



“When your hopes dreams and goals are dashed, search among the wreckage, you may find a golden opportunity hidden in the ruins”

- Dr Abdul Kalam



Annual Report 2023

Reclaim our Reach





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Message from an Athlete Leader – Yashika Bhatt



"Inclusion for me is when everyone feels like they belong in one community and feel respected"

With all my love

Yashika Bhatt

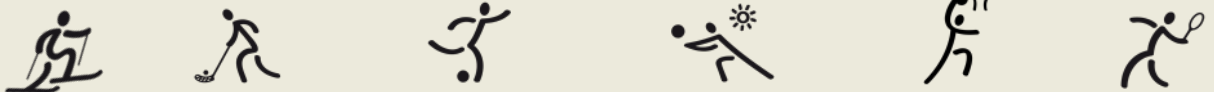
**Athlete leader and
National Office Staff**

Dear Friends

My name is Yashika Bhatt. I am 22 years old. I am an Athlete leader, I am working in Special Olympics Bharat as Asst, Manager Communications & Youth initiatives and am a member of the National Youth Leader Council. My journey with Special Olympics started in 2013 as an athlete, when I was studying in Balvant Rai Mehta Vidya bhavan, New Delhi.

I live in Delhi which is a beautiful city that offers great opportunities to everyone. Special Olympics Bharat has transformed my life. when I was in school, I could not read the blackboard and could not memorize my lessons. I used to feel sad when my teachers would get angry at me. I would like spending time alone.

But due to Special Olympics Bharat I got opportunity to make new friends and learn new skills. I got a chance to share my views. I have played many sports at the local, state & National levels. In 2019 I represented my country at the SO World Summer Games held in Abu Dhabi, UAE. I practised day and night and won a silver Medal in Basketball. It was a proud moment for me and my family. On my return I joined SO Bharat Youth Activation and got an opportunity to lead orientation sessions in several schools and colleges. During Covid I continued to develop my skills with the companionship of my unified buddies and mentor. I led many virtual sessions including one during the Virtual youth leadership summit. I co-anchored many events with the members of the NYLC. I have enjoyed and learnt so much from my co-youth leaders while doing different assignments like designing the Athlete leadership module, planning sessions for the Youth leadership Summit and more.



In June 2023, I went to Berlin Germany for the project 'Inclusion Beyond Sports' planning its implementation along with my unified buddy. It was a good experience and I learnt how the youth from different parts of the world are working for the betterment of the society. I believe that together we can make this world inclusive and happy. Although I know that my speech is not very clear but, that does not break my confidence to speak. I am determined to continue to learn and work tirelessly to try and make this world a better place to live in.

Thank you and I hope you get enlightened reading the Annual Report 2023 and join us in celebrating differences



Message from the President – Dr Mallika Nadda



TOGETHER WE CAN

**Let inclusion be in
our heart, mind, and
actions always!**

Sincere Regards

**Dr Mallika Nadda
President**

**Special Olympics
Bharat**

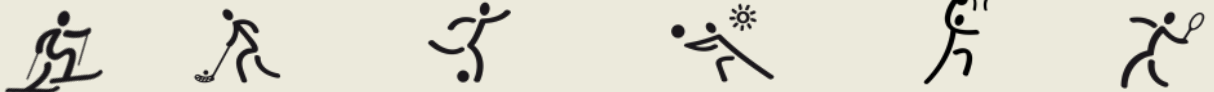
Dear Reader

My Warm Greetings to you

With each passing year, Special Olympics is adding new dimensions in its efforts of bringing about the inclusion of persons with Intellectual disabilities, world over. Placing sports at the core of the movement, the commitment to mainstream the Athletes is spreading beyond limits.

The year 2023 made us stand tall in the light of the heart-warming participation and victories of our Athletes at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in June of 2023 in Berlin Germany. The mega event while drew the attention of the world, in India too, over 70 celebrities, govt representatives, distinguished personalities, and influencers turned their attention to the abilities of our Athletes by attending the events in person or spreading awareness on their online platforms. I trust that the awareness and participation in the world games has been transformational for the Athletes as for many of us, as well. The 106th edition of Mann Ki Baat aired in October 2023 had the hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi speak about the Special Olympics Bharat Athletes, upholding their achievements and their remarkable spirit. The episode was truly epic and I am confident that it would continue to inspire all of us in the years to come.

Special Olympics International launched the Global Leadership Coalition for Inclusion – a pioneering effort to support the social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities – parallel to the Berlin world games. The coalition aims to bring together governments, global development stakeholders, philanthropic and community organizations in an effort to increase inclusive practices in education. It is my ambition to look towards the Government of India, whose support would help us nurture a unified generation through Special Olympics sports and initiatives. Here too, we accomplished to ink an agreement between the SO Bharat Delhi Chapter and the Education & Sports directorate of the Govt of Delhi



NCT. These activations ensure that we add scale with quality. We hope to see and resolve to support all the states of India in strengthening their local programming. Special Olympics International felicitated SO Bharat as a 'regional hub of excellence' in view of the Unified Champion schools that the states have developed over the years.

Our efforts are strongly geared towards providing year-round sports training to the Athletes at locations within proximity, which is in conjunction with the Special Olympics mission. Several Sports Centres have been developed, to provide opportunities of holistic development to the athletes while building an environment of acceptance and inclusion.

In celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav that upheld 75 years of independence and development, we have documented '75' stories of our Athletes, that substantiates the champion in each of them.

I also take this moment to express my gratitude to the Athletes, Coaches, volunteers and several partners and supporters for their valuable, earnest, and continuing support. We are rapidly moving on the path of quality growth, making sincere efforts in reclaiming our reach that was lost to the pandemic.



A life that snowballed into a worldwide movement

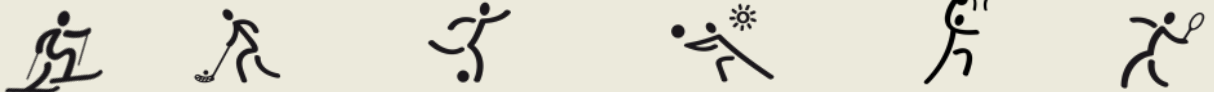
Rosemary Kennedy- The inspiration behind the movement, the sibling of President Kennedy (USA) & Ms Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of Special Olympics

Eunice Kennedy Shriver believed in justice. But, in the late 1950s and early 1960s, she saw little justice in the way [people with intellectual disabilities](#) were treated; they were excluded and routinely placed in custodial institutions. She had a sister, Rosemary, who had an intellectual disability. They grew up playing sports together and with their family. The sisters swam, they sailed, they skied, they played football together. But in those days, there were limited programs and options for someone like Rosemary. Eunice Kennedy Shriver went on to become an athlete in college. She began to see that sports could be a common ground to unite people from all walks of life. ...and emerged the Special Olympics movement through the vision of one woman

Special Olympics is a global inclusion movement using sport, health, education and leadership programs every day around the world to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1968 by Ms Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown to more than 6 million athletes and Unified Sports partners in more than 190 countries.

"You are the stars and the world is watching you. By your presence, you send a message to every village, every city, every nation. A message of hope. A message of victory"- EKS

Dr Tim Shriver is the Chairman of Special Olympics International, and has been a leading educator who focuses on the social and emotional factors in learning, expanding the reach of Special Olympics by directly engaging a diverse range of stakeholders within the society



Special Olympics Bharat is a National Sports Federation, recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt of India and, is accredited by Special Olympics Inc. to conduct sports and development programmes all over India. Founded in 2001 by Air Marshal Denzil Keelor PVSM, KC, AVSM, VrC, it is spread across all the states and union territories of India

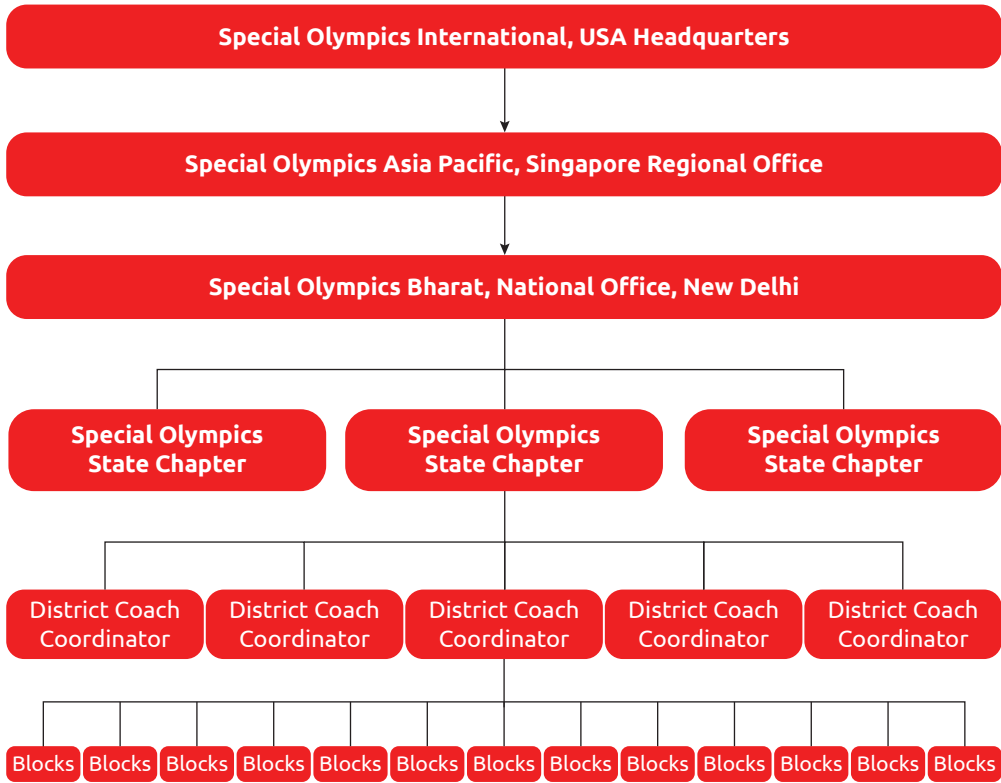
*"My resolve to make SO Bharat happen, strengthened as I took a closer look at the Athletes. I recall noticing, at an event, the joy and the positivity with which they pushed themselves to reach the finish line, each having the look of a winner. All that I say is accept them as they are and not as how you want them to be. Respect, Recognise and Include them and see what a happy place this world will be"-
Air Marshal Keelor*



**Air Marshal
Denzil Keelor**
PVSM, KC, AVSM, VrC
Founder

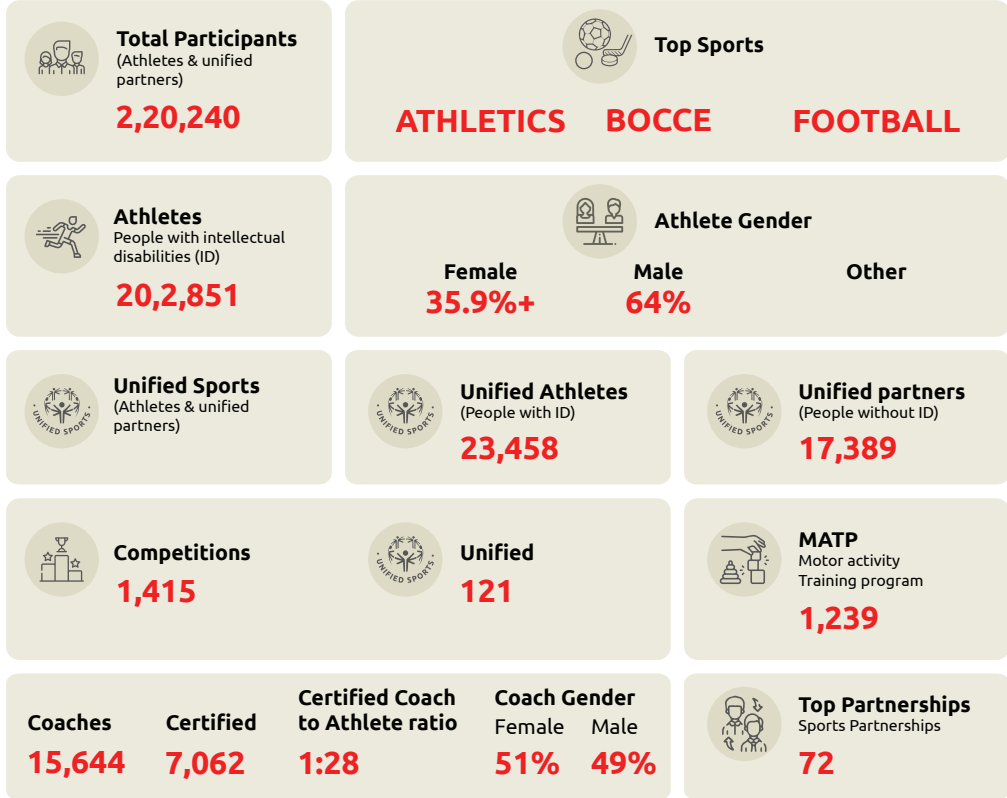


From Global to Grassroot



SO Bharat Reach 2023

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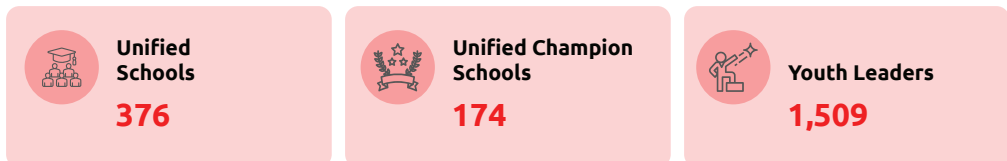
LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY



HEALTH



EDUCATION & YOUTH



Annual Cost of Admin

A) Annual Cost of Administration

Level of Office	Detail of Expenditure	Rate	Months	Qty.	Amount	Operation cost in US @ 83	Source Of Funding
1. National Office	Uncovered Expenditure Wages	₹ 1,57,59,707.00	1	1	₹ 1,57,59,707	\$1,89,876	SOB - 83%; SOI - 17%
1. National Office	Uncovered Expenditure Ops Cost	₹ 1,41,75,000	1	1	₹ 1,41,75,000	\$1,70,783	SOB - 90%; SOI - 10%
3. Regional offices	Wages	₹ 1,00,000	12	3	₹ 36,00,000	\$43,902	State 70%, SOB 30%
3. Regional offices	Operating Cost	₹ 75,000	12	3	₹ 27,00,000	\$32,927	State 70%, SOB 30%
35 State Offices	Wages	₹ 50,000	12	34	₹ 2,04,00,000	\$2,48,780	State 50%, SOB 50%
35 State Offices	Operating Cost	₹ 75,000	12	34	₹ 3,06,00,000	\$3,73,171	SOB 50%, State 50%
460 Districts Offices	Wages	₹ 20,000	12	460	₹ 11,04,00,000	\$13,46,341	SOB 50%, State 50%
460 Districts Offices	Operating Cost	₹ 10,000	12	460	₹ 5,52,00,000	\$6,73,171	SOB 50%, State 50%
Total		₹ 3,02,64,707			₹ 25,28,34,707	\$30,83,350	

B) Annual Cost of Coaches (Uncovered Expenditure)

Items		Rate	Months	Total Coaches	Budget Rs	Budget \$	Sponsor
Volunteers/ Trainers/ Coaches	Wages	₹ 31,000	12	15,644	₹ 5,81,95,68,000	\$7,01,15,277	VIK
Total	\$4,481 per year	₹ 31,000	12	15,644	₹ 5,81,95,68,000	\$7,01,15,277	



C) State/ District/ Local Program (Uncovered Expenditure)

Items	Camps	Amount	Athlete per camp	Total Campers	Budget Rs	Budget \$	Sponsor
State Games Big State	15	₹ 4,00,000	200	3,000	₹ 60,00,000	\$72,289	VIK
State Games - Medium	6	₹ 2,50,000	175	1,050	₹ 15,00,000	\$18,072	VIK
State Games Small State	14	₹ 1,50,000	110	1,540	₹ 21,00,000	\$25,301	VIK
State Event Big State	15	₹ 1,50,000	150	2,250	₹ 22,50,000	\$27,108	VIK
State Games - Medium	6	₹ 1,25,000	125	750	₹ 7,50,000	\$9,036	VIK
State Event Small State	14	₹ 1,00,000	100	1,400	₹ 14,00,000	\$16,867	VIK
District Games	460	₹ 1,50,000	250	1,15,000	₹ 6,90,00,000	\$8,31,325	VIK
District Events	460	₹ 95,000	115	52,900	₹ 4,37,00,000	\$5,26,506	VIK
Local Program 2 event per week	124	₹ 50,000	66	8,184	₹ 62,00,000	\$74,699	VIK
Total	1114	₹ 14,70,000.00	1291	1,86,074	₹ 13,29,00,000	\$16,01,205	

D) Annual Cost of Long Term Development Plan (supported by Govt of India)

LTDP	Camps	Athlete/ Trainee	Resource Persons*	Total Camper	Budget Rs	Budget \$	Sponsor
NCC/NC/ WSG	85	2,809	1,300	4,109	₹ 78,30,00,000	\$95,48,780	GOI
Total	85	2809	1300	4109	₹ 78,30,00,000	\$95,48,780	

*Resource Persons - Means Coaches, Trainers, Supported Staff



E) CSR Support to the program

Items	Camps	Athlete/ Trainee	Resource Persons	Total Camper	Budget Rs	Budget \$	Sponsor
Youth Leadership	11	25	50	75	₹ 55,00,000	\$66,265	Macquarie
SO Bharat Centers	20	788	34	822	₹ 25,00,000	\$30,120	NHPC
World Games	17	392	226	618	₹ 3,17,60,000	\$3,82,651	SAIL, AAI, Asian Paints, Dassault Systems, Indian Ports Association, Tata Steel, Herbalife Nutrition
Total	48	1,205	310	1,515	₹ 3,97,60,000	\$4,79,036	

F) Program Development 2023 (SOI Grant Supported)

Initiative	Camps	Athlete	Resource Persons	Rate/Ath	Budget Rs	Budget \$	Sponsor
Young Athletes	5	200	200	\$75.42	₹ 12,36,806	\$15,083	SOI
Unified Sports	300	20,000	500	\$1.00	₹ 16,24,000	\$20,000	ESPN
Government Engagement	7	700	70	\$44.29	₹ 25,71,450	\$31,000	H&M Move
Health Enhancement Grant	5	1,000	50	\$8.00	₹ 6,08,000	\$8,000	LCIF
Youth Leadership	10	700	25	\$212.86	₹ 1,22,18,000	\$1,49,000	MBZ / Hasbro / SNF /IG7
Total	327	22,600	845		₹ 1,82,58,256.00	\$2,23,083.00	



G) Total Cost of SO Bharat Program

Items	Athlete / Coach	Resource Persons	Total Camper	Budget Rs	Budget \$	Supported By
A) Administration Cost	2,03,810	15,310	2,19,120	₹ 25,28,34,707	\$30,83,350	SOI / SOB / VIK
B) Cost of Coaches	15,644		15,644	₹ 5,81,95,68,000	\$7,01,15,277	Value in Kind
C) National/ State/ District/ Local Program	1,86,074	4,020	1,90,094	₹ 13,29,00,000	\$16,20,732	Value in Kind
D) LTDP	2809	1300	4,109	₹ 78,30,00,000	\$95,48,780	Govt. Of India
E) CSR	1,205	310	1,515	₹ 3,97,60,000	\$4,79,036	CSR
F) Program Development	22,600	845	23,445	₹ 1,82,58,256	\$2,23,083	SOI
Total				₹ 7,04,63,20,963	\$8,50,70,259	

SOI Supported	\$2,23,083	GOI Supported	\$95,48,780	CSR	\$4,79,036	VIK	\$7,16,22,097
₹	1,82,58,256.00	₹	78,30,00,000.00	₹	3,97,60,000.00	₹	6,03,67,46,235.67













Grassroot Data

S. No	State	Total Districts	Active Districts	Athletes	Unified Partners	Coaches	Schools Engaged
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3	0	0	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	26	20	24295	985	2615	80
3	Arunachal Pradesh	26	1	10	0	2	10*
4	Assam	35	10	2875	221	210	20
5	Bihar	38	38	9937	2412	294	58
6	Chandigarh	1	1	256	18	39	50
7	Chattisgarh	33	18	993	0	21	58**
8	Daman & Diu	3	1	12	0	3	10*
9	Delhi	11	11	5700	324	461	78
10	Goa	2	2	430	59	45	52
11	Gujarat	33	33	12405	157	430	17176**
12	Haryana	22	21	14171	2456	919	897**
13	Himachal Pradesh	12	10	434	83	29	26
14	Jammu	20	2	159	0	0	25*
15	Jharkhand	24	17	4898	1115	55	239**
16	Karnataka	31	29	11608	76	1477	130
17	Kashmir	22	5	0	0	0	4
18	Kerala	14	14	9166	329	1049	994*
19	Leh & Ladakh	2	1	20	0	2	3
20	Madhya Pradesh	52	46	0	0	0	10381**
21	Maharashtra	36	26	4125	0	72	665**
22	Manipur	16	2	0	0	0	10*
23	Meghalaya	12	2	0	0	0	10*
24	Mizoram	11	2	0	0	0	10*
25	Nagaland	16	2	0	0	0	10*
26	Orissa	30	21	877	229	105	237
27	Pondicherry	4	2	370	461	20	15
28	Punjab	23	23	3396	328	371	78
29	Rajasthan	50	35	946	119	92	111
30	Sikkim	6	6	1800	0	20	25*
31	Tamil Nadu	38	0	0	0	0	0
32	Telangana	33	14	44231	1459	3484	110
33	Tripura	8	3	163	120	24	12
34	Uttar Pradesh	75	20	28412**	3424**	1469**	17504**
35	Uttrakhand	13	6	431	115	50	266
36	West Bengal	23	16	20731	2899	2286	533**
37	Lakshadweep	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total		805	460	202851	17389	15644	49887

* New committees, ** Old committees



Strategic Growth- Vision 2021 – 23 (New Registrations & Cumulative)

Item Per Year	Till 2019	2020 (Virtual)	Plan (2021 – 23)	2021	2022	2023	Total
 Young Athletes	Target @ 100000 / year	30,000	Target @5000/yr	5000	5000	5000	14807
 Achieved	329,812	34,086	Achieved	4313	6021	4473	
 Athletes	Target @ 100000 / year	7,900	Target	1000	1000	20000	202949
 Achieved	1,304,639	4,581	Achieved	1098	103245	99606	
 Coaches	10,000 /yr	1350	Target	1000	500	500	15644
 Achieved	150,326	1140	Achieved	1006	7787	7857	
 Volunteers	@ 5000/yr	750	Target	1000	750	750	51251
 Achieved	59,211	856	Achieved	8436	35376	7316	
 Families	@5,000/yr	---	Target	5000	5000	5000	15007
 Achieved	271,926	487	Achieved	13841	2239	1033	



SPORTS FOR ALL





























“We don’t exist to provide, service to a single group; We are here to change society and demonstrate that change involves all of us. We facilitate and engage in experiences that are transformative – not just for our Athletes but for all who engage with open hearts and mind “- Dr Timothy Shriver, Chairman, SOI 2011

With more than four million athletes and Unified partners and one million coaches and volunteers in over 200 accredited Programs, Special Olympics delivers more than 30 Olympic-type sports and over 100,000 games and competitions every year.

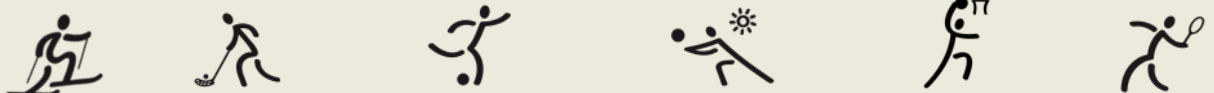
With the support of Sports Authority of India (SAI)/Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) the Athletes are trained at the National Coaching camps (NCC) enabling them to face international competitions. Coaches Training Programs are organized all-round the year to maintain the quality of sports delivered to the Athletes.

Out of over 32 Olympic type sports offered by Special Olympics, while SO Bharat provides opportunities of training and competition in 28 Sports

SO Bharat Sports

 Alpine Skiing	 Athletics	 Badminton	 Basket Ball	 Bocce
 Cricket	 Cycling	 Figure Skating	 Floor Ball	 Floor Hockey
 Football	 Futsal	 Golf	 Handball	 Ice Speed Skating
 Judo	 Netball	 Powerlifting	 Roller Skating	 Snow Boarding
 Snow Shoeing	 Softball	 Table Tennis	 Tennis	 Volley Ball
 Dancesport	 Open Water Swimming	 Swimming		

5 National Coaching camps and two National Championships were held from Jan to Dec 2023 activating 629 Athletes into sporting action. The Figure & Speed Skating National Championship held in Dec 2023 commenced the process of selecting a team for the World Winter Games to be held in Turin, Italy in 2025



National Coaching Camps



The NCC in Snow Sports (Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Snow shoeing) held at Shimla Himachal Pradesh from 12-17 Feb 2023. 122 Athletes from 12 States participated



The NCC- 3rd prep camp held at the Amity University UP, NOIDA for the Berlin World Games 2023, held from 24-29 April 2023. 177 Athletes & unified partners from 23 States participated



NCC- fourth prep camp for the Berlin World Games 2023, was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium from 7-14 June 2023. 193 Athletes & Unified partners from 23 states participated

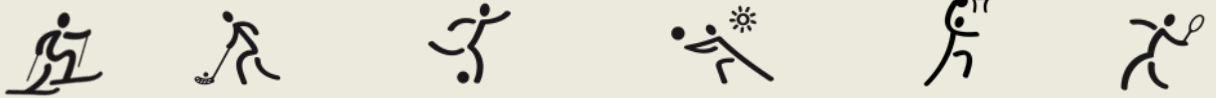




NCC- Selection Trials for the Dhaka Cup (Football) was held at Manav Rachna University, Faridabad, Haryana, from 23-26 Sept 2023. 22 Athletes & unified Partners from 10 states participated



NCC- Second Football Selection Trials for the Dhaka Cup was held from 10-19 Oct 2023, at the Karnavati University Uvarsad, Gujarat



National Championship



NC- Badminton, Cycling & Roller Skating , Gurugram Haryana from 29-31 March 2023 . 224 Athletes from 17 states participated in the championship



NC- Figure & Speed Skating was held at iSkate, Ambience Mall, Gurugram Haryana from 1-6 Dec 2023 . 68 Athletes from eight states participated in the championship



Sports Centres



To strengthen local programming and offering year-round opportunities to play, SO Bharat conceptualise the Sports Centres in 2022. The Centres aim to provide accessibility & inclusion of the Special Athletes who would be able to continuously practise and upgrade sporting skills that would strengthen their chances of participating at local, district, state, national or international levels. With the centres located within proximity, the escorts would be able to accompany the Athletes conveniently. While the initiative inculcates confidence & empowerment of the Athletes, it offers an opportunity for persons without Intellectual Disabilities, from the surrounding communities, to join the Athletes in play and beyond.

Between September 2022 and December 2023, 21 Sports Centres were established in seven states making regular sports accessible to 992 Athletes residing in the nearby locations. Nine centres were launched in 2023 reaching out to three new districts in Assam and opening opportunities in the states/UTs of Jammu & Kashmir (2), Tripura (1), Arunachal Pradesh (1), Leh(1) and Delhi (1)



SO Bharat at the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023

Supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt of India, 193 Athletes and Unified Partners and 57 Coaches from India participated in 16 sports at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Berlin Germany from 17 to 25 June 2023. Under the able leadership of Dr Mallika Nadda, President, SO Bharat, Dr DG Chaudhari, General Secretary, SO Bharat, the Head of Delegation (HOD), assisted by 3 AHODs, 19 additional staff and a medical expert, led the delegation of 274. Additionally, 10 delegates represented India at the youth congresses, 59 honoured guests and 7 media persons supported SO Bharat, bringing the total from India to 350. Three days prior to the opening ceremony held on 17 June, the Indian contingent enjoyed the warm hospitality of Frankfurt at the Host Town Program arranged in the city for SO Bharat.

With 9 days full of sports and emotions, the SO World Summer Games 2023 witnessed participation of 6500 Special Olympics athletes and Unified partners from 176 delegations competing in 26 sports. The athletes were supported by more than 3,000 coaches, 9000 family members and 18,000 volunteers. The Games were spread across eight venues located in and around Berlin. India's total Medal Tally reached 200 including 77 Gold, 71 Silver and 52 Bronze

National Send Off

Special Olympics Bharat on Thursday organised a Torch Run and a National Send-Off Ceremony at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, for the Indian contingent. The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and Department of Information and Broadcasting as the Chief Guest for the Torch Run. In India the Torch run was organised across four cities including, Bhopal, Bangalore, Gurgaon and Delhi with the final leg had the torch handed over by the Haryana Athletes to the nation's capital, New Delhi. The Torch was received by the Guest of Honour, President, Indian Olympic Association, Ms. PT Usha and officials of Special Olympics Bharat.



Hon'ble Union Minister Smt. Smriti Irani, Department of Women and Child Development and Department of Minority Affairs as the Chief Guest for the Send-Off Ceremony, among other distinguished guests including Bollywood Singer & Composer Mr. Sonu Nigam, Former India Cricketer Mr. Yuvraj Singh, and Dr. Stephan Grabherr, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany



Shri Anurag Thakur, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and Department of Information and Broadcasting ; Ms. PT Usha , Indian Athlete & President , Indian Olympic Association; Mr Robin Hibu, Special Commissioner of Police Delhi

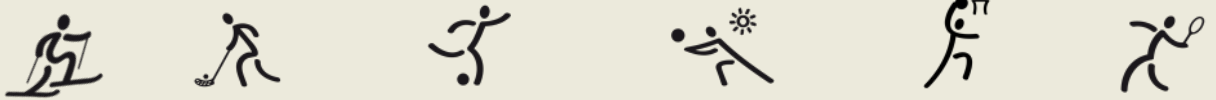


Colour Presentation to the HOD Dr Chaudhari by Shri Anurag Thakur

Colour Presentation to the A-HOD Dr Chaudhari by the dignataries

Smt. Smriti Irani, motivated the athletes, " Special Olympics Bharat athletes are pride of the nation. I want to tell them that the good wishes of a nation of 1.3 billion people are with you when they travel to Berlin"

In the words of Dr Mallika Nadda, I express my sincere gratitude to each and every guest who came here to motivate our athletes and offer them their best wishes athletes ahead of the Berlin Games. We have been working towards providing a life of dignity to our special athletes. Our motto is to recognise, respect, accept and include"



Glimpses of Germany

Between 13 and 16 June 2023 the teams from world over, enjoyed the hospitality of Germany at the Host Town Program held in different locations across the country. India was hosted by Frankfurt. The Indian delegation participated in three days of extensive sports practises, townhall function and a cultural evening before leaving for the World games at Berlin on 16 June 2023

Frankfurt Host Town



The Opening Ceremony which was a star-studded spectacle was held at the iconic Olympia stadium Berlin — a stage that has hosted the 2006 FIFA World Cup final and currently serves as the home of Hertha Berlin SC. A 274-member strong Indian contingent paraded into the arena led by roller skater Aryan Nagalli, the roller-skating champion from Bangalore, handball player Ankush Kumar, from Delhi, athlete Geetanjali Nagvelar from Goa and cyclist Kalpana Jena from Odisha.

Opening ceremony



SO Bharat participated in 16 sports at the world games, including, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball (3v3 & 5v5), Cycling, Football (Traditional & Unified), Futsal, Golf Handball (Traditional & Unified), Judo, Powerlifting, Roller-skating, Swimming Table Tennis, Tennis, Beach Volleyball & Unified Volleyball.



Berlin Sports



193 Athletes and Unified partners won 200 medals across 71 Gold, 77 Silver and 52 Bronze. The team received a grand welcome in India at a ceremony held in the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on 27 June 2023. The event took place in the presence of Chief Guest Hon'ble 14th President of India, Shri Ramnath Kovind Ji and Guest of Honours Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Waterways & Shipping and Minister of AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Member of Parliaments Shri Manoj Tiwari and Shri Gautam Gambhir, and Leader of Opposition, Legislative Assembly, Delhi Shri Ramvir Singh Bidhuri.





Welcome ceremony



Motivating the athletes, **Hon'ble 14th President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind said,** "As we move forward, I hope you all remember that your journey does not end here. Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023 Berlin was a platform to showcase your talents and sheer determination. I am sure your victory here will motivate you to achieve more each day. Remember your nation stands behind you and you are never alone. We are proud of all our Special Athletes and their achievements will remain in our hearts and minds forever. Dream big, keep your targets high and never forget the unimaginable power inside you."

After the encouraging words from the dignitaries, the athletes, along with Unified Partners and Coaches were presented with a token of appreciation on stage and were given a huge round of applause from the gathering. As the teams returned to their respective home-towns, they received a rousing welcome there as well

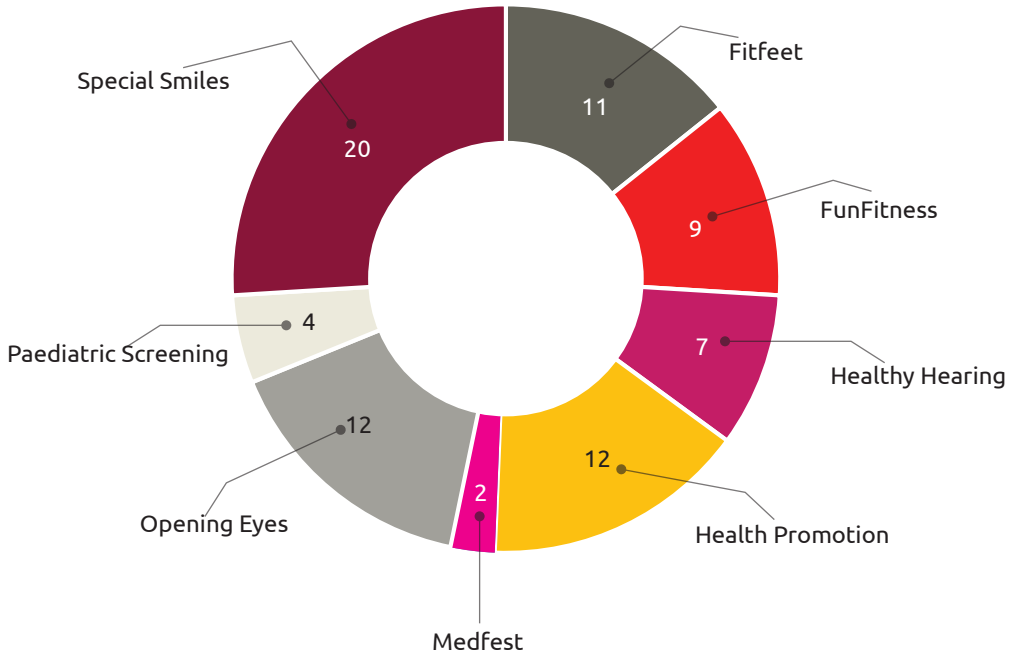


Inclusive HEALTH

Special Olympics' health programming focuses on improving the physical and social-emotional wellbeing of people with ID by increasing inclusion in health care, wellness and health systems for Special Olympics athletes and others with ID. The Healthy Athletes program also (1) trains health care professionals about treating people with intellectual disabilities and (2) influence improvements in health care for people with intellectual disabilities at the policy and systemic level.

Special Olympics Clinical Directors are volunteer health professionals who are responsible for working with their local Special Olympics Program and other volunteer health professionals in coordinating the local Healthy Athletes Program. Currently there are 77 Clinical Directors who volunteer for SO Bharat from time to time.

Clinical Directors



Healthy Athletes

Supported by the Gates Foundation, two paediatric screenings were conducted in New Delhi, under the supervision of Dr Arun Wadhwa and Dr Puja Kapoor, Paediatric neurologist (credentials).

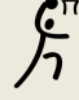
Screenings



The month of September witnessed a Young Athlete Education program that reached out to 8635 parents from 13 states Chandigarh, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajsthan, UP, Uttarakhand about the program and importance of paediatric screenings, all round the year



Camps conducting Special smiles were organised in November and December in Telangana, supported by Panineeya Institute of Dental Sciences and Research Centre and in Rajasthan by Surendra Dental College and Jubin Trust.



Medical Screenings during the Berlin World Games



During the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 Healthy Athletes® was conducted screening nearly all the Athletes of SO Bharat. 15,353 screenings were conducted at 7 stations. Approx 5000 Athletes were screened by approx. 100 doctors, 70 dentists and 715 student volunteers from 59 countries. Starkey Cares gave nearly 300 hearing aids while Lion's Clubs International Foundation Opening Eyes, issued nearly **1,400** glasses.

15 Athletes from India received hearing aids and 18 were prescribed glasses out of which 11 received them. Healthy Athletes® is the world's largest inclusive health program focused on the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. The program provides participants with free health screenings, education, and referrals for continued treatment in an accessible environment.

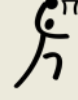


Youth & Education

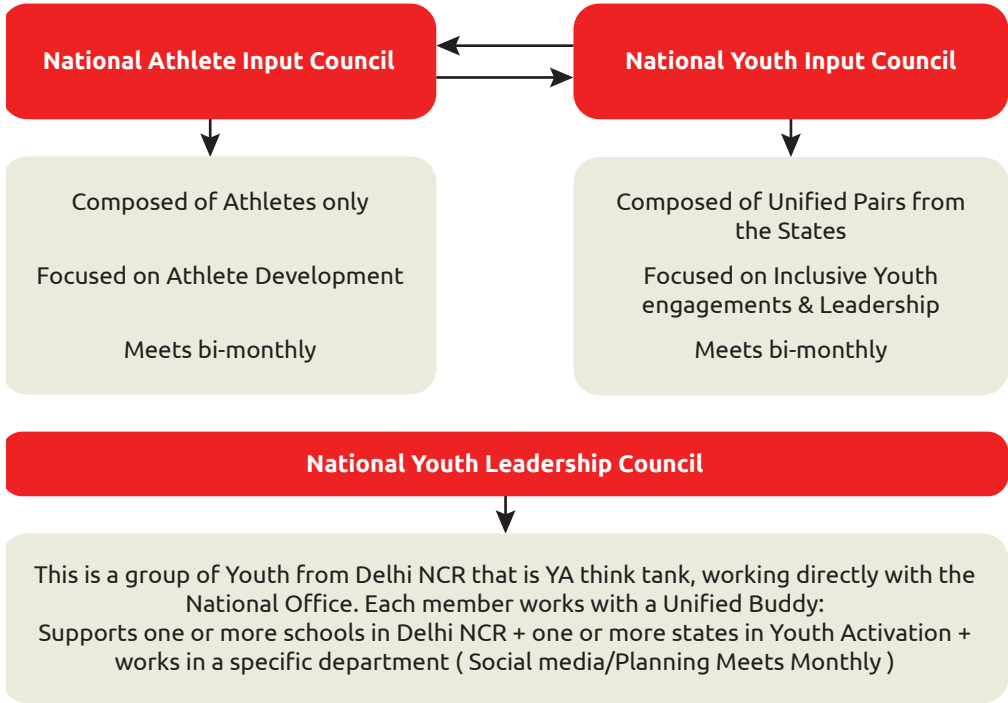


Special Olympics believes that in order to create lasting attitudinal change across the world, the focus must begin on today's youth. As part of a concerted strategy to ensure the movement reaches as many young people as possible, in all demographic settings, Special Olympics has built model including, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Inclusive Youth Leadership that multiplies opportunities of meaningful engagements between youth with and without Intellectual Disabilities and using their talents as agents of change

The Youth are engaged continuously through a structure at the National level. The National Athlete Input Council is a forum for athletes to report to other athletes and Program leaders what is happening in their areas, voice their opinions about important issues, and gain leadership training and experience. The National Youth Input Council positions young leaders to play an active role in the execution of Special Olympics programming at the National and local levels. It represents unified pairs from different states. The National Youth Leadership Council is a team of youth that works inclusively to conceptualize, design, and lead initiatives to support Special Olympics youth all over India.



Youth Forums



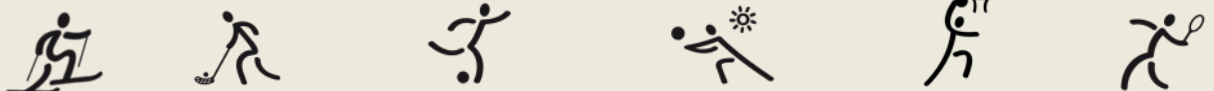
The youth leaders and mentors from India at the Berlin Games Youth Summit 2023

On the sidelines of the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Berlin Germany in June 2023 a Global Athlete Congress and a Global Youth Leadership Congress were held with teams representing the youth leaders from India. Shrey Kadian and his Mentor Jignesh Thakkar along with Rithik Hukku and his mentor Dr DC Gupta participated from India at the Global Athlete Congress sharing experiences and best practises with Athlete leaders, officials & representatives from several national programs.

The Global Youth Leadership Congress too had two teams from India, with each team consisting of a Youth with and without Intellectual Disability and an adult mentor. Ms Neeraj Singh, Shashwat Agarwal, Sagar Kapoor from Jaypee Public School, Delhi NCR and Ms Mala Arora, Mahi Dheri and Yashika Bhatt, independent members of the National Youth leadership Council and the National Educator Advisory Committee formed the two teams.

National Youth Leadership Summit 2023

The National Youth Leadership Summit was held from 29 Nov to 2 December 2023 at the Amity University UP NOIDA, through the support of *His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE, Stavros Niarchos Foundation and Macquarie*. 107 youth leaders with and without IDD supported by 33 adult mentors participated from 21 states of India. 29 November was dedicated to the teams from 20 schools of the Delhi NCR while the state teams arrived at the venue parallelly. The Summit saw an overall attendance of number of 169 Youth with and without, Mentors, officials, guests and partners. Under the leadership and support of Dr Mallika Nadda, President, Dr DG Chaudhary, General Secretary and Air Cmde LK Sharma, Executive Director, the fifth edition of the annual summit ran a successful three-day course, promising to build a strong presence of youth of all abilities across the country. Ms Pam Rolink, Manager Youth Initiatives, Asia Pacific Regional Office (Singapore), Special Olympics travelled to India to support and lead sessions while interacting with the youth to comprehend the impact of their engagement in India.



The Summit organising team (SOT) combined 17 youth leaders with and without IDD who were engaged in the core activities since the first week of October 2023. The theme 'Diversity & Inclusion' was decided to reiterate attention of the youth and all other stakeholders on recognising, respecting & accepting diversities. The Summit concluded with some enthralling & foot-tapping performances by the participants.



Athlete Leadership Training



GunOcean Singh Bedi, a Table Tennis Athlete from Delhi was trained in a 9-week long Communication workshop along with nine more Athletes. His insights and enthusiasm, Sumant's dedication, Chirstina's quiet understanding and Yashika's great blossoming, all of them champions of SO Bharat, were a few observations made during the length of the course. Supported by Macquarie, the Workshop was conducted by I to Eye Communications.

This was the fourth batch that underwent the training, the same having started during the pandemic. The training addressed aspects of communications that we often take for granted but are critical to effective and strategic communication. "I liked that we were able to get new Athletes to join the workshop. We will have more Athlete leaders this way." – Siddhant Nath, Athlete leader and a former SO Bharat national office colleague.



Youth engagements and Unified Sports in the States



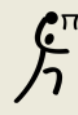
Andhra Pradesh Regular Unified Football played by Unified teams of RDT



Assam Unified Bocce and event organised by the youth on Childrens Day in Guwahati



Assam Art Based Therapy and Music Therapy session led by the youth leaders from UCSM with students from Ashadeep Special school





Bihar Unified Sports at the SHEMFORD Futuristic School Patna and Legend Special School (Dumraon)



Chhattisgarh Unified Sports and Youth Engagement by students of the Amity University Chhattisgarh and Piyali Foundation (Special)



Delhi Unified Coaches training held at The Frank Anthony Public School Delhi





Goa

At Udaan 2023, the sports fest of Bits Pilani, Goa Campus, the students were joined by the SO Bharat Goa Athletes from 7 Special schools in 100m Sprint, 50m Walk-Run, Javelin Throw, Shot Put, and Standing Long Jump athletic events



Gujarat

MoU signed between SO Bharat Gujarat & Sardar Vallabhai Institute of Technology, Vasad, Anand





Haryana Students of Little Angels engaging 'unified' at a workshop organised by the Art Society of the Ashoka University, Siyahi



Himachal Pradesh Unified Recreational activities at Aastha Special School & Kanwar Harnam Singh Memorial School Nahan District Sirmaur , HP



Himachal Pradesh Unified Basketball by Chetna Sanstha Special School and Govt. Primary School Sungala Vijaypur





Jharkhand

Unified engagement between the students of Sarala Birla Public School and Deepshikha Special School Ranchi



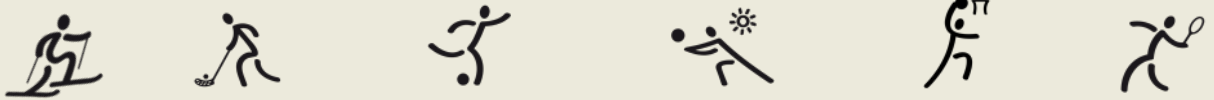
Kerala

Unified Basketball competition and a session led by the youth leaders on making the city plastic-free. They trained the students in making carry bags with waste and old cloth



Odisha

Unified Cricket & Holi between the athletes from Open Learning systems and the local youth club





Puducherry

The students of Kasturba College playing Unified Kho-Kho

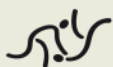
Dr. Cheryl Ann Shivan Principal of Kasturba College, Puducherry:

The concept of inclusion and Unified sports is new to me. Children with disabilities can learn many important lessons like resilience, leadership, accountability, respect and patience through sports.



Punjab

Mainstream and special students of St Joseph's Convent School Jalandhar playing Unified Baggio and Basketball





Rajasthan

Unified Bocce between students of the Jubin Rehabilitation Center and Jubin Nursing College, Sri Ganganagar



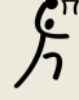
Telangana

Unified Coaches Training held at the St George's Degree College for Women- Abids Hyderabad



Tripura

International Yoga Day celebrated by the mainstream and special students of Gakulnagar High School





Uttar Pradesh Youth activation at Jaypee Public school Greater NOIDA (Integrated)



Uttarakhand Unified Football between unified teams from Horizon School, an integrated school



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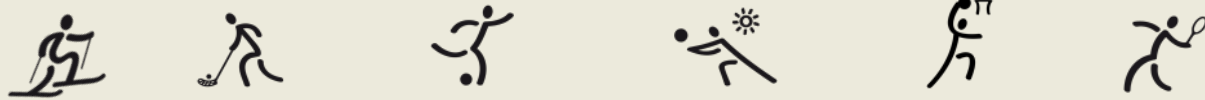
1459 Athletes have participated in 16 World Games across various global locations until 2023, winning over 1699 Gold , Silver and Bronze Medals



SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE WORLD SUMMER GAMES

Year	Place	Athletes	Coaches	HOD	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1987	USA	11	3	0	14	4	6	8	18
1991	USA	25	5	0	30	20	10	2	32
1995	USA	72	0	0	72	28	20	10	58
1999	USA	19	1	1	21	25	45	37	107
2003	Ireland	81	20	2	103	34	36	40	110
2007	China	139	42	3	184	36	45	67	148
2011	Greece	184	48	4+3	248	78	73	92	243
2015	LA	217	53	5	275	61	65	121	247
2019	Abu Dhabi	281	71	4	356	85	155	129	369
2023	Berlin Germany	193	57	1(& AS 23)	274	77	71	52	200
WSG TOTAL		1222	300			448	526	558	1532

The Medal tally reflects one medal for each team member in team events



SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF THE WORLD WINTER GAMES

Year	Place	Athletes	Coaches	Hod	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1993	Austria	12	5	0	17	1	0	0	1
2001	USA	12	5	1	18	0	0	1	1
2005	Japan	16	3	3	22	0	0	0	0
2009	USA	49	13	2	64	7	8	2	17
2013	S Korea	59	19	1	79	28	31	16	75
2017	Austria	89	23	1	113	37	10	26	73
WWG TOTAL		237	68			73	49	45	167

The Medal tally reflects one medal for each team member in team events



Big Moments 2023

The Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat highlights the Special Olympics Bharat Athletes



The 106th edition of Man Ki Baat aired on 29 October 2023 had the hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi speak about the Special Olympics Bharat Athletes, positioning their achievements alongside more stories of national interest. The episode highlighted the achievements of the SO Bharat Athletes at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in June 2023 in Germany and of others too who continue to push their limits to achieve a higher acceptance in sports and in their communities. The episode was a result of the perseverance of Dr Mallika Nadda, President, SO Bharat

Mann ki baat is a monthly radio program of PM Narendra Modi, where he interacts with the citizens of India on themes and issues that matters to the nation. The first edition was aired in October 2014. As per a study commissioned by Prasar Bharati and conducted by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Rohtak, published earlier this year, over 100 crore people have listened to PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' at least once



Virtual orientation session of unified sports for the state Government officials



The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt of India, under the aegis of Ms A Srija, the Economic Adviser, hosted a virtual session for the Inclusive education coordinators of all the states of India on 22 December 2023. The objective was to introduce the Special Olympics unified sports outlining its relevance in Inclusive education. The notification was extended to the State education secretaries, Commissioner KVS (Kendriya Vidyalaya) and NVS (Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti). The session served the purpose of creating the first link between the SO Bharat State Chapter and the Education Department of the States.

An MoU signed with the Delhi Government on the Special Olympics Global Day of Inclusion



The SO Bharat Delhi State Chapter, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi on 20 July 2024. The agreement promises to promote Inclusion in the education system through Sports. Dr Mallika Nadda, President of SO Bharat, delightfully, inked the document having worked aggressively with the education department for several months before reaching the desired outcome.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Himanshu Gupta, **Director, Directorate of Education - Govt. of NCT of Delhi** said: *It has been our endeavour to build an environment of equity & overall development in educational spaces, preparing sensitised and responsible citizens, many of whom would be leaders of tomorrow. Special Olympics stands apart from the Olympics and the Paralympics, as it organises sports for persons with Intellectual Disabilities, a space where very little work has been done and there is a great possibility to do a lot of work. We look forward to introducing Unified Sports. This agreement substantiates our commitment towards celebrating diversities and bringing about Inclusion.*

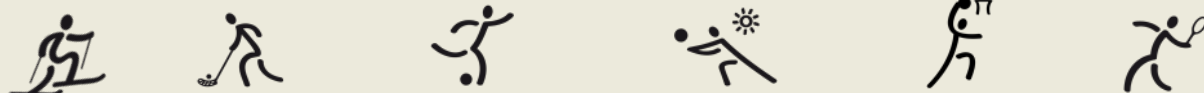
The Punjab State Sports Policy 2023 upholding the bravery and determination of the SO Bharat Athletes



Following conclusion of the Special Olympics World Games 2023 the Punjab Government announced new provisions of the State Sports Policy, on 31 July 2023.

Upholding sports as Punjab's culture and a medium for positive and healthy development, the policy reiterates the urgency of building capacity of the coaches and trainers along with various administrative and financial aspects and recognitions. Special Olympics have been included in the new Sports Policy for the first time in Punjab. It recognises the Special Olympics achievements, specifying a cash award to the medal winners as well as to the participants of the Olympic Games, who participated but could not win any medal.

Accordingly, the gold medal winner will get an amount of INR 75lakhs (USD 90000), while the silver and bronze medal winners will get INR 50lakhs (USD 60000) and INR 30lakhs (USD36000) respectively. INR 10 lakhs (USD 12,500) will be given to the athletes who participated but could not win a medal.



The Sports Policy announced an amount of INR 8 lakhs(USD 10000) for those athletes who reached the National preparatory camp but could not qualify for the final team, to help the athlete pursue sports and continue his/her attempt to qualify for the next Olympic Games. Even those athletes who win any medal at the National Championships organized by SO Bharat will be given a suitable cash award.

Additionally, it would be for the first time that the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Award, a state recognition of sports achievements, would felicitate one athlete with Intellectual Disability each year from the current financial year onwards, amongst the 20 sports persons who are felicitated each year. The winner of this Award will get INR 5Lakhs (USD 6250), a citation, trophy, and blazer. SO Bharat deeply appreciates the perseverance of several years, by Mr Paramjit Singh Sachdeva, Area Director, SO Bharat- Punjab, in bringing this outcome.

Annual general meeting & SO Bharat elections

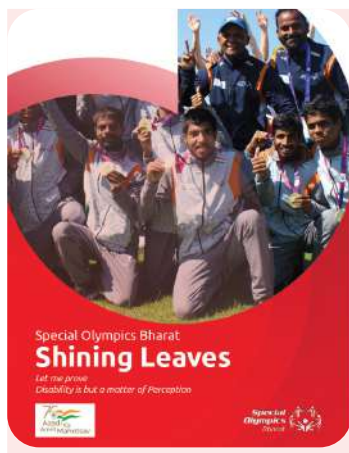


Special Olympics Bharat (SO Bharat) held the quadrennial (once in four years) elections of the office bearers & members of the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting held on 26 September 2023 at Hotel The Lalit, New Delhi. The electoral college included the elected members of the state committees who underwent a similar process in their respective states. Each state which had conducted elections recommended two delegates to form the electoral college.

Dr Mallika Nadda was elected as the President, Ms Chitra Shah & Mr Pawan Kumar Patodia, the Vice Presidents, Dr DG Chaudhari, the General Secretary and Ms Upasna Arora, treasurer of SO Bharat. Aaynu Sharma, Badminton player (Abu Dhabi Games 2019), Anurag Prasad and Shivani, powerlifter, and cyclist (respectively) from the Berlin games 2023 are the athletes who have joined the office bearers of the executive committee. Several new and distinguished individuals have joined the movement committing to expand the reach of the program taking it forward on the path of sustained quality growth, as envisioned by Air Marshal Denzil Keelor PVSM, KrC, AVSM, VrC, the founder of the movement in India



Shining Leaves



Highlighting the celebration of 75 years through India's Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, SO Bharat compiled 75 stories of Athletes with Intellectual and developmental disabilities whose lives have been impacted by joining Special Olympics. Shining leaves, as the title of the book goes, covers Athletes as old as the organisation itself right through those who pitched abilities as their style statement, through their Berlin Games 2023 participation.

The first Disability Sports Stadium in the country opens in Gwalior Madhya Pradesh



2nd October 2023 documented a landmark victory for Gwalior, a historically renowned city located in Madhya Pradesh. The hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji inaugurated the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports. He was joined by Dr Virender Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment along with approx 70 SO Bharat Athletes. They played, Bocce, 5-a-side football, Badminton, Table Tennis and, Swimming. The stadium would provide sporting facilities for seven sports to begin with, including Athletics and Judo. The Social Justice Minister announced support for sports participation of 208 Athletes with Disabilities all-round the year.



Speaking on the occasion Mr Dipankar Banerjee, Area Director of SO Bharat – Madhya Pradesh said, “I am grateful for the support extended by our hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Modiji towards sports for Divyangjan (persons with disabilities). The inauguration marks a significant step towards providing sports as a tool for development and Inclusion. In conjunction with the mission of Special Olympics we will be able to provide ‘year – round’ sports training through world class facilities”

Equal standing finally for the Special Athletes by the Bihar Government



The fight for equal status for the Athletes of Special Olympics in the state dates to 2000 when Khel Samman was commenced. Babur, the first ever athlete from Bihar at the World Winter Games held in Ireland in 2003, witnessed it all. Although the state felicitated the medallists, the difference in the prize money awarded to the athletes with and without Intellectual Disabilities was significant. Mr Sandeep Kumar, the Area Director of Bihar with the support of Dr Shivaji Kumar, the President of the state kept the flame of hope burning. They did not leave any stone unturned, finally resorting to Clause 3 of the RPWD (Rights of Persons with Disabilities) Act 2016 that explicitly denounces any person to be discriminated on the ground of disability. This year the Govt of Bihar announced that the SO Bharat athletes will be felicitated with an equal amount to the players without IDD. The athletes from the Special Olympics National Games and championship will be given Rs.2 lakh for Gold Rs.1.5 lakh for Silver and Rs.1 lakh for a Bronze Medal. Additionally, the State Govt will open jobs for the SO Bharat Athletes.

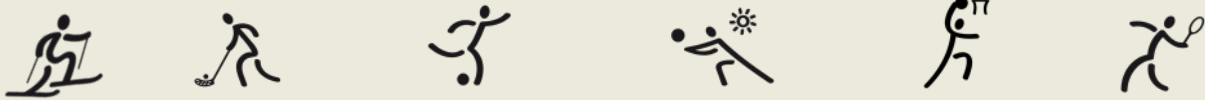


Bhibha Rani, Youth leader from Odisha, scales Mount Kilimanjaro



On 20 September 2023 at 8:30AM, Bhibha Rani scaled the Uhuru peak (5895Mtrs) of Mount Kilimanjaro the highest mountain of Africa. Swelling with pride, she unfurled the flag of India and a banner that highlighted organisations that made this feat possible for her. The Hon'ble Union Education Minister Mr Dharmendra Pradhan wished her luck before she embarked the courageous journey. On her return, he congratulated her saying, "she is a true embodiment of the strength and unyielding spirit of women". Bibha also met His excellency Shri Ganesh Lal on her return.

Bhibha Rani is a youth leader (without Intellectual Disabilities) from Odisha who had participated at the Global youth summit held alongside the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer games in Abu Dhabi. She has been a proactive youth leader who with her athlete pair, Indramani, reached out to the local communities and the neglected terrain in the state, spreading the Special Olympics movement there.



Partners in Inclusion

Special Olympics values partnerships to strengthen brand value and spread awareness about the abilities of persons with Intellectual & developmental disabilities. The movement seeks to develop shared-value partnerships, offer employee engagement opportunities while furthering our ability to deliver life-changing interventions to individuals with and without intellectual disabilities.

Unified Cricket for social change supported by the Lions Clubs International Foundation



Against the backdrop of the ICC Cricket world cup in October & November 2023, the Special Olympics Bharat- West Bengal Chapter conducted another version of India's favourite sport- Cricket. The event was held at the Merlin Rise Cricket Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal on 14 November. Supported by the Lions Clubs International Foundation, and following the 20/20 format two teams (mixed gender) of 23 Athletes and Unified partners played Unified Cricket.

The Chief Guest Ms Manisha Agarwal, District Governor Lions Club graced the occasion, along with the Guest of honour, Mr Chris Pardey, Sports Committee member, Special Olympics International and other distinguished guests including Mr Manish Agarwal, Cabinet Secretary, Lions and Mr Bibek Bardhan, Senior member, SO Bharat West Bengal State Chapter.

Explaining the objective of the event, Mr Dipak Natali, President & Managing Director, Special Olympics- Asia Pacific Region said, "Cricket holds a special place in the hearts of many within the Special Olympics Asia Pacific region and is one of our most popular sports. Over the last 18 years we have made huge strides in developing cricket in many of our countries and we have a steadfast vision to make it a part of the list of sports available for participation in the future World Summer Games. The event demonstrates the unifying power cricket has in the region to bring people with and without intellectual disabilities together"



Engaging with the Macquarie Officials

The officials of Macquarie engaged multiple times with the Athletes playing as unified partners, joining them in sports. The SO Bharat Athletes also received spotlight at their key events such as 'Elevate' where their journeys of change and achievement was shared with over 150 audience (employees of Macquarie)

Unified Basketball, Football and Young Athletes at the Project Coordinator workshop at Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar, Delhi in February 2024



Unified Basketball and Table Tennis at the final preparatory Camp for the Berlin Games held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in June 2024



Spotlighting two Athletes Muskaan (Judo) and Deepanshu Nath Singh (Figure Skating), at the Elevate event held in July 2023



“The interactions with champion athletes Muskaan and Deepanshu were an eye opener. It made me realise that being differently abled goes beyond the appearance. It is also about neurodiversity. I am inspired by the athletes’ drive and conviction to make their own dreams come true, despite their hardship and struggles. From them, I learned how one should find happiness in the smallest moments and not let her/his circumstance be her/his excuse for not pursuing her/his goal. Their story illustrates how one should make the most of this life, rise, shine, and create a name for herself/himself with the least resources available,” said Rahul Chandola Vice President from Macquarie Group.

Celebrating the National Sports Day by playing Unified Badminton and Table Tennis at the Scottish High International School, Gurugram, Haryana



Expressing his experiences with SO Bharat, Mr Shashank Gupta from Macquarie said, “ I admire the energy and enthusiasm of the athletes. Their love for life & sports & zeal to learn is truly commendable. Every time I have met the athletes, I have learnt the true meaning of this quote or rather I should say that have witnessed this quote coming to life: *Never say never, because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion – Michael Jordan*

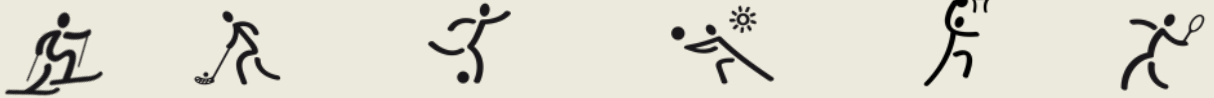


Partnering to make Health care inclusive and accessible



On the path of making health care inclusive and accessible, SO Bharat is continuously forging new partnerships as well as strengthening the existing ones. Very recently a team from the National office visited the office of 'Onesight', which is a registered charitable organization, reflecting the commitment and values of Essilor Luxottica Foundation.

Their mission to eliminate uncorrected poor vision, aims to leave no one behind. 23.1 Persons with Intellectual Disability, world over, have never had an eye examination, and SO Bharat with philanthropists and passionate partners, endeavours to overcome the challenge. One Sight Essilor Luxottica Foundation has volunteered to provide lenses to the Athletes at the Berlin games preparatory camp held in April 2023.



Youth leaders engage with the youth advocates of WWF

Continuing to engage with WWF, the youth from both the organisations joined hands innovating strategies to accomplish the UN-SDGs inclusively. In 2022 WWF participated in the SO Bharat Youth leadership Summit promising to explore synergies of change.



21 unified pairs representing 17 schools and colleges from the Delhi NCT for the first time participated in an environment awareness initiative of the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) in Delhi. The one-day master class turned the attention of the athletes and the youth leaders towards uncommon concepts of environment and plastic pollution. The session added fun activities and interactions enabling a better understanding of the concepts. The athletes enthusiastically participated as they found the discussions relatable. Following this session there will be few more activations to complete the challenge, throwing in an element of unified sports that would blend sports with social responsibility.



WWF partnered with SO Bharat NYLC in organising 'Pratishtha 5.0' that was held in December 2023 at a public park in South Delhi bringing together approximately 200 people including special athletes, officials in an open format of unified sports. Relay Race, Football, Baggo along with art activity and a Zumba session had the evening walkers join the special athletes as they got introduced to Special Olympics unconventionally.



WWF specifically led the art activity drawing attention of the participants to a more global objective of saving the environment. A football activity was specially designed by SO Bharat combining football skills and guidelines to contribute to a better environment. Being part of their 'Tide Turner Plastic Challenge' the athletes too gave thought to the harmful effects of single use plastic and the urgency curtailing its usage.

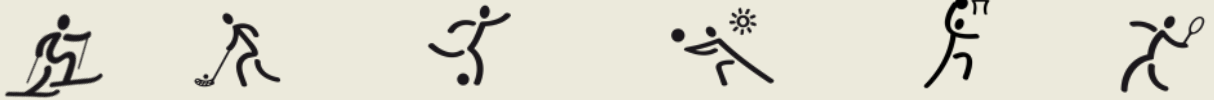
WWF- India in partnership with UN Environment Programme has conceptualized the Tide Turners' Plastic Challenge 2023, a global movement of committing youth and citizens to act on the cause of plastic pollution. WWF also led a session at the National Youth leadership Summit turning attention to the youth from all over India towards the subject.

In discussion with Vidhi Centre on urban accessibility for persons with invisible disabilities



SO Bharat participated in a multi-stakeholder discussion organised by the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy on the topic- 'Imagining Urban Accessibility for Persons with Invisible Disabilities'. The Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy (Vidhi) conducted research to identify how best to imagine the accessibility of urban spaces for persons with invisible disabilities. The research drove them to deliberate on the subject jointly, with stakeholders from diverse and related fields, including Special Olympics Bharat.

The session held at the India International Centre, Delhi was opened with insightful inputs shared by Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, in his keynote address.



Quiz-abled highlights another dimension of the abilities of the Athletes

Quizabled a distinctive quiz competition for children and youngsters with disabilities and a new engagement for the SO Bharat Athletes, was hosted in New Delhi for the first time. The curtains went up at the Shaheed Hemu Kalani Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Inclusive Education Branch, DOE, GNCT Delhi with over 650 attendees. From 40 schools approx 280 children with intellectual disabilities, autism & cerebral palsy, hearing impairment and visual impairment participated pushing their thoughts to respond to questions posed by the Quizmaster, Mr Himadri Banerjee, related with Sports, Bollywood, current affairs and more.



The Chief Guest, Mr Himanshu Gupta, Director Education, Govt of NCT (National Capital Territory of Delhi) witnessed the occasion with much enthusiasm appreciating the initiative as another step towards mainstreaming the marginalised. Mr Mallikarjuna lytha, Founder & CEO, Inclusive Divyangjan Entrepreneur Association (IDEA), special invitee joined Dr Mallika Nadda, President, SO Bharat, Ms Upasna Arora, Treasurer SO Bharat, Ms Ruma Banerjee, Vice-President Seva-in-action, and Mr Vignesh from LTIMindtree. Speaking on the occasion Mr Gupta said, *“Events, out-of-the-ordinary such as Quizabled create an environment where children with special needs look forward to attending school. They enjoy and develop a sense of belonging that makes them feel included. Having such activities is the need of the hour”*

Quizabled is organized by Seva-in-Action and powered by LTI Mindtree. The event was organized in collaboration with SO Bharat to realize a common vision, which is that of Inclusion of the marginalized sections of the society.



Special Athletes play Unified with the AIFF players

Athletes from Special Olympics Bharat (SO Bharat) combined with the players of All India Football Federation (AIFF) adding a new perspective to the second edition of the AIFF Hero Futsal Club Championship 2022-23 held at the KD Jadhav Indoor Hall, Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex, Delhi. Prior to the competition a coaches' training oriented about 30 participants with Special Olympics Unified Sports and Inclusion of the Athletes with Intellectual Disability in the sports field and beyond. The Unified Futsal Championship (7-a-side) was played over an hour between teams that combined the players with and without Intellectual Disability. Mr Victor Hermans, FIFA Technical Consultant & legendary Futsal player, graced the event alongside several distinguished guests

In the words of Mr. Savio Medeira, Director, Coach Education: "we are also looking at Unified Football as a topic to be included in our official AIFF E Certificate Coaching Course in the immediate future. The E Certificate is our entry-level coaching course which focuses on Life Skills and Human Values along with introducing the basics of Football Coaching to first-timers and is undertaken by thousands of coaches every year on a pan-India level"



Purple Fest in Goa celebrates Diversity



Organised by the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare and Entertainment Society of Goa, the Purple Fest 2023 witnessed participation of over 300 mainstream and 25 special schools of Goa. Celebrating diversity, the event unfolded a bonanza of cultural programs, exhibitions activities, sports, panel discussions etc. Special Olympics Athletes stamped their presence for the first time at the festival. A day prior to the launch, approx 25 athletes partnered with volunteers, introducing the concept of Unified Beach Cricket to the city that attended the event in huge numbers across the three-day duration.

'Baggo' too was introduced by, Mr Victor Vaz, National Sports Director, Special Olympics that combined over 600 persons with and without Intellectual disability, and was conducted throughout the duration of the event. While a few schools are already part of the ongoing Unified Champion School program in Goa, many more expressed interests in 'Unified Sports'. The purple Fest saw much enthusiasm and hopes to spread across other states of India as well.



Select city Walk clears the main atrium for the Berlin Participants

The Delhi Athletes from the Berlin games were treated to a special event organised jointly by the Select CITYWALK, a popular retail and entertainment outlet, and Decathlon, a sporting goods retailer. With an aim to spread awareness and enjoy a recreational evening, the interaction was organised right in the heart of the mall on a weekend, to leverage a high footfall. Students from Apeejay Saket, one of the Unified Champion Schools in Delhi, were invited to join the Athletes in their moment of victory and joy.

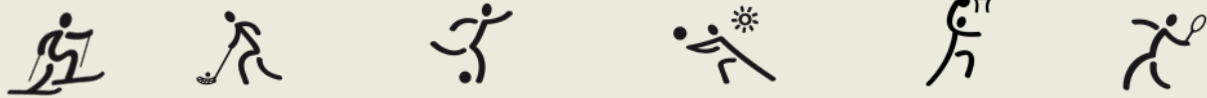


Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Yogeshwar Sharma, Executive Director and CEO Select CITYWALK said, " Meeting the Champions has been an eye-opening experience for all of us at Select, and we wish to continue our collaboration with SO Bharat in the future with similar events, so that we can do our best to support the cause"

The Athletes spend an evening with the volleyball champions



Shivaprasad, an SO Bharat volleyball athlete from Gulbarga, Karnataka, enjoyed a memorable moment of exchanging jersey with a player from Sir Safety Perugia. It brought him joy, taking him away from the daily toil of his parents who are labourers. The event transported him from dreadful squalor to a colourful splash and hardcore sport. It has made him take his regular volleyball practises more seriously.



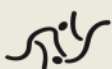
The FIVB (International Volleyball Federation) and Special Olympics (SO) once again joined forces during the Volleyball Men's Club World Championship 2023 in Bengaluru, India with an aim of promoting inclusion and unity through sports. Ten exceptional Special Olympics Bharat athletes joined the formidable team from Brazil, Itambé Minas and the World Club Champions – Sir Safety Perugia from Italy, to engage in a symbolic jersey exchange ceremony. According to FIVB the event established an important follow-up to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between FIVB and Special Olympics International during the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 in June.

FIVB President Dr Ary S. Graça F^o said: "The commemorative jersey exchange ceremony, held in collaboration with Special Olympics Bharat during the Volleyball Men's Club World Championship in India, demonstrated our shared values of inclusivity, empowerment and promoting a healthy lifestyle, and we look forward to expanding this collaboration over the coming years."

Kolkata speaks Inclusion on World Theatre Day 2023



Debangana Dasgupta, Youth with ID and Rennaisan Dutta, Youth without ID met each other through theatre that formed an integral part of the Innovation Grant project led by them in the state of West Bengal. Their project brought them together in 2021, as it brought over 15 special athletes, many like Debangana demonstrating their talent outside the sports field. While Debangana started to overcome restlessness and developed into an uninhibited speaker, Rennaisan overcame her performance anxiety. Commenting on their developing friendship, Ms Nupur, their adult mentor commented, "*They slowly started leading the activity, then the script, then the whole drama. As the project progressed, their friendship grew deeper. Moreover, they both created a friendly environment for others as well. Unified theatre is not just about putting on a show, it is about creating inclusion in the community where everyone's voice is heard, valued, and celebrated*". The success of theatre had the pair reach out to many government schools in the city, where already ten of them are replicating the model.



The Jharkhand Chapter partners with the Jindal Steel and Power Foundation

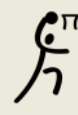


In February 2023, Mr Satbir Singh Sahota, Asst Area Director SO Bharat Jharkhand, on behalf of the state & with an aim to expand their network, reached out to Jindal Steel & Power (JSP).

In a span of six months the partnership boasts of several sessions and interactions. February witnessed a Young Athletes session, Coaches training & Family forum, supported by Jindal Steel & Power Foundation, Asha – The Hope, an institute at Patratu, Jharkhand. The Centre is part of the campus of Steel Plant that provides rehabilitation services to children with special need. Mr Shahi Kesari , a former TFA (TATA Football Academy) cadet, presently working with JSPF supported the SO Bharat team throughout the events. Mr Satbir commenced with issues of concern expressed by the families, beginning with UDID (Unique Disability Identity) card, health screenings etc along with the objective of regular YA sessions

On request by them a Coaches training was held again in the first week of August featuring Athletics, Badminton, Bocce & Football. The training was conducted by Mr. Bikas Tantubai & Mr. Ajay Mishra , Coaches, SO Bharat. 12 Coaches of JSP have been trained by the state Chapter. They have been educated about the SOI online portal as well. The same premise runs the OP Jindal School that has a strength of about 2400 students with a dedicated sports faculty.

The management of JSP also felicitated the Athletes of Jharkhand on their return from Berlin, while having supported hoardings highlighting the Berlin Games.



INCLUSIVERSE within the Christ University ensures whole school engagement



The Christ University in Pune (Maharashtra) formed a club called 'Inclusiverse' that implements all the Special Olympics initiatives. Formed in July 2023, it held a festival in October 2023 inviting 26 special athletes from three special schools. So determined were they to hold the program that they ran a two-month fund-raising drive through several activities, including screening a movie. The day-long event included Bocce, and several recreational segments like, lemon and spoon race, tug of war, ball-in-the-kit along with unified painting as well.

They very often carry out awareness drives through skits, presentations etc. The initiative "INCLUSIVERSE" was taken by Avichal Sharma who led the unified champion school programming in the state of Chattisgarh, and has now shifted to Pune, Maharashtra. He has formed a core team of 30 youth who support him with the Special Olympics events, having raised sufficient awareness within the University campus, to support SO Bharat



Workshops, Forums & Interactions mapping the path ahead

Global Forum on Inclusion 17-18 June 2023



Special Olympics announced the formation of the Global Leadership Coalition for Inclusion, a pioneering multilateral effort to support people with intellectual disabilities. 720 international representatives from politics, **NGOs**, academia & participants at the 2-day Global Forum on Inclusion (GF), adopted the Berlin Declaration. For the first time, governments, industry, philanthropy, and the development community came together with a shared global commitment to increase inclusive practices in education and sport and create more inclusive schools and communities. **14 countries spanning four continents**, and six major partner organizations. In India Dr Mallika Nadda is leading the endeavours of SO Bharat in reaching out to the education department to make unified sports a part of Inclusive education with importantly, having the youth to engage & lead



Program Leader Forum



The Program leader Forum was held on 20 June 2023 at Messe. The forum focused on strategies for growing local programming and was attended by program leaders from all 7 regions. The main objectives were to celebrate program leaders' resilience during the pandemic, provide updates on the global strategic plan, and share resources to support program leaders in their roles. The forum had over 200 people in attendance in-person and the virtual session had around 86 participants.

Ms Mukta Narain Thind presented the successful volunteer engagement during the National Health Fest held on 7 April 2022, celebrating the Indian Govt's flagship program Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Training and engaging with more than 13000 medical and sports professionals along with a mass scale return of the Athletes to play, after the pandemic pause, were critical aspects of the program that were highlighted at the forum.

Workshop on a globally unified education system



Special Olympics Program staff from the 17 Programs and 6 Regions visited Abu Dhabi to share experiences and best practises for sustaining and expanding Unified Champion Schools programming in their respective countries. Prior to the workshop, Researchers showcase their findings after having implemented socially inclusive activities worldwide. The presentations included Communicating with Government



Stakeholders, Storytelling, Young Athletes etc, implying the participation & leadership of the youth, inclusively, across all the initiatives of Special Olympics at all levels . Ms Raman Rekhi, Joint National Director- Organisation Development (Comms & Initiatives) represented SO Bharat at the workshop

Young people with intellectual disabilities are among those most marginalised by education systems globally. Even of those students that do achieve access, some estimate that less than 5% of children with disabilities complete school. To address these challenges, Special Olympics created Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® program and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the U.A.E., Ruler of Abu Dhabi, and Supreme Commander of the U.A.E. Armed Forces announced their support to six countries in 2020, including India. The program emphasises on multiplying sports and expanded inclusive experiences between youth with and without Intellectual Disability in schools, colleges and universities. Through this support India formalised the initiative across 12 states, while implementing active participation of the youth in schools and colleges inclusively in sports and beyond in many others.

Special Olympics Leadership Academy – Unified Leader I



Ms Kalash Kaushal, Asst Manager, Communications & Initiatives participated in the Special Olympics Leadership Academy organised by SO- Asia Pacific Regional office at Manila, The Philippines from 26-30 March 2023. This was the first in a series of three wherein Leader I would address 'leading yourself', Leader II leading others and Leader III, leading the organisation. The aim is to develop inclusive FUTURE READY leaders by equipping them with mindsets and skillsets which will help ensure growth and sustainability of the Movement

Kalash was joined by other youth leaders and adult mentors from India, who serve the Asia Pacific Youth forums in different roles



Strengthening the eco-system for Inclusive Youth leadership



Project Coordinator Workshop supported by Macquarie was held at the Hotel Royal Plaza, New Delhi from 8-11 February 2023 witnessing participation from eight states of India, to organise 'Inclusive Youth leadership' within their states. Two representatives from each of the identified states participated to understand the concept, program and its implementation while playing a critical role of mentoring the youth to work inclusively and lead. The three-day workshop was composed of two days of indoor sessions and the third that provided a Unified Sports experience. The program would position the states to reach out to schools, colleges, and universities to encourage Inclusion of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities through Sports and by offering opportunities for youth with and without intellectual disabilities to become agents of change within their school, community, and state.



Asia Pacific strategic discussions preceding the leadership Conference

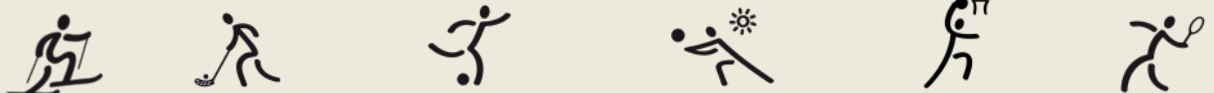


The leadership and officials from Bangladesh, Indonesia and India met the President & MD and, the staff of SOAP (Special Olympics -Asia Pacific) to revisit the impact of the pandemic that continues to haunt the turn-out of the Athletes in regular sports. The urgency of continuing to deliver quality sports to the Athletes, reclaiming the lost data due to coronavirus, formed the crux of the meeting. The three programs presented their respective status. To reclaim, expand and ensure that we have good quality athlete data- emerged as the goal for all the programs, while the regional office discussed avenues where they would support to enable the programs achieve targets. The meeting was a precursor to the SOAP Regional Leadership Conference that was held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

‘Reclaiming our Reach’ held centre stage at the Asia Pacific Regional Leadership Conference



Themed on ‘Reclaiming our Reach’ the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Leadership Conference 2023, held in-person after 2019, opened discussions around building back the strength of the program and reclaiming the reach, lost to the pandemic. The sessions were designed to discuss strategies and approaches that would allow for outreach and engagement in parallel, ensuring we reach those in



the most remote areas. Over 100 participants from over 28 countries were present. The SO Bharat team was led by Dr Mallika Nadda, President, who along with all the others, deep dived into a wide range of programmatic areas including Sport, Health, governance and many more.

Pinning importance to the application of the learnings, Mr Bradley Few, Director of Organisational Development, Special Olympics Asia Pacific Region said, "What happens after this conference, is crucial. If we carry back with us a sense of purpose, new knowledge to build capacity, and the ability to make change, this will be a successful conference"

Induction Training for the officials of SO Bharat



SO Bharat conducted an induction training for the new officials from seven states of India at the Amity University UP NOIDA on 11 and 12 October 2023. The training took them through various operational aspects leading to the Special Olympics global strategy 2021-2024. The training was led by the officials of the National office and youth leaders, opening with the remarks of the leadership.

The trainees were familiarized with the ongoing programs and projects to enable their successful implementation in their respective states. Unified Bocce created a sports experience that demonstrated the spirit of sports as an effective tool for development and inclusion



Touching Lives

Inked by the Heart



SI issue September 2015



Vaibhav is on the left . Pic 2015

Vaibhav Raghunandan, is a freelance journalist, whose association with SO Bharat goes back nearly 10 years. He cycles, runs, swims, and plays football on a regular basis. He has played Hockey at the national level. “I cannot imagine not being involved with sport in some way or the other. I can handle work/life stressors, interpersonal conflicts, and my mental health, much better if I am playing sports” – says he. Back in 2015, post the LA World Games, Vaibhav was responsible to place SO Bharat on the cover of Sports Illustrated (India)

According to him, Sports Illustrated had a section in its magazine titled ‘Faces in the Crowd’. It was regarded as a somewhat unglamorous section, and listed upcoming high achievers in age group sports at the district, state, and national level. As the junior most member of the SI team then, Vaibhav handled that section having him dig for offbeat sports/events and athletes to feature. Scouring through papers, message boards and sports federation websites he stumbled upon “*this kid*” called Ranveer Saini, who won three golds in golf. The story imprinted and the pen began to roll. ‘*Special Olympics Bharat became an easy sell*’ to the editorial team.

“The details are a little hazy now, but I remember it being a mixed event with bocce and football being played. The number of athletes staggered me, and a subsequent conversation with Air Marshal Keelor really struck home. Just listening to the way everyone at the National office spoke about Special Olympics, the impact it made on athletes, some of my own research and then just seeing the involvement of the people within the organisation, convinced me that this was a story that needed to be told. It was really the social impact that drove me towards the feature more than anything else.” Continuing to recall a few more memories he said, “A couple of the kids who really struck out to me were these two skaters, Shams Ul Haq from Hyderabad, and Siddharth Saxena from Delhi. If I remember correctly, they



medalled at the Los Angeles Games. Shams, I remember, had a hearing deficiency, which was worked-on at the Los Angeles Games. I believe the 'Healthy Hearing Program' at the Games had helped him with a customised hearing aid kit. It really symbolises that the Games are more than just about competition and sport.

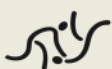
"I have been very lucky in my professional career, stumbling on to stories that have often changed the way I view the world, and live in it. My Special Olympics story is the perfect example!"

T Vishal, the Powerlifting Champion



T Vishal, powerlifter from Puducherry, India, soon after having celebrated his victory at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Berlin Germany in June 2023, turned his attention to the National Powerlifting Championship held at Kashipur in Uttarakhand in August 2023. 14 Athletes with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities participated there. At the Championship T Vishal got selected, along with 6 powerlifters in the special category for the 2023 Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship Johor Bahru Malaysia held in December 2023. Joining them there were more Special Olympics Athletes from other parts of the world. Vishal won four gold medals across all three routines, bench press, squat, deadlift, and combo, in the senior category.

The 16-yr old from Puducherry, kick started the medal rush for India by being the first to win won four silver medals for India at the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin. Encouraged by his parents to participate in extracurriculars and sports, Vishal only really took to sport when watching the Paralympics Games. Immediately he asked his parents to find him a coach who could teach him the techniques and the essentials of the sport. Almost obsessed with it, he even scoured the Internet to find videos that would help him get better — to the point where his parents even wondered if this had become a dangerous obsession.

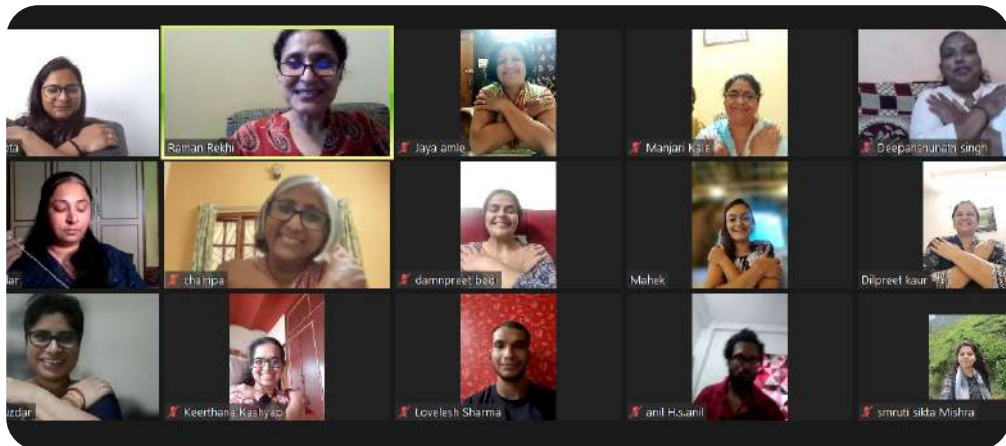


Within the home though there was always resistance, his mother, a school teacher pressured by her own family to not readily accept that Vishal was a special needs athlete. She was unable to accept the condition of her son. She being a teacher made the reality even harder to accept. “When we discussed his results or talked to her about the fact that he is a special needs child there was often some resistance and emotion shown by her,” SO Bharat Puducherry Area Director Chitra Shah says. “We pushed her to not just embrace that but also let him come and play and enjoy sport within our programme”

And now, with a silver medal around his neck, it’s the world that needs adjustment — the first coming from his mother, who burst with glee and pride when informed of his achievement via phone from Berlin.

Family Café brings daily lives of families with members with special needs , to the fore

When a parent says, “My adult son is not independent. How will he go for his job independently, run his life? Even legally he is not allowed to operate a bank account; are there books for training them in money matters; is there a pension plan for my child? “; these are a few concerns that bind the café members.





What follows is deliberations and exchange of experiences and suggestions. To make the sessions more relatable and relevant there is a brainstorming team called “The Coffee Brewers’ who has regularised ‘Master Sessions’ which would take place after every two personal journeys. This expert could be one who educates the members on ‘Inheritance needs of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities’ or a financial Coach etc. who would lead the group to think of the kind of money and assets that can be planned, the instruments of investment etc. The Café also helps throw light on talents of the athletes outside the sports field, like Alankar Gupta’s expertise in ‘Fluid Painting’. The Family Café that commenced in May 2021, continues to run with new features evolving, through feedback taken from the members from time to time

“Spending time with Amogh is the most joyful time for us. It is more about keeping our minds open. I am open about the challenges that we face, it helps us gain valuable input from others” - Keerthana Kashyap, Parent of Amogh Kashyap, a person with Intellectual Disability, a great singer & a Swimmer

Anil Nagalli , parent of Aryan , Athlete from Karnataka, said , “ Every child has an ability. Leave no opportunity that provides them a platform, however big or small. Unified sports is exclusive to Special Olympics and is a great way of bringing people together”



Sports requires no language



Growing up in the small village of Taranagar, in Bellari, north Karnataka, Eramma, 22, had very little exposure to sport. Her parents were farmers, responsible for supporting her and two siblings. Eramma was born hearing impaired and also acquired a speech deficiency when growing up. Communication was never a problem though, and she would, along with her two male siblings, spend a lot of her time outdoors, running in the sun and playing whatever games their imagination could think up.

Through the support of JSW, Bellari, “She started off as a runner, and then two years later when she was 16, she started playing table tennis, progressing to Tennis,” said Rajesh Vhanne her Coach head of sports at the school since 2016. He was also the tennis coach for the Special Olympics Bharat contingent travelling to Berlin for the World Games. At the World Games, Eramma took part in the singles & the women’s doubles, securing a fourth position in both

Tennis, Vhanne says, has added a new veneer to her personality. “She used to be a bit shy, always curious but also somewhat conscious of herself and never really keen to even try and engage with people.” An inability to converse with words and a lack of people around who used sign language undoubtedly contributed to it. But sport, as the oft-repeated maxim goes, requires no language. Vhanne can testify to it.



Walking down the memory lane with Patrick Gomes



Patrick Gomes, an Athlete from Delhi, is perhaps, one of the oldest Athletes, and the only one who has witnessed the inception and growth of the movement in India. How much he had to strain his mind to bring back memories of a distant past, unknown to many, is intriguing. He easily brushed off a question that asked him, if not Special Olympics the what! At 49 yrs now, and having first participated in Special Olympics in 1991, he just could not figure anything but Special Olympics and sports.

He is disconnected with his family, embracing Special Olympics as his identity and companion. In 1991 he participated in Athletics held in Madras, Tamil Nadu, running 100mtr, 200mtr and 400mtr. In 1995, then a student of the Okhla Centre of Learning and Development Delhi, he was selected in football for the Special Olympics World Summer Games held at Connecticut, USA. His initial years with Special Olympics, is a fuzzy memory but surely became a milestone, changing his life forever.



For over 15 years he has been coaching special athletes. His training includes teaching sports and values. Sports, according to him is important for everyone as it brings positivity, fitness, and discipline. Patrick is very conscious of his fitness as well, jogging daily for two hours covering approx. 10 kms. He is proud of his Athletic personality that gives him confidence, despite his speech challenge. He lives all by himself, in his home, surrounded by caring neighbors. Dusting and cleaning his house is part of his daily routine that too keeps him fit. Difficult situations with his family did come his way, causing him distress and dejection, something he does not like to detail out.

There may have been only few events not attended by Patrick. He is a stalwart, a testimony to the role that Special Olympics plays in shaping personalities & changing lives.


“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”
 **Special Olympics Athlete Oath** 



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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

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CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS	3	₹ 5,58,834.00	4,57,825.00
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FIXED ASSETS	4	₹ 93,48,898.00	1,02,45,831.00
INVESTMENTS	5	₹ 2,33,23,604.00	2,33,23,604.00
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES			
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Delhi will have dedicated stadium for Special Olympics Bharat athletes; Lt. Gov V K Saxena

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India is sending a contingent comprising of 198 athletes and Unified partners and 31 Coaches to participate across 14 Sports



Khel Today

पीएम मोदी ने स्पेशल ओलंपिक के लिए दल को दी शुभकामनाएं

नई दिल्ली। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने बर्लिन में होने वाले स्पेशल ओलंपिक के लिए भारतीय



दल को शुभकामनाएं दी हैं। प्रधानमंत्री ने रविवार को किए ट्वीट में कहा कि इन खेलों में हमारा प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहे हर खिलाड़ी पर हमें नाज है। भारतीय दल को मेरी शुभकामनाएं। भारतीय खिलाड़ी अपने जज्बे, समर्पण के साथ इन

खेलों में शानदार प्रदर्शन करेंगे। भारत ने स्पेशल ओलंपिक के लिए 198 खिलाड़ियों का दल जर्मनी के बर्लिन में भेजा है। भारतीय खिलाड़ी 16 स्पर्धाओं में भाग लेंगे। एजेसी

Amar Ujala

Amitabh Bachchan sends best wishes to Special Olympics Bharat participants ahead of Berlin Games 2023

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New Delhi, May 29 (PTI): Citizens of all abilities deserve equal opportunities, said Amitabh Bachchan as he wished Special Olympics Bharat athletes in the upcoming 2023 Special Olympics World Summer games.



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