in all three places, the event was conducted in a very smooth manner. My heart goes out to the special athletes, their parents and mentors who put in their best. Some of them travelled a long distance. I am amazed by the enthusiasm of these angels of God, who without knowing what's in store, were in high spirits. Let's stay like this and keep the good work for success.

- Col Karaminder Singh, **Area Director, SO Bharat Punjab** 8 April 2022

I applaud you for putting health first and putting the Athletes first on such an important day in your country's history

- Annemarie Hill, **Vice President, Global Health Operations, SOI**

I worked as a non-clinical volunteer, coordinating with all the volunteers from different colleges and schools, and helping in smooth execution of special smiles and health promotion screenings, tracking registrations, distribution of refreshments, covering the event for social media, etc. During the fest, I met so many athletes whom I've only seen online through our events, and it was heart-warming to know that they were able to recognise me

- Mahi Dheri **Intern, Youth Activation, SO Bharat** 8 April 2022

I went to the Amrit Mahotsav in Telangana There I met the Doctors doing Various kinds of Health Checkups. I had a nice Interaction with all of them and they checked me for Oral Hygiene, Teeth, feet, Hands, etc. I feel confident after a health check-up. Overall it was a tremendous Event

- KA Advait, **Athlete leader, SO Bharat Telangana**

As we prepare the Special Athletes to return to activities, it is important to assess their health status, and this is exactly what the Health fest did. I wish them luck for sports participation with full energy

- Dr Manisha Vyas, **Clinical Director, Health Promotion, SO Bharat** 8 April 2022

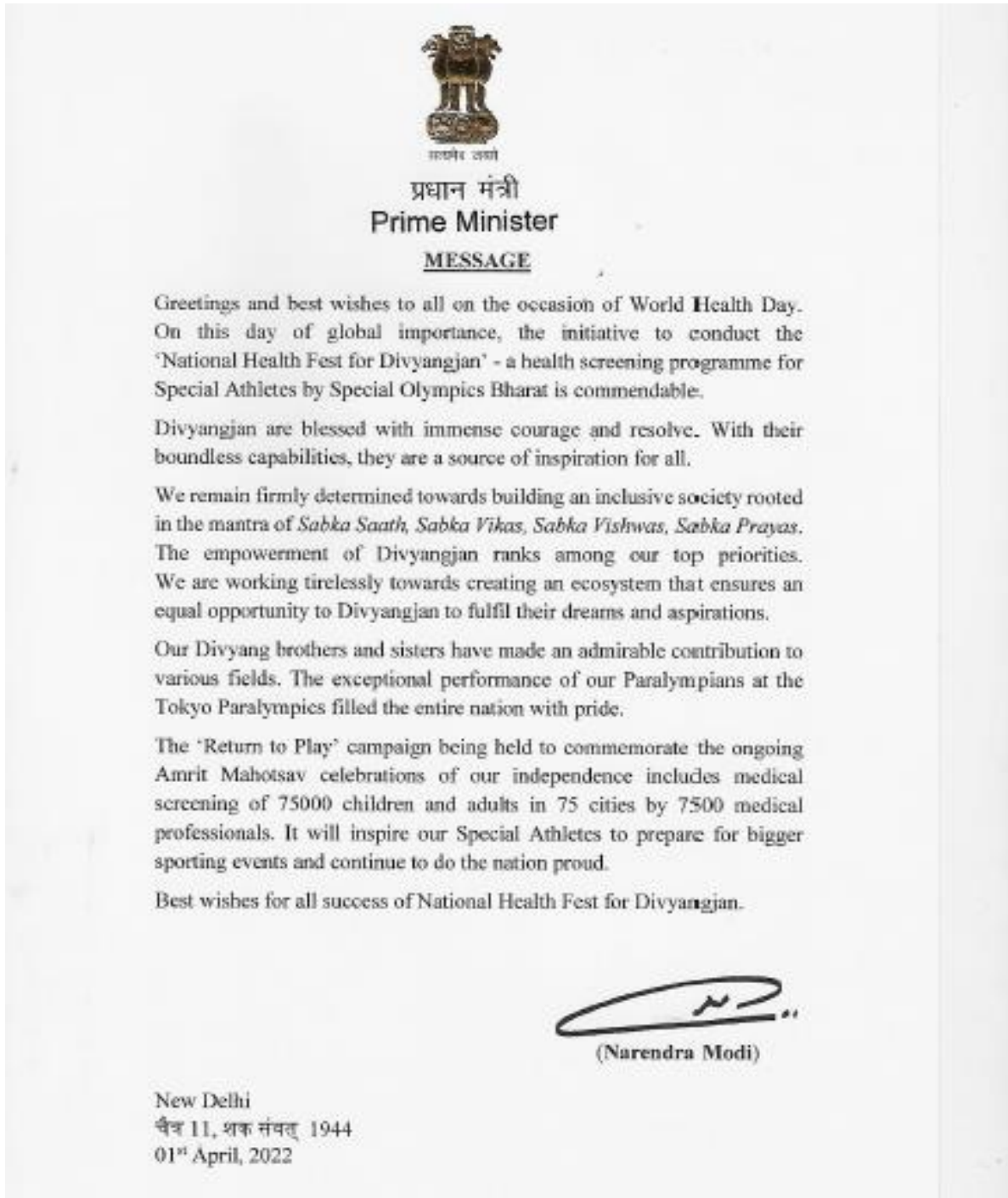
I learnt how one may face unforeseen challenges, no matter how much you plan, and how to deal with them. Planning the event and engaging with the Athletes helped me inculcate leadership and teamwork and also taught me the value of patience. The hard-work was all worth it, when I saw the athletes dancing on the stage, all with smiles on their faces. It was a wholesome experience

- Aarchi Jain , **Core Youth Activation Committee - NCR , SO Bharat** 8 April 2022



## Message from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

SO Bharat was overwhelmed to receive messages of motivation and best wishes from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the Union and state ministers.



## Messages from the Union and State Ministers



## Going Forward



**Follow Up Care:** Medical Educational Institutions and Hospitals are being tapped to support follow up Care of the Athletes

**Sport Centres:** The next three years, including 2022 will see 750 sports Centres establish, taking sports closer to the Athletes and integrating it into their daily lives. The Centres will provide sports and expanded inclusive experiences to

persons with and without Intellectual Disability, in an environment of equity and acceptance of all. The plan falls in sync with the goal of Special Olympics *to improve local sports participation and wellbeing of athletes to strengthen communities*

The Athletes will be trained in specified sports under the mentorship of an employed Coach assisted by an Athlete leader (trained & employed as Assistant Coach). The Centres would be assigned spaces across sports clubs, academies, schools, colleges etc. SO Bharat is reaching out to Govt organisations and corporates for financially supporting any number of Centres for a period of three years, to begin with.

**Digital App:** The digital team that includes Barnik, Sayan and Pritam plan to adapt the screening platform into a daily use feature wherein athletes can setup appointments with medical professionals and get screened outside Special Olympics events.

They would create a wider feature to manage and run sports Centres across the country where athletes can train and practice their favorite sports. Building the platform as an aggregator for the unified programs of Special Olympics



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Important Links:

Launch 3 December 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8wCC2b8z7c>

Promo Health Fest 2022

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfY6l28x\\_iw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfY6l28x_iw)

Mirchi 98.3 FM jingle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zav2EakxdEo>

Recap Health Fest 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7oWWUB-lgg&t=38s>

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## 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



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