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Annual Report for the year 2015-16

Formally registered on 8 April 1986, Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) completed 30 years of its glorious existence. The special highlights of the year were the participation of the Indian contingents in two major International events, namely, Seoul 2015 IBSA World Games, South Korea and IBSA Asian Blind Football Championship 2015, Tokyo, Japan. It was a proud moment for IBSA.

New Affiliates

The reach of IBSA has been extending year by year, with 6 new affiliates joining IBSA family this year. As on 31 March 2016, IBSA had total 190 affiliate institutional members.

- Bengal Blind Cricket & Sports Association, Kolkata, WB
- Prajwalit Foundation, Delhi
- Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged, Mumbai
- National Association for the Blind, Mumbai
- Atma Jyoti Awasiya Dristiheen Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior, M.P
- Dr.Helan Keller Blind Residential Primary & Secondary School, Nanded, Maharashtra

IBSA World Games, Seoul, 2015.

The pre-departure athletics coaching camp was conducted in New Delhi from 13 April to 6 May 2015, to prepare and gear-up the performance of athletes going to Seoul for the 5th IBSA World Games. Nine (9) participants attended the athletics training conducted under guidance of reputed Para Coach Dr.Satyapal Singh Dronachaya awardee. The four Judokas received training from Mr.Mehboob Alam of Indian Blind and Para Judo Association, while powerlifter Tirtpal Singh received training under the guidance of Mr.Naresh Dhawan, a renowned coach from Powerlifting Federation of India. The lone swimmer Ms.Kanchanmala Pandey underwent training at her native place Amaravati, Maharashtra.

IBSA World Games were held in Seoul, South Korea between 8th May 2015 to 18th May 2015. This was the biggest sports event ever happened for blind players with 58 participating countries and over 1700 participants. This was also the first Meet that happened in Asia for blind people. There were



numerous events like Athletics, Judo, Swimming, Chess, Goalball, Tenpin Bowling, football B1/B2/B3 and many others. But Indian team's participation was confined to few spots such as Athletics, Judo, Powerlifting and Swimming.

As the affiliate national federation, Indian Blind Sports Association was invited by International Blind Sports Federation and Korean Blind Sports Federation to participate in the Seoul Meet. Accordingly, IBSA sent 26 entries (15 athletes, 3 coaches, 3 guide-runners, 3 escorts and 2 officials) to the organizers. The Association approached the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for supporting team and the Sports Authority of India examined and approved the proposal accepting to sponsor 23 members. The remaining 3 members were supported by IBSA.

Athletes

No.	Name	Category	Sports	Events
1	Ankur Dhama	B-1	Athletics	800m,1500m,5000m
2	J.M. Shavad	B-1	Athletics	400m,800m,4x100m
3	Sonu Singh	B-1	Athletics	Discus, Shot put, Javelin
4	Amar Singh Nishad	B-2	Athletics	1500m,5000m,10000m
5	Rishikant Sharma	B-2	Athletics	Javelin, 4x100m
6	Avnil Kumar	B-3	Athletics	100m, Long Jump,4x100m
7	Ramkaran Singh	B-3	Athletics	800m,1500m,5000m,4x100m
8	Gaurav Singh	B-3	Athletics	Javelin, 4x100m
9	Ramanjee	B-1	Athletics	200m,100m,Long Jump, 4x100m

10	Kanchanmala Pande	S-11	Swimming	100m,200m freestyle,100m backstroke,100m breaststroke
11	Triptpal Singh	B-3	Powerlifting	125kg weight class
12	Karpal	B-2	Judo	60kg weight class
13	Ramesh Kumar	B-2	Judo	90kg weight class
14	Rajat Bhiduri	B-2	Judo	60kg weight class
15	Jaydeep Kumar	B-3	Judo	66kg weight class

Guide Runners

S. No.	Name
1	Ankit Yadav
2	Vipin Kumar
3	Rahul Balakrishna

Coaches

S No.	Name	Position
1	Satyapal Singh	Chief Coach
2	Ravinder S. Nagar	Athletic Coach
3	Mehboob Alam	Judo Coach

Escorts

Serial No.	Name
1	Banwari Lal Bhardwaj
2	A.David
3	Jaimala Pande

Officials

S No.	Name	Position
1	P.C Mehta	Chief-De-Mission
2	C.P Mohanan	Manager

- **Kit :**

Indian Blind Sports Association provided to the 26 members of the team the following kit:

1. A pair of Trousers & Shirt - one set
2. Track Suit - one set
3. Tee Shirt - Three
4. Track Shoes - one set
5. Competition Shoe - one pair (only for athletes and Guide Runners)
6. Athletes Kit (upper & lower) - two sets (only for athletes and Guide Runners)
7. Trolley Bag - one
8. Back Pack - one
9. Running Shoes - one pair
10. Canvas Shoes - one pair
11. Jacket - one
12. Socks - 2 pairs per team member

Majority of the Kit items were donated by M/s United Colors of Benetton courtesy Dr. Satyapal Singh, Chief Coach.

- **Visa :**

Visa for Korea for the 26-member team was arranged by the Indian Blind Sports Association from the Embassy of Korea in India. The organizers had also sent a copy of the invitation letter to the Korean Embassy.

- **Air Ticket and Insurance :**

The Air tickets were booked through M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., New Delhi.

- **Arrival in Seoul (Korea) :**

The team arrived in Seoul in the evening of 8th May 2015. Being Spring time, the weather was quite pleasant. The temperature ranged between 10 degree Celsius minimum and 22 degree Celsius maximum.

- **Daily Pocket Allowance :**

The Sports Authority of India provided daily allowance @ 25 US Dollar per day to the 23 members and Indian Blind Sports Association provided D.A. to the 3 members at the same rate.

- **Lodging and Boarding :**

The Indian Team was lodged at Hotel Agrina, 662-7 Yeoksam-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul-135-913, Korea. The Athletic Stadium was in Incheon around 80 kms. from Hotel while

the venues for Judo, Powerlifting and Swimming were located between 10 to 20 kms. from Hotel in Seoul itself. Two members each were lodged in one air-conditioned room. Buffet breakfast and dinner were arranged in the Hotel itself while lunch was arranged at the sports venues. The quality and variety of food was good and even the vegetarians had enough things to eat.

Vision Classification was carried out on 9th, 10th and 11th May, 2015. Also, a detailed orientation of facilities, procedures and formalities regarding the competitions was given to the team officials. The team members were taken to various venues for training as per schedule provided by the organizers.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony of the Seoul 2015 IBSA World Games was held in the evening of Sunday, 10th May, 2015 at Jasmil Gymnasium Stadium, Seoul. The Indian team's participation was confined to Athletics, Judo, Powerlifting and Swimming.

It was a very valuable experience for all sportspersons. Majority of athletes performed very well and improved upon their past performances. As a matter of fact, 3 of our athletes attained minimum standards laid down for IPC World Championships. The athletes are:



1. Mr. Avnil Kumar
2. Mr. Ram Karan Singh
3. Mr. Amar Singh Nishad
4. Mr. Rishikant Sharma
5. Mr. Gaurav Singh
6. Mr. Ankur Dhama



Meritorious Performance of Triptpal Singh (B3), from Punjab.

Our lone powerlifter Triptpal Singh won two Bronze Medals in 125 Kg. weight class category and thus brought laurels to the nation. It was really a very satisfying achievement in a high profile international event for the blind.



IBSA Asian Blind Football Championship, Tokyo, 2016

IBSA Asian Blind Football championship held in Tokyo, Japan, September 2-7, 2015, where six countries in total participated in this Championship. The other participating countries were Japan, China, South Korea, Iran and Malaysia.

This was the first time Indian team participated in continental football tournament. The Indian Blind Sports Association received the invitation from Japan Blind Football Federation to participate in this Championship



20 players were shortlisted for coaching at Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium Practice Ground, Kochi, Kerala, courtesy Society for Rehabilitation of Visually Challenged (SRVC), Kochi.

Coaching was conducted under the mentorship of Mr. Loo Wai Keong of Malaysia. Finally, 9 B-1 players and two

sighted goal keepers were selected to participate in the Championship on the basis of their performance.

The tournament was a great experience and exposé to our upcoming players and coaches. Though other teams had more experience and exposure to international matches, our players fought determinedly and kept improving their play as the Championship progressed. It was a very valuable learning experience for all the team members.

Participants

Serial No.	Name	Position
1	Abhimanyu Naskar	Player
2	Krishan Kumar Yadav	Player
3	Ananthu Sasikumar	Player
4	Pankaj Rana	Player
5	Mohd. Saleem Khan	Player
6	Ram Das Shivhare	Player
7	Sameer Khan	Player
8	Anish Mangadi Kuttan	Player
9	Melson Jacob	Goal Keeper
10	Sanjay Saji	Goal Keeper

Coaches

Serial No.	Name	Position
1	Sunil Jacob Mathew	Coach
2	Ravi Concul	Assistant Coach

Officials

Serial No.	Name	Position
1	David Absalom	Chief-De-Mission
2	Roy Madukakuzy Chacko	Manager

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