



**INDIAN BLIND SPORTS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**2017-18**

Established in 1986 as an initiative of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi to work at national level for the promotion of blind sports, the Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) entered into its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of glorious existence during 2017-18. This report seeks to record the activities and growth of the Association during the year 2017-18.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

- Over 600 participants, including 150 female blind sportspersons from 18 states, namely, Delhi, Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir participated in the USHA Sports Championship for the Blind held between 8-13 January, 2018 at the Blind Relief Association, Delhi.
- The sports events included 4th IBSA Kabaddi Championships; 7th IBSA Powerlifting Championships; 2nd IBSA Judo Championship; Coaching Camp and Seminar on Blind Sports.
- In order to encourage better participation of women in sports by attracting and training large number of female athletes, the Indian Blind Sports Association introduced Female Kabaddi and Judo for the first time at USHA Sports Championships for the Blind.
- IBSA and Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) organized a Lawn Tennis coaching camp for coaches between 13-15 February, 2018 to impart training to the visually impaired. 16 coaches (14 coaches from DLTA & 2 coaches from Patiala) and 19 players participated in the camp.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As on 31 March 2018, IBSA had a total of 204 affiliate institutional members from 25 states. The reach of IBSA has been extending year by year, with 12 new affiliates joining the Association family this year.

1. Devnar School for the Blind, Hyderabad
2. Oshonic Vision For the Blind Welfare Society, Satara, Maharashtra

3. Telengana Para Blind Sports Association, Ranga Reddy, Telangana
4. Pradnya Chaksu Sports Association For Visually Challenged, Pune
5. Shubham, Muzzafarpur
6. Ranga Rao Memorial School For the Blind, Mysore
7. Snehdeep Trust For the Disabled, Bangalore
8. Viklang Shikshan Sewa Trust, Surat
9. Goalball Federation of India, Yamuna Nagar
10. Goalball India Federation, Delhi
11. Indian Blind Football Federation, Kochi
12. All India Blind Football Association, Bangalore

The Association welcomes these new partners.

### **IBSA JUDO ASIAN OCEANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, TASHKENT**

9 players from India participated in the IBSA JUDO Asian Oceanian Championships held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 22-29 May, 2017 organised by the Paralympic Committee of Uzbekistan under the auspices of International Blind Sports Federation.

A camp was organised by Mr. Munawar Anzar, Founder Secretary, Indian Blind and Para Judo Association in collaboration with Indian Blind Sports Association, at the Blind Relief Association's premises from 15 to 21 May 2017. Some of the participants in the camp included players who had participated in international championships such as Asian Para Games, Vietnam Open Judo Championships and Commonwealth Judo Championships.

Kits were distributed to the participants by Mr. Nitin Pramod, Deputy Commissioner, MCD, Karol Bagh, New Delhi and Mr. K.C. Pande, Vice Chairperson, Indian Blind Sports Association.

### **Players**

Janki Bai (Madhya Pradesh)  
Monisha Sundaramoorthy (Tamil Nadu)  
Priyanka Annasaheb Ghumre (Maharashtra)  
Pappathi Chinnasawmy (Tamil Nadu)  
Karpal (Haryana)  
Jaydeepkumar Hridaya Singh  
Kuldeep (Uttar Pradesh)  
Manoharan Janakiraman (Tamil Nadu)

Ramesh Kumar (Haryana)

**Accompanied by**

Mr Munawar Anzar (Delegate)  
Mrs Seema Rani (Coach)  
Mr Akram Shah (Coach)  
Mr Bhagwan Das (Escort)  
Mr Deepak Kumar Gupta (Referee)

**10<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BLIND SPORTS FEDERATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - CLUJ NAPOCA, ROMANIA**



The quadrennial meeting held from 26 – 29 October, 2017 at Romania provided a platform to network at an international level and get updated information on latest IBSA activities and projects. The meeting was attended by Mr A David, Hony. General Secretary, Indian Blind Sports Association, the Association being

the only Indian affiliate of International Blind Sports Federation.

The agenda points for discussion covered topics such as

- Developments in VI classification in Judo
- Development of sports in their nascent stage such as blind golf, 5- a side football
- Introduction to IBSA Sports Administration System (ISAS) and its features
- IBSA in paralympic movement including the priorities of IPC over the next 4 coming years
- Challenges in membership development and the need to grow through a supportive and collaborative approach.

The details of the newly elected IBSA Executive Board were also shared with the delegates. Delegates from 52 countries participated in this General Assembly Meeting.

## **JUNIORUN DELHI**



22 students in B1, B2 and B3 categories from JPM Senior Secondary School participated in the second edition of Junior Run Marathon at New Delhi in collaboration with Indian Blind Sports Association, as a disability Run Partner. The event was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on 26 November, 2017. Being less than 18

years of age, the boys covered a distance of 3 km as required. Junior Run is a multi-city running event designed for children of all age groups to raise awareness and promote importance of fitness in technology driven centennials.

## **USHA SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE BLIND – 8 -13 January, 2018**

The opening ceremony of the event was held 8 January morning at the Blind Relief Association, New Delhi. Mrs. Radhika Bharat Ram, Chairperson, Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) delivered the welcome address and formally declared the USHA Sports Championship for the Blind open.

The 6-day event was organized by the Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) with USHA being the Title Sponsor in the premises of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi. The list of our other sponsors is provided as Annexure – I. The event witnessed over 600 participants, including 150 female blind sportspersons from eighteen states.

The sports events included 4th IBSA Kabaddi Championships; 7th IBSA Powerlifting Championships; 2nd IBSA Judo Championship; Coaching Camp and Seminar on Blind Sports. For

the first time, blind Kabaddi and Judo for females was introduced. The event was inaugurated by Mrs. Radhika Bharat Ram, Chairperson, IBSA.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> IBSA Kabaddi Championships**

Women's Kabaddi was introduced for the first time by Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA). 66 female and 231 male players in 6 and 20 teams respectively participated at the Championships. Pool and league matches were played in both men and women team.



In the final match of women's Kabaddi, Association for the Blind Persons, Delhi were the Champions, National federation for the Blind were the Runners-up and the National Sports Club of the Blind, Mumbai were the second runners up.

In the finals of men's Kabaddi, J.P.M. Sr. Sec. School for the Blind emerged as the Champions followed by Vocational Training Centre, Delhi as Runners-up and



A.I.A.S.H.A, Mumbai as the second runners up.

## 2nd IBSA Judo Championship



105 male and 59 female players participated in the Judo Championships as per the requisite sight classification and rules. There were 7 weight categories for men and women championships. On the preceding day of the Judo Championships, a session on Introduction of Judo Rules was conducted by Shri Munawar Anzar, Paralympic Referee. Preparatory technical sessions were also conducted. The weight-wise winners in men and women category are as follows:

### Men

Weight Category	Gold Medalist	Silver Medalist	Bronze medalist
Upto 50 kg	Sahabuddin (Delhi)	Vivekanand, (Uttar Pradesh)	K Santosh R Raj, (TN) Jitendra Kumar (UP)
Upto 55 kg	Hasan Ali Baw (Telangana)	Naresh (Delhi)	Umesh (Delhi) Anupam Yadav
Upto 60 kg	Karampal (Haryana)	Rohit (Haryana)	Nadeem (Delhi) Mukul (Uttarakhand)

Upto 66 kg	Jaydeep Singh (Maharashtra)	Dhram Singh (Haryana)	N Sisndri (AP) Sohail (Telangana)
Upto 73 kg	Manoharan, (Tamil Nadu)	Yakub Pasha (Telangana)	Jaweed Shaik (AP) Krishna Kumar (MP)
Upto 81 kg	Monu (Haryana)	Sudhanshu (Delhi)	Makvana (Gujarat)
Upto 90 kg	Sunil (Haryana)	Deepak (Haryana)	G.Venkatesh (Telangana) Surya Prakash (Delhi)

## Women



Weight Category	Gold Medalist	Silver Medalist	Bronze medalist
Upto 44 kg	Kankdiya Taku (Gujarat)	S Poongavanam (TN)	Chamadiya Vasa (Gujarat) Sudama Bai (MP)
Upto 48 kg	A Pachai Ammal (TN)	Janki Bai (MP)	R Vijayashanthi (TN) Nikki Lodhi (MP)
Upto 52 kg	Kusum (Haryana)	E Elakiya (TN)	Priya Kheer (MP)

			M Manju (TN)
Upto 57 kg	Komal Jayswal (UP)	Meena Uikey (MP)	S Gowri (TN) S Monisha (TN)
Upto 63 kg	M Muthu Lakshmi (TN)	P Kalaivanni (TN)	-
Upto 70 kg	Kusum Solanki (Gujarat)	M Divya Solanki (Gujarat)	Raval Komal (Gujarat) Maheswari (TN)
Upto 78 kg	C Pappati (TN)	Vijayashanti (TN)	-

### 7th IBSA Powerlifting Championship (Men only)



A total of 48 players in 10 weight categories participated in the Championship held on January 10, 2018 in New Delhi.

The Championship was held under the guidance of Mr Naresh Dhawan, Delhi Powerlifting Association. He is also the coach for Team Delhi. It is pertinent to mention that the last 6 Championships were also organized by IBSA under the able guidance of Mr Dhawan. The Championship was in line with the rules laid down by International Blind Sports Federation.

The details of weight category wise are

Sl. No.	Weight Category	Gold Medalist	Silver Medalist	Bronze medalist
1	56 kg	Akshay Biduri(Delhi)	Rajat Biduri (Delhi)	Afzal (Delhi)
2	60 kg	Vijay Singh (Uttarakhand)	Deepak Solanki (Delhi)	
3	67.5 kg	Shailendra Kumar (Delhi)	Dhanpal Singh (Delhi)	Satbir Singh (Delhi)
4	75 kg	Ajay	Barse Maharudra Narhari (Maharashtra)	Dharne Raosal Kubirrao (Maharashtra)
5	82.5 kg	Sudhanshu Kumar Rath (Delhi)	-	-
6	90 kg	Vinod Kumar Shah (Uttarakhand)	Jaiveer Singh (Uttarakhand)	P. Naveen
7	100 kg	Surya Prakash (Delhi)	Anand Ram Choudhary (Rajasthan)	Uday Kumar
8	110 kg		-	-
9	125 kg	Tripal Singh (Punjab)	-	-
10	125 +kg	-	-	-

Shri Tripal Singh, the gold medalist in the highest weight category of 125 kg is also the Bronze Medalist at the IBSA World Championships, Seoul in 2015.

### **Athletics Coaching Camp & Seminar**

The following activities were held during the Sports Championships:

- Athletics Coaching Camp and Seminar was held parallel to the Championship. In the coaching camp, 34 coaches and athletes from different parts of the country were given special coaching by IBSA Chief Coach and Dronacharya Awardee Dr. Satyapal Singh. Mr G Krishnan, World Para Athletics Technical Official took a session on



athletics competitions, rules and regulations, imperatives of fitness and practical fitness exercises.

- The field session was conducted at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium under the guidance of Dr Satyapal and Mr G Krishnan.
- Demonstration cum workshop on Goalball was also conducted for the first time.



➤ Lawn Tennis Clinic was conducted by Shri Ramdas Shivhare, who learned Lawn Tennis for blind from Japan while he was undergoing one year Leadership Training in Japan. The participants were introduced to the rules and techniques of the game. This was followed by practical session to give the participants a hand-on experience.

- Ms Alayna Aisha, Life Skills Teacher cum Counsellor held 2 Workshops on Mind Training for Success in Sports to highlight how having a focused mind in a sport/game is crucial for winning.
- Practical fitness sessions were also held for the participants.
- Session on sports injury, warm-up and cooling down was held by Ms. Takako Kitahara, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOVC) at National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun. Over 40 participants including instructors from various states attended the session.

- A special demonstration cum workshop on Frisbee, new game for the



Blind, was conducted by Ms. Amita Chadha and her team highlighting Frisbee as a tool to break through the barriers of gender and disability biases.

The closing ceremony was held in the premises of the Blind Relief Association on 13 January 2018. Ms Chhaya Shriram, Chief Guest gave away the Championship Trophies to the winners. In her speech she lauded the participation of women in the Championships and introduction of Women Kabaddi for the first time by Indian Blind Sports Association. She encouraged the players to continue improving their performance and skill and never give up any opportunity to display their talent. All the IBSA management committee members and members of BRA Management committee were present at the closing ceremony.



Delivering the vote of thanks, General Secretary Mr. A. David appreciated the performance of the athletes in the Meet and thanked all the sportspersons and supporting technical officials, volunteers, services of Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation and the staff of The Blind Relief Association in making the event a grand success. He acknowledged with gratitude the sponsors, donors, and others for supporting the cause of blind sports.

### **Sight/Vision Classification**

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)

**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).

### **Technical Officials:**

The Championships were conducted under the professional guidance and supervision of Technical Officials and Judges from Delhi State Kabaddi Association, Delhi Powerlifting Federation and Indian Blind and Para Judo Association. The athletics Coaching Camp and Seminar was conducted under the expertise of Dr. Satyapal, Chief Athletics Coach, IBSA & Dronacharya Awardee and G Krishnan, World Para Athletics Technical Official.



### **Special Gestures**

- No participation fee was charged.
- Free boarding and lodging was provided to the participants from other states.
- Free local transport from Blind Relief Association 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.
- Second Class Railway Fare/Bus Fare by shortest route was reimbursed on the basis of railway concession available to the blind whose performance met the qualifying standard of the meet.

### **Souvenir**

All the participants were given T-shirts as a souvenir of the event.

## **State Participation**

Eighteen states participated in the Championships namely, Delhi, Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, HP, Telangana, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir.

## **Cultural Evening**

The participants had an entertaining evening on January 12 with cultural performances. Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation sponsored ‘Bollywood nights’ where various singers and artists from the Bollywood industry performed. The athletes enjoyed the show immensely.

## **COACHING CAMP FOR LAWN TENNIS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

IBSA and Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) in a collaborative initiative introduced a Lawn Tennis Coaching Camp for coaches and players. Lawn Tennis is a relatively new sport amongst the visually impaired in India. There are no blind tennis programmes in India, both in terms of coaches, camps and popularity amongst blind persons. The objective of the initiative



was to provide an opportunity to coaches to learn the techniques of lawn tennis to further train the visually impaired. Also being a new game for the visually impaired, there is a need to generate enthusiasm and popularity so that more and more blind players take up the game not only for fun but for social inclusion and for boosting their self-esteem.

In this background, IBSA and DLTA organized a coaching camp for Lawn Tennis primarily for coaches to impart training to the visually impaired from Feb 13-15, 2018 at Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA).

16 Coaches (14 Coaches from DLTA & 2 coaches from Patiala) and 19 players participated in the Camp. One coach from Mumbai dropped out due to personal reasons. Dr Davinder Kapur, Assistant Coach in Windsor Tennis Club, Belfast, an NRI, MBE awardee and a trained doctor was instrumental in facilitating international coach to India with the objective of introducing blind lawn tennis in India.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING, PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE OF INDIA - CHANDIGARH**

The PCI's Annual General Body Meeting was held on 25 March 2018 at Panchkula in Chandigarh. The meeting was attended by Mr A David, Hon. General Secretary, Indian Blind Sports Association. Including 9 members of the Governing Board, 43 members from various federations in the country took part in this event. Paralympian Ms. Deepa Malik was the Athlete Counsel Representative.

The agenda points for discussion covered topics such as

- Indian Para Team participation and performance of para-athletes at various international championships during the year 2017.
- Progress of PCI reforms in conformity with IPC Handbook.
- Induction of new left out State Associations / UTs and PCI Members
- Approval for undertaking the administrative and logistics of Para Badminton and Para Table Tennis with Technical Assistance of their respective National Federation.

- Hosting of the 1st National Para Games at Bangalore in June 2018 in association with Sports Authority of India

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Indian Blind Sports Association gratefully acknowledges the valuable support received from various organisation / institutions, sports bodies and individuals in making this year's events a great success.

Annexure I

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1.	Seema Jain,GM,Process Chemical Engg Production	Haldor Topsoe
2	Shahnaz Husain	Shahnaz Husain
3	Ms Rupali	
4	Ms Komal Mehra	Usha International
5	Ms Gitika Pathella	Design & Concepts
6	Pankaj Mehra/Ms Shradha Suri, MD Subros Ltd	Subros Limited, NOIDA
7	Vithal Mittal Director	Chavan Rishi Resorts
8	Rishabh Aneja	Harish Aneja Foundation
9	Mrdul Goenka	Pragjyoti Cinema, Assam
10	Tarun Singla	Gupta Enterprises
11	Deepak Chopra	Sidh Fabric
12	Anita Adlakha	
13	Saswati Swain	Sopra Steria, Noida