



Six states win Team Championships at the 23rd USHA National Athletics Championship for the Blind Grand Finale

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Highlights

- Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Uttarakhand lifts Team Championship in Men T11, T12 and T13 categories respectively.
- Chandigarh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh lifts Team Championship in Women T11, T12 and T13 categories respectively

Nadiad, 16th December 2024: The 23rd Usha National Athletics Championship for the Blind, held at Sports Complex, Marida Road, Nadiad in Gujarat came to a close today. Present at the occasion to inspire the young athletes and facilitate them was Ms. Kinnariben Shah, Nagar Palika President - Nadiad. Organised bi-annually by the Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA), this is the largest sports event for the visually challenged in the country.

The spirit and prowess of the participants who took part in sporting disciplines such as field and track sports, and relay race competitions in both men's and women's open categories for visually impaired athletes (T-11 & F-11) and those with low vision (T-12, T-13 & F-12, F-13) was lauded by the dignitaries.

A record number of 175 visually impaired athletes along with officials from 19 states including Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, UP, West Bengal, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Daman & Diu, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh and Chandigarh participated in the championship. The results of the Team Championship under each category are as provided below.

Category	Team Championships
Men T11 & F11	Tamil Nadu
Men T12 & F12	Gujarat
Men T13 & F13	Uttarakhand

Women T11 & F11	Chandigarh
Women T12 & F12	Maharashtra
Women T13 & F13	Madhya Pradesh

New National Record & Meet Records Set

Event	Record Breaker	State	New Record
MENS T-12 400m Run	Naveen Surla	Andhra Pradesh	Meet Record & National Record
MENS T-12 5000m Run	Saurabh Sharma	Himachal Pradesh	Meet Record
WOMENS T-12 400m Run	Tejal Damor Amraji	Gujarat	Meet Record & National Record
WOMENS T-12 Long Jump	Tejal Damor Amraji	Gujarat	Meet Record & National Record
WOMENS T-13 Shot Put	Chetnaben Galch Ratabhai	Gujarat	Meet Record & National Record
	Raval Komalben Chandui	Gujarat	National Record
WOMENS T-13 Discus Throw	Chetnaben Galch Ratabhai	Gujarat	Meet Record & National Record
WOMENS T-13 Javelin Throw	Chetnaben Galch Ratabhai	Gujarat	Meet Record & National Record

Mr. David A, Hony. General Secretary of Indian Blind Sports Association said *"It is truly inspiring to organize athletics championships for the blind and witness their growing momentum with each event. I commend the Para Sports Association of Gujarat and the Blind Sports Association of Gujarat for taking on this remarkable responsibility, in collaboration with the Indian Blind Sports Association, to showcase these incredible achievements to the world. Their efforts foster encouragement and pride for all involved."*

"Today, we celebrate not just the winners, but every participant. This embodies the true essence of sportsmanship and teamwork," he added.

About IBSA:

Established in 1986 Indian Blind Sports Association is a national level sports federation affiliated to the International Blind Sports Federation – the apex world sports body for the visually challenged as well as to the Paralympics Committee of India. The Association has affiliation of 20 state bodies and 4 sports-specific federations: Football, Goalball, Kabaddi and

Judo. As an affiliate of the world body, IBSA selects, trains and sends blind sportspersons from India to participate in international events including the World Championships and Games for the Blind.

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