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Report on 4th Preparatory camp at Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The fourth and the final preparatory Camp for the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015 was held from 20-29 May 2015 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Various sport events were conducted across three venues namely, St. Joseph college of Engineering, SDAT Aquatic complex, Valachery and Jawaharlal Stadium. The venue of the camp for accommodation was at the St. Joseph's college of Engineering, Chennai. 235 Athletes and 61 Coaches from 21 States participated at the Camp to take their sporting quotient a notch higher, having attended all three Preparatory Camps earlier.

From Goa, 18 Athletes, 6 coaches and 1 coach assistant participated for this final preparatory camp. They are as follows:

Vishram shivji and Shubham Salgaonkar from Atmawishvas School Pernem, Daniel DeSouza from One School, Bardez, Alcia Antao and Supresh Gaonkar from Gujarati Samaj Margao, Vinay Ghadge and Rachel Fernandes from St. Xaviers Academy Old Goa, Tukaram Sangaonkar, coach assistant SAish Naik,



Coach Vishant Priolkar and Coach Manila Priolkar from Lokwishvas Prathisthtan Ponda, Riya Gawde, Urmila Parab and Kushal Resham from KSS Bicholim, Avila Kane and Coach Gareth Vaz from Fairyland School Goa Velha, Soniya Patil and

Coach Amit Fernandes from Disha School Panjim, Samir Das, Jonathan Rodrigues, Sachin Suvarna, Fatima Rodrigues, Tanawi Rane and coach Samantha D'Costa from Sanjay School Porvorim and Coach Monali Korgaokar from SOB – Goa Chapter

The camp involved preparing the participants in Aquatics, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Bocce, Cycling, Football, Team Handball, Power Lifting, Softball, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Roller Skating

Ms. Monica Immanvel. BSc)N),ADHA,DND,Msc Psychology & counselling led a session that highlighted the symptoms of dehydration, explaining its treatment as well. Divisioning was explained in general by Mr. Victor Vaz and later detailed in a sport



specific format by Harpreet Singh, Sulekha Rana and MM Khurram. During this camp, all the final documents were take care and jersey sizes for different sports were done. A one whole day, the participants were taken to Dizzy World for a picnic.

A valedictory ceremony was held at St. Joseph College of Engineering presided by His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Dr. K. Rosaiah as Chief Guest. Mr. Solai M. Raja, Vice President of the Tamil Nadu Olympics Association, Mr. Sasi Sekar, CEO of the St. Joseph's Institute of Technology, Dr. Babu Manoharan, Director, St. Joseph's group of Institutions, Ms. Mala Venkat, Senior Trade Specialist (US Consulate Chennai) were also present. The College management presented all the Athletes and Coaches with a travel brief case each. Out of these 10 Athletes were presented with a travel brief case by the Governor himself.

SOAP Football Coach Development Program Report

Special Olympics Asia Pacific and Tottenham Hotspur Foundation conducted a three day football Coach Development Program at the Singapore Sports School, from 25th to 27th June 2015, Singapore.

Around 30 Coaches from 10 Special Olympics Asia pacific countries participated in this program. Coaches



who never had hands on experience with Special Olympics Athletes were

invited to be a part of this program as well. Two representatives from Special Olympics Bharat Mr. Khurram and Ms. Samantha D'Costa participated in this program. The program was based on the curriculum combining football coaching and strategy development training sessions for persons with intellectual disabilities.



The resource persons were Dan Slaughter from THF, Richard Allicock from THF and M.M. Khurram from Special Olympics Bharat.

Classroom session and field sessions began with the resource team Introduction to the Tottenham way and coaching and how to develop a session plan were delivered. The practical session was conducted. The coaches conducted their own sessions.

Coca Cola Singapore was kind enough to customize names of each coach present there on the coca cola cans. The Spurs supporters club members were also participants. The club hosted a welcome reception for the coaches.

Small sided games and how to make pace was shown on the field.

A mini tournament was conducted by the coaches. After the tournament, the



resource team along coaches with the deliberated on their individual performance. Later Certificates were distributed by Dipak Natali. Dan and Richard. They were also presented with Customized coke cans with their names on it. Dipak thanked

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everyone for being such a great sport and bearing with the heat and managing to do all in the time frame.

Short Video of the three exciting days coaching.

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Send off Ceremony 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games at LA, USA.

A press conference was held to announce the Goa team who will be participating at the the Special Olympics World Summer Games (WSG) to be held in the United States of America from July 25 to August 2. at the Directorate Art and Cultural, Sanskruti Bhavan, here, on 4th July 2015.

Goa's Deputy Chief Minister Francis D'Souza was the chief guest for the kit distribution ceremony and was proud for the athletes from Goa who are part of the India team.

"We are happy to have 18 athletes from Goa participate at these prestigious games. The credit goes to all those who have been working hard for the cause. Unless we support these athletes they cannot be independent and stand on their own feet. Goa to Los Angeles is a long way and the journey would not have been possible without the support of the Government." Francis stated. Also present was Director of Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs (DSYA) VM Prabhu Desai, who said, "It is a very big achievement for the State and we at the DSYA are very delighted that for six years in succession athletes from Goa and India have been participating in the World Olympics. I wish the team success." On the dais also seated Mrs. Edna Sousa, Mr. Luis Fernandes (Sports Director SOB – Goa, Mrs. Vrushali Cardozo Area Director SOB – Goa)



The team will be accompanied by three coaches in football, volleyball and roller skating and one coach assistant under the mentorship of Victor Vaz, Head of Delegation for the WSG 2015.

Following are the athletes. Soniya Patil, Shubham Salgaonkar, Vishram Shivaji (athletics), Riya Gawde, Urmila Parab, Avila Kane, Kushal Resham (all roller skating), Fatima Rodrigues, Alcia Antao, Tanawi Rane, Rachel Fernandes, Supresh Gaonkar (all volleyball), Sachin Suvarna (basketball), Daniel De Souza, Samir Das, (all football), Tukaram Sangaonkar, Vinay Ghade, (all softball) and Jonathan Rodrigues, (Unified football).

Victor Vaz is the Head of Indian delegation and will represent athletics. The coaches include Samantha D'Costa (volleyball), Amit Fernandes (football), Gareth Vaz, (roller skating), Vishant Priolkar (softball), Saish Naik (assistant coach of Unified football) and Antonio Froyes (badminton).

Report on 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games at LA, USA.

REACH UP LA the theme for the Special 2015 Olympics World Summer Games which was held in Los Angeles, USA from the 25th July to the 2nd August 2015. And yes!!! The Special Olympics Bharat did Reach Up by



begging is 47 Gold, 54 Silver and 72 Bronze medals, total being 173 medals. A total of 320 (approx) Special Athletes, coaches, HOD's and AS Staff from Special Olympics Bharat had an amazing journey to the world's most powerful country, were for all it was a dream come true. The Delegate participated in 14 Olympic type sports namely Athletics, Aquatics, Badminton, Basketball, Bocce, Cycling, Football, Handball, Power lighting, Rollerskating, Softball, Table Tennis and Volleyball.

Goa's Participation...

18 Athletes, 4 coaches, 1 coach assistant, 1 AS Staff, 1 Official and 1 HOD from Goa who are part of Special Olympics Bharat (India) at the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015. The Goa chapter athletes participated in Athletics, Roller Skating, Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, 11 a - side football, and 7 – A side Unified football.

The Goan athletes opened their medal tally on 28th July 2015 with Kushal Resham Winning a Gold Medal in the 1000m Roller Skating Rink Race. The Goan Roller Skaters continued their winning streak with Kushal Resham winning another Gold Medal in the 2x100 Male Relay and a Bronze Medal in the 300m Rink Race, Riya Gawde won 2 Silver Medals in the 500m race and

2x100 Relay, She placed 3^{rd} in the 1000m race and received the Bronze Medal. Urmila Parab won a Bronze Medal in the 500m race. Vishram Shivaji & Soniya Patil both won a Gold Medal each in Athletics in the 400m Walk & 200m Run respectively, Soniya Patil took home the Silver medal after placing 2^{nd} in the 400m Run.

The Last event day of the Special Olympics World Games was one for the record books with the First Special Olympic Indian Softball team clinching the Gold Medal after Defeating U.S.A and Australia. Tukaram Sangaonkar & Vinay Ghadge from Goa were part of the winning team. India also won the Bronze in the Male and Female Basketball event. Sachin Suvarna from Goa was an integral part of the Indian team. The Female Volleyball team took the Bronze Medal with four of the athletes on the team hailing from Goa, Alcia Antao, Fatima Rodrigues, Rachel Fernandes & Tanawi Rane. And in the Male Mast. Supresh Goankar. The 7 A – side Unified Football team won the Bronze Medal. Mast. Jonathan Rodrigues was the Goalkeeper for the team while the 11 a – Side Football team settled for the 5th place – the athletes were Mast. Samir Babu Das and Mast. Daniel DeSouza. The List of the participants are as follows:

Name of Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
Kushal Resham	Roller Skating	1000m Race	Gold
	Roller Skating	300m Race	Bronze
	Roller Skating	2x100m Relay	Gold
Riya Gawde	Roller Skating	1000m	Bronze
	Roller Skating	500m	Silver
	Roller Skating	2x100m Relay	Silver
Urmila Parab	Roller Skating	500m	Bronze
Soniya Patil	Athletics	200m Run	Gold
	Athletics	400m Run	Silver
Vishram Shivaji	Athletics	400m Walk	Gold
Jonathan Rodrigues	Unified Football	7 aside	Bronze
Tukaram Sangaonkar	Softball	Male	Gold
Vinay Ghadge	Softball	Male	Gold
Fatima Rodrigues	Volleyball	Female	Bronze
Alcia Antao	Volleyball	Female	Bronze
Tanawi Rane	Volleyball	Female	Bronze

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Rachel Fernandes	Volleyball	Female	Bronze
Sachin Suvarna	Basketball	Male	Bronze
Supresh Goankar	Volleyball	Male	Bronze
Samir	Football 11a side	Male 5 th Place	
Daniel DeSouza	Football 11 a side	Male	5 th Place
Shubham Dhondu	Athletics	400mts walk	4 th Place
Salgaonkar			
Avila Kane	Rollerskating	Unified	Unified sports
			experience

The last day's winnings brought the Goan Medal tally

- Gold, - 06- Silver - 03 - Bronze. - 10

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Report on Floor Hockey Orientation Program

One day Floor Hockey orientation program was conducted by Special Olympics Bharat – Goa on 27th August 2015 at Youth Hostel, Miramar – Goa. The purpose of the orientation was to give an introduction of this game, rules and skills so that coaches train the athletes for the State Championship.



Around 26 coaches from all over Goa Special Schools namely New Dawn Ashadeep, (Vasco), Keshav Seva Sadhana, (Bicholim), Keshav Seva Sadhana, (Valpoi), School for Appropriate Learning, Disha Charitable Trust, (Panjim), Gujarati Samaj School, (Margao), Sanjay School, (Porvorim), Atmavishwas, (Pernem), St. Xaviers Academy, (Old Goa), Chetna Education Society, (Cuchorem), Anand Niketan School, (Mapusa), Lokvishwas Prathishtan (Ponda), Lokvishwas Prathishtan, (Quepem), Lokvishwas Prathishtan (Canacona), and Lokvishwas Prathishtan (Honda).



The resource persons were Mr. Victor R. Vaz, NSD and Area Director Of SOB – Goa and Ms. Vinayshree Naik from Chetna Trust Goa, a PGDSO student. Ms. Naik gave a presentation on floor hockey and its rules. Mr. Vaz elaborated more on the topics. After a break practical session was conducted. The skill

tests was demonstrated to and was practiced by the coaches. After Lunch, Mr. Vaz gave a brief on how the selection process would be done for the State Championship to be held on 29th August 2015. Mr. Vaz also gave a brief note on Floorball which was being introduced for the first time for the Special Olympics World Winter Games to be held in Austrin in 2017.

Later, a group photograph was taken along with Mr. Anant Joshi, the Incharge of Youth Hostel, Miramar – Goa.











Report on Floorball Orientation

Goa Floorball Association conducted its first floorball clinic at Youth Hostel, Miramar –Goa on $11^{\rm th}$ September 2015. At the dais, the President of the floor

association, Mrs. Vrushali Cardozo, the Secretary – Mr. Victor Vaz addressed the coaches and students from schools. They also welcomed Mr. Bupender Pal, a member of the India Floorball Federation from Delhi.



Breakfast was served to the trainees. Around 25 coaches and athletes from all over Goa Special Schools and Regular schools namely New Dawn Ashadeep, (Vasco), Keshav Seva Sadhana, (Bicholim), Keshav Seva Sadhana, (Valpoi), School for Appropriate Learning, Disha

Charitable Trust, (Panjim), Gujarati Samaj School, (Margao), Sanjay School, (Porvorim), (Vasco) & (Curchorem), Atmavishwas, (Pernem), Chetna Education Society, (Cuchorem), Green Meadows School, (Nagao, Arpora) and Anand Niketan School, (Mapusa).



Mr. Bupender introduced the game to the coaches on power Point Presentation. While Mr. Bupender explained the game in Hindi, Mr. Vaz



translated the game in English for trainees. The trainees were first taught bout stick handling and how to move the stick and ball. Later grids were made to to break down the session.

The trainees played against each other for the better understanding of the game.

A group photograph was taken along with Mr. Anant Joshi, the Incharge of Youth Hostel, Miramar – Goa. The clinic was concluded.





REPORT ON FLOOR HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Special Olympics Bharat Goa conducted the Floor Hockey State Championship on 29th September 2015.

The day started by 8.00am on at Don Bosco Panjim. The Coaches and the Athletes had registered by 9.00am. From all over Goa, 12 Special Schools Participated namely New Dawn Ashadeep, (Vasco), Keshav Seva Sadhana,

(Bicholim), Keshav Seva Sadhana, (Valpoi), Gujarati Samaj School, (Margao), Sanjay School (Porvorim), Sanjay School (Vasco), Sanjay School (Curchorem) Atmavishwas (Pernem), St. Xaviers Academy, (Old Goa), Chetna Education Society, (Cuchorem), Anand Niketan School, (Mapusa), Lokvishwas Prathishtan (Ponda).

A total of 140 Athletes, 18 Male Coaches and 10 Female coaches from the above schools participated in this event.

It was lovely atmosphere to have 166 people including some parents under one roof. The breakfast was served to all the athletes/attendance and parents.

The Floor Hockey game started at 10.00 am. Special Olympics Goa conducted Primarily league matches in which the teams were divisioned. Before the inaugural game the teams were lined up to be introduced to the Guest Dr. Jorson Fernandes, Mr. Victor R. Vaz and the Trustee Mrs. Vrushali Cardozo.

During the Matches the Coaches were trained to officiate the games. T' shirts were distributed. Some of the athletes were given shoes. Lunch was served to the Athletes/Coaches /attendants and the parents present.

During the game there was ample of water for the athletes to drink. The games concluded around 4.30 pm. The results were as follows

- 1) Group A (Male)
 - 1st St. Xavier's Academy
 - 2nd Sanjay School, Porvorim
 - 3rd Gujarati Samaj Educational Trust for the Handicapped
- 2) Group B (Male)
 - 1st Lokvishwas Pratishtan, Ponda
 - 2nd Keshav Seva Sadhana's School for Special Children
 - 3rd Sanjay School Curchorem
 - 4th Sanjay School Vasco.
- 3) Female Results
 - 1st Place Gujarati Samaj Educational Trust for the Handicapped
 - 2nd Place St. Xavier's Academy
 - 3rd Place Lokvishwas Pratishtan, Ponda

During the games we were graced by the presence of Doctor Jorson who is not only well know personality of Goa but also a parent of Special child. Doctor Jorson Fernandes has conducted worldwide First Aid camps for coaches and other Multinational companies.

Special Olympics Bharat Goa decided to felicitate Dr. Jorson Fernandes for his presence and the contribution towards Special Olympics Bharat by giving him a token of appreciation.

The day was concluded by the Vote of thanks given by Mr. Victor R. Vaz to everyone present.











EKS DAY REPORT.

Special Olympics Bharat Goa celebrated EKS day on 29th September 2015 by conducting Special Olympics Bharat Goa State Championship Floor Hockey along with Unified Floor Hockey. Total of 126 Athletes, 18 Male Coaches and 10 Female coaches from different special schools participated in this event. The Area Director Mr. Victor Vaz introduced Mr. Vrushali Cardozo, Trustee of SOB – Goa and the Chief Guest of the function Dr. Jorson Fernandes. The chief guest wished all the partners and the athletes.





The coaches and the athletes played Unified Floor Hockey and celebrated Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day. They enjoyed themselves.

GOA GOVERNMENT FELICITATES SPECIAL OLYMPIAN

CASH AWARDS FOR MEDAL WINNERS AT THE 2015 SOWSG GOLD 1,00,000 ; SILVER 75,000 and BRONZE 50,000

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa athletes who won laurels for the country and the State were felicitated by Mr. Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa on 16th September 2015 at the Goa Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa.



Earlier, the CM during the legislative assembly announced cash awards to all the medal winners who participated at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games which was held from 25th July to 2nd August 2015 at Los Angeles, USA. Stating that Rs. One Lakh per Gold Medal, Rupees. Seventy Five Thousand per Silver Medal and Rupees. Fifty Thousand per Bronze medal.

The athletes, coaches, officials and parents and school P.E teachers gathered in the conference at the Secretariat. Mr. Sandeep Walikar, SAG official welcomed all the special Athletes, dignatories and parents. He introduced Shri. Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri. Francis D'Souza, Deputy Chief Minister of Goa, Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar, Sports Minister of Goa, and other dignitaries from the Sports Department and the other department from different ministries were present at the felicitation.

Shri. Tawadkar congratulated the athletes and coaches for their laurels and hardwork. Shri. Francis D'Souza, Deputy Chief Minister of Goa addressed everyone firstly by congratulating all the athletes, coaches and officials. He even mentioned in the past Special athletes from Goa have brought many laurels. He praised and appreciated Mr. Victor Vaz, National Sports Director for this great achievement and the work he has put in to get such high quality results. He acknowledged that Special Olympics Bharat is doing a tremendous work for the special Athletes

Later the Chief Minister addressed and welcomed and said it was a very special felicitation and had to be organized in the Secretariat so that he dint



want it to take long to recognized the special athletes. He congratulated all the athletes and coaches and praised Mr. Victor Vaz and the trustees of Special Olympics Bharat – Goa. He also congratulated all the schools and parents for their support and encouragement. He also spoke about new life skills Centre

for job recruitment for persons with disabilities and to have more plans to land a helping hand in the future to Special Olympics Bharat – Goa.

Later on cash awards (Cheques) were distributed to the athletes and flowers were distributed to coaches and officials. A group photograph was taken with all the dignitaries and Special Olympians, coaches, HOD and trustee of Special Olympics Bharat – Goa.

Football For Hope

Coach Samantha D'Costa from Sanjay School and THF Trainer conducted a one day training on 20th October 2015 at the Campal Grounds, Panjim – Goa. Around 35 male and female athletes from Sanjay School Participated in the these event.



Report on Premier Skills - phase 2 Coach Development Program

The second phase of Premier Skills was organized by the Premier League and the British Council from 2nd to 7th November 2015 was held at the Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Premier Skills Phase 2 Coach Education Development Programme and referee program was inaugurated by the hands of Col A Rajiv, Principal Sainik School Trivandrum. Other dignitaries present at the dais were Ms. Mei-kwei Barker, Director, British Council South India and five Premier League Trainers from the UK led by Mr Jeremy Weeks, Head Coach participated.

The coach education program was centered more on how to be a coach educator. There are three phases. Around 36 coaches from Kerala football Associations, Goa Football Association, LNICP, AIFF, Oscar foundation, Special Olympics Bharat and many more NGO's.

The coaches received training from their qualified Premier skills coaches so as to develop their own community football projects. The Premier Skill coaches were:

- Jeremy Weeks Premier Skills Head Coach
- Robert Perret Sports Development Manager with Crystal Palace FC Foundation
- Cheryl Edwards Community Coach at Aston Villa Football Club.

From Special Olympics Bharat, two coaches were selected – Mr. O. S. Ashok Kumar and Ms. Samantha D'Costa. The SOB coaches were given an opportunity to give a presentation on SOB and its functioning. During this phase, coaches were given more knowledge then the 1st phase. Basics of Coach Education were delivered to the coaches through football.



There were classroom and practical sessions delivered. On the final day, a football festival was conducted by the trainees. The trainees were accommodated at the Ginger Hotel near the college.

Report on National Coaching Camp- Ballari

Tamanna School for Specially-Abled Children in association with Special Olympics Bharat-Karnataka had organized National Coaching Camp at JSW Sports Complex on November 18^{th} to 23^{rd} , 2015. Total 253 participants including resource team and athletes from 19 states participated in the training programme.

The training was inaugurated by the chief Guest, Mr. R Chethan, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, Ballari district. Mr. Surender Ranade, Executive Director JSW Steel limited presided over the function and spoke about

inclusion of the specially-Abled Children. He had appreciated the work of Special Olympics. Mr. Rajashekar Pattanshetty, Dr. Sharanaprabhu, Director OPJindal Centre, Mrs. Latha Nowal, President Akanksha Ladies Club, Mr. Jayachandran, Vice president SOBK, Mr. Victor Vaz, National Sports Director SOB, Mr. Mukta Tinda, National Director Organization Development, Mr. Deepak Natali, Director, Asia pacific were on the dais.

From Goa Chapter, two resources person and 6 trainees participated for this NCC.

- Mr. Abhay Gaonkar for Athletics
- Ms. Nabilabi Shaikf for Aquatics
- Ms. Vinashree Naik for Basketball
- Mr. Manoj Karmalkar for Volleyball
- Mr. Mahadev Shinde for Floor Hockey
- Mr. Prakash Velip for Football
- Mr. Amit Fernandes amd Ms. Samantha D'Costa were resources persons for Football and Volleyball respectively.

The topics which were delivered by the resource person from SOB were:

Introduction of Special Olympics, Intellectual disabilities and Special Olympics Ceremonies, Coach Education system and code of conduct, Sports safety, Coaching Athletes in Special Olympics, Developing a session for sports wise, Unified sports, rules of the games (sports specific) & sports specific ground work hand on training with special athletes on the ground Special Olympics divisioning, Games Management, Skill development, Orientation on inclusion of special athlete in the society.

The different group sessions on Special Olympics and Sports was handled by Special Olympics resource team namely Mr. Victor Vaz, Ms. Sulekha Rana, Mr. Khurram, Mr. Sundaresh, Ms. Bharati Kottari, Mr.Donnet Dsouza. session on uniformity in sports Language by Dr. Nagarajan. There was assessment on sports specific technical & modified skills and awareness by resource person.

Every morning and evening practical session were conducted at specific sports venues. During the afternoon sessions, the sports specific training classroom session was conducted. The participants learnt of specific sports and got hands on training along with the Special Athletes. The resource person from JSW and SOB gave practical as well theoretical knowledge. The participants. On the last day, 170 unified partners from Jindal Vidya Mandir participated in the unified training and sports and played along the athletes.



All the participants were served delicious food at Eon. There was entertainment organized for all the participants like new hindi movie, museum tour and cultural and musical gla night.

For Valedictory function, the Chief guest Dr. Sharanaprabhu Director OPJC, Mr. U.C Harbola, Principal Jindal Vidya Mandir, Mr. Victor Vaz, Mr. Jayachandran, Vice President Special Olympics Bharat Karnataka, Dr. Nagarajan Regional Trainer Asia Pacific were present on the Dais. Mr. Victor Vaz, National Sports director gave detailed report of the training programme and presented mementoes to all the JSW resource team and Tamanna staff.

United Goa Marathon - Run for Unity & Peace Report

The Catholic Association of Goa(CAG) organized the United Goa Marathon – Run for Unity & Peace on 14th November 2015 at SAG Campal ground. The main race of 24 kms and shorter races was catered for both, men and women, young and old of various ages. It also included brisk walking for elderly and a race for athletes of Special Olympics – Goa.

Special Olympics Bharat Goa were invited to participate in the Special Category of 400m Run for male and 200m Run for female. More so the athlete volunteers along with coaches were stationed at four places between Panjim to Old Goa to help Runners of the Marathon by giving water and encouraging them to push forward.

A total of 50 athletes, volunteers and coaches from Keshav Seva Bicholim, Sanjay School, Anand Niketan, Chetna Trust, Gujarati Samaj, St. Xaviers Academy, Disha School, Lokvishwas Pratihstan Ponda and Cancona Branch, Kooh Sports gathered outside Kala Academy at 06:00 am in the morning before they would depart to their respective water stations. The volunteers were given caps and t-shirts by the organizers.

The event was flagged off at 6:30 a.m. by the Rev. Fillipe Neri Farrao, the Arch Bishop of Goa and Daman who was the chief patron. The idea was conceived by Jude D'Souza, (National Secretary of All India Catholic Union), Edwin Fonseca (present President of CAG) and Brig. Ian da Costa (ex-President of CAG) to encourage communities in the State to unite and improve intercommunal relationship and carry forward the spirit of brotherhood, love and goodwill.

The 400m run for the male athletes was conducted shortly after the 5km run and walk followed by the 200m run for the female participants. All the athletes received trophies and certificates. The winners received cash award of 10,000/-, 7,500/- and 5,000/- for 1^{st} , 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} positions.

Peter Vaz, the Chairman of Models Constructions along with Ranjit Cotta Carvalho, Managing Director of Golden Sands were the patrons contributing immensely towards organizing the United Goa Marathon. They along with Mr. Victor R. Vaz, NSD and Area Director of SOB- Goa presented the trophies and certificates to the winners.

Refreshments were provided to the athletes and volunteers.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR 200 M & 400 M RUN

400 M RUN

CHEST NOS.	NAMES OF THE PARTICIAPNTS	GENDER	PLACE
1.	TUKARAM SANGAONKAR	MALE	1 ST
2.	VAIBHAV BHOMKAR	MALE	2 ND
3.	KISHAN NAIK	MALE	3 RD
4.	DERICK FERNANDES	MALE	4 TH
5.	MD. ISSAC BIJAPUR	MALE	5 TH
6.	SHARVEEN VOLVOIKAR	MALE	6 TH
7.	TUKARAM BHONSLE	MALE	7 TH
8.	VIRAJ KERKAR	MALE	8 TH
9.	VISHRAM SHIVJI	MALE	9тн
10.	MANJUNATH BODIHAL	MALE	10 TH





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CHEST NOS.	NAMES OF THE PARTICIAPNTS	GENDER	PLACE
1.	ALCIA ANTAO	FEMALE	1 ST
2.	AURIA ANDRADE	FEMALE	2 ND
3.	MANJULLA PALLAR	FEMALE	3 RD
4.	SONIYA PATIL	FEMALE	4 TH
5.	BIBI AISHA	FEMALE	5 TH











Sr. No.	Name of the Volunteers (Coaches and athletes who were stationed at the races and marathon on the way from SAG ground Panjim to Old Goa)
1.	Mr. Victor R. Vaz
2.	Mrs. Vrushali Cardozo
3.	Mr. Marcus Cardozo
4.	Mast. Shahar
5.	Ms. Sneha Naik
6.	Ms. Samantha D'Costa
7.	Mr. Anthony Froyes
8.	Mast. Raju
9.	Ms. Afra Shaikh
10.	Mr. Amit Fernandes
11.	Mr. Sakaram Narulkar
12.	Mast. Sachin Suvarna
13.	Mast. Samir Das Babu
14.	Mr. Vishant Priolkar
15.	Mr. Abhay Gaonkar
16.	Mr. Ulhas Mahale
17.	Ms. Ranjana Azgaonkar
18.	Mr. Premanand Naik
19.	Ms. Jenny Bocarro
20.	Ms. Vinashree Naik
21.	Dr. A. M. Pathak
22.	Mr. Ajaj
23.	Mr. Philip Gonsalves
24.	Mr. Prakash Velip
25.	Miss Tanawi Rane
26.	Miss Fatima Rodrigues

The 6th Edition of Sketchers - Goa River Marathon

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa Athletes participated in the 6th Edition of Skechers Goa River Marathon 2015 organised by Vasco Sports Club in

Association with Goa Tourisrm, Govt. of Goa, Sports Authority of Goa and AIMS on 13th December 2015 at Sports Authority Goa Ground at Chicalim, Vasco – Goa. The Goa River Marathon 2015, which presented the full marathon for the first time in the state, saw runners from across India and overseas, to give Goa's running culture a ray of hope for a better tomorrow.





Special Category was organized for the Special Olympics athletes which were 50 M Run and 100 M Run for both the male and the female athletes. Other category in which the athletes participated was the 5 KM Run for Fun.



Around 50 athletes, coaches and Volunteers from New Dawn Ashadeep and Sanjay School (Vasco), Chetna Trust (Cuchorem), Disha Special School (Panjim), Sanjay School(Porvorim), Keshav Seva Sadhana(Bicholim), Keshav Seva Sadhana(Valpoi), Gujarati Samaj(Margao) and Vasco Rotary Club. The Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Laxmikant Parsekar flaged the 100 M Run of the Female category. For Male category, since the numbers of participants were more two trials were taken and was flagged by the Chief Minister.

The 50 m Run, was flagged of the female athletes first followed by male hits. In the hits, based on the best performance in timings, the first eight timings were shortlisted to run the final race for both 50 M and 100 M Run for male category.

The winners Sujita Singh, Frencilla Carvalho and Prabesh Chauhan were awarded trophies by hands of the Chief Minister. Later, Mr. Victor R. Vaz along with Mr. Luis Fernandes and Mrs. Vrushali Cardozo presented a small token of appreciation to the Chief Minister and the organizers.





At 09:00 am, the 5km Run for fun began, in which all the participants of Special Olympics participated. The participants ran and enjoyed themselves and were cheered by the crowd. Once the 5km was over, all the athletes were given small tokens and Vasco Sports Club jerseys by the organizers.

Report on Special Olympics Bharat National Championship Floor Hockey at Solan, H.P.

Special Olympics Bharat – Goa Male team begs Gold medal and female team got the Sixth at the Special Olympics Bharat National Championship Floor Hockey at Solan (Himachal Pradesh) hosted by Special Olympic Himachal Pradesh was held from 14thDecember 2015 to 19th December 2015.



A total of 28 participants including 3 male coaches and 3 females from various special schools in Goa were selected to represent Special Olympics Bharat – Goa for the championship. They are as follows:

- Abhiram Ganipshetty from Lourdes Convent (Bardez)
- Saheel Desai, Mohammed Issac Bijapuri, Derick Fernandes, Auria Andrade, and Priti Jadhav from Sanjay School, (Porvorim)
- Eshwari Naik and coach Vinashree Naik from Chetna Trust (Curchorem)
- Krutikha Naik, Rahul Bhise and Coach Vishakha Gawade from Keshav Seva Sadhna (Bicholim)
- Suvidha Mahale, Ruturaj Sawant, Prakash Kaisaire and Coach Siddesh Gawas from Lokvishwas Prathishthan (Ponda)
- Saheena Bankar, Vithal Rathod and Coach Varsha Naik
- Shanur Nasargi, Hanumant Bandivadar, Melanie Fernandes, Mishlyn Gomes, Asha Panchimsalet, Bibi Aisha Bijapuri and Coach Mahadev Shinde from Gujarati Samaj (Margao)
- Laxmi Pavane, Sachin Parwar and Coach Dhiraj Sawant from KSS (Valpoi)



During this championship many cultural programs, medical checkups and bone fires were there to entertain the participants from all over India. Every evening coaches meeting were held. For the closing ceremony, the Chief Guest was Brigadier Mr. Singh gave away the medals and declared the Championship close. The team left on the same day for Goa.

Earlier selections were conducted at SAG Indoor Stadium and Youth Hostel Miramar – Goa.

Report on Football for Hope Triangular Series

Special Olympics Bharat lifted the FIFA 5-a-Side Football for Hope Triangular Series. The double league Triangular Series was organised at Kathmandu, Nepal from 27th to 29th December 2015.

A delegation of 11 headed by Mr. Victor R Vaz, National Sports Director, Special Bharat for Kathmandu Olympics participate the International in tournament organized by Special Olympics and FIFA in Nepal. 6 matches between 3 countries - Special Olympics Pakistan, Olympics Nepal and Special Special Olympics Bharat (India). From the Goa contingent Das Mast. Samir Babu represented SOB.

In the Double League matches played at the Indian Modern School ground Kathmandu. Team Bharat exhibited forceful energy. The results were as follows:



Special Olympics Bharat defeated Special Olympics Pakistan 2-0, Goal scored by Samir Babu Das (Goa) and Deep (West Bengal). Second match, Special Olympics Pakistan defeated Special Olympics Nepal by 3-0. Third match, Special Olympics Bharat defeated Nepal 6-0. Fourth match, SO Bharat defeated SO Nepal 8-0. Fifth match SO Bharat beat Pakistan 2-1 and sixth match SO Pakistan beat SO Nepal 4-0.

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BHARAT(INDIA)	4	4	-	01	17	12
PAKISTAN	4	2	2	11	08	06
NEPAL	4	0	4	14	00	00

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The Bharat Team Consisted of:

SR. NO.	NAMES OF THE PARTICIPANTS	STATE
1.	Vijay Kumar	Madhya Pradesh
2.	Gaurish Gazi	West Bengal
3.	Deep Guha	West Bengal
4.	Alfread L.	Mizoram
5.	Samir Babu Das	Goa
6.	Chandrabhan	Delhi
7.	Mainizuala	Mizoram
8.	Yogesh Vadariya	Gujarat
1.	Mr. Victor R. Vaz - HOD	Goa
2.	Md. Khurram – Head Coach	Delhi
3.	Siddant Nath - Coach Assistant	Delhi

Special Olympics Bharat Goa participated at the National Championship Floorball:

Special Olympics Bharat Goa participated at the National Championship Floorball from 02^{nd} to 7^{th} February 2014 at Bilaspur



Himachal Pradesh and won the 5th place. The following are the athletes and coaches:

- Shubham S. Wadkar, Roland C. D'souza, Guaresh S. Khandoba, and Coach Mr. Abhay A. Gaonkar (St. Xaviers Academy),
- Navdeep D. Pavane, Stanley F. Noronha, Kishan U. Naik, Sharveen A. Volvoikar (Sanjay School, Porvorim) and
- Coach Mr. Ritesh R. Parsekar(Peace Haven, Caranzalem).

Earlier selections were carried out at the Youth Hostel Skating rink.

5 a side Football Championship at Salem, Tamil Nadu

Special Olympics Bharat - Tamil Nadu State Chapter organized a 5 a side Football Championship for the states in the West and South Region namely Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telegana , Kerala, Karnataka, Pondicherry, Goa and Tamil Nadu from 18th to 21st February 2016 at Sports development Authority Tamil Nadu Stadium ,SALEM.



The final match Goa v/s Kerala. Both the teams played well but Goa team dominated and won the final match and thus bagged the first place. The Athletes and coaches who participated for the tournament were:

Saish Naik (Lokvishwas Prathishtan, Ponda), Stanley Noronha, Samir Babu Das, and Coach Manuel Fernandes (Sanjay School, Porvorim) Luvan Miranda, Gaurish Khandoba & Prajwal Betikar and Coach Kazmiro Fernandes (St. Xaviers Academy, Old Goa).

Master Training Course at Lakshamibhai National University of Physical Education (LNUPE)

Special Olympics Bharat is a National Sports Federation that organizes Olympic-type sports for persons with Intellectual disabilities. Accredited to carry out the Special Olympics sports program throughout India by Special Olympics Inc, USA, it is also designated as Nodal agency by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) for conducting games for all disabilities at the National level.



Master Training Course was conducted at LNUPE, Gwalior from 22th to 27th February 2016. Amit Fernandes (Disha School) and Ms. Samantha D'Costa (Sanjay School) were selected to represent SOB at this training course alongside other resource team from LNUPE and SOB. Special Olympics Bharat sports and expertise were delieverd by

Amit Fernandes and Samantha D'Costa on football, Volleyball, Cricket and various other games.