

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

A Year of Inclusion in Action



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Message from Our President



DR. MALLIKA NADDA

President, Special Olympics Bharat

Some moments speak louder than words ever can. A mother quietly wiping her tears as her child is applauded. A coach beaming with pride as their athlete crosses the finish line. A volunteer holding a nervous participant's hand before their first event. These moments may appear small, but they hold the kind of meaning that stays with us forever.

Throughout the past year, we have witnessed these deeply moving moments unfold across India not only in stadiums and schools, but in communities where sport was once a distant dream. In the smiles of children who feel accepted for the first time, in the voices of young leaders who now carry their stories with confidence, in the eyes of families who no longer feel alone- we see the power of inclusion at work.

The journey of Special Olympics Bharat has never been only about medals or milestones. It has always been about people. About trust. About listening. It is about creating spaces where every individual, regardless of ability, can be celebrated for who they are. These spaces are built slowly- with patience, with empathy and with relentless belief in human dignity.

It is impossible to speak of this movement without honouring the people who hold it up every single day- the team behind Special Olympics Bharat. From the national office to every corner of our country where our programmes reach, this team works with commitment that is rarely visible, but always felt. Whether it's planning an event in a remote village, answering the call of a parent who needs guidance, preparing athletes for international games or simply staying late to ensure a small detail is right - their effort touches lives in ways that cannot be captured in any report.

What makes this team extraordinary is the care with which they work. We are also fortunate to be supported by a growing network of partners, schools, government agencies and community leaders who believe in the mission of inclusion. Their trust and collaboration have helped us widen our reach, deepen our impact and connect with those who need us most.

Message from our General Secretary



DR. D. G. CHAUDHARI

General Secretary, Special Olympics Bharat

Some of the most meaningful progress often happens quietly in early morning practices, in a parent's gentle reassurance, in a teacher's encouragement or in the quiet confidence of an athlete preparing for their first game.

The year 2024–25 brought many such moments small yet powerful, filled with courage and connection. From schools in remote villages to international arenas in Turin and Gothenburg, our athletes reminded us that ability shines when given a chance. They inspired not only applause but reflection on what it truly means to belong.

Across India, our movement is growing in reach and in heart. We are forming deeper bonds with families, reaching new schools and creating spaces where athletes feel accepted and encouraged. Each of these steps matters.

Behind every success are people- coaches who show up every day, programme teams who work quietly behind the scenes, volunteers who give their time with love and staff members who keep everything moving with care and commitment.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the Special Olympics Bharat team across our national office and every state- whose tireless work, creativity and belief in our mission continue to move this journey forward. Their dedication is not always seen but it is always felt. It brings light to places where there was once hesitation, and hope where there was once doubt.

I am grateful to everyone who is part of this journey - to our athletes who show incredible spirit, to their families who trust us and to our supporters who help bring these efforts to life.

We are not just running programmes. We are building something deeply human - a community where every person feels seen and celebrated.

Message from our Executive Director



MR. V. K. MAHENDRU

Executive Director, Special Olympics Bharat

Every time an athlete steps onto a field with confidence in its stride, every time a parent smiles with pride, every time a child feels seen we are reminded why this work matters so deeply.

The year 2024–25 gave us many such moments. Quiet victories in classrooms, loud cheers on the playing field, and the kind of joy that stays with you long after the event is over. These are the moments that shape who we are.

Our athletes gave us reasons to pause, to reflect and to celebrate not just because they performed but because they showed up with courage, grace and belief. They reminded us that strength comes in many forms, and that inclusion is built through small, everyday acts of kindness and encouragement.

Behind each of these moments are people, mothers who never gave up, teachers who went the extra mile, volunteers who showed up again and again and partners who stood by our side with open hearts. Also great appreciation to everyone working for SO Bharat, the national office people work hard to make all this possible.

I want to offer my deepest appreciation to everyone who works tirelessly for Special Olympics Bharat especially the National Office team, whose dedication and behind-the-scenes efforts make it possible for our athletes to shine and our programmes to grow.

As we turn the page to a new year, we carry with us a sense of deep gratitude. And we move forward with the promise to keep listening, keep learning and keep creating spaces where every person no matter who they are is valued, supported and celebrated.

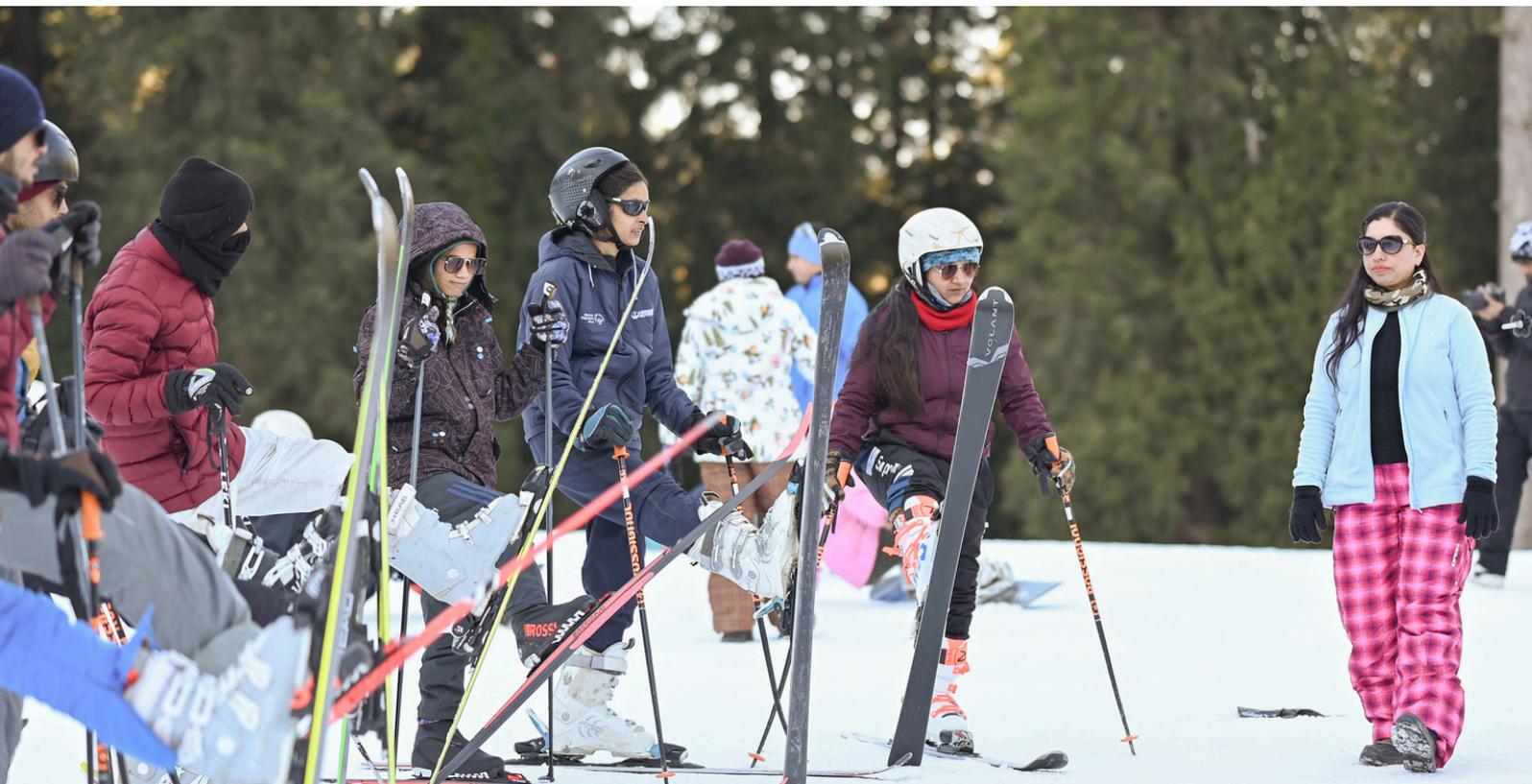
Thank you for being a part of this journey.

About Us

Special Olympics Bharat is a recognised by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India as a National Sports Federation, established under Societies Act 1860 and officially accredited by Special Olympics International to implement its programs across India. It is recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, as a National Sports Federation under the Priority Category for the development of sports for persons with intellectual disabilities.



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With a strong national footprint and deep engagement, particularly in rural India — where nearly 75% of the country's disabled population resides — Special Olympics Bharat has been designated as the Nodal Agency for the development of persons with intellectual disabilities, owing to its reach, experience and sustained commitment to inclusion through sport.

From Global to Grassroot

Special Olympics International, USA, Headquarters

Special Olympics Asia Pacific, Singapore, Regional Office

Special Olympics Bharat, National Office, New Delhi

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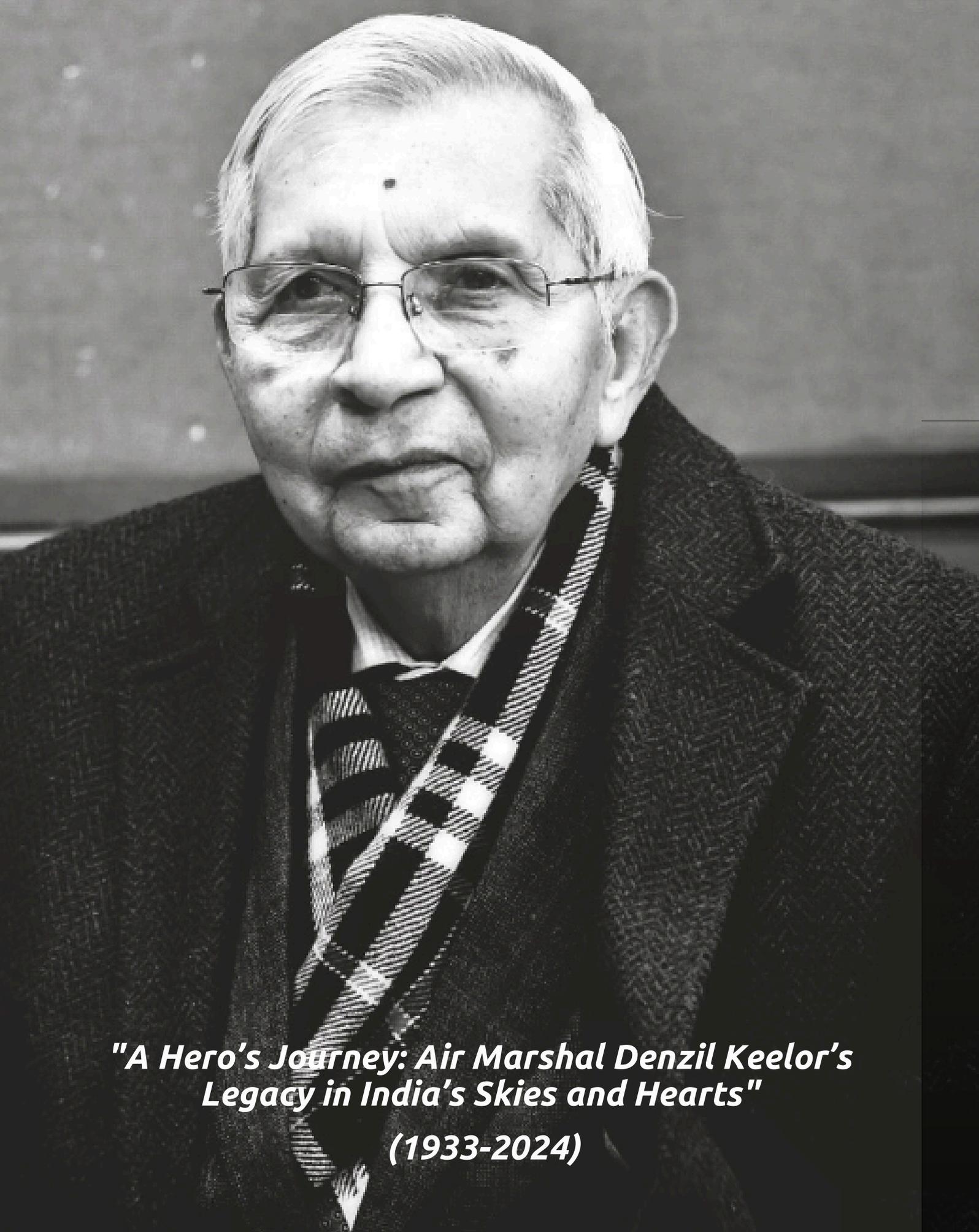
Special Olympics
State Chapter

District Coach
Coordinator

Blocks

Special Olympics Bharat is present in 37 States and Union territories of India with a reach to 460 active districts working together to provide opportunities for Special Athletes in India.

A Tribute to Our Beloved Founder President Air Marshal Denzil Keelor



***"A Hero's Journey: Air Marshal Denzil Keelor's
Legacy in India's Skies and Hearts"***

(1933-2024)



सत्यमेव जयते

प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

New Delhi
भाद्रपद 11, शक संवत् 1946
02nd September, 2024

Smt. Marie Keelor Ji,

I received the news of the demise of Air Marshal Denzil Keelor (Retd.) with a feeling of grief and sadness. Such a loss leaves a void that can never be filled.

An outstanding IAF fighter pilot, Air Marshal Keelor served the nation admirably. His contribution as an air warrior, particularly towards strengthening fighter bases, will continue to inspire younger generations.

Memories of the times spent with him will provide you solace and comfort in this difficult hour.

He will be missed by family, friends and well-wishers, but he will always continue to reside in hearts.

My heartfelt condolences and thoughts are with you. May you gather the strength and fortitude to endure this grievous loss.

Om Shanti.

(Narendra Modi)

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Deeply saddened by the passing of Air Marshal Denzil Keelor. His valor during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 stands as a testament to his unwavering courage and dedication to the nation.

His legacy extends far beyond the skies. As the founder of Special Olympics Bharat, he championed the cause of over 450,000 special children, fostering a movement of inclusivity, awareness, and empowerment through sports.

We bid farewell to Air Marshal Denzil Keelor, a hero who touched both the skies and our hearts. My deepest condolences to his family and friends during this time of grief. Om Shanti!

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you of the passing of our esteemed founder, Air Marshal Keelor Sir. His dedication, vision, and tireless efforts in the service of athletes with intellectual disabilities have left an indelible mark on our organization and on countless lives across the nation. Air Marshal Keelor Sir was not just a leader but a guiding light for all of us. His passion and commitment to the cause of Special Olympics Bharat were unparalleled. His legacy will continue to inspire us in the work we do every day. Let us remember Air Marshal Keelor Sir with the dignity and respect he so richly deserved, and let his spirit continue to guide us as we move forward in our mission.

Dr. Mallika Nadda
President
Special Olympics Bharat



Special Olympics Asia Pacific

30 Aug 2024 · 🌐

We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Air Marshal Denzil Keelor, whose profound impact on the Special Olympics movement was keenly felt in India, the Asia Pacific region, as well as worldwide.

Air Marshal Keelor leaves behind a wonderful legacy, not only in his long list of achievements in service of his country, but in all the lives he profoundly changed for the better. He is deeply missed for his warmth, compassion, and for consistently going above and beyond to help those that have been forgotten and who have needed help, guidance and support.

Beyond public service, he has proved to be a wonderful friend, bringing light to those around him, and his legacy of kindness continues to inspire us all. Our hearts go out to Air Marshal Keelor's family, friends, and to all who have had the privilege of knowing him. We will continue to carry forward his vision and values, striving to honor his memory in all that we do.

Air Marshal Keelor's dedication, vision and tireless efforts in the service of the athletes have left an indelible mark on Special Olympics and on countless lives across the world. His leadership was more than we can ever imagine, it was a source of unwavering inspiration for all of us. His passion and commitment to the cause of Special Olympics Bharat were unparalleled, setting a standard of excellence that we all aspire to uphold.

His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he touched. The athletes, coaches, families, the volunteers, and all those associated with Special Olympics will forever remember him not just as a leader, but as a guiding light who showed us the true meaning of hard work, passion and dedication.

I feel he will always be by our side, directing us, guiding us, inspiring us and reminding us that we have more to do every day in our work. His legacy will live on forever. May he rest peacefully.

Mary Davis
Chief Executive Officer
Special Olympics

Homage paid to our beloved founder **Air Marshal Denzil Keelor**

Special Olympics Bharat state chapters pay tribute to Air Marshal Denzil Keelor sir for his contribution to Special Olympics community as a whole.



Tripura state athletes pay homage to Air Marshal Denzil Keelor sir.



TamilNadu state athletes pay homage to Air Marshal Denzil Keelor sir.

Special Olympics Bharat Uttar Pradesh chapter dedicates a Sports Center to Air Marshal Denzil Keelor sir, pay a tribute for his contribution to Special Olympics Bharat



JP Public school, Greater Noida offer tribute to Air Marshal Denzil Keelor Sir. The prayer meet was attended by SO Bharat General Secretary, Dr. D.G. Chaudhary and SO Bharat Uttar Pradesh chapter President, Mr. Mukesh Shukla.

Our Three Pillars of Impact

A. Sports: Power of Play

Global Impact:

Gothia Cup 2024 Victory (July 2024)

Special Olympics Bharat winners of Gothia Cup Football Championship at **Sweden**.

The SO Bharat Champions scripted history at Gothenburg this year as they aced the tournament, lifting the Gothia Cup, unbeaten in all the matches leading to victory. Supported by SKF India, the Indian team, comprising of ten athletes with Intellectual and developmental delays from six states of India, namely, Delhi, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, stamped its maiden entry with an extraordinary performance at the tournament. The send-off ceremony was graced by **Mr. Jan Thesleff, Sweden Ambassador to India**.



SO Bharat won their opening group game against SO Finland 3-0, and then followed it up with a big win of 6-0 against SO Germany. The Indian contingent won over Hong Kong by 6-0 in Match 3 and then followed it up with another big win by 3-1 against SO Denmark to make it into the final. SO Bharat lifted the trophy after a nail-biting 4-3 win in the final clash with SO Denmark. Our athletes received a grand welcome and the event was graced by Shri Raksha Khadse Ji, MOS Youth Affairs & Sports.

Mukund Vasudevan, President of SKF India and Southeast Asia, said, "We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our incredible team of football players for their outstanding victory. This achievement is a testament to their unwavering dedication, resilience, and the power of inclusivity. We are immensely proud to have supported these talented individuals in showcasing their abilities on an international stage. I thank Special Olympics Bharat and the Sports Authority of India for their incredible support, training and care. This success not only brings glory to our nation but also reinforces our commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment. Welcome back, champions! It is your moment!"





Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce & Bowling Competition, New Delhi 2024

The Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce & Bowling Competition 2024, organized by Special Olympics Bharat, was held from November 18th to 22nd, 2024, in New Delhi. The historic event marked a significant milestone in the global Special Olympics movement, being the first competition dedicated to older athletes with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) aged 22 and above.

The competition featured participants from over ten countries spanning three regions—Asia Pacific, East Asia and Europe Eurasia—and embodied the core principles of inclusion, resilience and empowerment.

The event was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, with the opening ceremony presided over by Dr. Mallika Nadda, President of Special Olympics Bharat and Chairperson of the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Advisory Council.



The event marked a groundbreaking step in the evolution of the Special Olympics in India by introducing bowling as a competitive sport. This new addition was made possible through a partnership between Special Olympics Bharat and the Tenpin Federation of India. This collaboration aimed to provide older athletes with tailored development programs, ensuring they were empowered through the sport of bowling alongside bocce, which has long been part of the Special Olympics repertoire.

In the bocce competition, 44 athletes (22 male and 22 female) from 11 countries within the Asia Pacific region—SO Australia, SO Bangladesh, SO Bharat, SO Hong Kong, SO Indonesia, SO Macau, SO Malaysia, SO Myanmar, SO Philippines, SO Singapore and SO Thailand- competed in a series of events that highlighted the spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition.

The bowling competition saw participation from nine countries with 35 athletes and 17 coaches. The tournament, supported by 37 technical officials, 25 volunteers and 10 venue staff, consisted of three categories: mixed-team, doubles and singles. A total of 91 matches were played across nine divisions, with Indian athletes delivering exceptional performances. India's athletes secured 14 medals in bowling- four gold, six silver and four bronze.



In photo- Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Naveen Jindal with Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar at the opening ceremony



In photo- President of Special Olympics Bharat, Dr. Mallika Nadda, Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Smt. Sudesh Dhankhar Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya and Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Naveen Jindal

The closing ceremony was a vibrant celebration of the athletes' achievements and the unifying spirit of the competition. Distinguished dignitaries, including Shri Brajesh Pathak, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs attended the ceremony.



SO BHARAT – 25 MEDALS



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World Winter Games Turin 2025

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.



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.



SO BHARAT MEDAL TALLY

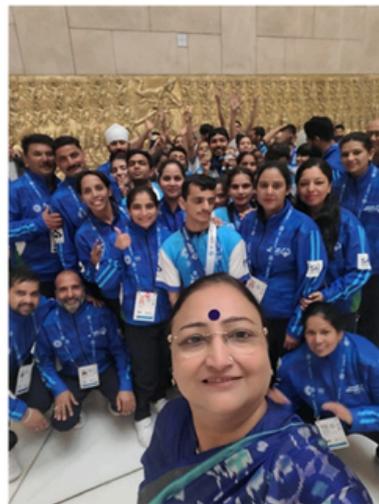
AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES TURIN 2025

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



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.



Welcome Ceremony for Athletes

A grand welcome ceremony was organised at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium to honour the Indian athletes returning from Turin, Italy after their historic campaign at the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Smt. Raksha Khadse, and the President of Special Olympics Bharat, Dr. Mallika Nadda. They were joined on stage by Special Olympics Bharat athlete Bharti, who brought home two gold medals from the Games. In recognition of the athletes' achievements, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had earlier announced an increase in cash prizes, with gold medallists receiving ₹20 lakhs, silver medallists ₹14 lakhs and bronze medallists ₹8 lakhs.



National Programs

Jharkhand: Tata Football Academy Hosts Inclusive Football

On May 15, 2024, the Tata Football Academy unit of Jamshedpur FC (JFC) teamed up with Special Olympics Bharat Jharkhand, unifying for **Grassroots Football Day**. It was an unforgettable day of unified football and fun activities, with 75 Tata Football Academy cadets playing alongside fifty athletes, supported by enthusiastic parents and siblings. The event was a colorful celebration of inclusion and teamwork. Huge thanks to the ten SO Bharat Coaches and 40 JFC Coaches for making it all possible, showcasing the true spirit of unity through grassroots football.



In photo - Athletes being part of the grassroots football

Andhra Pradesh: Mission Inclusion Bharat Unites



On May 15 2024, Special Olympics Bharat and Lions Club International Foundation united for a day of Unified Sports Development at RDT Bathalapalli, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh. On May 15th, Special Olympics Bharat and Lions Club International Foundation united for a day of Unified Sports Development at RDT Bathalapalli, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh. The event brought together over 110 athletes and partners who participated in exciting games of football, volleyball, and bocce. Through the spirit of sports, the day celebrated inclusion, unity, and empowerment, showcasing the power of teamwork and cooperation.

Himachal Pradesh: Summer Camp at Yol Cantt



In photo - Games played during the adventure camp

SO Bharat celebrated inclusion and awareness in **Himachal Pradesh** with a two-day adventure Summer Camp in Yol Cantt, Dharamshala, where athletes shared unforgettable experiences with 201 army students. Held on the 1st and 2nd of June, the camp united participants through sports and cultural events, creating an environment of inclusion. A special thanks to our inspiring youth leaders, Kanika and Deeya Chhetri, for enlightening everyone about the Youth Leadership Program. Together, we are building a more inclusive future, empowering young minds to embrace diversity and work toward a more unified society.

Madhya Pradesh: Winter Games National Female Floorball Preparatory Camp

Forty-eight campers, including 26 Athletes from 14 states of India participated in the floorball Camp held for the Special Olympics World Winter Games to be held in Turin, Italy in March 2025. SO Bharat Madhya Pradesh hosted the National Coaching camp at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports, Gwalior (also referred as Centre for Disability Sports - CDS) from 20 - 29 June 2024.



Chandigarh: Celebrating Unity on the Court

On July 10, 2024, Special Olympics Bharat **Chandigarh**, in collaboration with Vivek High School Sector 70 (Mohali), hosted an inspiring **unified basketball tournament**. The event was graced by Principal Mrs. Harbina Randhawa, Chief Guest, and Ms. Sheetal Negi, Area Director, was a great success. It was an honor to have board members Mr. Pradip Dogra and Ms. Priya, along with Programme Manager Mr. Sandy Rana, in attendance. SO Bharat's Chandigarh State Chapter President, Ms. Dilpreet Kaur Sekhon, expressed her sincere gratitude and announced plans for more such programs in the future. Gifts and appreciation certificates were distributed to the unified partners and staff, celebrating the spirit of inclusion and teamwork.



In photo - Athletes playing basketball in the tournament

Tamil Nadu: State Level Coaches Training Camp

SOB Tamil Nadu chapter successfully completed state level Coaches Training Camp at Madurai Vallaba Vidhyalaya CBSE School, Chennai. Over **100** dedicated coaches from **10 districts** came together for this transformative event. The event was graced by M. S. Sangeetha, IAS, District Collector, Madurai and C. Dinesh Kumar, IAS, Corporation Commissioner



Delhi: National Coaches Training Program- Bowling

Proud moment for SO Bharat as we stride into uncharted territory! For the first time in India, SO Bharat introduced Bowling into our roster, gearing up for our inaugural National Championship next month.

On 24 July 2024, **35** dedicated coaches from across the **19 states** of India gathered at R Cube Mall Bowling Alley for an intensive Coaches Training Program, setting the stage for our athletes' journey in this exciting sport. This milestone marks a significant step towards inclusivity and empowerment, embodying the spirit of Special Olympics. With the guidance of our passionate coaches and the unwavering support of our community, SO Bharat is ready to showcase the skills on the national stage.



Kerala successfully conducts Coaches Training Program



Special Olympics Bharat celebrates the tremendous success of our recent **Coaches Training Program**, held by the Kerala chapter at **Nirmalasadana Special School in Muvattupuzha** from July 26th to 29th, 2024! This dynamic and thorough event highlighted the dedication and enthusiasm of our Kerala team, significantly boosting the skills and expertise of our coaches across a diverse range of sports and administrative areas. The program assembled **36** dedicated coaches who focused on honing their strategies for training special athletes. It was a privilege to have Sr. Rani Joe, Program Manager of SOB Kerala; Fr. Roy Kannanchira C.M.I., Area Director of SOB Kerala; and Sr. Jancy George, Principal of

Nirmalasadana Special School, who imparted their valuable wisdom. Coaches received rigorous training in various sports such as volleyball, basketball, handball, badminton, athletics, floorball, football, bocce and bowling. This training camp has equipped our coaches with crucial techniques and strategies, ensuring they are ready to lead, inspire and positively influence our special athletes.

Bowling & Bocce State Championship 2024

The Special Olympics Bharat (SO Bharat) State Championships have been a tremendous success across India, showcasing the dedication and enthusiasm of athletes and volunteers. **SOB Karnataka** hosted a vibrant event with participation from 22 schools, 44 coaches, and 150 volunteers. In **Kerala**, the championship held on July 26th saw the spirited participation of 20 athletes. **SOB Bihar** witnessed an impressive turnout with 200 athletes with intellectual disabilities competing in the championships. **SOB Assam** organized its Bowling State Selection on August 8th, and prior to that, on July 5th, held a Bocce event in Guwahati. **SOB Rajasthan** conducted the state championship on 28th July, in association with Rudraksh educational society. These events highlight the growing reach and impact of Special Olympics across the country, celebrating inclusivity and athleticism.

The states completed their State Championship / State trials by the month of August to get their state teams ready for the National Championship to be held in month of September from 1st to 5th at Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Centre of Disability Sports.



Tripura: Promoting Inclusion Amidst Challenges

In August 2024, Special Olympics Bharat Tripura demonstrated remarkable resilience and progress in advancing inclusion and unity through sports. Despite significant challenges, including the ongoing Panchayat elections and severe floods that led to school closures, the team remained unwavering in their mission. From July 13th to 15th, Tripura celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at the NHPC-powered Sports Centre, where Special Athletes delivered outstanding performances across various events, showcasing the spirit of independence, determination and sportsmanship.



Furthering their commitment to athlete well-being, the Healthy Athletes Programme (Special Smiles) was successfully organized on July 30th and August 30th, with the support of the Government Medical Officer, ensuring athletes received vital dental care and support. In addition, key meetings with officials such as the District Education Officer and the State Project Director were held to discuss the implementation of Unified Sports in schools across Tripura. These discussions reflected a strong commitment to expanding inclusive sports programs and creating new opportunities for Special Athletes.



World Winter Games: National Coaching Preparatory camp for Short-track Speed skating 2024- Haryana



The National Coaching Preparatory Camp 1 for Short-track Speed skating was held at iSkate rink, Ambience Mall in Gurugram, from August 18 to 27, 2024. The camp saw shortlisted participation of 05 athletes, 02 coaches and 05 supporting staff. The camp aimed to assess and improve the skills of the athletes and prepare them for future competitions.

Karnataka: Mandya District Level Athletics Meet 2024- A Celebration of Athletic Excellence and Inclusion

The Mandya District Level Athletics Meet 2024 was successfully held on 13th September at Sir MV Stadium, Mandya, showcasing exceptional athletic talent and fostering a strong sense of community spirit. Over 200 athletes representing 7 schools participated in the event, demonstrating remarkable dedication and sporting prowess that left the audience in awe. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed Chief Guest, Shri RajaMurthy, Deputy Director of the Human & Child Department, Mandya District. Honoured guests included Shri Komal Kumar, DDWO, Mandya District, Shri Roop Singh, Vice President of SO Bharat Karnataka and Shri Ananda DC, Treasurer of SO Bharat Karnataka. The invaluable support and presence of the District Committee members further elevated the success of the meet.



Uttarakhand: A Celebration of Unity and Inclusion

Special Olympics Bharat Uttarakhand brought together over 50 athletes with intellectual disabilities and 20 unified partners and volunteers for an inspiring event that showcased the true spirit of fair play and friendship. The athletes demonstrated their skills through a series of exciting matches, reflecting their dedication, talent, and love for sports. Addressing the gathering, President Sandeep Rawat highlighted the significance of breaking barriers and promoting equality through inclusive sports initiatives.



National Coaching Preparatory Camp for Bocce Begins in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports in Gwalior became a hub of inspiration on 25th September 2024 as athletes prepared for the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling Competition. The National Coaching Preparatory Camp embodied the spirit of dedication and determination, bringing together athletes, coaches and supporters committed to excellence in sports.

This camp marks a significant step in preparing athletes for the upcoming Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling Competition 2024, set to take place in New Delhi. Athletes from across the country, who have qualified for the prestigious Games, have gathered to fine-tune their skills, sharpen their focus and unite under a shared mission — to deliver their best for the nation. Their participation reflects the unwavering determination, perseverance and team spirit that lies at the heart of Special Olympics Bharat.



Unified Coaches Training in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh: Empowering Educators for Inclusivity

The Unified Coaches Training event held in Bilaspur brought together over 50 dedicated Special Educators and Physical Education Teachers from Himachal Pradesh for a transformative two-day training session. Organized under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, this event focused on enhancing the capacity of educators to deliver inclusive sports programs. Esteemed dignitaries, including Mr. Rajesh Sharma, State Project Director, SSA & RMSA, Dr. Mallika Nadda, President of Special Olympics Bharat and Pratibha Chandel, Coordinator, CWSN SSA, graced the event with their presence. They shared valuable insights and emphasized the importance of inclusivity in sports. The training was not only aimed at enhancing technical skills but also at fostering a community spirit that recognizes and celebrates every athlete's potential, creating an environment where all children can thrive through sports.



National Bocce and Bowling Championship 2024: A Phenomenal Display of Skill and Unity

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports in Gwalior and the Rcube Monald Mall in Delhi came alive with energy and excitement from September 2nd to 5th, 2024, as athletes from across India gathered for the National Bocce and Bowling Championship 2024. With around 140 Bocce athletes from 21 states and 95 Bowling athletes from 13 states, the event was a beautiful celebration of inclusion, determination and the unifying power of sports under the banner of Special Olympics Bharat.



The championship began with an uplifting Opening Ceremony, where Mr. Aaravin, Specialist in Sports & Competition for Special Olympics Asia Pacific, and Mr. OP Babbar, a humanitarian and former Member of the Legislative Assembly, inspired everyone with their heartfelt speeches. Their words set the stage for an incredible week, as athletes showcased their skills and competed passionately.



At the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre, Bocce athletes put on a spectacular show of precision and teamwork:

- Female Doubles: Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Assam emerged victorious in divisions F01 to F05.
- Male Doubles: Chhattisgarh won M01, while Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry took the top spots in M02 to M05.
- Mixed Team: Uttarakhand led MD01, with Delhi, Karnataka, Assam and Uttar Pradesh claiming MD02 to MD05

The Bowling events at Rcube Monald Mall were just as electrifying, with athletes impressing spectators with their focus and skill:

- Doubles Category: Uttar Pradesh (F1), Delhi (F2), Odisha (F3), Delhi (M1 & M2), Assam (M3) and Ladakh (M4) emerged as champions.
- Mixed Team Category: Gujarat secured M1, Pondicherry claimed M2 and Chhattisgarh triumphed in M3.

Kerala School Sports Meet 2024

The city of Ernakulam came alive with vibrancy and unity during the Kerala School Sports Meet 2024. With 24,000 athletes, including 1,500 special athletes, the event stood as a beacon of inclusivity and the transformative power of sports. The remarkable participation and energy of the athletes showcased the collective vision of a truly unified sports community.



CDS Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh: Preparing Champions for the Special Olympics World Winter Games

Excitement and determination are at an all-time high at CDS Gwalior as our talented female floorball athletes gear up for the Special Olympics World Winter Games. From October 9th to 18th, the training camp has been buzzing with energy as the athletes dedicate themselves to honing their skills, pushing their limits and uplifting each other with unwavering support. The sense of camaraderie and team spirit is truly inspiring, reflecting their passion and determination to make the nation proud on the global stage.



Assam State Games: A Grand Celebration of Inclusion and Resilience

The Indira Gandhi Athletics Stadium in Guwahati came alive with energy and excitement on 25th October 2024 as 100 remarkable athletes from nine districts of Assam participated in the Special Olympics Bharat State Games in Athletics 2024. The event featured a range of thrilling competitions, including the 100m sprints, team relays, shot put and softball. Each event celebrated the incredible abilities, determination and resilience of the athletes, showcasing the power of sports to unite and inspire. The Games were inaugurated by Dr. Anjana Goswami, Area Director of Special Olympics Bharat Assam, along with President Pratul Chandra Phukan and the board members. Their presence and support highlighted the organization's commitment to fostering inclusion and empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports.



Jharkhand & Jindal Steel: Transforming Lives Through Sports

In January 2023, a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) Jharkhand and Jindal Steel & Power to establish a dedicated Sports Center at Asha - Jindal, an NGO funded and supported by Jindal Steel, located within their Patratu campus. Since its inception, the center has become a hub of growth and opportunity for athletes. Currently, the center supports around 50 athletes (both male and female) between the ages of 6 and 16, who enthusiastically participate in sports such as powerlifting, football, cycling and bocce. This year, their hard work translated into stellar performances at the National Powerlifting and Cycling Championships held in Kanpur and Panchkula.



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 – 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.



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.



Preparatory Camps for **Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025**

In preparation for the Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025, Special Olympics Bharat organised a series of intensive National Coaching Preparatory Camps across three key cities in India — Gurgaon, Chandigarh and Narkanda. Each location was strategically selected to provide sport-specific training environments, aligned with international competition standards.

Narkanda, Himachal Pradesh: Building Resilience in the Mountains

Set against the snow-covered terrain of Himachal Pradesh, Narkanda offered the ideal natural setting for snow sports training. Athletes trained in Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, and Cross-Country Skiing, gaining both technical skills and the ability to adapt to cold, high-altitude conditions similar to those in Italy.



Chandigarh: Strategy and Stamina for Floorball

As the training ground for Floorball, Chandigarh provided athletes with the opportunity to build strong teamwork, strategic gameplay and physical endurance. The camps helped athletes improve match-readiness and tactical decision-making for this fast-paced indoor sport.



Gurgaon, Haryana: Precision and Performance on Ice

Gurgaon hosted coaching camps for Speed Skating and Figure Skating, supported by modern facilities and skilled coaches. Training focused on refining technique, building agility, and enhancing consistency — preparing athletes for high-pressure performances at the global level.



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.



National Handball Championships, **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.



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.



CBSE Special Games for CWSN: A Celebration of Inclusivity and Sportsmanship 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.



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.



Our Reach



22124
Athletes

12641 Male

9483 Female

Unified Athletes
19436

Unified Partners
14840



1045 Total Competitions

Traditional
722

Unified
323

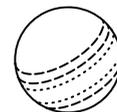
Top Sports



Bocce



Athletics



Cricket



3295
Coaches

1977 Male

1318 Female

Certified Coaches to athlete ratio - 01:06

Our Three Pillars of Impact

B. Initiatives, Youth & Leadership

National Youth Team Empowers Athletes with Vital Skills: Madhya Pradesh

On June 27 2024, the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) conducted its inaugural Athlete leadership session in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, focusing on equipping athletes with crucial skills. Held at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre in Gwalior, the session covered a range of topics, including travel etiquette, effective public speaking, and heightened safety awareness. This event was part of Special Olympics Bharat MP's 'First Preparatory Female Floorball Camp', where 26 athletes gained vital knowledge and tools to excel both in their sports and their everyday lives.



In Photo - Athlete Leadership Training at CDS Gwalior

Celebrating 10 Years of Inclusive Leadership



In photo - Our team at the Special Olympics Leadership Academy, Singapore

Special Olympics Bharat joined the **Special Olympics Leadership Academy & Youth Summit in Singapore** from **June 5 - 11, 2024**. This event marked a decade of fostering inclusive leadership within the Special Olympics movement. Our team along with 40 participants from the Asia Pacific region engaged with expert facilitators to enhance their leadership skills and inclusive mindset. We're proud to be part of this journey towards greater inclusion and empowerment.

WWF National Youth Summit 2023

Special Olympics Bharat was honored at the WWF-India National Youth Summit for our significant contributions to the Tide Turner's Plastic Challenge. Our National Youth Leadership Council member, Khushi, participated in a Youth Panel Discussion sharing insights and experiences. The event was a remarkable showcase of impact champions, celebrating efforts toward environmental sustainability.



Rajasthan conducts Athlete Leadership program



On the joyous occasion of the 56th Foundation Day of Special Olympics, SO Bharat applauds SO Rajasthan on the success of the athlete development training program held on July 20th, 2024, at Nirmal Vivek Special School, Jaipur. The program saw enthusiastic participation from Disha Foundation, Sharda Special School, Milestone Special School, and Shree Nirmal Vivek Special School. A special shoutout to the B.Ed students from Nirmal Vivek and Milestone who attended the session. The session was conducted by Kamakshi Sharma for conducting the sessions, with invaluable mentorship from Shikha Sharma, and event planning support from Rithik Hukku.

NYLC: National Youth leadership Council 2024-25

On July 26, 2024, the National Youth Leadership Council held its in-person monthly meeting, welcoming a new batch of youth leaders with and without intellectual disabilities. Over 20 core members and volunteers came together to strategize for the upcoming year.



Kerala: Youth Activation Program Inauguration and Success

In July 2024, Special Olympics Bharat Kerala successfully launched the State Level Youth Activation Program in Idukki, Kerala. The event brought together 70 students from St. Stephens High School and Pratheekshabhavan Special School, creating unforgettable moments of teamwork, inclusion, and joy. The inauguration set the tone for fostering a sense of belonging and sportsmanship among youth. The second phase of the program, held in August 2024, extended its reach to Sneha Mahal Special School and Calicut Orphanage School, where 50 students actively participated in sports activities, celebrating the spirit of unity and inclusivity. The program continues to empower children of diverse abilities, fostering a sense of community and promoting the values of respect and inclusion through sports.



Unified Day Celebration at Apeejay School



Group picture: Mr. Virendra Mahendru (ED SO Bharat), Ms. Mukta Narain Thind (Director OD & International Relations), MS. Meena Goyal (Principal Apeejay School)

On 14 August 2024, Apeejay School Pitampura, in collaboration with Upasana Special School and Special Olympics Bharat, hosted Unified Day 2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation from youth leaders and athlete leaders from various Delhi NCR schools who engaged in friendly matches of Bocce and Baggo. The occasion was graced by Mr. VK Mahendru, Executive Director of Special Olympics Bharat, as the Guest of Honour, with support from the Special Olympics Bharat National Office. The School Principal Ms. Veena Goel shared her valuable insights on the importance of Inclusion and Diversity within the school and reaffirmed the commitment to a lasting partnership with Special Olympics Bharat. The day concluded on a high note with the distribution of medals and certificates to all participants, celebrating the spirit of unity and inclusivity."

Employee Engagement with AXA Global Services by Karnataka & Maharashtra

Special Olympics Bharat State Chapters from Karnataka and Maharashtra recently hosted unified sports events in collaboration with AXA Global Services. Athletes and employees came together for an exciting day of Table Tennis and Badminton, fostering teamwork and inclusivity. Held in both states, the events were a fantastic opportunity for employees to engage with athletes, sharing the joy of sports and building meaningful connections through friendly competition. The enthusiasm and camaraderie displayed by all participants highlighted the spirit of unity and collaboration between Special Olympics Bharat and AXA Global Services.



Karnataka: SO Bharat x Hockey India meet & greet



In picture: Sob karnataka athletes with indian hockey team players

Special Olympics Bharat Karnataka athletes had a golden opportunity to engage with the Indian Hockey Team, creating a memorable and inspiring experience. This unique interaction allowed our athletes to not only play alongside national champions but also exchange thoughts on the power of sports and determination. The encouragement and support from the Indian Hockey Team fueled the confidence and aspirations of our athletes, reinforcing their belief in their own potential.



Athlete Leadership Training

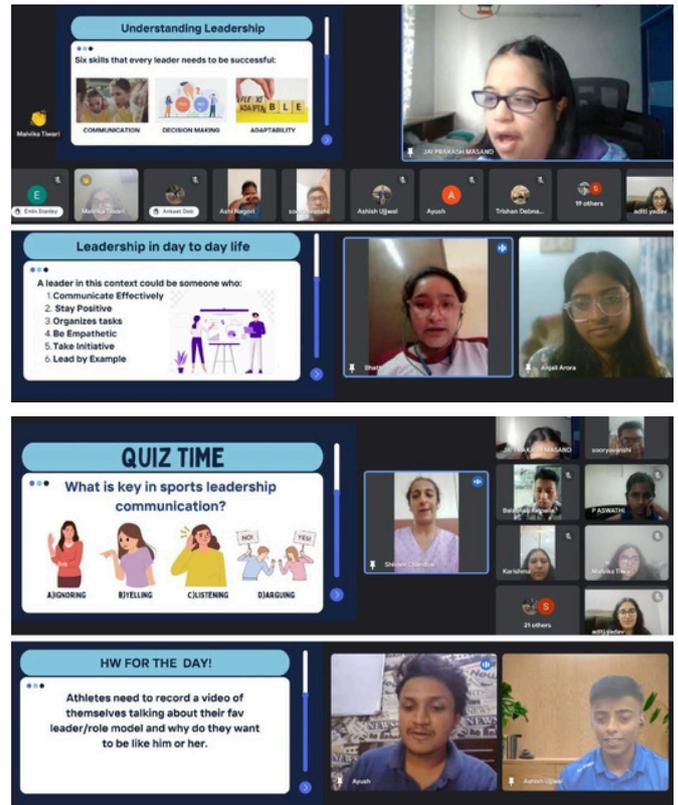
The final module of the **offline Athlete Leadership Session** in Delhi NCR concluded with a day of celebration and achievement. Dedicated athletes and mentors were recognized for their efforts and commitment with well-deserved certificates. The atmosphere was vibrant, as participants engaged in recreational activities that promoted joy and camaraderie. A key highlight of the day was an insightful session on risk management, expertly led by the MCQ team, whose practical knowledge and expertise helped prepare athletes and mentors for future challenges. This event was a testament to the collective efforts toward fostering a more inclusive and empowering environment.

All India Virtual Athlete Leadership Training

On 24th August 2024, our Athlete Leadership Training conducted session 2 which began with a fun icebreaker session designed to help athletes feel at ease. The participants showcased their music knowledge by guessing songs, setting a lively tone for the session. The focus then shifted to exploring the essence of leadership. Athletes learned about the key components that make an effective leader through an in-depth explanation, followed by an engaging quiz to reinforce these concepts.

To maintain the lively atmosphere, the group played "Simon Says" to avoid any monotony. We then highlighted how leadership skills can be applied to daily life, using practical examples and videos that illustrate how athletes can balance their sports and personal lives.

The session concluded with a homework assignment to help solidify the concepts, followed by a group photo to capture the day's happening and smiling faces of our athletes.



SKF Orientation and Team Facilitation Camp: A Journey of Skill, Teamwork and Inclusion- Maharashtra

The SKF Orientation and Team Facilitation Camp in Chinchwad, Pune concluded on a high note, marking an incredible 15-day journey of growth, dedication, and teamwork. The camp brought together 15 passionate athletes from 8 different states, who trained under the expert guidance of 4 seasoned coaches to enhance their football skills and embrace the spirit of sportsmanship.

The camp provided a comprehensive football training experience, combining skill assessments, fitness sessions, agility training, and competitive matches. From day one, athletes underwent personalized evaluations to tailor training plans to their abilities. They participated in endurance drills, gym sessions, and recreational games, while also focusing on the mental and strategic elements of football.



Key highlights included football formation drills, endurance training, and a cross-country run to build stamina and resilience. The camp culminated in a grand finale match, where the Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) team delivered an outstanding performance, securing a 6-1 victory. This thrilling match reflected the hard work, perseverance, and progress the athletes achieved throughout the camp.

Youth Orientation Session at Bal Bharti Public School, Delhi Promoting Inclusion and Unity

A heartwarming Youth Orientation Session was held, bringing together students from the special wing, mainstream classes, and Arpan Special School for a day filled with fun, learning, and unity. The event focused on the power of inclusion through Unified Zumba and Unified Sports, offering participants an opportunity to share unforgettable experiences while embracing diversity and teamwork. The standout moment of the day was when Divya, a student from Arpan Special School, expressed her heartfelt thanks to the National Youth Leadership Council for providing such a meaningful and impactful opportunity. These moments highlight the importance of acceptance and the role of inclusive events in fostering a unified generation. This event is a step forward in turning the vision of inclusion into a reality, strengthening the bonds between all participants and promoting unity through sports and shared experiences.



EKS Day Celebration: A Unified Celebration of Inclusion in Rajasthan



On 21st September 2024, Special Olympics Bharat Rajasthan hosted a vibrant and impactful EKS Day, bringing together a diverse community for an inspiring series of Youth Activities. The event featured enthusiastic participation from multiple Unified Schools and dedicated special educators, all contributing to making the day truly unforgettable. EKS Day was further elevated by the presence of esteemed guest speakers from three prominent institutions: Apex College, Vedic College, and the Army School. The day's highlight was the powerful and moving presentations by the Youth Team, who embodied the core values of inclusion and unity, showcasing the strength and potential of a unified community.

Youth Orientation Session Hosted by Uttar Pradesh Chapter

On September 4th, 2024, the Special Olympics Uttar Pradesh Chapter organized an inspiring youth orientation session at the Divyajyoti Institute, which successfully brought together 150 enthusiastic participants. The event celebrated the spirit of inclusion and unity, featuring a Unified Youth Club and a range of engaging activities such as zumba, dance, singing, and fun games, including hula hoops and fruit salad. The event was further elevated by the presence of distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Shri Mukesh Shukla, Guest of Honour Mr. Raghav Gard, Dr. Pradeep Shukla, and CEO

Mrs. Smriti Jassar, whose inspiring remarks emphasized the importance of inclusion. The session concluded with a Walkathon to show support for athletes with intellectual disabilities, symbolizing the commitment to fostering a more inclusive and empowering community.



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE



The National Youth Conclave 2024, organized by Special Olympics Bharat, was held on 13th December 2024 at the Lakshmipat Singhania Auditorium, PhD Chambers, New Delhi. This landmark event marked a pivotal step toward fostering inclusivity in educational institutions.

The highlight of the conclave was the unveiling of the SO Bharat Youth & Schools Expansion Plan for Delhi NCR 2025, a comprehensive roadmap aimed at empowering educational institutions to foster environments where diversity is celebrated, and every individual is valued. The journey of inclusion, which began with just 13 Unified Champion Schools, has now expanded to over 50 schools across the region, reflecting significant progress in fostering inclusivity.



The conclave featured a thought-provoking panel discussion with some of the brightest minds in the field of education and inclusion. The esteemed panellists included Ms. Vandana Sharma, Director & Principal of Mata Bhagwanti Chadha Niketan; Ms. Parul Gupta, Senior Manager and Country Lead EDI at the British Council; Ms. A. Srija, Economic Advisor at the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India; and Dr. Kalpana Sharma, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Director at Amity School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences. Together, they shared invaluable insights on creating inclusive learning environments, emphasizing practical strategies and the critical importance of collaboration in driving meaningful change. The dedicated Area Directors from SO Bharat shared their inspiring experiences and the challenges they faced in promoting inclusion. Their narratives showcased the transformative impact of unified sports and inclusive programs in schools, highlighting how even small actions can drive significant change. Schools participating in the Unified Champion Schools program also shared their journeys, illustrating how inclusion has positively impacted their students and communities. These testimonials served as a powerful testament to the program's effectiveness in breaking barriers and fostering empathy and understanding. The event underscored the collective responsibility to create equitable opportunities for all students, including those with intellectual disabilities.



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024



The National Youth Leadership Summit 2024, organized by Special Olympics Bharat, was a dynamic gathering of youth leaders, athletes, and officials from across 22 states and union territories of India. Held from 18th to 20th December 2024, under the theme Unite, Inspire, Lead – Youth at the Frontline, the event served as a powerful platform for dialogue, skill development, and collaborative planning. It underscored the organization’s deep commitment to fostering inclusion, building leadership capacities, and inspiring systemic change led by the youth.



The summit’s agenda was meticulously crafted to balance knowledge-sharing, experiential learning, and actionable insights. A key highlight was the presentation of the Vision 2025 roadmap for the Youth and Schools Program, which provided both a global and regional perspective on advancing inclusive education. This session laid a strong foundation, further enhanced by discussions on leadership styles that encouraged participants to explore diverse approaches to leadership, equipping them to champion youth-led inclusion initiatives. Sessions dedicated to unified schools showcased the transformative potential of unified sports, inclusive leadership, and whole-school engagement, setting a benchmark for impactful educational practices.

Workshops formed the backbone of the summit, delivering practical tools for advocacy and leadership. The storytelling session illuminated the power of personal narratives in driving awareness about inclusion, while another on cultural and social norms provided thought-provoking insights into how societal attitudes shape inclusivity. Confidence-building workshops led by expert psychologists equipped participants with strategies to lead with conviction, while a session on leveraging social media emphasized its potential to amplify voices and strengthen community outreach.

The summit also hosted thought-provoking panel discussions featuring leaders in youth empowerment. These conversations focused on the transformative role of youth-led organizations in fostering social upliftment, presenting participants with tangible strategies to create meaningful change in their communities. Beyond sessions, the summit celebrated the diversity of ideas and initiatives through poster presentations, where states showcased their contributions to unified programs. The inclusion of insights from SO Asia Pacific added an enriching global dimension, highlighting best practices and success stories that underscored the shared mission of fostering inclusion.



Interactive and cultural experiences added depth to the summit. Visits to Delhi Haat allowed participants to connect informally while immersing themselves in the vibrant cultural landscape of the capital. The crescendo of the event was the much-anticipated Cultural Night, a celebration of diversity and unity. State teams brought their cultural heritage to life through spirited performances, and the presence of Dr. Mallika Nadda, President of Special Olympics Bharat, elevated the evening with her inspiring address. The Cultural Night wasn't merely a showcase but a powerful affirmation of the inclusive spirit that defines the summit. The event concluded with action-planning sessions for 2025, where participants collaborated on clear, actionable goals to expand inclusive initiatives across the country.



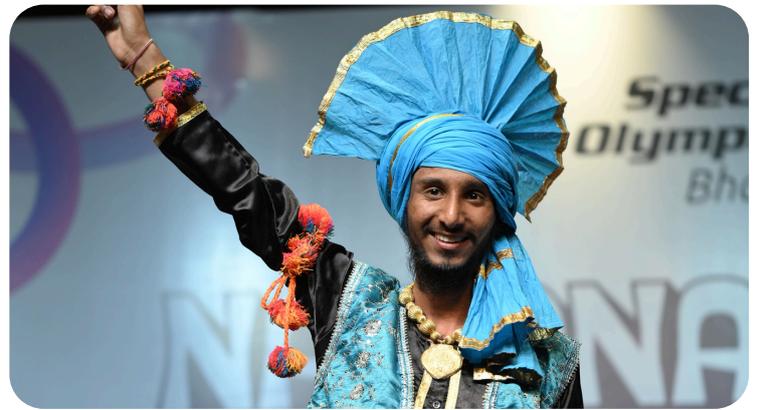




Cultural night and closing ceremony

The Cultural Night and Closing Ceremony marked a memorable conclusion to the National Youth Leadership Summit 2024, graced by the presence of Dr. Mallika Nadda, President of SO Bharat. The evening began with vibrant cultural and folk performances from all participating states, showcasing the diversity and talent of the youth. A special dance performance by the core members of the SOT added to the celebratory atmosphere.

The performances included a Ganesh Vandana by Ahida Sarmai, Vaibhav, Krishna, and Ishaan, captivating the audience with their energy. As the event progressed, Dr. Mallika Nadda felicitated the staff and SOT members, recognizing their hard work and dedication throughout the summit.



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

On 21st March 2025, our team had the privilege of participating in the Purple Fest held at Rashtrapati Bhawan. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Mallikarjuna lytha, a renowned social entrepreneur and the Founder & CEO of Inclusive Divyangjan Entrepreneur Association (IDEA), for his invaluable support and guidance in setting up our awareness booth. His commitment to creating inclusive livelihood opportunities for people with disabilities greatly enriched our experience and impact at the fest.



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

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.



PAN INDIA REACH

- Current Unified Schools & Unified Champion Schools within India: **48,684 schools & colleges**
- DELHI NCR: Current Unified Schools & Unified Champion Schools in Delhi: **35+ schools & colleges**

Flagship Events:

- National Youth Conclave: 40+ schools & colleges participated from the Delhi-NCR Region
- National Youth Leadership Summit 2024: 23 STATES & UTs: 86 PARTICIPANTS
- Principals' Meet for Delhi NCR Institutions: A total of 50 institutions participated in it



UPS Activation

- Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Chandigarh, Punjab



Athlete Leadership

- Athlete Leadership Training: 100+ online & offline ALT sessions, 100+ athlete leaders



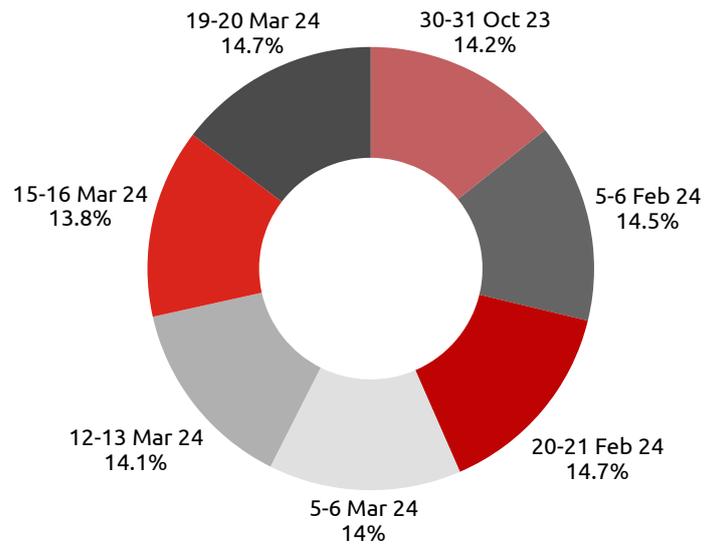
MCQ Activation

- Karnataka, Kashmir, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Kerala, Uttarakhand



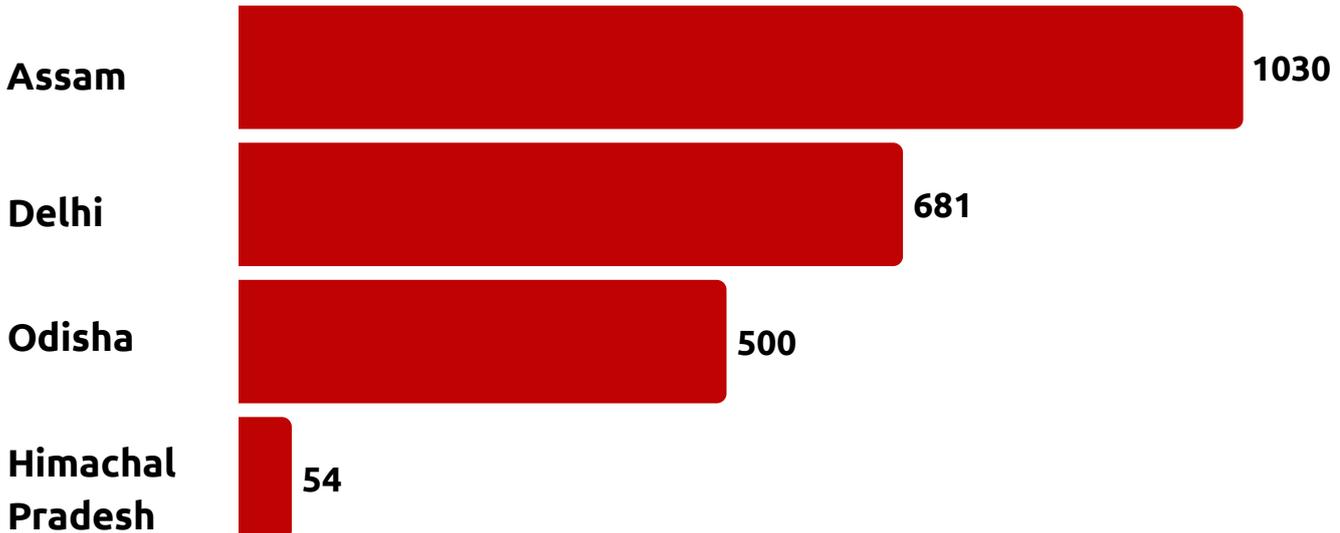
Trainees in Football across Districts from October 2023 to March 2024

Coaches Training Overview						
Batch	Dates	District	Address	Trainees	Schools	Athletes
1	30 & 31 Oct 2023	South West B	Dwarka, Sector-VI, G(Co-ed)SSS (ID: 1821031)	97	20	11
2	5&6 Feb 2024	South West B	Ghumanhera- SV (Sh ID: 1822051)	99	33	nil
3	20 & 21 Feb 2024	South West B	Dwarka, Sector II-G(Co-ed)SSS (Sh ID: 1821029)	100	32	13
4	5 & 6 Mar 2024	South West B	Dwarka, Sector III(II Site)-G(Co-ed)SSS (Sh ID: 1821237)	95	21	10
5	12 & 13 Mar 2024	South	R. K. Puram, Sec-3-G(Co-ed)SSS (Sh ID: 1719103)	96	20	NIL
6	15 & 16 Mar 2024	South		94	25	NIL
7	19 & 20 Mar 2024	South		100	28	10
				681	179	44



SSA PROJECT

MOU Signed & 11 Active States- Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Punjab, Assam, Jharkhand, Himachal, Gujarat, Chandigarh, Delhi



SSA HIGHLIGHTS

- Delhi: Trained 681 Physical Education Teachers and Special Educators of 179 govt schools
- Himachal Pradesh: Traiged 50+ PE and SE Teachers across 6 districts
- Andra Pradesh: Trained PE and SE Teachers across the state from 26 schools.



Hero Stories

Shivani's Journey: From Overcoming Challenges to Achieving Employment Success

Shivani, born on October 12, 2001 in New Delhi, India has demonstrated unwavering determination in the face of challenges. Living with an intellectual disability, she faced difficulties that could have held her back, but her spirit propelled her forward. In 2021, at the age of 20, she joined Special Olympics Bharat, a pivotal step that would redefine her path and help her realize her true potential.

Shivani's initial years were marked by struggles in social interaction and personal development, but her time with Special Olympics Bharat catalyzed her transformation. Through specialized training in functional academics and skill-building domains such as prevocational skills, art & craft, home science and sports at NIEPID MSEC, she evolved not just as an athlete but as a confident individual ready to contribute to society. Special Olympics Bharat gave her a platform where she could channel her energy and overcome her earlier limitations.



Athlete Shivani with President Dr. Mallika Nadda

At the age of 21, Shivani took a bold step into mainstream employment with the DS Group (Catch Masala Company) in Noida. This milestone was more than just a job—it was a turning point in her journey towards independence. Through her training at NIOS, Shivani had already gained vital work behavior and communication skills, which she further developed in this role. The opportunity allowed her to collaborate with others, contribute meaningfully to her team and prove her capability in a professional environment.



In picture - Dr. Mallika Nadda with Dr. Jyotsna Suri , MD - The Lalit Group

Shivani's growth wasn't limited to the workplace. In 2023, she made history by competing in the International Cycling Competition at the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, where she won three gold medals. Her record-breaking performance not only exemplified her athletic prowess but also showcased her determination to break barriers and set new benchmarks for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Her inspiring journey culminated in an apprenticeship at The Lalit Hotel, a prestigious establishment led by Dr. Jyotsna Suri, Chairperson and Managing Director of The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group. Shivani extends her heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Suri for believing in her potential and supporting her journey. Her story is a testament to resilience and the transformative power of inclusive opportunities.

Our Three Pillars of Impact

C. Health & Young Athletes

Key Programs:

MedFest screenings (2,900+ athletes)



Health Screening supported by General Insurance of India (GIC)

MedFest, part of the Special Olympics Bharat (SO Bharat) health screening initiative, is an annual event dedicated to the well-being of athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This health festival is organised across various states, promoting holistic care and health awareness.

Date	Venue	No. of Athletes Screened	Discipline
04 May 2024	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	640	MedFest
11 May 2024	Sri GangaNagar, Rajasthan	489	MedFest
20 May 2024	Dehradun, Uttarakhand	91	MedFest
22 May 2024	Ram Nagar, Uttarakhand	57	MedFest
23 May 2024	Haldwani, Uttarakhand	55	MedFest
06 June 2024	Leh, Leh & Ladakh	139	MedFest
08 June 2024	Kargil, Leh & Ladakh	189	MedFest
08 June 2024	Baramulla, Kashmir	124	MedFest
10 June 2024	Kupwara, Kashmir	106	MedFest
12 June 2024	Srinagar, Kashmir	389	MedFest
28 June 2024	Patratu-Rachi-Bokaro, Jharkhand	307	Special Smiles , Healthy Hearing, Health Promotion
15 June 2024	Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh	56	Medicine, Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physiotherapy
26-27 July 2024	Punjab	502	MedFest
		2,912	

In collaboration with GIC, MedFest was successfully conducted in Odisha, Assam (Guwahati), Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh (Hamirpur), Uttarakhand, Leh & Ladakh, Kashmir, Jharkhand, and Punjab.



Medical Camps at the Northern ends of India, Leh, Kargil, Baramulla & Kupwara

This year's MedFest has been a great success for SO Bharat in the areas of Kashmir and Ladakh, especially reaching the areas of Kargil, Baramulla and Kupwara approximately screening more than **900** athletes with IDD.

This is the first time that Special Olympics Bharat along with the support of the teams from Kashmir and Leh conducted such a massive Health screening in the areas of Kargil, Baramulla and Kupwara.



Healthy Athletes Program “MedFest” Hosted by Jharkhand

The "MedFest" event organised by Special Olympics Bharat Jharkhand in collaboration with Asha Lata Viklang Vikas Kendra on 20th September 2024 was a significant milestone for athletes with ID in the region. The health screenings conducted during the event were pivotal not only in identifying and addressing immediate health concerns, but also in ensuring that the athletes were fit and prepared for their upcoming participation in Special Olympics sports. By providing athletes with essential medical evaluations in areas such as Special Smiles (oral health), Healthy Hearing, Fit Feet (foot and lower limb health) and overall health promotion, the event made sure they received the care they need to perform to the best of their abilities.



For many of the athletes, this program marked their first ever exposure to professional healthcare. This can be life-changing, as it enabled the identification of potentially life-threatening conditions such as undiagnosed hearing impairments, dental issues or musculoskeletal problems. Timely interventions through referrals for further treatment were not just a benefit for the athletes' athletic journeys, but also for their overall well-being.

The involvement of dignitaries like Shri Hari Mohan Jha, Chief General Manager of Bokaro Steel Plant, Mr. B S Jaiswal, Director of Asha Lata and Principal Mr. P K Deby in the event's inauguration emphasises the importance of community support and the recognition of the challenges faced by athletes with ID.





Health Screening supported by (GIC)



Health screening in the states of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan.

NHPC-supported Sports Center health checks



Health Screening at Sports Centers

National Hydroelectric Power Corporation has been a great supporter of Special Olympics Bharat, supporting the 20 sports centers across Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, Leh, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura. These 20 centers training more than 1200 plus athletes on regular basis.

Through the support of NHPC, SO Bharat has been able to conduct medical camps at the sports centers in the state of Himachal Pradesh and Assam. Through these medical camps, approximately **875 plus** athletes were health screened.



Health screening in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Assam.

Date	Venue	No. of Athletes Screened	Discipline
29 May 2024	Una - Himachal Pradesh	116	Medicine, Eyes, ENT, Dental, Skin Specialist & Physiotherapy
29 May 2024	Shimla - Himachal Pradesh	42	Ayurvedic, Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physio Therapy
21 June 2024	Chamba - Himachal Pradesh	100	Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physio Therapy
22 June 2024	Kangra - Himachal Pradesh	78	Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physio Therapy
26 June 2024	Sirmour - Himachal Pradesh	50	Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physio Therapy
28 June 2024	Mandi - Himachal Pradesh	150	Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physio Therapy
5 July 2024	Kullu - Himachal Pradesh	60	Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physio Therapy
7 July 2024	Solan - Himachal Pradesh	65	Eyes, ENT, Dental & Physio Therapy
14 June 2024	Jorhat - Assam	38	Opening eyes
15 June 2024	Dibrugarh - Assam	35	Special smiles
22 June 2024	Goalpara - Assam	35	Opening eyes
28 June 2024	Guwahati - Assam	53	Opening eyes
07 June 2024	Morigaon - Assam	37	Opening eyes
13 July 2024	Darrang - Assam	37	Opening eyes
		876	

In collaboration with NHPC, MedFest was successfully conducted in both Himachal Pradesh and Assam, reinforcing our commitment to enhancing the health of IDD athletes nationwide.

This year's MedFest was not only for the enrolled athletes of the SOB sports centres but also for the larger community.



Health Screening at Sports Centers



Health screening in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Assam.

Health Summit - Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce & Bowling Competition, New Delhi 2024

The Special Olympics Inclusive Health Summit was held on 18th November 2024 at The Lalit, New Delhi, with the esteemed presence of Ms. Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, who inaugurated the event. The Summit brought together key global and national leaders in inclusive health, including Dr. Dimitri Christakis, Chief of Health, Special Olympics International; Ms. Annemarie Hill, Chief of Health Operations, Special Olympics International; and Ms. Angela Jenkins, Director, Global Inclusive Health.



A key highlight of the Summit was the Panel Discussion on Inclusive Health Systems, moderated by Ms. Anjela Nicole Jenkins, Senior Director, Global Inclusive Health Advocacy. The panel featured prominent experts including Dr. Dimitri Christakis, Chief of Health, Special Olympics International; Mr. Dipak Natali, Regional President & Managing Director, Special Olympics Asia Pacific; Ms. Yashika Bhatt, Silver Medalist at the 2019 Abu Dhabi Games and Assistant Manager - Youth Initiatives & Communications, SO Bharat; Mr. Vivek Virendra Singh, Chief of Health, UNICEF; Dr. B. Mohammed Asheel, WHO Representative; Ms. Meera Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health; and Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The discussion focused on strategies to enhance healthcare access and equity for individuals with intellectual disabilities, emphasising the role of government policies, international collaborations, and grassroots initiatives in fostering inclusive healthcare systems.





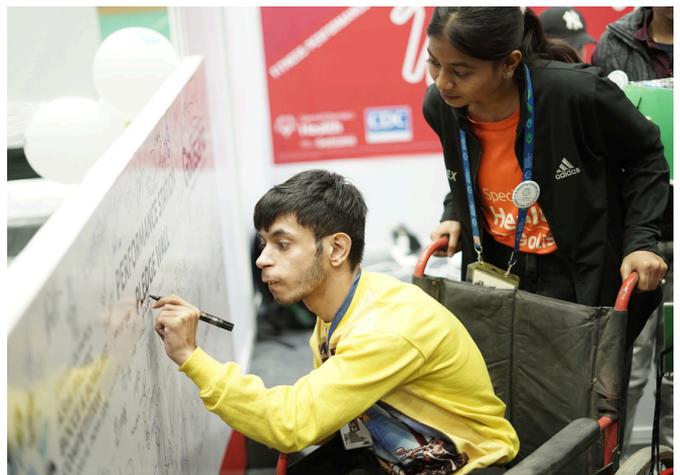
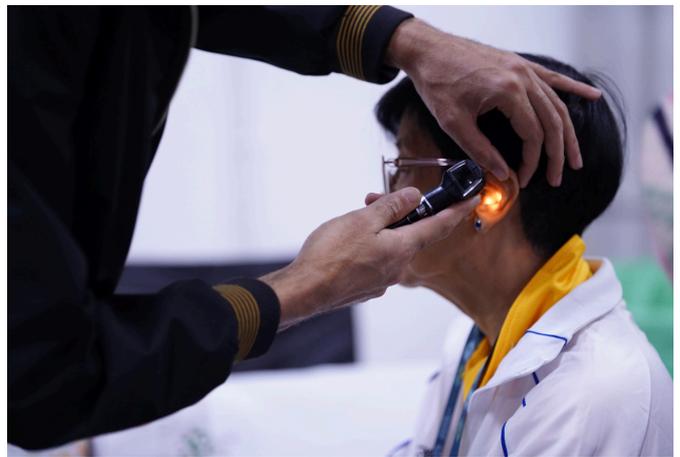
Healthy Athletes- Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce & Bowling Competition, New Delhi 2024

As part of the Summit, the Healthy Athletes Clinical Director Training was conducted to equip healthcare professionals with the necessary skills to improve health screenings and interventions for individuals with intellectual disabilities. 49 Clinical Directors from across India were trained in seven specialised disciplines by Regional Clinical Advisors, ensuring a broad and impactful learning experience. Additionally, 250 medical students from institutions actively participated, reinforcing the commitment to building a strong network of healthcare professionals dedicated to inclusive health.



The Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program was inaugurated by Shri JP Nadda, Minister for Health & Family Welfare. During the inauguration, the Hon'ble Minister engaged in discussions with officials from Special Olympics International and Special Olympics Asia Pacific to explore synergies between the health initiatives of Special Olympics and existing government healthcare schemes. The program featured seven disciplines of health screenings, each led by distinguished medical experts.





Family Registration Support Workshop Empowers Participants from 21 States- Faridabad Haryana

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

Day 1 focused on the vital role of family engagement within the Special Olympics movement. Sessions emphasised the importance of mental health for both caregivers and athletes with intellectual disabilities. The day was enriched with interactive ice-breakers, Unified Sports in a recreational format, and a creative DIY kit-building activity, making the learning process both informative and enjoyable. Day 2 began with a recap of key takeaways from the previous day. State leaders shared their experiences, offering valuable grassroots perspectives. Participants then engaged in a SWOT analysis, collaboratively exploring strategies for sustained family engagement. The workshop concluded with a certificate distribution and feedback session, celebrating the spirit of learning, collaboration, and inclusion.



Milestones in 2024-25

**Special
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**Gothia Cup 2024 Victory
(July 2024)**



**25 Medals Won in Special Olympics
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**33 Medals Won in Special
Olympics World Winter Games,
Turin, Italy 2025**



**72 Sports Centers across
India**

Inclusion in Action 2024-25

Regional Leadership Conference at Malaysia Promoting Inclusion and Sustainable Growth

The Regional Leadership Conference held in Malaysia brought together Special Olympics leaders from across the Asia Pacific region to engage in discussions on the intentional recruitment of older athletes, a vital step in reclaiming the reach of Special Olympics and ensuring the sustainable growth of the program. A key highlight of the conference was the presentation by Dr. Mallika Nadda, President of Special Olympics Bharat, who addressed the topic of "Reclaiming the Reach of 22+ Year-Old Athletes".



In her presentation, Dr. Nadda emphasized the importance of expanding opportunities for athletes beyond the age of 22, underscoring the need for an inclusive approach that supports individuals with intellectual disabilities at all stages of life. The conference reaffirmed the collective commitment to driving the #InclusionRevolution, with an emphasis on creating an inclusive environment that supports athletes of all ages and abilities, ensuring the continued growth and impact of Special Olympics across the region.



SO Bharat celebrates 10th International Yoga Day across the Nation

SO Bharat celebrates the 10th International Yoga Day with unity and inclusivity across India. In Delhi, 250 SOB-Delhi athletes joined the celebration organized by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Institute for the Physically Handicapped. Meanwhile, in Madhya Pradesh, our Female Floorball athletes at the National Coaching Prep Camp 1 celebrated International Yoga Day at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Center for Disability Sports in Gwalior. Similar celebrations were also held in Sports Centers in Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Assam and state of Uttar Pradesh.



Inclusion in Action 2024-25

Run for Inclusion



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT
RUN FOR INCLUSION
NEW DELHI, 2024

The Run for Inclusion, organised by Special Olympics Bharat, took place on 9th November 2024 at the Central Civil Service Ground, Nehru Park, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Beginning at 6 AM, the event saw an overwhelming participation of over 7,000 runners across India. More than just a race, the event symbolised a powerful movement advocating for inclusion, accessibility, and the empowerment of individuals with intellectual disabilities.



The Run for Inclusion brought together athletes, families, volunteers and supporters, all united by a common goal—to celebrate diversity. Whether running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, every participant played a crucial role in spreading the message of inclusion and equal opportunity.





The event was graced by Chief Guest, Shri Harsh Malhotra, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Corporate Affairs & Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways, Government of India. The presence of Smt. Bansuri Swaraj, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), and Shri Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), as Guests of Honour, further strengthened the commitment towards fostering an inclusive society. Their speeches and engagement with participants highlighted the government's support for Special Olympics initiatives and the importance of accessible opportunities for all. Adding to the excitement, renowned former cricketers Nikhil Chopra, Atul Wassan, Bhaskar Pillai and Robin Singh Jr. joined the run as Champions of Inclusion. The Run for Inclusion was not just an event but a movement through sport with participation from national and local media, supporters, and advocates of inclusion.



Inclusion in Action 2024-25

Carnival - 2024

The Carnival at the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling Competition 2024 was a vibrant celebration of inclusion, featuring cultural performances, interactive games and engaging activities for athletes, families and spectators. It created a joyful and festive atmosphere, bringing communities together to honour the spirit of Special Olympics.



Inclusion in Action 2024-25

I&U Ceremony

The Special Harmony Concert, held on the 17th November 2024 at the Tyagraj Stadium, was a remarkable celebration of talent, unity and inclusion. The concert aimed to provide a platform for young, talented individuals, while highlighting the importance of diversity and inclusion in the arts.

In the lead-up to the event, a rigorous selection process was conducted to identify the most promising students. Around 15-20 students from the region were shortlisted for the program, where their singing abilities were thoroughly evaluated. After the auditions, the top six students were selected to be the main singers for the evening, and they were incorporated into the INU Harmony group. The evening's music not only showcased the incredible talent of the performers but also communicated a profound message of inclusivity and community.



Inclusion in Action 2024-25

Quizabled: Championing Inclusion Through Knowledge

As part of our ongoing mission to promote inclusive opportunities across education, sport, and leadership, Special Olympics Bharat collaborated this year with the Quizabled Foundation an initiative by Seva In Action to support the 10th edition of Quizabled: Knowledge for All.

Quizabled is India's first-of-its-kind inclusive quizzing platform designed specifically for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The program offers a space not only to test knowledge, but also to break stereotypes, develop self-esteem, and equip students for future academic and competitive opportunities. This aligns deeply with SO Bharat's vision to empower every individual with IDD to discover their strengths and participate fully in society.





SO Bharat's Contribution & Impact in 2024–25

In this landmark year, Quizabled was implemented across 14 states, with Special Olympics Bharat actively collaborating in:

- Delhi (2nd edition), in partnership with SO Bharat Delhi
- Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Assam, Tripura, Sikkim and others through our state chapters.

Our chapters assisted with on-ground coordination, participant mobilization, accessibility adaptations and volunteer engagement—ensuring every child had the opportunity to shine.





Inclusive Learning in Action

Quizabled was a celebration of curiosity, teamwork and equal opportunity. Questions spanned sports, general knowledge, local culture and current affairs. With adapted formats, assistive materials, and trained volunteers, the program ensured that every participant, regardless of ability, could engage meaningfully.

For the first time, editions were hosted in Assam and Meghalaya, with enthusiastic participation from children in remote and aspirational districts. The Assam edition, held on March 17, 2025, saw 120+ students from special and inclusive schools compete with remarkable confidence. In Delhi, the second edition saw 280+ participants from 40 schools and received commendation from the Director of Education, Government of NCT Delhi, for advancing inclusive education.





“Quizabled is a beautiful expression of what inclusion looks like in action. Watching children with intellectual disabilities take the stage with confidence and joy reminds us why platforms like these are essential — they don’t just reveal potential, they unlock it.”

— Dr. Mallika Nadda, President, Special Olympics Bharat



MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

In 2024–25, the Media & Communications Department of Special Olympics Bharat served as the heartbeat of the organisation's narrative — connecting communities, breaking stereotypes, and amplifying the voices of athletes with intellectual disabilities. Through strategic storytelling, dynamic digital engagement, and powerful public presence, we worked to ensure that inclusion was not just a message, but a movement.



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• Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025 in Turin

16 Lakhs

cumulative viewership
on social media

117

Print Media
Articles

660+

Articles in
Prominent
Online Media

20

Segments
across leading
Television
Channels

• Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling Competition, New Delhi 2024

90 Lakhs+

cumulative viewership
on social media

511

Articles

45+

Articles in
Prominent
Online Media

20

Segments
across leading
Television
Channels



585+

CONTENT PRODUCED

REELS, VIDEOS, AND ATHLETE STORIES
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100%

**GROWTH IN INSTAGRAM
ENGAGEMENT
(APRIL 2024–MARCH
2025)**

18.4 M

VIEWS INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

9.2 M

REACH INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

420% Growth in Instagram
ENGAGEMENT
(April 2024–March 2025)

1000+

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The Media & Communications Department continues to be the voice of Special Olympics Bharat—building connection, shaping perceptions and driving inclusion through the power of storytelling. With growing visibility and support, we aim to further strengthen our impact in the coming year.



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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. PTI PHOTO VIA X



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)

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पीएम ने कहा, मुझे अपने एथलीटों का घेराव था है, जिन्होंने टूरिन में हुए विशेष ओलंपिक विश्व शीतकालीन खेलों में देश का नाम रोशन किया। राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक समिति द्वारा 33 पदक जीतकर यह श्रेष्ठ है। मैं इन खेल से संघर्ष में विश्वास और उत्साह को प्रदर्शित करता हूँ। देश के साथ खेल में सफलता हासिल करने वाले सभी खिलाड़ियों को बधाई देता हूँ।

संसद भवन में पदक विजेताओं के साथ अर्जाई में बहुरंगी की भी मुलाकात की। पदक विजेताओं को 20 लाख रुपये का 14 लाख और सहायक स्टाफ को 8 लाख रुपये मिले।

खेल में सहायक स्टाफ ने संसद को 20 से 27 वर्ष तक होने वाले खेलों में भाग लेने का सुझाव और खेल जारी किया। इन खेलों में 1300 के करीब पद विजेताओं का नाम है।



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

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India's contingent bagged 33 medals, including 8 gold in the tournament which was held in Turin

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PARTICULARS	NOTE NO	Amounts (in Rs.)	
		AS AT 31-03-2024 ₹	AS AT 31-03-2023 ₹
I. LIABILITIES			
(1) TRUST FUND	1	2,28,27,019	1,78,52,300
(2) EARMARKED FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS	2	6,30,96,971	5,78,58,755
(3) NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
(a) Long-Term Borrowings		-	-
(4) CURRENT LIABILITIES			
(a) Short-Term Borrowings		-	-
(b) Sundry Creditors	3	8,14,088	4,59,098
(c) Others Current Liabilities	4	2,02,636	99,736
		8,69,40,714	7,62,69,889
II. ASSETS			
(1) NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
(a) Property, Plant, Equipment and Intangible Assets	5		
(i) Tangible Assets		86,12,228	92,16,370
(ii) Intangible Assets		99,396	1,32,528
(b) Long-Term Loans & Advances	6	2,28,530	2,28,530
(c) Non Current Investment	7	2,33,23,604	2,33,23,604
(2) CURRENT ASSETS			
(a) Stock at Store	8	35,95,481	61,62,646
(b) Cash & Cash Equivalents	9	4,14,63,968	2,67,39,514
(c) Other Current Assets	10	96,17,507	1,04,66,697
		8,69,40,714	7,62,69,889

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THE ROAD AND VISION 2025

As Special Olympics Bharat closes a chapter on a transformative year, we look to 2025 with renewed clarity and purpose. With every milestone achieved in 2024–25, we have reaffirmed our commitment to creating inclusive spaces where persons with intellectual disabilities are seen, heard, and empowered — on and off the playing field.

Our vision for 2025 is both ambitious and grounded in the lived realities of our athletes and their communities. At the heart of this vision is a three-fold commitment:

1. Expanding Access Through Local Partnerships

We aim to deepen our grassroots network across districts by forging stronger partnerships with local schools and government bodies. The goal is to identify and train more athletes in underserved regions, ensuring no child or adult with an intellectual disability is left behind due to lack of access or awareness.

2. Inclusive Leadership and Athlete Empowerment

Special Olympics Bharat will focus on creating more platforms for athlete leaders to voice their ideas, represent their peers, and participate in decision-making processes. With Young Athlete programs and Athlete Leadership initiatives gaining momentum, 2025 will be about scaling these programs so that inclusion is not just practiced, but led by our athletes.

3. Health, Wellbeing and Holistic Development

In 2025, we will strengthen our health programs by integrating screening camps, family health awareness sessions, and mental wellness modules into the core of our regional and national events. With continued support from clinical partners and volunteers, we will ensure our athletes thrive in every aspect of their lives.

LOOKING FORWARD

2025 marks not just another year, but a promise — to evolve from events to impact, from participation to leadership, from awareness to acceptance. Every coach trained, every mother empowered, every athlete celebrated is a step closer to a truly inclusive India.

The road ahead is clear: **WE WILL KEEP MOVING FORWARD, TOGETHER.**

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