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## Report on World Winter GAMES HELD IN PYEONG CHANG, SOUTH KOREA FROM 29TH JANUARY TO 5TH FEBRUARY 2013



### Sponsoring Indian Delegation of 84 Athletes & Coaches

  
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**WORLD WINTER GAMES  
PyeongChang 2013**

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29th January - 5th Feb 2013  
PyeongChang, South Korea



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## Participation Details – 6 events

### Disciplines



Snow Sports	Floor Hockey	Ice Skating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alpine Skating</li> <li>• Snow Boarding</li> <li>• Snow Shoeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floor Hockey Girls Team</li> <li>• Floor Hockey Boys Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Figure Skating</li> <li>• Ice Speed Skating</li> </ul>

### Athlete Participation

Item	Female Team	Male Team	Coaches	HOD's	Total
Floor Hockey	16	16	8		40
Ice Figure Skating	2	2	1		5
Ice speed Skating	1	1	1		3
Alpine Skiing	4	4	2		10
Snow Boarding	3	4	2		9
Snow Shoeing	2	2	1		5
<b>Total</b>				<b>7</b>	<b>79</b>

## Medal Tally in the 2013 World Winter Games – Stake Holders



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Item	Gold	Silver	Bronze	4th	5th	6th	Total
Floor Hockey Female	16						
Floor Hockey Male		16					
Figure Skating	1	2	2	0	1	2	
Speed Skating	1	3		1	1		
Alpine Skiing	4	5	7				
Snow Boarding	3	4	6	1			
Snow Shoeing	3	1	1	1	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>

## Send off Ceremony – World Winter Games



The Send-Off Ceremony of the Indian Team leaving for the World Winter Games at PyeongChang, South Korea, was held at the Park Hotel Connaught Place on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

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The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. JP Nadda, MP and General Secretary BJP and Member of the Board of Trustees, SO Bharat.

The Guests of Honour were:

- Mr Kim Kum Pyoung , Director of the South Korean Cultural Centre, New Delhi and Councillor, Press and Cultural Relations, Embassy of South Korea. New Delhi.
- Mr. VP Rajesh, Member of the Governing Council of IME and Senior Member of the IME Society and Sponsor
- Mr. Satish Upadhyay, Chairman, Education Committee, South Delhi Municipal Corporation

Send- Off Ceremony of the SO Bharat WWG Team at the Park Hotel, Connaught Place, New Delhi on the 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am



Welcome Address by the Chairman, SO Bharat

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**Audience**

**Mr. VP Rajesh &  
Mr. Satish Upadhaya**



## General View of the audience



## Guests addressing the Athletes



## Group Photograph after the Send Off Ceremony



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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2013 OFFICIALLY OPENS WITH 'DREAM CHORUS' CEREMONY

**PyeongChang, Republic of Korea - 29 January 2013:** On the evening of 29 January in the snowy mountains of the Republic of Korea, thousands gathered in the Yongpyong Dome, not far from the Alpensia ski resort, to officially open the start of the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics World Winter Games and celebrate what is set to be an incredible week of competitions that will showcase the life-changing power of sport.

More than 100 delegations from around the world participated in the ceremonial parade of athletes in front of a capacity crowd, as they prepared for the Korean "Dream Chorus" themed ceremony which depicted a Korean-culturally inspired beautiful dream of humanity towards co-existence and harmony. Many notable sports and entertainment celebrities including Yuna Kim, Yao Ming, Dikembe Mutombo and others joined in the celebration. Korean President Lee Myung-bak and Korean President-elect Park Geun-hye, who will become Korea's first female president, were both in attendance to welcome the more than 2,300 athletes from around the world to the Republic of Korea. Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the U.N., provided video remarks saying that Special Olympics World Winter Games will advance dignity and opportunity of all. Live remarks were given by several others, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, MP, Chairperson, National League for Democracy, Burma (Myanmar), who walked on-stage hand-in-hand with Special Olympics athlete and global messenger Ariel Ary of Costa Rica; she proclaimed that "it is the spirit that overcomes" which rang true with all in attendance.

Protocol elements such as the torch lighting, reciting of the Special Olympics athlete oath, and official declaration of the Games opening all took place amidst an igloo and snowflake shaped stage depicted to represent PyeongChang, The three-hour Opening Ceremony was produced by internationally acclaimed director ByeongWoo, and provided a heartfelt welcome to thousands of athletes who have come to compete on the world stage.

Emphasizing the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games official theme '*Together We Can*' the World Games, Special Olympics Chairman and CEO, Dr. Timothy Shriver, said to the crowd in attendance and to viewers all over the world: "*We issue a challenge to the world tonight to hear the voices of people with intellectual disabilities and end fear and stigma. Together, we can end discrimination. Together, we can change the world. Together, we will.*"

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## Arrival at Seoul

Arrival at Seoul Airport, South Korea for the WWG 2013



## Host Town Programs –Small Alpine Town of Pyeong Chang, South Korea

On the 27th January at 9.00 a.m., the Host town organised gave an entertainment program for the Indian Delegation and also organised some fun games for the Indian Athletes.



## Buffet Dinner for Teams



## Fun Games with Hosts



## Variety Show for Athletes in the evening



## Performance by the violin performance group of Korea with their magical string entertained the Indian delegation



## The GAMES

The Special Olympics Winter Games kicked off, on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013, to a 7 day extravaganza of Competitions, Special events and sharing the global vision of *inclusion and acceptance*.

### Opening Ceremony - Stadium



Dignitaries at the opening Ceremony Tim Shriver with top dignitaries of the Korean State



**March Past by the Teams**

**Indian Team with Brady Lum**





Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairperson, National League for Democracy, Myanmar with Indian Athlete with Dev Anil Dhingra





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## Aung Sum Suu Kye

*Nobel Laureate and Burmese Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi with Special Olympics Bharat athlete Dev Anil Dhingra at the 10<sup>th</sup> World Winter Games, Pyeong Chang, South Korea.*



*The democracy icon is attending the Global Development Summit which is being held on the sidelines of the games. During a news conference, she compared her years of house arrest spent in Burma to the experience.*

*"Your spirit will help you to overcome your intellectual,*

*all your physical disabilities. And the spirit is what we've had to rely on in Burma for the last several decades. And I've always said the real revolution is the revolution of the spirit. And that is what you are carrying out.*

*The Nobel laureate said she was "humbled" by the commitment of the thousands of athletes participating in the games. She said it is important that disabled people be allowed to be active in their communities, and that participation is key to ensuring human rights.*





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Floor Hockey against Cyprus



## Floor Hockey against Chinese Taipei



## Snow Skiing





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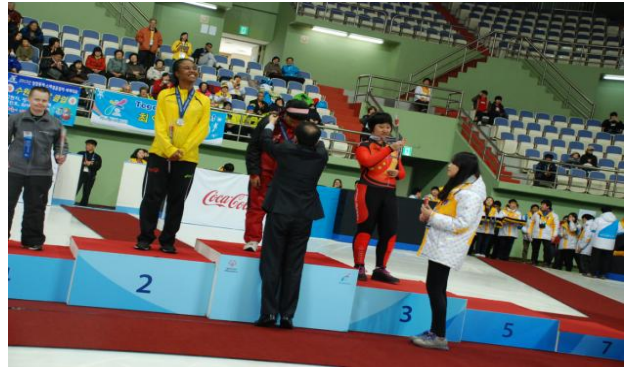






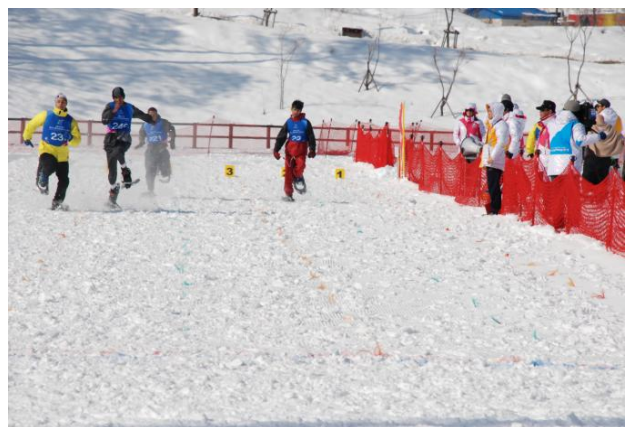






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## Global Youth Summit PyeongChang, South Korea

### My time at the Special Olympics Global Youth Summit, Pyeonchang, South Korea

By Ray Lane, Special Olympics Board member



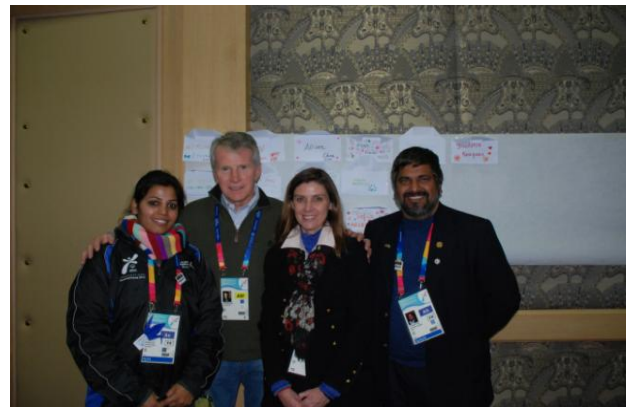
As part of my experience at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Pyeonchang, Korea, I spoke at the Global Youth Activation Summit where young people, along with Special Olympics athletes, learn how to lead Special Olympics programs in their schools and community.

I enjoyed meeting lots of young people and hearing about their experiences in trying to introduce Special Olympics Project Unify in schools in Serbia, [India](#), Romania, Austria and Italy, and after hearing from many of them, combined with my years of involvement in Special Olympics. I am certain, young people, especially like the dedicated, passionate and determined ones I met at the summit, are the source of solutions for many of the obstacles we face in communities. I encouraged them to continue to do the great work they are doing, to do the right thing, and if that means breaking the rules, then do it.



**Project UNIFY is Growing** Ray and Stephanie Lane discuss Project UNIFY with Alexandru-Daniel Dobrin, Adriana Iliescu and Elena-Anda Mandru of Special Olympics Romania. Support from the Lanes has helped Project UNIFY expand internationally to India, Austria, Romania, Serbia and Italy.

**About Ray Lane - Special Olympics Board Member, a long time fan and friend of Special Olympics and a dedicated and committed Philanthropic**



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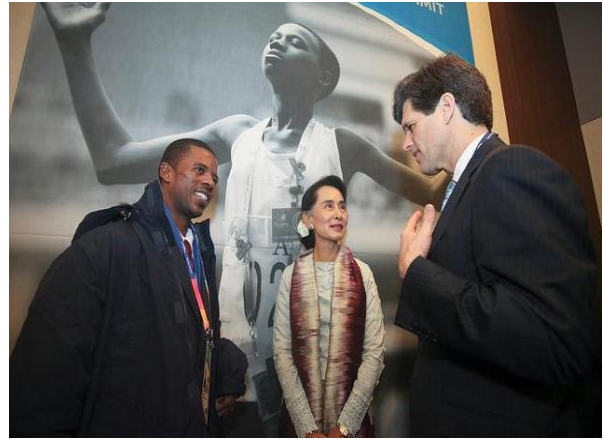


## Closing Ceremony



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## The Triumphant Return to India



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## Press Clippings

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# Vendor's son wins special Oly gold

Naziya Alvi Rahman | TNN

**New Delhi:** To win a medal for India at an international meet is a special achievement for any athlete. For Raj Kumar Tiwari, the feat was many times more challenging. The son of a street hawker from Paharganj, the 18-year-old not only had no money to spend on training, he also had to struggle with hyperactivity disorder and a low IQ score. But he overcame all this and more to bag gold at the Special Winter Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

### ► Neighbours funded, P 5

Raj won the medal on February 1 in figure skating, a sport hardly known in India. With his father earning just around Rs 4,500 per month, affording a



Raj and his partner, Kirti Kalra, also won a silver in figure skating pairs

single skating practice session at Gurgaon's Ambience Mall — that costs Rs 450 — was impossible for the family. So, the entire neighbourhood chipped in to

give the talented Raja a chance to fulfil his dream.

“We raised funds to help him get training and represent us at the Olympics. Today he has

made Paharganj proud,” said Madan Mohan Mahajan, a local welder and Raj's landlord, who on Wednesday was busy distributing sweets and planning a welcome party for the boy who is expected to return home early Thursday morning.

Raj is not the only special athlete to have made Paharganj proud. Two girls from the area — Alpana, 16, and Suman, 15 — have also bagged gold medals in snowshoeing and floor hockey respectively at the Olympics. Alpana and Suman live in one-room houses in Nabi Karim area of Paharganj.

Of the 14 “intellectually disabled” athletes from Delhi, two have won gold in individual category and three as part of the winning women's hockey team.

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# Specially-abled athletes return with rich haul

Event Was Held In South Korea Between Jan 29 And Feb 5

## Neighbours funded Raj's training

Vandana Keeloor / TNN

New Delhi: They were told 'together we can', and together they did the country proud. The team for specially-abled sportspersons of the Special Olympics Bharat not only competed with 2,200 athletes from over 120 countries in the 10th Special Olympics World Winter Games 2013, but also won a total of 75 medals—the highest tally so far.

In the event, held in South Korea between January 29 and February 5, a total of 28 gold, 31 silver and 16 bronze medals were added to India's kitty. The Indian squad comprised 57 sportspersons from Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Manipur, Rajasthan, among others. "These athletes embody the Special Olympics Bharat oath—Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," says chairman, Special Olympics Bharat, Air Marshal (Retd) Denzil Keeloor.

When life throws a thousand challenges at you, the easiest thing to do is quit. But to keep trying and emerge trium-



**TOGETHER THEY DID IT.** The Special Olympics World Games included eight sports like alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding

phant despite the odds is the quality of a winner. Twelve-year-old Anishka Upadhyay from Lucknow, the youngest delegate at the Games, won two gold in the alpine skiing event, while Raj Kumar Tiwari won a gold in figure skating and a silver in the doubles skating with Kirti Kalra.

The Games included eight sports—alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, figure skating, short track speed skating, floor hockey and floorball. Girls outdid the boys in gold by

winning 9 while the boys got 4. The silver medal tally had boys outdoing the girls with 12 and 5 respectively in the bronze category; girls won 7 while the boys won 9 medals. Sanjay Kumar (30) from Himachal Pradesh won 2 gold in snowboarding, Bipasha Mukherji (14) from Delhi won 1 gold and 1 silver in speed skating. Uttam Singh (16) from Rajasthan collected 2 bronze and a silver in alpine skiing while Anita Kumari (16) from Himachal Pradesh won one gold and one bronze in alpine skiing.

Even though such sportspersons live in anonymity in India with no sponsors battling to put their logo on their shirts, they silently try their best to prove their mettle to the world. To encourage these athletes, camps are organized throughout the year and one can witness the bond among the special children and adults. "Given the lack of infrastructure for winter games in the country, the fact they compete and emerge victorious is commendable. Despite all odds, our specially-abled athletes have brought home not only medals but commendable laurels," Keeloor says.

The Special Olympics World Games bring public attention to the talents of people with intellectual disabilities, helping to change attitudes and break down barriers. Sonu (20) is from the Bihar chapter of Special Olympics Bharat. A resident of Daudnagar village in Aurangabad, Sonu's father is a farmer and mother a homemaker. He trained in floor hockey for 6 years and it was the first time he played a tournament. His team won gold.

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Raj has been living in a 10x12 feet room with no kitchen and shared toilet for the last eight years with his parents, three brothers and his sister. His father Ramesh sells hair-clips on a pavement in Sadar Bazar.

For coach Rohit Manchanda, who selected and trained the three athletes, it's a dream come true. "I have no words to describe this achievement. I am just waiting to hug them tomorrow morning. They have done the unbelievable," he said. All the three winners were picked up from an NGO-run school, Prabha Institute for Special Children in Ram Bagh, Paharganj.

Narrating Kumar's story, his coach said Raj could not go for the 2011 Special Summer Olympics because he had no passport. "It's not just figure skating, Raj is an excellent athlete and can play several games like football and handball exceptionally well. During the last Olympics, he could not represent the country in



Raj Kumar Tiwari (left), son of a street hawker, bagged a gold medal in Special Olympics. For coach Rohit Manchanda (second from right), who selected and trained the three athletes, it's a dream come true

football as he did not have documents like birth certificate or residential proof to apply for a passport," he said.

This, however, will mean Raj stands to lose a large sum of money. Virender Kumar, area director, special Olympics Delhi, explained that the as city government pays 10 times more to the winners of Special Summer Olympics than those

who win medals at the special winter games.

"A lot of games played during the winter Olympics are yet not registered with the city government. Therefore while a summer gold medalist is rewarded with Rs 5 lakh, a winter Olympic winner is given just Rs 31,000," Kumar said.

Back at Raj's one-room home that does not have a sin-

gle piece of furniture, his mother Leelavati Devi is excited about her son's return. "I did not know his passion for sports will get us so much respect. I used to push him so much to study," she said.

The news is still to reach Raj's father who is currently at their ancestral village, Bhatwalia near Gorakhpur, attending a wedding.

