



JOSHUA TO CROSS THE RIVER MANDOVI

Joshua Parulekar a seven year old, intellectually disabled athlete with Autism will be crossing the River Mandovi ,Panjim



Goa on the 2nd April 2009, at 8 am, which is also World Autism Day.

He is the son of Dr Vandana and Dr Prassanna Parulekar, and is presently attending the inclusive resource room at Lourdes Convent School ,Saligao, and Goa .

Little Joshua loves the water and has been swimming from the age of two. He has proved to be a natural swimmer and trains regularly at the Peddem swimming pool.



The event will start at Betim Jetty and will end at the Bombay Jetty (Customs House) which is a distance of 800mts . The Sports Authority of Goa, Marine Police, Traffic Police and the Captain of Ports and other volunteers have kindly come forward to help in organising this event.



On the World Autism Awareness Day, Joshua will attempt this daring feat, hoping to sensitise people all over Goa to a

condition which affects hundreds of thousands of children across the globe, for which scientists do not know the cause nor doctors the cure. Like the waves of the river he is going to cross, there is immense opportunity and hope not just for other children like him but for all differently abled children and their families as well.

IMPOSSIBLE is just I M POSSIBLE spelt differently

VICTOR R. VAZ