



INDIAN BLIND SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Indian Blind Sports Association

Annual Report for the year 2016-17

Established in 1986 at the initiative of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi to work at national level for the promotion of blind sports Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) entered into the 31st years of its glorious existence. This report seeks to record the activities and growth of the Association during the year 2016-17.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- 20th IBSA National Sports Meet for the Blind 2016 saw record 730 participants, including the highest ever 258 female participants.
- Sight classification was done by Dr. Tania Jain, the sole IPC/IBSA qualified & certified sight classifier from India.
- Mr Ankur Dhama, nurtured and trained by the Association became the first Indian blind athlete to take part in the Rio Paralympics 2016.
- Inclusion of blind sports and IBSA as one of the core components in the curriculum of B.Ed Special Education formulated by Rehabilitation Council of India(RCI). This was indicative of the recognition of the work of IBSA.
- Sri A David, formerly Joint Secretary, takes over as General Secretary to succeed Mr. Padam Chand Mehta, who resigned in April 2016, having provided a dynamic leadership to the Association for 16 years. Sri Munawwar Anzar was inducted in the Executive Committee as Joint secretary. Both the positions were filled up at the election held at the General Body meeting held on 16 December 2016.

MEMBERSHIP

As on 31 March 2017, IBSA had a total of 203 affiliate institutional members from 25 States. The reach of IBSA has been extending year by year, with 13 new affiliates joining the Association family this year. These are:

1. Nethra Vidyalaya (Visually Impaired) Visakhapatnam A.P.
2. Maharashtra Blind and Para Judo Association, Sion (W) Mumbai
3. Sambhav Institution for Blind, Burari, Delhi
4. Navdrishti Social and Blind Welfare Society, Rama Vihar, Delhi
5. Lakshya for Differently Able, Ranchi, Jharkhand
6. Shivaji College, University of Delhi, Delhi
7. National Federation of the Blind, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
8. National Federation of the Blind, Mysore, Karnataka
9. Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust, Mysore, Karnataka
10. Hindu College, University of Delhi, Delhi
11. Mizoram Blind Society, Luangmual, Mizoram
12. Louie Braille Charitable Trust, Mysuru, Karnataka

13. Govt. Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi

The Association welcomes these new partners.

JUNIORUN

25 September 2016

With a view to break inactive life and to fight the alarming rise in lifestyle diseases in today's intense life, the 'Gurgaon Road Runners' organized JUNIORUN on 25 September, 2016 at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. To give it a special touch they approached IBSA for partnering in the marathon for the visually impaired children. The Association joined hands with the organizers in this venture. 35 IBSA blind athletes from Delhi NCR region participated. The run was open for both boys and girls below the age 17, under four categories, namely, the Champ, the Edge, the Starters and the Costume Run. The organizers sponsored the visually impaired runners. All participants were given a kit and winners got medals of encouragement for their efforts. Mrs. Radhika Bharat Ram, Chairperson, IBSA flagged off the marathon run.

20TH IBSA NATIONAL SPORTS MEET FOR THE BLIND

New Delhi, 12-15 December 2016

The National Sports Meet for the Blind organized every alternate year by Indian Blind Sports Association is the largest and the most prestigious sports event for the visually challenged athletes in the country. Held regularly since 1982, the National Sports Meet has immensely contributed to generating interest in and spreading sports culture among the visually challenged youth all over the country.

The Association invited 195 affiliated institutions from 25 States to send entries for the 20th IBSA National Sports Meet for the Blind – 2016 scheduled from 12 – 15 December 2016. The Meet comprised athletic track and field events and chess competition. The venue was Thyagaraj Sports Complex, New Delhi.

A total 730 visually impaired athletes and officials representing 81 affiliated institutions from 17 states and 1 union territory (Chandigarh) across the country participated in various track and field events and a chess competition. Participants included both the budding as well as top National and International athletes. Significantly 184 female athletes participated in this sports meet.

Stay arrangement for all the outstation participants were made in the premises of the Blind Relief Association. Elaborate arrangement for meals, tea with snacks were made for all the participants. Local transport including receiving and dropping back the teams to station and commuting to stadium was made. To and fro rail fare were given to athletes who met the qualifying standard.



Opening ceremony was held in the morning of 13 December in the beautiful Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi. Mrs. Radhika Bharat Ram, Chairperson, Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) gave the welcome address. Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and a Patron of Indian Blind Sports Association formally inaugurated the Meet.

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Closing Ceremony was held in the premises of The Blind Relief Association in the evening of 16th December 2016. Mr. Kapil Mishra, the then Minister for Tourism, Art, Culture & Languages, Govt. of NCR of Delhi was the Chief Guest. Welcoming the Chief Guest, IBSA Chairperson highlighted and applauded the womens' participation in the meet. Mr. Mishra gave away the Championship Trophies to the winners. The Honorable Minister emphasized that, Sports is an integral part of growth, and the Govt. of Delhi will support all such events in the future. All the IBSA management committee members and members of BRA Management committee were present at the closing ceremony.

Mr. Ankur Dhama, our first Indian Blind Athlete to participate in Rio Paralympic games 2016 was felicitated with a memento for his achievement in the field by the Chief Guest.



Vote of thanks was given by General Secretary Mr. A. David, who appreciated the performance of the athletes in the Meet, and thanked all the sports persons and supporting technical officials, volunteers for making the meet a grand success. He acknowledged with gratitude to the sponsors, donors and others for supporting the cause of blind sports.

Sight/Vision Classifications:

Vision classification of athletes was carried out by internationally qualified sight classifier Dr. Tania Jain. She is the first Indian vision classifier trained and approved by International Paralympic Committee and International Blind Sports Federation. Dr. Jain was sponsored by IBSA to undergo V.I. Classifier Training in Athens (Greece). Indian Blind Sports Association is not only the first but also the only para sports body in the country which has an internationally qualified medical classifier. The three classifications are:

B1 (No light perception in either eye up to light perception but inability to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction);

B2 (From ability to recognize the shape of a hand up to visual acuity of 2/60 and/or visual field of less than 5 degrees); and

B3 (From visual acuity of above 2/60 up to visual acuity of 6/60 and/or visual field of more than 5 degree and less than 20 degrees).

Athletics Events (Track and Field)



Intermediate – Boys (14-17 yrs.) – Sprints 100 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, 1500 meters, Shotput (5kg) long jump, Discus (1.5 Kg.), Javelin (600 Gms), 4 x 100 meters Relay.)

Intermediate – Girls (14-17 yrs.) – Sprints 100 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, Shotput (4 Kg.), Long Jump, Discus (1 Kg.), Javelin (600 Gms.), 4 x 100 meters Relay.

Open - Men – Sprint 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, 1500 meters, 5000 meters (for B-2 and B-3 Category only), Shotput (7.26 Kg.), Long Jump, Discus (2 Kg.), Javelin (800 Gms.) 4x 100 meters Relay and 4 x 400 meters Relay.

Open – Women – Sprint 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, 1500 meters, Shotput (4 Kg.), Long Jump, Discus (1 Kg.), Javelin (600 Gms.), 4 x 100 meters Relay & 4 x 400 meters Relay.



Hand Book And Rules Book- For the first time for the convenience of the team managers and the athletes a Hand Book & Rule Book for IBSA NSM 2016 was prepared and given to the teams.

Technical Officials:

The Meet was conducted under the watchful eye of qualified and experienced technical officials from Athletic Federation of India (AFI), Delhi. They acted as line judges, track umpires, starters etc. Their services were complemented by a team of competent officials from Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education, Delhi University.

The Chess competition was conducted by two officials from Delhi Chess Association, one of whom is an international arbiter with experience of 3 Chess Olympiad along with one visually impaired official.

Team Championships:

Overall Team Championship Trophies were awarded to the participating teams separately for male and female, age and sight/vision categories. The trophy winners were worked out on the basis of the medals won by the teams, with 5, 3 and 1 point respectively awarded for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the athletics events. The winners of the team championships were:

Intermediate

Category	Organization	Points
B1 Boys	J.P.M. Sr. Sec. School for the Blind, New Delhi	19
B2 Boys	Govt. Sr. Sec. School for the Blind Boys, Kingsway Camp, New Delhi	15
B3 Boys	Govt. Ideal Blind School, Takyal, Manipur	15
B1 Girls	St. Michele's School for the Blind, Ranchi, Jharkhand	23
B2 Girls	Dr. Narendra Bhiwapurkar Andh Vidhyalay, Amarvati, Maharashtra	11
B3 Girls	Sri Sharada Devi Andhara Vikasa Kendra, Shivmonga, Karnataka	13

Open

Category	Organization	Points
Men B – 1	Divine Vision, Vivek Vihar, Delhi	23
Men B – 2	Prajwalit Foundation, Vinod Nagar, Delhi	16
Men B – 3	Prajwalit Foundation, Vinod Nagar, Delhi	15
Women B – 1	Ashakiran Residential School for Blind Children Chikkmagluru, Karnataka	15
Women B – 2	Institute for the Blind, Chandigarh (UT)	21
Women B – 3	National Association for the Blind, Chandigarh And Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh (UT)	13

Chess competition

Chess competition was conducted according to the Swiss League Round System. A total of 46 players were participated . In the Chess event Mr. Makwana Ashvinbhai Kanchanbhai; a rated chess player from Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, won the Gold Medal.

Some Highlights of the Meet:

- The Meet had a total of 81 teams, whereas the preceding meet had 60.
- The Meet had two sports disciplines namely Athletics and Chess
- For the first time, internationally qualified sight classifier Dr. Tania Jain screened all the athletes for sight classification.
- A record breaking number of 730 males and females participated in the meet.
- Highest number of 258 females' athletes and escorts.
- 25 new records were set during this 4-day Meet, including national records, out of which 13 new records were created by women.
- The following athletes emerged as the fastest totally blind (B-1) runners, winning Gold Medals in the 100 mtrs. Sprint:

Category	Name of athlete	Institution	Timing
Girls	Marsh Hassa	St. Michael's School for the Blind	16:03.00
Boys	Madan	J.P.M. Sr. Sec. School	13:01:00
Men	Ramanjee	Divine Vision, Delhi	12.76.00
Women	Nidhi Mishra	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	15.90.00

National Records Achieved in the Meet – Twenty Five National records were broken during the meet in different categories, the details of which are given below:

1. Men B - 1	- 1
2. Men B-2	- 5
3. Men B-3	- 1
4. Women B-1	- 3
5. Women B-2	- 4
6. Women B-3	- 4
7. Boys B-1	- 3
8. Boys B-2	- 1
9. Boys B-3	- 2
10. Girls B-1	- 1
11. Girls B-3	- 1

Total	- 25

Special Gestures

- No participation fee was charged from the participants.
- Free boarding and lodging was provided to the participants from other states. The Delhi participants were not provided night stay facilities due to paucity of space.
- Free local transport from Blind Relief Association to the stadium was provided by the Association to all participants. Free pickup and drop facility between the nearest railway stations to the Blind Relief Association was also arranged on demand.
- Second Class Railway Fare/Bus Fare by shortest route were reimbursed on the basis of railway concession available to the blind whose performance met the qualifying standard of the meet.

JUDGES- To ensure highest level of professionalism and fair conduct a team of professionals and experienced judges from the Athletics Federation of India, the Chess Federation and IBSA was engaged.

SOUVENIR- All the participants were given a sweat shirt as a souvenir. The souvenir was sponsored by Innovation Inc.

As in international events, the IBSA introduced the Call Room system during the meet. It was used to verify the chest numbers of the athletes before he/ she moved to the

starting point. This helped the smooth and orderly conduct of the event. Only athletes were allowed to enter the field which was completely barricaded.

STATE PARTICIPATION - Seventeen states and one union territory participated in the Meet namely Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Delhi (UPT, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Orissa, Jharkhand and Chandigarh (UT)

CULTURAL EVENING- IBSA organized three cultural evenings for the participants at the Blind Relief Association premises.

- 12th December- Army Jazz Band
- 13th December- Mayur Musical Group.
- 14th December- A musical gala evening by the Sant Nirankari Satsung Charitable Trust.

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- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- Sports Authority of India
- Paralympic Committee of India

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- Athletic Federation of India
- Delhi Chess Federation

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