

INDIAN BLIND SPORTS ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-22

Established in 1986 as an initiative of the Blind Relief Association, Delhi to work at national level for the promotion of sports for the blind, the Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA) entered into its 36th year of glorious existence in 2022. This report seeks to record the activities and growth of the Association during the year 2021-22.

MEMBERSHIP

As on 31 March 2022, IBSA had a total of 243 affiliate institutional members from 27 states and union territories. The reach of IBSA has been extending year by year, with two new affiliates joining the Association this year.

1. Tamil Nadu Blind Football Association, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
2. VK Academy of Sports, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

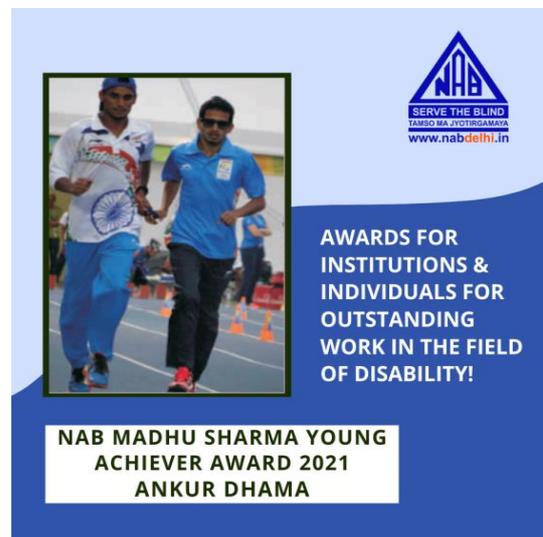
ACTIVITIES

The second wave of the COVID 19 pandemic in the country continued to hamper the events, camps and competitions planned by the Indian Blind Sports Association. However, with the available resources, the Association and its affiliate organizations made the best out of the year as recorded in this report.

NAB MADHU SHARMA YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD 2021: ANKUR DHAMA

Mr. Ankur Dhama was felicitated with the Madhu Sharma Young Achiever Award on 2 December 2021 by National Association for the Blind, Delhi.

Ankur Dhama, the first fully blind paralympian trained and coached by the Indian Blind Sports Association was awarded the prestigious Arjuna Award in 2018. Ankur, is also an alumnus of the JPM Senior Secondary School, New Delhi.



NATIONAL AWARD FOR ROLE MODEL

The National Award for Role Model was conferred to Ms. Neha Nalin Pawaskar by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, presented by the President of India, Sri Ram Nath Kovind, on 3 December 2021.



Ms. Neha Nalin Pawaskar, has been representing Maharashtra as a member affiliate of the Indian Blind Sports Association for over a decade. She presents a combination of skill and talent in arduous outdoor sports and activities generally considered beyond the reach of visually impaired persons, especially women. She is an accomplished

judoka, athlete, swimmer, and mountaineer. She has made a mark in adventure sports besides having received several awards.

ONLINE SIGHT CLASSIFIER TRAINING PROGRAM

The Indian Blind Sports Association in collaboration with the International Blind Sports Federation and International Paralympic Committee, conducted a Sight Classifier Training Program on online mode from 11 - 23 January, 2022. The event had 13 participants from India and other countries like Bahrain, Myanmar, South Africa, Japan, and Azerbaijan, and 11 successfully completed the training.

The Indian Sight Classification Software developed by the Indian Blind Sports Association was formally launched online on 15 January 2022 by Hony. Chairperson IBSA - Mrs. Radhika Bharat Ram. Dr. Deepa Malik, President Paralympic Committee of India graced the occasion with her kind presence along with the IBSA Executive Committee members. The participants of the Sight Classifier Training programme also attended the software launch event.



In the closing ceremony of the Training Program, Dr. José Doria, International Classifier and Dr. Tania Jain addressed the participants and as a special guest Mr. Zdeněk Barlok, Chairman of the Czech Blind Sports Federation made a presentation on Showdown - a game played by the visually impaired.

COACHING CAMP FOR VISUALLY-IMPAIRED WOMEN ATHLETES



The Indian Blind Sports Association in partnership with the Voice of World organized the first-ever Eastern Region Coaching Camp for Visually Impaired Female Athletes. It was conducted from 21 - 25 March 2022 at the Parnashree Govt. Housing Quarters Ground, Kolkata.

At the inauguration ceremony, Revered Khokon Maharaj of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Smt. Sanchita Mitra - Local Councillor, Shri Subrata Shankar Ghosh - President of West Bengal Luxury Taxi Association, Ms. Gargi Gupta - Founder of 'Voice of World' and various other dignitaries were present. The visually challenged students of Voice of World showcased their musical talents in a small cultural programme. The Coaching Camp was formally inaugurated by Revered Khokon Maharaj through chanting of Sanskrit Shlokas after the dignitaries lighted the auspicious lamp.

About 25 visually impaired female athletes from West Bengal, Jharkhand & Bihar participated in the residential Coaching Camp. The camp offered training in sports events like races of 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m, javelin throw, shot put, discus throw and long jump. During the training program, all athletes were educated on blind sports rules and regulations as per the International Blind Sports Federation. The camp was guided by the able mentorship of Mr. Sudhir Rana, a paralympics international coach, and Mr. Ramashray Ram, former Instructor – Orientation & Mobility of the Blind Relief Association.





At the closing ceremony, Smt. Ratna Chatterjee, MLA , West Bengal; Smt.Sanchita Mitra , Councilor, Kolkata Municipal; Mr. Subrata Shanker Ghosh, President, Kolkata Luxury Taxi Association, Smt. Gargi Gupta, Founder Secretary Voice of World and Mr. David, Hony. General Secretary IBSA & Chairman Asian Region International Blind Sports Federation were present. Along with the certificates, the participants were provided with kit bag, T-shirts, track suit, and yoga mat.

SIGHT CLASSIFICATION FOR PCI

For the first time, the IBSA Sight Classification team was invited by the Paralympic Committee of India to conduct the sight classification for the first-time participants in the PCI National Para Athletics Championship held from 28 - 31 March in Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.



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The classification was successfully completed by the team on 27 March. This is the first time the Sight Classification was done for the visually impaired category in the PCI national meet, and IBSA is proud to have partnered.

FOOTBALL FIELD FOR THE VISUALLY-IMPAIRED



The AFC- Praful Patel Blind Football Centre at Delhi constructed in the premises of the Blind Relief Association was completed on 15 October 2021. This will be the Centre in the Northern India for all blind football activities along with facilities to host tournaments,

trainings and coaching for people with differing abilities. A detailed plan of development of Blind Football in India and the utilization and self-sustenance of the field will be decided in partnership with AFC.



FOOTBALL – Indian Blind Football Federation

TRAINING SESSION AND DEMO GAME FOR KERALA BLIND FOOTBALL PLAYERS AT KERALA

The Kerala blind football squad participated in a three-day football camp held by the Society for Rehabilitation of the Visually Challenged, KBFF and the Indian Blind Football Federation at the Gamma football arena in Kadavanthra from 2 - 4 April 2021.



The camp was inaugurated by Mr. Pradeep Dutta, Associate Professor of Sports Authority of India, LNCPE Campus, Thiruvananthapuram. The inaugural function was attended by National Blind Football Academy sponsors Mr. Butler, CEO, C P Mammen, Jijo Palathingal (Chavara Cultural Center) and Duleep (Gamma Football) Gokulan (KFA). Mr. Mammen, CEO, Mr. Butler met the players and encouraged them.



The three-day session was organized by National Blind Football Team Coach Sunil J Mathew, and the IBFF coaching staff and included eight players from various districts in Kerala. The Kerala players also participated in a training match with the National Blind Football Academy's players.

FIRST PARTIALLY (B2/B3) KERALA BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT SB COLLEGE, KOTTAYAM, KERALA

The Kerala Blind Football Federation along with the Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) organized the first Partially Sighted Blind Football held in Kerala at the Mar Charles Lavigne Indoor Stadium, S B College, Changanacherry on 21 October 2021. Partially Sighted footballers from across Kerala participated in the first-time event held at an international quality indoor stadium. Adv Job Michael MLA Changanacherry was the Chief Guest for the Finals and he presented the trophies.



Ernakulam district team won the final against Palakkad district team with 3-2. Sujith MS (Palakkad) won the top scorer award and Anadh Krishnan (Ernakulam) won the player of the tournament award.

FIRST WOMEN'S NATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The first Women's National Blind Football Tournament was held in Chennai on 27 and 28 October 2021. The Karnataka team won the competition defeating IBFF Reserves, a newly formed united team of players from across the country.



With a total of three goals, Abhinayashree (Tamil Nadu) was titled Player of the Tournament, while Swetha M (IBFF Reserve) was titled Golden Boot. The best goalkeeper award went to Reshma Karthik of Karnataka, and the

emerging new player award won by Sarika Barud of Maharashtra. Teams from 5 states participated in the tournament.

MUSCAT BLIND FOOTBALL CHALLENGE AT MUSCAT, OMAN

The Indian Blind football team participated at the IBF Foundation Muscat Challenge Blind football friendly series at Muscat Oman from 24 - 28 November 2021. The tournament was conducted by the International Blind Football Foundation as a part of the blind football development in Asia. India lost the first match to Oman. The positives were great learnings and invaluable experience for the boys from the tour with 4 players making their debuts. Another highlight of the event was the practice session mentored by Keryn Seal (ex Eng. International/ Paralympian with 127 caps), who gave the participants brilliant insights to the game.



NATIONAL BLIND FOOTBALL TEAM SELECTION CAMP AND TRAINING FOR UK TOUR OF INDIAN BLIND FOOTBALL TEAM

The Indian Blind Football Team Selection Training Camp was conducted for the tour to the UK in May 2022. The camp was set up in Kochi from 1 March to 30 April 2022. Around 22 of the best B1 players and GK talents assembled for the week-long selection trials which also had training sessions for new players as the squad builds for future tournaments.



JUDO – Indian Blind and Para Judo Association

Participation in IBSA Judo Grand Prix, Baku 2021 in Azerbaijan 20 – 27 May 2021

S. No	Name	Players/ Coach
1	Jaydeep Haridaya Singh	Player

2	Poonam Sharma	Player
3	Kokila	Player
4	Munawar Anzar	Coach

2021 IBSA Judo Grand Prix Warwick, 18 – 20 June 2021

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10TH NATIONAL BLIND AND DEAF JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 10th National Blind and Deaf Judo Championships was organized by Rajasthan Blind and Para Judo and Indian Blind and Para Judo Association at S.D. College, Sukharia Circle, Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan from 5 to 9 March 2022. About 550 Players, Team Managers, Coaches, Escorts, Technical Officials and Volunteers had taken part from 17 states.



The Championships was inaugurated by Shri Nihal Chand, Ex. Central Minister and Member of Parliament. Shri Munawar Anzar, the Special Guest of this championship, was honoured. A cultural programme was also organised during the Opening Ceremony of this championships. The entire programme was conducted in compliance with the COVID protocol. The last

edition of these championships was held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in March 2021.



This championships was played in Sub–Junior & Junior (boys & girls) and Senior (men & women) categories with 78 Gold, 78 Silver and 156 Bronze in the Blind and Deaf Categories.

Category	Winners	First Runners Up	Second Runners up
Sub Junior Blind Girls & Boys	Rajasthan	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir
Junior Blind Girls & Boys	Jammu & Kashmir	Maharashtra	Haryana
Senior Blind Women & Men	Madhya Pradesh	Haryana	Tamil Nadu

Category	Winners	First Runners Up	Second Runners up
Sub Junior Deaf Girls & Boys	Uttar Pradesh	Rajasthan	Punjab
Junior Deaf Girls & Boys	Himachal Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	Haryana
Senior Deaf Women & Men	Jammu & Kashmir	Uttar Pradesh	Maharashtra



Category	Best Judoka Award (M)	Best Judoka Award (F)
Sub Junior Blind	Anurag (Rajasthan)	Shahnaz Akhtar (Jammu & Kashmir)
Junior Blind	Lavkush Kumar (Punjab)	Geetanjali Raje (Maharashtra)
Senior Blind	Kapil Parmar (Madhya Pradesh)	Renuka Narayan (Maharashtra)
Sub Junior Deaf	Abhay Chouhan (Uttar Pradesh)	Pragati Kesarwani (Uttar Pradesh)
Junior Deaf	Himanshu Singh (Chandigarh)	Upasana (Punjab)

Senior Deaf	Nabeel Ahmad (Jammu & Kashmir)	Priya Khot (Maharashtra)
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Shri Anup Gurnani, Treasurer, IBPJA; Shri Deepak Gupta, Treasurer, Deaf Judo Association of India; Shri Akram Shah, Olympian; Shri Surinder Kumar; Shri Rajendra Sharma; Shri Sanjay Giri; Shri Ghashyam Maurya and distinguished guests were present on this occasion.

Mrs. Rukmani Riyar Sihag, IAS, District Collector, Ganganagar, gave away the medals and trophies to the victorious

players and declared the National Blind and Deaf Judo Championships closed.

OBITUARY

Sri Banwari Lal Bharadwaj, one of the founding members of Indian Blind Sports Association and a friend and member of the Blind Relief Association passed away on 29 April 2021 at the age of 82 years. Having recovered from COVID-19 he succumbed to a heart attack in Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital in New Delhi.

We will always miss a dear friend and an enthusiastic supporter of sports for the blind. His historic contribution to the promotion of blind sports can never be forgotten.

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- Paralympic Committee of India



- International Blind Sports Federation



- Asian Football Confederation



- The Blind Relief Association, Delhi

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