

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT BULLETIN

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Sports

CBSE Special Games for CWSN: A Celebration of Inclusivity and Sporting Prowess in Delhi

The CBSE Special Games for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) took place on 23rd and 24th February at Bal Bhawan Public School, New Delhi. Organised by Special Olympics Bharat (SOB), the event provided a platform to empower young athletes and reaffirm CBSE's commitment to fostering an inclusive education system. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Upasana Arora (President, Special Olympics Delhi), Shri Himanshu Gupta (IAS, CBSE Secretary) and Mr. Manjeet Singh (CBSE Sports Director), alongside educators and sports officials. Young athletes showcased exceptional resilience, determination, and teamwork in various field events, proving that talent knows no boundaries. More than just a competition, the event was a step towards building a more inclusive and equitable society. On 24th February, sporting events continued, followed by the prize distribution ceremony, celebrating the efforts and achievements of all participants. The initiative reinforced CBSE's commitment to inclusive education, fostering a culture of empathy, perseverance, and teamwork.



National Handball Championship, Agra

The National Handball Championships, held in Agra from 4th to 6th February 2025, witnessed remarkable performances from participating teams across the country. The Special Olympics Bharat Rajasthan contingent stood out, with the male team securing the silver medal through exceptional skill and focus and the female team earning the bronze, showcasing outstanding teamwork and resilience. A proud achievement for Special Olympics Bharat Rajasthan for delivering commendable performances.



Unified Cricket in Mumbai, Maharashtra

On February 9, 2025, a Unified Cricket Showcase event was held at A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Divyang Mulanche Balgruh, Mankhurd, Mumbai Suburban, in collaboration with the Lions and Leo Group as part of the Mission Inclusion Bharat initiative, celebrating the spirit of Republic Day. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Tushar Bilawekar, Superintendent of the Children's Home, Mankhurd, and Mr. Abhay Jadhav, an occupational therapist. Five special schools actively participated in the event—A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Divyang Mulanche Balgruh, Sulbha Special School (Chembur), Gurukul Special School, Sevadaan Special School and V.D. Indian Special School. A total of 66 special athletes (male and female) competed alongside 40 unified partners, fostering teamwork and inclusion. Additionally, 30 parents and 12 coaches attended, supporting and encouraging the participants.



Celebrating Republic Day with Mission Inclusion - Kolkata, West Bengal

On 24th January 2025, the Unified Sports Event was held at Lions Safari Park, Kolkata, supported by Lions Club International. Athletes and unified partners came together to play Baggo, embracing the spirit of inclusion through sport. The event also celebrated Republic Day, highlighting the importance of unity and community.



Celebrating Republic Day with Mission Inclusion – Vadodara, Gujarat

On Republic Day, Mission Inclusion Bharat celebrated in Vadodara, Gujarat, supported by Lions Club International. The day featured an exciting Unified Bocce game, bringing athletes and unified partners together to promote inclusion and sportsmanship in honour of India's national spirit.



Celebrating Republic Day with Mission Inclusion – Chhattisgarh

On 31st January 2025, the Mission Inclusion Bharat celebration took place in Chhattisgarh, supported by Lions Club International. The event featured a friendly Baggo competition along with dance performances, highlighting the talents of athletes and unified partners while celebrating the spirit of inclusion on Republic Day.



Regional Level Special Olympics Bharat Unified Table Tennis & Bocce Championship 2025- Maharashtra

The Regional Level Special Olympics Bharat Unified Table Tennis & Bocce Championship 2025 was successfully held on 17th and 18th March 2025 at Suhit Jeevan Trust, Pen, Raigad, uniting 288 participants, including 171 athletes with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and 53 unified partners from 24 special schools across Maharashtra. The championship saw athletes with ID showcase exceptional skills in Unified Table Tennis, while a dedicated Bocce training session enhanced game techniques for both athletes and coaches. The event was further energised by motivational messages from Maharashtra's Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Eknath Shinde and Shri Ajit Pawar, as well as actors Rakesh Bapat, Swapnil Joshi and Gaurav More, who lent their support and encouragement to the athletes.



A specialised Coaches' Training Program was also conducted, focusing on game strategies, athlete motivation and mental well-being, ensuring that both athletes and coaches walked away with valuable insights. The championship concluded with a grand valedictory ceremony, where athletes received medals and certificates, celebrating their dedication, hard work and reinforcing the spirit of inclusion and empowerment.



SO Bharat Delhi Hosts ESPN Unified Volleyball State Championship & Coaches Training 2025

Special Olympics Bharat – Delhi successfully hosted the ESPN Unified Volleyball State Championship & Coaches Training 2025 from 7th to 8th April at GBSSS Dwarka, Delhi. The event brought together Athletes with Intellectual Disabilities (ID), Coaches, and Unified Partners, fostering inclusion and teamwork through the power of sport. Day 1 focused on capacity building, as coaches and unified partners were trained in unified volleyball strategies to ensure effective collaboration on the field. On Day 2, the energy soared as athletes and their unified partners competed side-by-side in the State Championship, showcasing thrilling matches that truly embodied the spirit of unity, sportsmanship, and inclusion.



Special Olympics Bharat National Roller Skating Championship 2025 Concludes in Ludhiana

The Special Olympics Bharat National Roller Skating Championship 2025 was successfully held in Ludhiana, Punjab, from 29th March to 2nd April, with 110 athletes from 20 states showcasing exceptional speed, skill, and determination. Throughout the event, athletes gave their all in various competitions, including the 30M Slalom, 30M Straight Line, 100M, 300M, 500M and 1000M races.



Revised Cash Schemes

Special Olympics Bharat Expresses Gratitude to Hon'ble Shri Mansukh Mandviya for the Enhanced Cash Awards Scheme

Special Olympics Bharat expresses sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Minister of Labour and Employment, Dr Mansukh L Mandaviya, for his remarkable support in revising and enhancing the cash awards for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

This forward-thinking decision marks a significant milestone in the journey toward greater recognition and inclusion of every athlete, regardless of ability. The increased cash incentives—₹20 lakhs for Gold, ₹14 lakhs for Silver and ₹8 lakhs for Bronze—will inspire confidence, affirm their hard work, and provide the encouragement they truly deserve.

Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, this step reinforces India's commitment to building a more inclusive sporting culture—one where determination, effort and achievement are celebrated equally.

THANK YOU TO
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
FOR REVISED CASH AWARD SCHEME



14 LAKHS



20 LAKHS



8 LAKHS

PRIZE MONEY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

This recognition is not just a reward but a message of respect and belief in the limitless potential of every athlete with intellectual disabilities.



Coaches Training

Table Tennis Coaches Training Program by Puducherry

Special Olympics Bharat – Puducherry organised a Table Tennis Coaches Training Program on 25th January 2025 at the Satya Skill Training Centre. The program aimed to equip educators and students with the necessary knowledge and skills to promote inclusivity through sports. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 30 special educators from Satya Special School and 8 Physical Education students from Pondicherry University. The program began with an insightful orientation session led by Mr. Ramji, Program Coordinator, Special Olympics Bharat Puducherry. He provided an overview of Special Olympics Bharat, highlighting its mission and objectives. Mr. Ramji also introduced the concept of Unified Sports, emphasising the importance of fostering inclusion by bringing together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities. Additionally, he explained the Special Olympics division process, which ensures fair competition by grouping athletes based on their ability levels. The core training sessions were conducted by expert Table Tennis coaches Mr Manibharathi and Mr Udaya. These sessions focused on skill assessment, which is understanding the abilities of athletes and tailoring coaching strategies accordingly. The coaches provided hands-on demonstrations and engaged participants in practical activities, ensuring an interactive and enriching learning experience.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES, TURIN, ITALY, 2025

Preparatory Camps for Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025

In the lead-up to the Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025, a series of comprehensive **National Preparatory Coaching Camps** were conducted across three cities in India: **Gurgaon, Chandigarh, and Narkanda**, each carefully chosen to provide optimal training conditions for different winter sports disciplines.

Gurgaon played host to the Speed Skating and Figure Skating coaching camps. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and expert coaches, the camps in Gurgaon focused on refining the technical skills, agility and performance consistency of the athletes, ensuring they were competition-ready for the international stage.



Chandigarh served as the training ground for **Floorball**, a fast-paced indoor team sport. The camps here emphasised team coordination, strategy development and physical endurance, vital for success at the global level.

Narkanda, nestled in the snow-clad mountains of Himachal Pradesh, provided the perfect natural environment for **Snow Sports**. Athletes trained in **Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing**, taking full advantage of the region's slopes and climate. These high-altitude camps not only improved athletic performance but also built resilience and acclimatisation to winter conditions similar to those in Italy.



Across all disciplines, multiple National Preparatory Coaching Camps were conducted for each sport. These camps were made possible through the support of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** and the **Sports Authority of India (SAI)**, whose efforts played a critical role in providing quality coaching, nutritional support, sports science interventions and infrastructure.

SO Bharat Unified Pair: Samriddhi & Ashi from Karnataka Represent SO Bharat at Global Youth Leadership Summit

The Global Youth Leadership Summit held from 8 to 10 March 2025 in Turin brought together **75 leaders, including Unified pairs** – composed of a young leader with intellectual disabilities and a young leader without intellectual disabilities – and their respective adult mentors. The leaders, from 25 Special Olympics programs worldwide, demonstrated how young people are rising to the challenge as the next generation of inclusive leaders.

Unified pairs Samriddhi and Ashi from Karnataka, along with their mentor Ms. Uttara Chaudhury, proudly represented Special Olympics Bharat at the Global Youth Leadership Summit. Their participation highlighted their dedication to promoting inclusivity and empowering youth leaders in the global arena.



Send-Off Ceremony at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium

A grand send-off ceremony was organised for the **49-member Indian contingent, comprising 30 athletes and 19 support staff members**, at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi. The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, President of Special Olympics Bharat, **Dr. Mallika Nadda**, Secretary of Special Olympics Bharat, Dr. D.G. Chaudhary and Executive Director of Special Olympics Bharat, Shri V.K. Mahendru.

Athletes were also honoured with garlands and were gifted traditional Himachali Woolen Camps as a symbol of good luck at the end of the ceremony.



Best Wishes From The Ambassador Of India to Italy & San Marino - Ms Vani Rao

On 7th March 2025, the Team India contingent was welcomed in Italy by Ms. Vani Rao, Ambassador of India to Italy & San Marino. She interacted with athletes and coaches, offering well wishes and support ahead of their participation in the World Winter Games.



Team India Meets Timothy Shriver, Chairman, Special Olympics International

On 10th March 2025, the Special Olympics Bharat Snowboarding Team had the opportunity to meet Timothy Shriver, Chairman of Special Olympics International, during the Special Olympics World Winter Games, where they shared insights and experiences.



Opening Ceremony- 8th March 2025

The Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025 was the first exciting element of the event, an intense experience that officially kicked off the Games and defined the atmosphere, leaving an indelible memory in the hearts of athletes and spectators.











The ceremony took place in an extraordinary setting with a breathtaking show that combined music, lights and performances by internationally renowned artists. The ceremony celebrated the values of inclusion, determination and sportsmanship. The most anticipated moment was undoubtedly the **Parade of Athletes with 102 delegations** that began an unforgettable experience in the name of inclusion and competition.

Among the most anticipated moments was the entrance of the torch that ended its journey with the lighting of the cauldron, officially starting the World Winter Games 2025.



Medals Won at the Special Olympics World Winter Games, Turin 2025



SO BHARAT MEDAL TALLY AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES TURIN 2025				
SPORTS				
 SNOWSHOEING	02	06	02	10
 ALPINE SKIING	03	07	00	10
 SNOWBOARDING	03	02	01	06
 SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING	00	03	01	04
 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING	00	00	02	02
 FLOORBALL (WOMEN'S TEAM)	00	00	01	01
TOTAL	08	18	07	33

Welcome Ceremony for Athletes

A grand welcome ceremony was organised for the Indian athletes who returned from Turin, Italy after a historic 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games campaign. The ceremony held at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, was graced with the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, **Smt. Raksha Khadse** and President of Special Olympics Bharat, **Dr. Mallika Nadda**.

The dignitaries were accompanied on the stage by Special Olympics Bharat athlete **Bharti** who won two gold medals in the tournament. Recognizing the achievements of the athletes, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had earlier announced increase in cash prizes for the medal winners, with the gold medallists in the tournament receiving a cash prize of **Rs. 20 lakhs** and the silver and bronze medallists being awarded **Rs. 14 lakhs and Rs. 8 lakhs**, respectively.

The Indian athletes' performance in the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025 highlights the country's commitment to fostering an inclusive sporting culture, providing opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to shine on an international platform.



Silver Oak University Honours Special Olympics Medalists with Recognition and Reward for Global Achievement- Gujarat

Silver Oak University, in collaboration with Special Olympics Bharat – Gujarat, felicitated Ashaben Thakor and Pinkalben Chauhan, bronze medalists at the World Winter Games, with a cash prize and silver coin in recognition of their remarkable achievement. The ceremony was graced by Ms. Shwetaben Khandwala (Vice President, Silver Oak University), Dr. D. G. Chaudhari (General Secretary, Special Olympics Bharat), Dr. R. J. Chaudhary (Area Director, Special Olympics Gujarat) and Mr. Bhaveshbhai Patel (Chess Association). NSS students were also present, witnessing the inspiring celebration of determination, talent, and national pride.



Health & Family

Family Registration Support Workshop Empowers

The Family Registration Support Workshop, supported by the Samuel Family Foundation, was held at Manav Rachna International University, bringing together 42 participants from 21 states for a two-day interactive experience.

Day 1 focused on the role of family engagement in the Special Olympics movement, highlighting caregiver and athlete mental health. Activities included ice-breakers, recreational Unified Sports, and a DIY kit-building session.

Day 2 opened with a recap, followed by state leaders sharing grassroots insights. Participants conducted a SWOT analysis to develop strategies for sustained family involvement. The workshop concluded with certificate distribution and a feedback session, celebrating learning, collaboration, and inclusion.



Inauguration of Family Consultation Unit at Muskaan Special School

The inauguration of the Family Consultation Unit at Muskaan Special School marked a key step in strengthening support for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and their families.

The event featured Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Social Justice, and Dr. Mallika Nadda, President, Special Olympics Bharat, who emphasized the need for long-term, sustainable, and community-based care.

Muskaan's initiative, currently supporting 17 individuals with IDD, sets a strong example of inclusive, secure, and compassionate living—advancing the vision of a more equitable society.



Youth & Education

Family Support Workshop Conducted by Special Olympics Bharat – Jharkhand

Special Olympics Bharat – Jharkhand successfully conducted a Family Support Workshop at ASHA – Jindal Foundation, Jindal Steel & Power, Patratu, bringing together nearly 50 families to deepen their understanding of the Special Olympics movement and the critical role families play in athlete development, making them an integral part of the movement.

The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. K.B. Singh, Plant Head – Jindal Steel & Power, who also felicitated the male football team with sports kits and T-shirts ahead of their participation in the "Meet the World" 5-A-Side Football Tournament in Delhi. The event was further graced by Mrs. Amrita Singh, who offered heartfelt encouragement to both athletes and their families, reinforcing the spirit of inclusion and collective support that defines the Special Olympics movement.



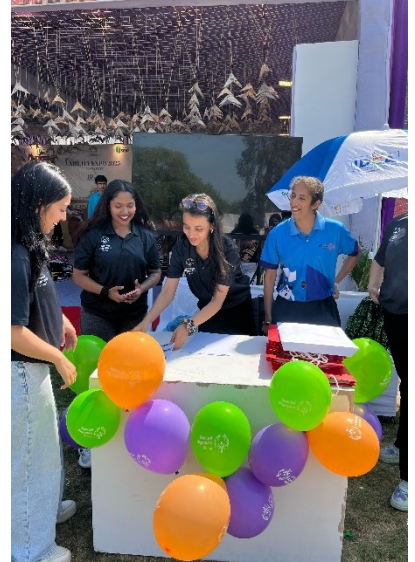
Empowering Families Through Awareness and Support Sessions Across Maharashtra

From Amravati to Mumbai Suburban to Thane, Special Olympics Bharat organised a series of interactive family engagement workshops between 16 April and 4 May 2025, reaching 130 participants, including parents, athletes, and staff. The sessions focused on critical topics such as intellectual disability awareness, personal hygiene and fitness, parenting and legal rights, and sexual health and safety. Parents especially appreciated the practical insights and requested more regular sessions. The initiative aimed to deepen understanding of the Special Olympics movement and strengthen family support systems for the holistic development of athletes. Follow-up efforts include the distribution of printed resources and the formation of local parent groups to keep the momentum going.



National Youth Leadership Council Sets Up Awareness Booth at Purple Fest 2025

In the true spirit of inclusivity, the Unified Pairs from the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) successfully hosted an awareness booth at Purple Fest 2025, held at Amrit Udyan, Rashtrapati Bhavan. The NYLC team passionately spread awareness about the Special Olympics movement, encouraged new registrations from athletes, families, and organisations, and engaged with visitors to promote a more inclusive society. With energy, professionalism, and purpose, the council members managed the booth with remarkable efficiency, leaving a lasting impact on all who visited.



Avinash College Youth Volunteers Promote Inclusion through Sports at Helping Hand Special School

In a heartwarming display of inclusion and community spirit, youth volunteers from Avinash College of Commerce, Secunderabad, joined hands with Helping Hand Special School, Begumpet, for a day filled with fun, sports, and meaningful interaction. As part of a social service initiative, 10 volunteers from Special Olympics Bharat – Telangana spent the day engaging in recreational sports and fun games with students with Intellectual Disabilities (ID). The event fostered joyful connections, mutual learning, and promoted the message of acceptance and inclusion through shared experiences.



Teacher's Training

Uttar Pradesh Teacher's Training and Athlete Registration at Agra

The National Office conducted teacher training for over 70 Special Educators and Physical Education teachers from various districts of Uttar Pradesh in Agra. Hosted by the Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) Uttar Pradesh chapter, the training session was held at Bhim Rao Ambedkar University and followed by an Athlete Registration session. The session proved to be highly beneficial, resolving numerous doubts and queries related to the education and training of students with intellectual disabilities.



CBSE Special Games Teachers' Training Program: Promoting Inclusive Sports in Schools in Delhi

The CBSE Special Games Teachers' Training Program took place on 22nd February at Bal Bhawan Public School, organized by Special Olympics Bharat (SOB). The event marked the opening of the CBSE Special Games for Children with Special Needs (CWSN), aimed at equipping educators with the necessary knowledge on inclusive sports and the Special Olympics movement. The attendees, including CBSE teachers, special educators, and sports instructors, engaged in interactive activities, exploring the principles of Inclusion, Divisioning, and Youth Leadership within the Special Olympics ecosystem. The session emphasized the vital role of educators in promoting Unified Sports and initiating inclusive programs in schools. A key takeaway was the encouragement for teachers to establish Unified Youth Clubs and organize student-led activities to raise awareness about inclusive education and sports.



SSA Training Program: District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Khorda, Odisha

A training program was conducted in Khorda, one of the 30 districts of Odisha, as part of the SSA Training Program. This initiative aimed at equipping educators with the knowledge and skills to foster inclusive learning environments. The program focused on creating an inclusive approach in the education system to cater to the needs of all students, particularly those with intellectual disabilities.



Milestones

AREA DIRECTORS' MEET 2025

The Area Directors' Meet 2025 was successfully conducted from 10 to 12 April at the Sheraton, New Delhi, with participation from Area Directors and Sports Directors across 28 states and union territories. The meet served as a key platform to review ongoing initiatives, discuss strategic priorities, and reinforce the collective direction of Special Olympics Bharat. Day 1 focused on the core structural framework of SO Bharat, covering sports and event planning, as well as financial protocols. The open house session that followed enabled the exchange of perspectives, promoting collaborative dialogue and facilitating alignment on key priorities. Day 2 was dedicated to updates in Health and Communications, alongside a comprehensive briefing on the Safeguarding Policy. Sessions also covered youth engagement, education, and leadership, with discussions aimed at ensuring inclusive practices and expanding the program's impact.



Day 3 emphasised alignment with Asia Pacific regional goals, with detailed discussions on enhancing athlete outreach and registration, leveraging digital platforms, and strengthening partnerships with government bodies. The meet concluded with the presentation of the annual calendar and 2025 strategic targets. Closing remarks were delivered by Dr. Mallika Nadda, President, Special Olympics Bharat, reiterating the organisation's continued commitment to inclusive development and athlete empowerment.



सम्मान का संगम

Special Olympics Bharat – Area Directors Meet 2025 को समर्पित काव्य

नई दिल्ली में हुआ एक सुंदर आयोजन,
Sheraton सजी मंच, सौहार्द का यह संगम।
Special Olympics Bharat का यह मिलन,
प्रेरणा, सेवा और समर्पण का बना अमर वंदन।

डॉ. मल्लिका नड्डा का नेतृत्व - तेजोमय और शांत,
डॉ. डी. जी. चौधरी की दृष्टि - संगठन की जान।
नीता मांडविया का आशीर्ष, मातृत्व सा बल दे गया,
सतीश पिल्लई का अनुभव - विश्वास का दीप जला गया।

1 v 1 बैठकों में हर राज्य का हुआ संवाद,
हर प्रतिनिधि बना प्रेरणा का प्रखर प्रमाद।

मध्यप्रदेश से अहमेश्याम का विजन सजीव,
हिमाचल से नीरंजन का नेतृत्व संवेदनशील।
पुडुचेरी की चित्रा शाह, नारी सशक्तिकरण की मिसाल,
गुजरात के रमेशभाई - सरलता की बेमिसाल चाल।

महाराष्ट्र के डॉ. भगवान, सेवा में निहित प्राण,
तेलंगाना के सी. राजशेखर - स्थिर सोच का वरदान।
आंध्र के प्रतिनिधियों का साझा संकल्प स्पष्ट,
हर पंक्ति में बसी है सेवा की दृढ़ दृष्टि।

नगालैंड, सिक्किम से कुबेर और गणेश,
शांतचित सौम्यता - उनका व्यवहार विशेष।
त्रिपुरा, लेह-लद्दाख, और असम की ऊँचाई,
डॉ. अंजना - संवेदना से प्रेरणा लाई।

उत्तराखंड से दीवाकर रावत, नीति के प्रति समर्पण,
पंजाब, चंडीगढ़, दिल्ली - सजी संगठन की भव्य धड़कन।
कर्नाटक की डॉ. मनवेन्द्री, विकास के स्वर लाई,
तमिलनाडु संग सेवा की नई कथा बनाई।

झारखंड, बिहार से हम भी हुए भागीदारी,
आप सभी से सीखी नेतृत्व की तैयारी।
पश्चिम बंगाल के अशोक चाकी - अनुभव का गान,
ओडिशा की सस्मिता मोहापात्रा, प्रेरणा की शान।

हरियाणा से विशाखा, केरल के खेलों के रंग,
हर प्रदेश ने सजाया राष्ट्रीय भावना का संग।
राजस्थान से धनेन्द्र, छत्तीसगढ़ के भूपेन्द्र कुलदीप,
संग श्रुति, सुनील, तमाल, तुषार - सबके प्रयास रहे दीप।

उत्तर प्रदेश के मुकेश शुक्ला - दृढ़ नेतृत्व का स्पर्श,
जम्मू से अश्विनी कुमार जी का आत्मीय जन्म दिवस की मर्मश।
गौरी गुप्ता, दीपांकर, डॉ. तिवारी - तीनों प्रेरणा के स्रोत,
सोनम डोलमा, विनीता आहूजा - अध्यक्षा से जुड़े नए मोड़।

शशि राणा - सह-अध्यक्षा में विचारों की बुनावट,
तेसरिंग एंगमो - हिमालय जैसी आत्मिक गहरावट।
प्रभाकरन, प्रकाश राठ, कारेनला - नवाचार के रथ के सवार,
सुष्मिता, रिचा, रूप सिंह, शिवम, संदीप, संजीव - समर्पण अपार।

उबैद, उपासना, विक्रम, वीरेंद्र - युवाओं की चमकते मिसाल,
जय कपूर, तकनीकी सोच में लाए नवचेतना की चाल।

SOAP के दीपक नाताली, श्रुति, शालू, कलश -
हर सत्र में भर दी ऊर्जा की स्पष्ट अभिव्यक्ति की पलश।

आप सभी साथियों को
डॉ. शिवाजी कुमार की ओर से सच्चे मन से नमन,
आपके सहयोग से बना यह आयोजन,
रहे प्रेरणा का सतत संगम,
हर वर्ष यही भावना हो पुनः नवचयन।

सादर आभार।

- डॉ. शिवाजी कुमार, अध्यक्ष, SOB - बिहार

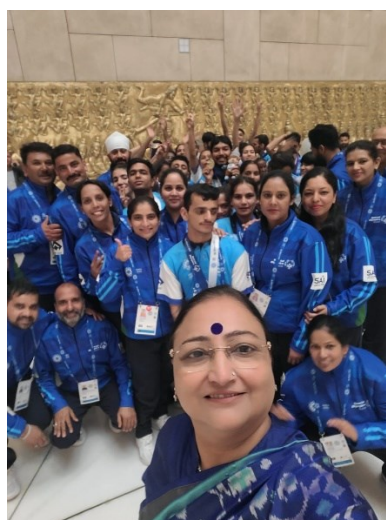




SO Bharat Contingent Meets Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji to Celebrate Historic Performance at Special Olympics World Winter Games, Turin 2025



The Special Olympics Bharat contingent had the distinct honour of meeting Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji to celebrate their historic performance at the Special Olympics World Winter Games, Turin 2025. It was a moment of immense pride as the athletes shared their remarkable journey, reflecting India's spirit of determination and excellence on the global stage.



SO Bharat in Spotlight

PM Modi meets the champions



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an interaction with the Indian contingent for Special Olympics World Winter Games in New Delhi. India won 33 medals in Turin.

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PM Modi poses with the Special Olympics Winter Games winners on his social media quoting "I am immensely proud of our athletes who have brought glory to the nation at the Special Olympics World Winter Games held in Turin, Italy! Our incredible contingent has brought home 33 medals". (X)

पीएम ने विशेष एथलीटों के प्रदर्शन पर जताया गर्व विशेष ओलंपिक विश्व शीतकालीन खेलों में 33 पदक जीतने वाले दल का बढ़ाया हौसला

नई दिल्ली। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने विशेष ओलंपिक विश्व शीतकालीन खेलों में 33 पदक जीतने वाले विशेष एथलीटों के दल से मुलाकात कर उनका हौसला बढ़ाया।

पीएम ने विशेष एथलीटों के साथ मुलाकात का फोटो सोशल मीडिया पर साझा करते हुए उनकी उपलब्धि पर गर्व जताया। टूरिन (इटली) में हुए इन खेलों में भारतीय दल ने आठ स्वर्ण, 18 रजत और सात कांस्य पदक जीते। इन खेलों में स्पेशल ओलंपिक भारत की ओर से 30 विशेष एथलीट और 19 सदस्यीय सपोर्ट स्टाफ का दल भेजा गया था। विशेष एथलीटों ने



पीएम मोदी ने संसद भवन में विशेष एथलीटों से मुलाकात की।

छह खेलों अल्पाइन स्कीइंग, ट्रैक स्पीड स्कीइंग और क्रॉस कंट्री स्कीइंग, फ्लोरबॉल, स्मोशुइंग, शॉर्ट स्कीइंग में पदक जीते। यूरो

पीएम बोले, देश का नाम किया रोशन

■ पीएम ने कहा, मुझे अपने एथलीटों पर बेहद गर्व है, जिन्होंने टूरिन में हुए विशेष ओलंपिक विश्व शीतकालीन खेलों में देश का नाम रोशन किया। हमारा अविश्वसनीय दल 33 पदक जीतकर पर लौटा है। मैं इस दल से संसद में मिला और उनकी उपलब्धियों के लिए उन्हें बधाई दी। दल के साथ खेल मंत्री मनसुख मांडविया, खेल राज मंत्री राधा खट्टर, स्पेशल ओलंपिक भारत की अध्यक्ष सल्वेना नान्दा भी मौजूद थीं। खेल मंत्री मांडविया ने पीएम को पोट और फोटो को सोशल मीडिया पर साझा करते हुए लिखा, अपने परम मित्र के साथ एथलीट।

■ खेल मंत्रालय ने पदक विजेताओं के कैरा अवार्ड में बहोतारी की भी घोषणा की। स्वर्ण विजेता को 20 लाख, रजत विजेता को 14 लाख और कांस्य विजेता को 8 लाख रुपये मिलेंगे।

■ खेल मंत्री मनसुख मांडविया ने मंगलवार को 20 से 27 मार्च तक होने वाले खेलों शीतकालीन गेम्स का शुभंकर और गीत जारी किया। इन खेलों में 1300 के करीब पैरालिम्पिक शिरकत करेंगे।



संसद भवन में विशेष ओलंपिक शीतकालीन खेलों के पदक विजेता भारतीय दल के साथ प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी।

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Dialogue on Inclusive Sports and Global Collaboration with French Ambassador for Sport

A powerful exchange of ideas took place with Mr. Samuel Ducroquet, the French Ambassador for Sport, highlighting the transformative role of inclusive sports and the importance of global collaboration. Leading the conversation on behalf of Special Olympics Bharat were Dr. Mallika Nadda, Mr. V.K. Mahendru, Mr. Antriksh Jaiswal and Ms. Richa Chauhan.



Celebratory Dinner

Special Olympics Bharat – Delhi Chapter hosted a grand celebratory dinner at the prestigious Taj Mansingh, New Delhi to honour the remarkable athletes from Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh who represented India at the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025 in Turin. The evening was a tribute to their commitment, perseverance and exemplary performances on the global stage.

The celebration was graced by Smt. Rekha Gupta, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, as the Chief Guest. Dignitaries in attendance included Sh. Vijender Gupta, Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly; Smt. Bansuri Swaraj and Smt. Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Members of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Sh. Ashish Sood, Cabinet Minister for Home, Power, Urban Development, Education, Higher Education and Training, Government of Delhi; and Sh. Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Cabinet Minister for Food & Supplies, Industry, Forest and Environment, Government of Delhi and Sh. Satish Upadhyay, Member of the Delhi Legislative Assembly.

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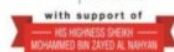
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