

Final Preparatory for World Winter Games, South Korea 2013

The Special Olympics Bharat – Himachal Pradesh organized the final preparatory camp in Floor Hockey and Snow sports i.e alpine skiing, snow shoeing, snowboarding, figure skating and speed skating at Bilaspur and Manali respectively from the 3rd to 8th January 2013.

A total of 58 Special Athletes, 15 Coaches, 03 H.O.D and Assistant Staff's will be representing India at the 2013 World Winter Games, South Korea.

From Goa chapter, Mast. Aviraj Kalanguthkar, Miss Valencia Fernandes, Miss Pooja Resham, and Mr. Carlton Gomez (coach) were selected for the final preparatory. Ms. Samantha D'Costa(Coach) accompanied the female participants.

The athletes then continued to practice from 4th to the 8th January 2013 morning and evening session.

Ms. Roshni Neog introduced ALP's training program to the athletes and coaches present for the camp.

2013 WORLD WINTER GAMES HELD AT PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA

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."



The Winter games were held in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea, from 29 January to 5 February 2013. Special Olympics Bharat participated in Alpine Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Snow Boarding, Figure Skating, Floor Hockey, Short track speed skating

GOA's PARTICIPATION -

From among 29 male and 29 female special athletes and 15 coaches Goa was represented by Three Special Athletes namely Mr. Aviraj Anil Kalangutkar(School for Appropriate Learning - Panjim) Ms. Puja Krishna Resham(Keshav Seva Sadhna - Bicholim), Ms. Velancia Fernandes (Gujarati Samaj - Margao), one coach – Mr. Carlton Maxwell Gomez and Coach cum H.O.D - Mr. Victor R. Vaz, who indeed made Goa Proud of their special talent by winning a gold and silver medal



Goan Special Athletes, Gold Medal Winners (Floor Hockey) are Ms. Puja Krishna Resham and Ms. Velancia Fernandes and Mr. Aviraj Anil Kalangutkar - Silver Medal Winner.

Earlier before leaving for South Korea, the Goa participants assembled in Delhi.



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Sr.no	Name	Sport	Position	Photo
1	Velancia Fernandes	FloorHockey	Gold	
2	Puja Krishna Resham	FloorHockey	Gold	
3	Aviraj Anil Kalangutkar	FloorHockey	Silver	
Sr.no	Name	Sport	Status	
1	Victor Vaz	FloorHockey	Coach Cum H.O.D	
2	Carlton Gomez	FloorHockey	Coach	

REPORT ON SPREE - ACT TO INSPIRE

SPREE 2013, the annual national sports festival of BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, was held from February 28 – March 3, 2013.

The theme was **'Play to Inspire'**, an effort to enhance sports to inspire others to step into the same. In tune with the festival's theme of **'Play to Inspire'**, SPREE 2013 launched its first edition of 'Act to Inspire' is powered by **'Special Olympics Bharat'**, an NGO, which aims to being about the upliftment of sporting talent in the differently abled.



The Chief Guest for the event was Air Marshal Denzil Keelor, Chairman of Special Olympics Bharat and Director of the Institute, Prof. K E Raman and other dignitaries were present on the dais.

On the 1st March 2013, the Special Olympics Bharat Goa Unified Football and Badminton team were invited by the BITS to create an Awareness and show case their talents. In badminton the Duo from Special Olympics Goa gave the BITS players a tuff fight marginally behind by 3-1. While in football, the Special Olympics Bharat Football Unified team gave them a clash and enjoyed themselves playing a unified game while the scored was 2-1.

Goa Marathon Report

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa participated in the second edition of Goa Marathon which was held on 3rd March 2013. It was a joint collaboration with El Shaddai and BITS Pillani.

Around 100 special Athletes, coaches, school officials and Special Olympics Goa officials from various special Schools in Goa participated in the 5 km dream walk and run. The schools that participated were Lokvishwas Pratishthan (Ponda), Disha and School for Appropriate Learning (S.F.A.L, Panjim), Fairyland School (Goa Velha), Peace Haven (Caranzalem) and Atmavishwas Special School (Pernem).

The 5 Km run was along the scenic beauty of Mandovi River. The run commenced from SAG Campal Ground in Panjim headed towards Hotel Mandovi and back. The athletes and officials enjoyed themselves running and

walking.

Community Coaches Training Level III

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa conducted the Community Coaches Training Program Level III from 29th to 30th April 2013 at the District Institute Education and Training(DIET), Porvorim, Panjim – Goa.

A total number of 60 coaches and 02 officials were present from both North and South Districts of Goa from St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Sree Balaram Primary School, Sarvodaya E.S. Primary School, Shree Damodar Vidhyalaya, Mustifund Middle School, St. Andrews Institute, Popular Primary School, G.P.S Baina, No 1, St. Michael's Convent High School, G.P.S Mandur, G.P.S. St. Inez, S.S. Samiti's Primary School, Saraswat Vidhyalaya, Gujarati Samaj Educational Trust, Holy Cross High School, St. Thomas Boys High School, St. Xaviers Academy, Lokvishwas Pratishthan, Ashadeep and Disha Charitable trust.

The following topics were as follows:

- Types of Disability
- scheme of sports and games for the Disabled
- federation specific information
- sports safety and first Aid
- volleyball And Table Tennis

Practical's sessions were conducted on the second day in volleyball and Table tennis.

Report on Australia & India Special Olympics Disability Sports Development Project Report

For the first time in the history of Special Olympics, Special Olympics Australia has joined hands with Special Olympics Bharat to create a sports development project for the



intellectually disabled. The sport chosen for the camp was Special Olympics Soccer. The camp was hosted by Special Olympics Bharat – Goa from the 10th to 24th April 2013 at the Youth Hostel, Miramar, Panjim – Goa.

The main aim to conduct this camp was to work together as collaboration with Special Olympics Bharat, for the upcoming Regional games to be held at New Castle, Australia from the 28th November to 7th December 2013.

Around 35 Special Athletes and Coaches from Goa, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka participated in this camp.

From Goa, around 20 athletes participated from various Special schools namely Lokvishwas Prathishthan, Sanjay School, SFAL, Disha School, St. Xaviers and Atmavishwas School.

The Resource Persons for the camp were:

Mr. Edward Meechan..... Special Olympics Australian Soccer Coach

Mr. Victor R. Vaz.....National Sports Director SOB

Mr. Khurram.....SOB, ACTP Manager

Mr. Jeffary D'Souza.....SOB Goa

Ms. Priya Kudalkar.....Program Manager, SOB Goa

Ms. Samantha D'Costa.....Sports Manager, SOB Goa (Coach)

Ms. Monali Korgaokar.....Volunteer SOB Goa (Coach)

Beach training was taken. Picnics were organized by the host state at Hoolant – Vasco, and Morjim, Goa. The athletes had fun and frolicked in the water.

Mr. Edward was introduced to the athletes and coaches. He then asked the resource persons to continue with their daily schedule, as he observed the athletes.



Next day, he along with SOB resource persons divided the athletes into two abilities, Higher and Lower Ability Groups. The higher ability group was

selected for 11-a-side football while Lower Ability group for 5-a-side football team.



The ability grouping was done by observing the athletes play against each other. The skills observed were based on basic football fundamental skills like passing, dribbling and shooting.

Later that evening, Air Marshall Denzil Keelor, Chairmen of Special Olympics

Bharat and Sharon Nixon, National Manager of Communications and Brands Special Olympics Australia arrived in Goa.

PRESS CONFERENCE AT HOTEL RIVER MANDОВI.

A press conference was held at Hotel Mandovi, Panjim – Goa on the 22nd April 2013 at 12:30. Around 20 personnel from electronic and print media were present to cover this event. The dignitaries at the Dias were Air Marshall Denzil Keelor, Mrs. Sharon Nixon, Dr. Rufino Monteiro, Chairman of Goa Football Development Council, Mr. Edward Meehan and Mr. Victor R. Vaz.

At the press, Mr. Victor Vaz gave an introduction of the dignitaries present and gave a gist of the project. Air Marshall further added by telling the press “ in

Five Goan footballers for Special Asia Pacific meet

TEAM REPORT
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MAPUSA: Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) and Special Olympics Australia have come together for the first time in the history of Special Olympics to work together in the best interests for the people with intellectual disability.

Two representatives from SOB are in the state to strengthen partnership with SOB prior to the very first edition of Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Games which will be held from November 29 to December 7 in Newcastle, Australia.

A football camp for athletes begins on April 10 at St Cruz ground and will conclude on April 24 under the watchful eyes of Australian coach, Eddie Meehan.

“SOB has deputed Eddie Meehan, one of their eminent football coaches to Goa to help Indian footballers for this event. Eddie has been conducting two training sessions a day with the team and working alongside the Indian coaches,” informed Victor Vaz, national sports director, SOB at a press conference here, Monday.

The selection camp concluded in Hyderabad in which over 220 athletes took part out of which five Goans - Joseph Rodrigues, Ivan Cruz,



Air Marshall (left) Denzil Keelor, founder chairman of SOB at the media briefing in Panjim, Monday

Soumitra Naik, Saah Naik and Saneer have been selected among the 28 “probables,” added Vaz.

“I was very impressed with the talent of the Indian footballers, especially in terms of discipline. After working together with the Indian coaches, we have been able to sharpen the skills of the athletes on specific areas for the competition in Australia,” stated Meehan.

India will have a delegation of over 500 representatives which will include 400 athletes and 100 officials and field three football teams at the games besides aquatics, basketball, table tennis, badminton, tennis.

“This is the first time in the history of Special Olympics

that Special Olympics Bharat and Special Olympics Australia have come together for the very first edition of the Asia Pacific Regional Games,” said Air Marshall (left) Denzil Keelor, founder chairman, SOB.

Dr Rufino Monteiro, chairman, Goa Football Development Council praised SOB for its recent performance at the World Winter Games in South Korea and extended his full support. “The Special Olympics Goa football team is currently the top team in the nation and the Indian team is amongst the top ten in the world and GFDC will be glad to offer its services in conducting football camps in preparation for the world unified football championships,” said Dr Rufino.

SOB is also preparing a team that will take part in the preliminary round of the Special Olympics World Unified Football Cup which will be held from June 15 to 22 in Bangkok, where three teams from the Asia Pacific region will proceed to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the final in December.

Vaz also informed that former India football team coach, Armando Galao has given his consent to support SOB.

Sharon Nixon, national manager (communications), SOB was also present.

the history of Special Olympics, two organizations that is SO Australia and SO Bharat have come together to form a project, since the Asia Pacific Regional Games to be held in Australia and SOB will be participating.”

Speaking to the press, Sharon Nixon said “ We are working together as a collaboration. It is basically a Cultural Exchange between two countries. Indian Team will be participating with about 500 Special Athletes and Coaches

which is the same number with Australian participation .”

Mr. Victor Vaz introduced the 5 probable who are selected to play for Asia Pacific Qualifier Unified Football Cup. The athletes will have to undergo different and rigorous skills and assessments before making an entry into the SOB Squad to represent India at Bangkok, Thailand in the month of June.

Mr. Edward Meechan shared his experience by saying “ it is difficult to go out and coach

somewhere else but in India it is a different scenario. I’m very impressed with discipline of the athletes; this has been installed from Mr. Victor to his coaches and they in turn teach their athletes. The coaching standards are high in India”.

Mr. Victor handed the mic over to Dr. Rufino Monteiro, Special Guest. He too was impressed with the honesty, discipline and hard work of the athletes and coaches. Stating further “Special Olympics Bharat Goa Soccer team ranks no. 1 India and special Olympics Bharat Soccer team ranks within the first 10. Which is way better than the mainstream Indian football team which doesn’t exists within top 100 teams. Special Olympics Goa will have our support in Football.”

Mementos were presented to the Australian staff and to the Special Guest. Paperweights were



distributed as a sign of gesture to the media personnel. Lunch was served to the press. On the last day of the camp the athletes and the coaches gathered outside the Youth Hostel for a small felicitation and a farewell program. As a sign of remembrance, Mr. Eddie gave the athletes and coaches a soft toy, Joey, a baby kangaroo – the mascot of SO Australia.

FIFA Hyderabad Report

Special Olympics Bharat along with the Special Olympics Andhra Pradesh Chapter organized a Selection Camp for the FIFA Unified Football Cup from 19th to 22nd April, 2013 at the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP), Hyderabad, Gachibouli. This camp was organized to select the probable athletes who will represent Special Olympics Bharat during the Special Olympics World Unified Football Cup at Bangkok, Thailand from 15th to 22nd June 2013.

From 106 special athletes from 18 states, a final list of the selected probables who will be representing SO Bharat in the Special Olympics World Unified Football Cup was shortlisted to 28 selected probable's. Among these 28 shortlisted probable athletes, 5 Goan Athletes made the cut.

The athletes were as follows:

1. Saish Naik
2. Joseph Rodrigues
3. Samir Babu Das
4. Swapnil Naik
5. Inace Cruz

The athletes were accompanied by Mr. Amit Fernandes, Special Olympics Bharat – Goa football coach and Partner Jason fernandes.

BEACH CLEANING DRIVE REPORT



Special Olympics Bharat – Goa had organized beach cleaning drive on 24th April 2013. The main

aim to conduct the drive was to educate the athletes regarding keeping the environment clean and to inculcate the habit of throwing waste in the waste bin. Separate the wet from the dry waste. "If we can do it so can you" was the theme for the beach cleaning drive. The Special athletes along with their coaches separated the wet waste from the dry waste, bottles. The people who came to have fun on the beach interacted and helped the athletes. The Cooperation City of Panaji gave pamphlets and garbage bags to collect the waste. Media personnel's interviewed some of the athletes. The waste was later collected and kept for the CCP workers to collect.

REPORT ON FEMALE FOOTBALL CAMP.

For the first time, Special Olympics Bharat – Goa conducted a Female Football Camp from the 7th to 17th May 2013 at Campal Grounds, Panjim – Goa. The female athletes were from the various Special schools in Goa i.e. SFAL, Disha School, Sanjay School Porvorim and Cuchorem, Gujarati Samaj.



The Coaches were Ms. Monali Korgaokar and Ms. Samantha D'Costa from SOB – Goa.

The female athletes were coached along with male football special athletes to give them a better understanding of the game. The female athletes learned basic skills in football such as dribbling, passing and controlling the ball. Recreational activities relating football and games were played.



REPORT ON FIFA FINAL SELECTION CAMP AT GOA

Special Olympics Bharat organized the FIFA Preparatory camp along with Special Olympics Bharat - Goa at Panjim – Goa by from 8th to 26th May 2013, to train and select the final athletes who will represent SO Bharat during the Qualifying Match of FIFA Unified Cup which is going to be held at Bangkok,



Thailand from 15th to 21st June 2013. The preliminary selection camp of 6 days took place at Hyderabad in the month of April 2013, where 28 Athletes were shortlisted as probables. This twenty days preparatory camp was well thought out to select 9 athletes and train them to bring out the best out of them.



The technical sessions and the skills training on football started were conducted at St. Cruz Village Play Ground. The sessions were divided into two parts i.e., Morning and evening. Both the sessions used to start with warm up followed with practice and later Unified Matches.



The athletes along with the coaches trained at the SAG Indoor Gym as well as did Sand training for endurance and strength.

Picnics, gala night and boat cruises were organized by SOB – Goa to entertain the probable and coaches.



Report on Fire Station Unified Football.

A friendly Unified Football Match was played between the Special athletes and the fire personnel on 26th May 2013 at the Goa Fire Service Station Ground at St. Inez, Panjim - Goa. The Chief Secretary, Mr. Vijayan and Mr. Ashok Menon, the Director of Fire Service – Goa played alongside the athletes as partners.



The coaches and the athletes and partners enjoyed the game. The spectators cheered as they watched the game. The main aim to play this Unified Game was to create awareness.



REPORT ON FIFA QUALIFIER AT BANGKOK THAILAND



First ever Special Olympics Bharat Unified team to go international
FIFA Qualifier rounds at Bangkok



Special Olympics Bharat delegation of 20 left for Bangkok, Thailand on June 15, 2013 for the Qualifier rounds held at Thammasat University Rangsit Campus, Pathumthani. India was amongst the seven teams present there, namely, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Singapore. Best 2 of the 7 teams there was selected to play at in FIFA Unified World Cup, Brazil, 2014 along with 30 more teams.

Goa Participation

A total of 2 Special Athletes and 3 Partners and 1 HOD from Special Olympics Bharat – Goa chapter were a part of these 20 member team. The athletes and partners were :

List of Goan Delegates

SR. NO	NAME OF THE ATHLETE & UNIFIED PARTNER	STATE
3	CLIMAX LAWRENCE (P)	GOA
5	DAWSON DINO FERNANDES (P)	GOA
4	JOSEPH RODRIGUES	GOA
2	MATHEW GONSALVES (P)	GOA
6	SAISH SHIVANAND NAIK	GOA
COACHES		
1	VICTOR RAFAEL VAZ	H.O.D





SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT GOA GOES GREEN



Report on Tree plantation held at Taleigao



The Mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving the continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics (Bharat) Goa a volunteer sports organization catering to the field of Intellectual Disability, 16 organized a Tree Plantation drive to create an environment awareness. The tree plantation drive was held at Taleigao on 2nd July 2013.



Around 80 Athletes and coaches and teachers from four different special schools in and around Panjim Goa namely Disha Special School, School for Appropriate Learning, Peace Haven, St. Xaviers Academy and Sanjay School participated in the the tree plantation drive. The MLA of Taleigao, Mrs. Jennifer Monserrate along with special athletes planted about 100 plants. It didn't matter whether it was pouring heavily, everyone enjoyed in the rain.

Later, Mrs. Monserate distributed snacks and juices at the Taleigao Community Hall. At the end of program a group photograph was taken



Report on First Preparatory camp held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Special Olympics Australia was going to host 2013 Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Games at Newcastle, Australia. In regard to this, Special

Olympics Bharat organized the first preparatory camp at St. Joseph College of Engineering at Chennai , Tamil Nadu from 13th to 18th July 2013.

From the Goa contingent, 5 special athletes, 2 coaches and 1 escort participated at the camp. Their names are as follows:

- Bina Verenkar and Aditya Naik along with coach Vishant Priolkar from Lokvishwas Pratishthan School, Ponda
- Gayatri Desai along with escort Anjali Desai from Disha Charitable Trust, Panjim
- Samir Babu Das along with coach Samantha D'Costa from Sanajay School, Porvorim.
- Daniel DeSouza an individual athletes from Panjim

The Goan athletes and coaches participated in Athletics, Aquatics, football and in cricket. More than 500 athletes and coaches from all over India participated at the camp.

On the last day the athletes and coaches went for sightseeing



Report on Tree plantation drive at St. Cruz

Special Olympics Bharat Goa organized a Tree Plantation Drive at St. Cruz Constituency on 1st August 2013. The main aim to plant trees was to create awareness in society and make the Special Athletes aware of the importance of planting trees.

The guest present for the tree plantation Drive were Mr. Richard D'Souza, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, the Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch of St. Cruz Constituency Mr. Tony Fernandes and Mr. Ulhas Naik, Agnel D'Cunha, Victor Gonsalves.



From Special Olympics Goa – Mr. Victor R. Vaz, National Sports Director SOB/ Area Director , Mr. Luis Fernandes, Sports Director, Mrs. Vrushali Cardoza, Advisory Trustee and Project Manager and Mr. Jeffrey D'Souza, Asst Program Manager were also Present.



Around 50 Special Athletes and Special teacher from Disha, School for Appropriate Learning (SFAL), Panjim and Sanjay Center, Porvorim participated in this environmental drive. Electronic media were present to capture the efforts the athletes were putting in. On this day, the Area Director, Mr. Vaz, celebrated his birthday. All the athletes sang of him. Refreshment were distributed to the athlete



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT – GOA GOES GREEN.

In celebration of EKS Day, Special Olympics Bharat – Goa organized a Tree Plantation Drive at Chicalim sports Ground, Vasco on 4th September 2013.

The tree plantation drive was organized to create social awareness and the main high light was “If special athletes can plant a tree! So Can others do it”. Carrying this as our theme, the special athletes from Newdawn Ashadeep and Sanjay School Vasco planted about 50 plants at the Sports complex. Chief Guest was Mr. Carlos Almeida, MLA and Chirman of Kadamba Transport Corportion Ltd and other dignitaries like Mr. Ashish Kumar – Asst. Commissionaire of Customs, Fr. Costa – Parish priest of Vasco, Mr. Carlos Cardoza , Mrs. Naik – Member of Vasco Municipality. From special Olympics



Goa, Mr. Victor R. Vaz, Area Director, Mr. Luis Fernandes, Sports Director SOB – Goa and Mrs. Vrushali Cardoza – Advisory Trustee and Project Coordinator of SOB – Goa. Also present was the Chariman of Ashadeep School. To cover the event the print and electronic media were present.

The chief guest and other dignitaries planted trees along with the special athletes. The parents and teachers who accompanied the athletes also got involved and helped the athlete's plant trees.

The chief guest praised the Special athletes for coming forward to plant tree on EKS day. He thanked SOB – Goa Area Director, Mr. Victor R. Vaz for giving him and his friends an opportunity to help the special athletes with such a good cause. Refreshments were provided to all present there.

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa bagged 7 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze in Table Tennis

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa bagged 7 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze at the Special Olympics Bharat National Championship Table Tennis hosted by ShriGanganager – Rajasthan from 17th to 22nd August 2013.



17 states from all over India had participated at the Championship.

From Goa Chapter, a total of 9 Special Athletes accompanied by 3 coaches participated from different schools viz Mast. Pramod Gawas and Mast. Tushar Desai and coach Mr. Premanad Naik (Kehav Seva Sadhana - Bicholim), Mast. Joseph Fernandes (Daddy's Home - Margao), Mast. Vithal Rathod and Mast. Shree Hari (New Dawn AshaDeep - Vasco), Sonal Naik (School For

Appropriate Learning - Panjim), Coach Mr. Ritesh Parsekar (Peace Haven - Carenzalem), Miss Beena Verenkar, Miss Kalpita Verlekar, Miss Poonam Gaude and Coach Ms. Manila Naik (Lokvishwas Pratisthan - Ponda).

The following are the names of the Special Athletes who have won medals in singles and doubles Male and Female category respectively:

SR. NO	NAMES OF THE ATHLETES	GENDER	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
SINGLES					
1.	Bina Verenkar	Female	-----	-----	1
2.	Poonam Gaude	Female	-----	-----	1
3.	Kalpita Verlekar	Female	1	-----	-----
4.	Pramod Gawas	Male	-----	1	-----
5.	Tushar Desai	Male	-----	1	-----
6.	Joseph Fernandes	Male	1	-----	-----
7.	Sonal Naik	Male	1	-----	-----
8.	Vithal Rathod	Male	1	-----	-----
9.	Shree Hari	Male	1	-----	-----
DOUBLES					
1.	Joseph & Pramod	Male	1	-----	-----
2.	Vithal & Sonal	Male	1	-----	-----
3.	Bina & Poonam	Female	-----	1	-----

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa male & female volleyball team bags Gold

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa Male and Female Volleyball Team wins Gold at the Special Olympics Bharat National Championship Volleyball hosted by Special Olympics Bharat – Gujarat at Mehsana from 23rd to 28th August 2013.

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa won Gold medals in both, the Male 2 and Female 2 Division and was the only team to do so. SOB – Goa Female team played their semi – final match against SOB – Bihar while Male Team played against SOB – Haryana and emerged victorious.

The proud Gold Medal winners of the Special Olympics Bharat - Goa



Male and female Team from different schools in Goa are :-

- Mast. Tukaram Sangaonkar, Mast. Sarvesh Kerkar and Male Coach Mr. Vishant Priolkar (Lokvishwas Pratishthan - Ponda),
- Mast. Shanur Nasargi, Mast. Supresh, Miss Alcia Antao, Miss Frencila Carvalho, Bibi Aisha Bijapuri and Male Coach Ramesh Khadapkar (Gujarati Samaj – Margao),
- Mast. Rupesh Gaonkar and Male Coach Dhiraj Sawant (Keshav Seva - Valpoi),
- Mast. Prajit Halankar and Female Coach Varsha Naik (New Dawn Ashadeep - Vasco),
- Mast. Sahil Naik, Miss Fatima Rodrigues, Miss Tanvi Rane and Female Coach Ms. Samantha D'Costa (Sanjay School - Porvorim),
- Miss Kasturi Hubballi and Miss Rachel Fernandes (St. Xavier's Academy – Old Goa),
- Mast. Sameer Wadkar (Disha Charitable Trust - Panjim)

Earlier selections were held at SAG Campal ground.

Report on second preparatory camp held at GMC Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

The second and final preparatory camp was organized by Special Olympics Bharat and was hosted by Special Olympics Bharat Andhra Pradesh at the G.M.C Balayog International Stadium, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh from 15th to 20th September 2013.

From Goa chapter, 5 athletes, 1 coach and 1 escort participated in this camp.

- Bina Verenkar and Aditya Naik along with coach Vishant Priolkar from Lokvishwas Pratishthan School, Ponda
- Gayatri Desai along with escort Anjali Desai from Disha Charitable Trust, Panjim
- Samir Babu Das from Sanajay School, Porvorim.
- Daniel DeSouza an individual athletes from Panjim

During this camp, all the events were finalized of the athletes and coaches along with partners. The practical training practice was conducted twice a day in the morning and in the evening. All the practical session started with a

general warm up. This was done in order so that all the entire Bharat team gets to know each other.

Report on Special Olympics Bharat National Championship Football, Haryana.

Double Victory for Special Olympics Bharat – Goa, who bagged Gold in both Male and Female team at the Special Olympics Bharat National Championship Football at Hissar, Haryana from 29th September to 4th October 2013.

Around 24 or so states participated from all over India for the Championship. The Special Olympics Bharat – Goa team comprised of both male and female team and coaches from different institutions in Goa. Namely

- Mast. Samir Das, Mast. Jonathan Rodrigues, Mast. Vishal Bhaomkar, Miss Fatima Rodrigues, Miss Tanvi Rane, Miss Anisha Navekar, Miss Shitu Ghadi and Coach Ms. Samantha D’Costa (Sanjay School Porvorim)
- Mast. Dinesh Betkikar, Mast. Rajot Prabhu, Miss Kasturi Hubballi, Miss Rachel Fernandes and Coach Mr. Abhay Goankar (St. Xaviers Academy, Old - Goa),
- Miss Alcia Antao, Miss Frencila Carvalho, Miss Bibi Aisha Bijapuri and Coach Mr. Ulhas Mahale (Gujarati Samaj, Margao),
- Mast. Vaibhav Bhomkar, Miss Soniya Patil and Coach Mr. Amit Fernandes,
- Mast. Perold D’Silva (New Dawn AshaDeep - Vasco),
- Mast. Sachin Sawant (Keshav Seva Sadhna - Valpoi) and
- Mast. Daniel DeSouza (Individual)

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa won Gold medals in both, the Male and Female Division M2 and F2 respectively and was the only team to do so. The matches played were in Round Robin competition. The SOB – Goa Female team played three matches against SOB - Gujarat, SOB - Tamil Nadu and SOB - Jharkhand while Male Team played against SOB – Kerala and SOB - Maharashtra. The female and male athletes showcased amazing techniques in terms of game and skills.



(SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT – GOA TEAM ALONG WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF SOB RETD. AIR MARSHAL DENZIL KEELOR)

Opening and closing ceremony took place at Hissar Military Cant. The team left for Haryana on 27th September 2013 and arrived back on 5th October 2013.

Earlier trials were conducted on the 22nd to 27th July 2013 and then after the trials, the seven athletes selected participated in the preparatory camp at campal Panjim – Goa from 16th to 26th September 2013.

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa Aquatics Team Bags 4 Gold, 3 Silver And 2 Bronze

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa Aquatics (Swimming) Team bagged 4 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze and A 5th Place at the Special Olympics Bharat National Championship Aquatics hosted by Mandya – Karnataka.

11 states from all over India had participated at the Championship.

5 Special Athletes accompanied by 2 coaches participated from different schools viz Mast. Godfrey Silva (Daddy's Home - Margao), and Mast. Sachin Survana, Mast. Kennedy Joao, Mast. Narayan Naik Mast. Prabesh Chauhan and Coach Mr. Raviraj Goankar (Sanjay School - Porvorim) and Coach Mr. Harry D'Souza (Volunteer).

The following are the names of the Special Athletes who have won medals in individual and relay events respectively:

SR. NO	NAMES OF THE ATHLETES	GEN DER	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	POSITION
25 M BACK STROKE						
1.	Sachin Suvarna	Male	1	-----	-----	-----
2.	Narayan Naik	Male	-----	-----	1	-----
3.	Prabesh Chauhan	Male	-----	-----	-----	5 th Place
25 M BACK STROKE						
1.	Sachin Suvarna	Male	-----	1	-----	-----
2.	Prabesh Chauhan	Male	1	-----	-----	-----
3.	Kennedy Joao	Male	-----	1	-----	-----
25 M FREE STYLE						
1.	Godfrey Silva	Male	1	-----	-----	-----
2.	Kennedy Joao	Male	-----	1	-----	-----
3.	Narayan Naik	Male	1	-----	-----	-----
4 X 25 M FREE STLYE RELAY						
1.	Sachin Suvarna	Male	-----	-----	1	-----
2.	Prabesh Chauhan	Male				
3.	Kennedy Joao	Male				
4.	Narayan Naik	Male				



In the photo:

(L to R Standing): Coach Harry D'Souza, Spl. Athletes Kennedy Joao, Narayan Naik, Godfrey Silva, Prabesh Chauhan, Sachin Suvarna and Coach Raviraj Gaonkar.

(Seated L to R): Coach Afra Shaihk, Trustee Vrushali Cardozo, Mr. Victor Vaz, Area Director & Mr. Luis Fernandes, Sports Director



Report on 2013 Special Olympics Regional Asia Pacific Games, Newcastle – Australia.

Special Olympics Bharat contingent of 520 Athletes, Coaches and Staff participated in the first ever **Special Olympics**

Regional Asia Pacific Games which was held from November 28-December 7, 2013, Newcastle, Australia. The Indian delegation includes participants from 21 States of India, left for Australia from Bangalore, Delhi, Kerala, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai



airport. Out of the 9 disciplines ,namely, Athletics, Aquatics, Badminton, Baseball, Bocce, Bowling, Cricket, Football and Table Tennis, India participated in 8,with the exception of Bowling.



The event at Newcastle began with The Host city welcome program at Reffertys Resort, followed by the Opening ceremony at the Hunter Valley Stadium with a spectacle of music, dance and fireworks.

More than 2,000 local dancers, singers, acrobats, cheerleaders and artists were recruited, representing dance schools, choirs, drama groups and other groups from and around Newcastle.

Along with the Sport Events there was **Healthy Athlete Program** wherein the participating Athletes would go through quality health screenings and therapeutics.



Special Olympics Bharat – Goa

From Special Olympics Bharat – Goa 4 Special Athletes, 2 Coaches, 1 official and Coach cum H.O.D who will lead the entire Bharat Delegation, will be participating along with the Indian Contingent. The

names of the participants are as follows:

SR.	NAMES OF THE	SCHOOL	GAME/ SPORT		DESIGNATION
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NO	PARTICIPANTS		EVENT		POSTION/MEDAL	
1.	DANIEL MARTIN DE SOUZA	Individual	Football		6th	Athlete
2.	BINA BHIKU SHET VEREKAR	Lokvishwas, Ponda	Table Tennis	Singles	4 th	Athlete
				Doubles	4 th	
3.	ADITYA SHASHIKANT NAIK	Lokvishwas, Ponda	Athletics		Bronze	Athlete
4.	GAYATRI SATISH DESAI	Disha School	Aquatics	50m freestyle	Bronze	Athlete
				4x50m freestyle	Bronze	
5.	SAMANTHA FRANCESCA D' COSTA	Sanjay Centre, Porvorim	Football		5 TH	Coach/ Unified partner
6.	VISHANT NANDA PRIOLKAR	Lokvishwas, Ponda	Athletics		Silver	Coach/ Unified Partner
7.	ARSENIO SIMAO SOCORRO DE SOUZA	Individual	Football			Official
8.	VICTOR RAFAEL VAZ	S.O.B	Athletics			H.O.D and Chief Coach

During their stay at the resort, after the matches were over, the athletes and coaches were taken to Newcastles famous Caves beach, to the Zoo where the participants saw Kangaroos and different animals and birds. They even got to witness Aboriginal performances by the local school children and their teachers.

On the last day, before heading back to the airport, the Goa athletes and coaches went for sightseeing at Sydney. They visited the Opera House, took a boat trip and saw architectural buildings, the Harbour Bridge and had a merry time. The delegation then left for Mumbai, via Malaysia where they were put at the Airports Sama Sama hotel as they had to wait in transit for sixteen hours. On the arrival at the Goa airport,



the family members welcomed all the participants.

Earlier the athletes and coaches attended the 2 preparatory camps which were held at St. Josephs Engineering College at Chennai, Tamil Nadu and G.M.C Gachibowli International Stadium, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh Stadium. Due to unavoidable circumstance, Mast. Samir Babu Das could not participate as there some technical difficulties in the passport requirements. All the coaches and athletes and officials went safely and returned home safely.