

Report

National Championship Football 2024

Meet the World with SKF



*Hosted by Special Olympics Bharat-Madhya Pradesh

Event Overview:

The National Championship Football 2024, themed "Meet the World with SKF," held at the 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports' in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, served as a significant preparatory platform for the upcoming Gothia Special Olympics Trophy scheduled to be hosted in Sweden in July 2024. From the 25th to the 29th of April 2024, this tournament brought together athletes from across India, showcasing their skills, passion, and sportsmanship.



Participation:

The Championship witnessed enthusiastic participation from all corners of the country, with 71 athletes forming 12 male teams representing 12 states (Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal). Accompanied by a dedicated support system, including 13 coaches, 04 escorts, 12 referees, 12 officials, 1 medical person and 18 resource persons more than 100 local school students, the event was meticulously organized to ensure a seamless experience for all participants. The diverse representation added a rich tapestry of talent to the competition, fostering a spirit of unity and inclusivity.





Logistics and Support:

The successful execution of the Championship was made possible by comprehensive logistical support and dedicated personnel. With the presence of 1 medical staff, 12 volunteers, 12 referees and 4 escort personnel, the event prioritized the well-being and comfort of all participants. Their contributions played a vital role in ensuring the smooth conduct of matches and addressing any emergent needs, thereby enhancing the overall experience for everyone involved.



Daily Routine

Day 1st - Team Arrival and Registration. The day one started with all team arriving at the venue and started their registration with collection of the documents.



Day 2nd – Opening Ceremony Individual Skill Assessment & Classification Round. The event was graced by Dr. Malika Nadda (President, Special Olympics Bharat), Prof. Indu Bora (Vice Chancellor LNIPE), Mr. Tanul Singhal (SKF Head Corporate Affairs and CSR), Mayur Deshmukh, Kunal Kumar (SKF), Dr. Sanjeev Yadav (Registrar LNIPE), Mr. Ajay Singh (Principal of The Scindia School Gwalior), Mr. Jagdish Patel (Bharat Petroleum Corporation), Dr. D.G Choudhary (General Secretary, Special Olympics Bharat), Mr. Virendra Mahendru (Executive Director Special Olympics Bharat), Ms. Pallavi Rai (Deputy Director Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports, Gwalior), Mr. Deepankar Banerjee (Area Director Special Olympics Bharat-MP). The performances Dance by Ehsaas Special School and Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust were very much appreciated.





Day 3rd – Classification/ Divisioning Round & Competition matches. After the second day Individual Skill Assessment, based on state team scores the teams were divided into four major groups for Classification/ Divisioning round matches.



Day 4th - Competition & Award Ceremony & Closing Ceremony. The day started with final round of competition matches followed by Award ceremony.



Day 5th - Departure of the Teams.

Selection for Preparatory Camp:

Following the conclusion of the National Championship Football 2024, 25 athletes have been shortlisted to participate in Preparatory Camp 1. This camp, scheduled to be held at the 'Atal

Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, from the 15th to the 22nd of May 2024, aims to further hone the skills and abilities of the selected athletes in preparation for the upcoming 'Gothia Special Olympics Trophy in Sweden'.



Conclusion:

In conclusion, the National Championship Football 2024, "Meet the World with SKF," organized by Special Olympics Bharat and Special Olympics Bharat Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship, unity, and inclusivity. As the selected athletes gear up for the Preparatory Camp, the championship's legacy of excellence and camaraderie continues to inspire and motivate participants to strive for greatness on the international stage.

This event serves as a testament to the transformative power of sports in fostering social integration, empowerment, and mutual respect. As SO Bharat prepares to compete in the Gothia Special Olympics Trophy, let us continue to support and celebrate the remarkable achievements of athletes of all abilities, recognizing their immense talent and determination to succeed



