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INTRODUCTION



1. The 24th National Para Swimming Championship, organized by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in association with the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and the National Para Swimming Championship of India, brought together over 518 para-athletes from across the country. Held from October 19th, this remarkable event featured over 300 swimming events across multiple categories, celebrating the strength, resilience, and determination of participants from diverse backgrounds and abilities.
2. The inaugural ceremony on October 20th was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, the Minister of Social Welfare, the Minister of Sports, and other prominent officials, underscoring the event's importance at both national and state levels. Each competition concluded with an inspiring medal ceremony, recognizing the outstanding achievements of these dedicated athletes.
3. Throughout the championship, a series of concurrent events and activities fostered an environment of camaraderie and mutual encouragement. This championship served as a platform not only for competitive excellence but also as an inspiration to individuals everywhere, highlighting the indomitable spirit of India's para-athlete community.

HON'BLE MINISTER FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, SHRI. SUBHASH PHAL DESSAI.

A Triumph of The Human Spirit

I am immensely proud of the successful conduct of the 24th National Para Swimming Championship, held in Goa from October 20th to 22nd, 2024. This event showcased the extraordinary talent, determination, and resilience of our para-athletes.

The participation of over 1000 athletes from across the nation, competing in 300 events, is a testament to the growing popularity and importance of para-sports in India. This championship not only highlighted the exceptional abilities of our para-athletes but also inspired millions of people.

I congratulate the organizers, volunteers, and, most importantly, the athletes for their outstanding contributions to the success of this event. Let us continue to strive for a more inclusive society where every individual, regardless of their abilities, has the opportunity to excel.



HON'BLE MINISTER FOR SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS, SHRI. GOVIND GAUDE

It's truly inspiring to witness the exceptional performances of our para-athletes at the 24th National Para Swimming Championship. The dedication, hard work, and sheer determination displayed by these athletes are commendable.

This championship has not only showcased the immense talent of our para-athletes but has also highlighted the importance of inclusive sports.

I congratulate the organizers, volunteers, and, most importantly, the athletes for making this event a resounding success.

Let us continue to support and encourage para-sports in India. Together, we can create a more inclusive and equitable society.



SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, SHRI. E. VALLAVAN IAS

The 24th National Para Swimming Championship was a monumental event that showcased the extraordinary talent and resilience of our para-athletes. Over 1000 athletes from across the nation participated in 300 events, inspiring us all with their determination.

This championship is a testament to the growing recognition and support for para-sports in India. We are committed to creating an inclusive society where every individual, regardless of their abilities, has the opportunity to excel.

I congratulate the organizers, volunteers, and, most importantly, the athletes for their outstanding contributions to the success of this event. Let us continue to work towards a future where para-sports are celebrated and supported.



HON'BLE STATE COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, SHRI. GURUPRASAD R. PAWASKAR

A Milestone in Para-Sports

The 24th National Para Swimming Championship was a historic event that showcased the remarkable abilities of our para-athletes. The participation of over 1000 athletes from across India in 300 events is a testament to the growing popularity of para-sports.

This championship was a platform for our athletes to excel, inspire, and break barriers. It also highlighted the importance of creating an inclusive society where everyone has equal opportunities.

We are grateful to all the stakeholders who contributed to the success of this event. We will continue to work towards creating a more inclusive and accessible India.



DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,
MRS. VARSHA NAIK

Empowering Para-Athletes, Inspiring Indi

The 24th National Para Swimming Championship was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible potential of our para-athletes. Over 1000 athletes from across the country participated in 300 events, demonstrating their exceptional skills and determination.

This championship was not just a sporting event but a celebration of the human spirit. It highlighted the importance of inclusive sports and the transformative power of physical activity.

We are grateful to all the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and sponsors who contributed to the success of this event. We look forward to continuing our efforts to promote para-sports and empower individuals with disabilities.



SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, SHRI. TAHA HAAZIQ

A Celebration of The Human Spirit

The 24th National Para Swimming Championship was a truly inspiring event. It brought together over 1000 para-athletes from across the country to compete in 300 exciting events.

The dedication, hard work, and perseverance of these athletes were truly commendable. Their achievements have set new benchmarks in para-sports.

We are grateful to all the stakeholders who made this event a reality. We will continue to strive to create a more inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential.



DR. V K. DABASS



It was a matter of great privilege and pride for the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and Goa Paralympic Association to conduct its 24th National Para Swimming Championships (Men & Women), 2024 for the first time in Goa at Olympic Swimming Pool, Campal, Panaji. It also happened for the first time that the hosts, Mr. Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, approached the PCI and invited it to hold the Championships in Goa. By the grace of Almighty and by the hard work of both the hosts and the PCI Management and Technical Officials everything went off well. The love of Goan people and their unique cultural heritage, rich history and vibrant lifestyle attracted a record number of 774 participants including Para Swimmers, Coaches, Escorts, Parents and Technical Officials. During the 4-day Championships a total of 331 events were conducted. Sixty one (61) New National Records were created during the Championships. For the first time Karnataka team won Khem Chand Dabas Memorial Trophy for Team Championship with a total of 358 points. Maharashtra remained second with 344 points and West Bengal won third place with 233 points. The presence of esteemed VIPs and Guests from various galaxies during the Opening Ceremony, Victory Ceremonies and during the Closing Ceremony elevated the competition to unprecedented levels of excitement and competitiveness fostering a dynamic and electrifying atmosphere that made this championship truly unforgettable. Such an event will significantly spread the awareness among the locals about Para Sports in general and Para Swimming in particular. I have learned that the host Department is bringing out a Coffee Table Book, commemorating the 24th National Para Swimming Championships. Certainly it will showcase the triumphs, struggles, and inspiring stories of our Para Swimmers, who embody the spirit of resilience and determination. It will acknowledge the tireless efforts of coaches, officials, and support staff who have contributed to their success. Let this Coffee Table Book serve as a reminder of the transformative impact of Para Sports and the unwavering spirit of our Para Swimming Community....!!!! Jai Hind....!!!!

Dr. V. K. Dabas Chairman, Para Swimming Paralympic Committee of India

ABOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATION

The XXIV-National Para Swimming Championships, 2024-25, for both Men & Women in all the three age groups (Sub-junior, Junior and Senior), were conducted by the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Govt of Goa, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Paralympic Committee of India at Olympic Swimming Pool, Campal, Panaji, Goa from October 19-22, 2024. The Championships were hosted jointly by Sports Authority of Goa in association with Goa Paralympic Association under the technical guidance of Para Swimming Federation of India. There were a record number of 774 participants in the Championships which included 518 Para Swimmers (371 male and 147 female) from 27 different states/teams, 43 Coaches, 74 Escorts, 87 Parents and 52 Technical Officials (outstation and local). Entries were received from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, PCI Team, Punjab, Rajasthan, Services Sports Control Board, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand and West Bengal. The Championships was conducted as per WPS Competition Rules & Regulations. Automatic Officiating Equipment were used in the Competition. Classification of newly entered Physically Impaired swimmers was done on October 19, 2024 by the duly formed Classification Committee, consisting Dr. V.K. Dabas and Mr. Sharath Gayakwad (Paralympian & Arjuna Awardee), both Technical Classifiers. The Medical Classifiers in the Classification Team were Dr. Manish Rana, Dr. Deeksha Teotia and two members from the OGQ Team. Classification of Visually Impaired swimmers was done by the team from IBSA, consisting Mr. Ravi Consul and Mr. Mohd. Shahzad. In all, 231 new swimmers were classified



OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony was conducted on 20th October at 4:00pm at the swimming pool, though the swimming races were started in the morning at 9.00 am as per schedule. Hon'ble, Minister of Sports, Art & Culture, Shri Govind Gaude was the Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony while Shri Subhash Phal Dessai, Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of Goa was the Guest of Honour. Other guests present were Mr. Digamber Kamat, MLA and former Chief Minister of Goa; Mr. E. Vallavan, IAS, Secretary (Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities); Mr. Guruprasad R. Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities; Smt. Varsha Naik, Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons Mr. Taha Idrees Haaziq, Secretary for the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities; Dr. Geeta Nagvenkar, Director General, Sports Authority of Goa; and Mr. Arvind Khutkar, Director, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs;. From PCI, Mr. Jayawant G. H., Secretary General was present apart from Mr. Sudesh Thakur from Goa Paralympic Association. Our Paris Paralympic Heroes and Gold Medalists Mr. Praveen Kumar (High Jump) and Navdeep Singh (Javelin Throw) were the Special Guests of Honour.



AGE GROUPS

Competitions in following Age Groups were conducted:
1. Seniors (Men & Women) - Born in or before 2006.
2. Juniors (Men & Women) - Born in and between 2007 & 2009.
3. Sub-Juniors (Men & Women) - Born in and between 2010 & 2012.













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TOTAL EVENTS, NATIONAL RECORDS AND VICTORY CEREMONIES

During the 4-day Championships a total of 331 events were conducted (201 for Men and 130 for Women, including 4 relays). Sixty one (61) 61 New National Records were created during the Championships (36 in Male section and 25 in Female section). The Victory Ceremonies were conducted side by side. However, due to paucity of time and officials becoming busy with the preparations for the Closing Ceremony, some medals and certificates were handed over to the Team Managers as their Victory Ceremonies could not be conducted.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony was held on 22nd October at 1:00pm at the swimming pool. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant was the Chief Guest at the Closing Ceremony. Shri Subhash Phal Dessai, Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of Goa was the Guest of Honour. Other guests present were Mr. Carlos, MLA; Mr. E. Vallavan, IAS, Secretary (Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities); Mr. Guruprasad R. Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities; Smt. Varsha Naik, Director, Department of Empowerment of Persons Mr. Taha Idrees Haaziq, Secretary for the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities; Dr. Geeta Nagvenkar,andDirector General, Sports Authority of Goa;. From PCI, Mr. Devendra Jhajharia, President; Mr. S. P. Sangwan, Vice President; Mr. Jayawant G. H., Secretary General; Mr. Sunil Pradhan, Treasurer and Mr. Satyanarayana Simoga, Chairman, Para Athletics were present apart from Mr. Sudesh Thakur from Goa Paralympic Association.



INDIVIDUAL BEST SWIMMERS AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Six Individual Best Swimmer's Trophies were given in 3 Age Groups of men and women sections separately. The winners of Individual Trophies were Tejas Nandakumar, Karnataka (Senior Men), Rohit Kumar Gond, Chattisgarh (Junior Boys), Aniket Vainatheya, Karnataka (Sub-Junior Boys), Sathi Mondal, PCI Team (Senior Women), Riya Patil, Maharashtra (Junior Girls) and Jiya Gamnani, Rajasthan (Sub-Junior Girls). For the first time Karnataka team won Shri Khem Chand Dabas Memorial Trophy for Team Championship with a total of 358 points. Maharashtra remained second with 344 points and West Bengal won third place with 233 points. Rajasthan remained forth with 132 points, Andhra Pradesh won fifth place with 130 points while Tamil Nadu remained sixth place with 124 points.









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२४ व्या राष्ट्रीय पॅरा जलतरण स्पर्धेला पणजीत सुरुवात झाली आहे. यामध्ये चार गोमंतकीय जलतरणपटूंनी यामध्ये सहभाग घेतला आहे. राज्यस्तरीय पॅरा जलतरण स्पर्धेत नावलौकिक मिळवल्यानंतर आता राज्याने प्रतिनिधित्व राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धेत करण्यासाठी हे चौघेजण सज्ज आहेत. यामध्ये गोव्याचे पॅराजलतरणपटू मेल्विन मेंडिस, मंगेश शंकर कुट्टीकर, हर्षद सावंत आणि शेरॉन फिगादों यांचा सहभाग आहे.

या खेळाडूंनी प्रशंसनीय अशा जिद्दीचे प्रदर्शन घडवत स्पर्धेमध्ये आपला सहभाग निश्चित करण्यासाठी विविध आव्हानांवर मात केली आहे. प्रतिकूल परिस्थितीला तोंड देताना, त्यांच्या जिद्दीने आणि कुटुंबियांच्या प्रोत्साहनामुळे, त्यांना अडचणींना तोंड देण्याचे आणि प्रत्येक प्रसंगाचा ताठ मनाने सामना करण्याचे बळ मिळाले आहे. या स्पर्धेचे यजमानपद गोव्याकडे असल्याने इथल्या खेळाडूंकडून पदकाची आशा व्यक्त होत आहे.

आपण सर्वतोपरी तयार असल्याचे मत चारही गोमंतकीय स्पर्धकांनी व्यक्त केले. राज्य स्पर्धेत यशस्वी होऊन राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धेत राज्याला पदक मिळवून देण्याचे आव्हान स्वीकारले असल्याचे मत मंगेश यांनी व्यक्त केले.

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२४ वी राष्ट्रीय पॅरा स्वीमिंग स्पर्धेला उत्स्फूर्त प्रतिसाद; आज समारोप

- देशभरातून खेळाडूंचा स्पर्धेत सहभाग
- विविध श्रेणींच्या समावेशाचा स्पर्धकांना लाभ

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२४ व्या राष्ट्रीय पॅरा जलतरण स्पर्धेचा दुसरा दिवसही रोमांचकारी ठरला. या स्पर्धेत देशभरातून सहभागी पॅराॲथलिटस्‌नी दृढनिश्चय, जिद्द, मेहनत आणि प्रतिभा या गुणांचे दर्शन घडविले.

भारतीय पॅरालिम्पिक समिती आणि गोवा क्रीडा प्राधिकरण यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने राज्य दिव्यांग आयुक्त कार्यालय आणि अपंग व्यक्तींच्या सक्षमीकरण विभागातर्फे आयोजित कांपाल येथे सुरू आहेत.

दुसरा दिवस स्पर्धा स्थळाचे वातावरण रोमांचक असा होता. दिव्यांगत्वाच्या स्तरावर आधारित विविध श्रेणींचा समावेश केल्याने ही स्पर्धा अधिक निष्पक्ष आणि सर्वसमावेशक ठरली. विविध शारीरिक क्षमता असलेल्या खेळाडूंना त्यांच्या समतुल्य स्पर्धकांशी स्पर्धा करणे शक्य होत आहे.

एस या श्रेणीप्रकारांमध्ये शारीरिक दिव्यांगत्व असलेल्या (एस-१ सर्वात गंभीर) पासून दृष्टिदोष किंवा बौद्धिक दिव्यांगत्व (एस-१४) पर्यंत दिव्यांगत्वांची विस्तृत श्रेणी समाविष्ट आहे. दुसऱ्या दिवशीही अनेक चमकदार कामगिरी सादर झाल्या. ५० मीटर फ्रीस्टाइल (एस-९ आणि एस-१०) प्रकारामध्ये एस-९ आणि एस-१० श्रेणीमधील स्पर्धकांनी उच्च कौशल्य आणि वेगाचा सुरेख मेळ साधला. १०० मीटर बटरफ्लाय स्ट्रोक प्रकारामध्ये एस-६ श्रेणीतील स्पर्धकांनीही चुरशीने सामना केल्याचे पाहायला मिळाले.



पणजी : बटरफ्लाय प्रकारातील स्पर्धेत सहभागी झालेले खेळाडू. (छाया : अनिल पाटील)

आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्पर्धांसाठी खेळाडूंची तयारी

अशियाई पॅरा गेम्स, पॅरालिम्पिक स्पर्धा अशा आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्पर्धा गाजवण्याची आकांक्षा बाळगून प्रवृत्त करणाऱ्या खेळाडूंसाठी ही २४ वी राष्ट्रीय पॅरा जलतरण स्पर्धा एक महत्त्वाचा टप्पा ठरत आहे. स्पर्धेची चुरस, या स्पर्धेत मिळत असलेला अनुभव यामुळे भविष्यातील आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावरील आव्हानाला सज्ज करण्यासाठी महत्त्वाचा ठरणार आहे.

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Four Goan swimmers exemplify resilience, talent at National Para-Swimming Championships

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PANJIM: Four exceptional Goan para-swimmers Melvin Mendes, Mangesh Kuttikar, Sheron Figarado and Harshad Sawant competing in the S9 and S14 categories overcame significant challenges to secure their place in the competition, demonstrating remarkable resilience at the ongoing 24th National Para-Swimming Championships, held at the swimming pool, Campal-Panjim, on Sunday.

Melvin Mendes, 24 year-old, began his journey in para-sports with badminton before finding his true passion in swimming. His competitive swimming career took off in 2022, driven by his deep love for the water. Recently, Melvin secured gold medals in both the 50 metres and 100 metres freestyle at the State Para-Swimming Championships, earning him a spot at the national event.

Expressing gratitude for the experience as he competes against athletes from other States Mendes said, "You just have to get out of the house and explore what you want just once to understand the path ahead."

He hopes that through his performance here at the National Championships and with the huge participation persons with disabilities may get inspired to take up para-sports.

Mangesh Kuttikar, 54, is a pioneer in Goa's para-swimming community. Since beginning his journey in 1993, he has reached numerous milestones, including representing India on the international stage. Mangesh is particularly renowned for being the first person with a disability in India to swim 10 kilometers blindfolded with his hands tied. He attributes his success to self-learning and unwavering determination. Reflecting on his path, Kuttikar said, "The journey has not been easy, but determination and self-learning have brought me this far."

Sheron Figarado, 41, an associate professor at IIT Goa, started swimming in 2018 and ventured into competitive para-swimming in 2021. Since then, he has dedicated himself to honing his skills, with a particular focus on breaststroke events. Sharon credits his coach, Keshav Naik, for helping him refine his technique and expresses gratitude to his colleagues and staff at IIT for their unwavering support. While he values the backing of local training facilities, he hopes for more resources in the future.

"There is greater awareness about para-swimming now, and I believe we should encourage our neighbours and friends to get involved. My goal is to qualify for international events in the near future," he said.

20-year-old Harshad Sawant has been a dedicated para-swimmer for nearly five years. Encouraged by his teacher, he embraced competitive swimming while managing his studies at New Dawn Ashadeep. Beyond the pool, Harshad is also passionate about dancing and painting. "I enjoy competing in various events, and swimming has provided me with an opportunity to excel in sports," he said.

With his sights set on a gold medal in the S14 category, Harshad is hopeful that his determination and diverse talents will lead him to victory.

The 24th National Para Swimming Championships which provides a vital platform for para-swimmers to showcase their talents and advance in their sporting careers is organised by the Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Paralympic Committee of India and Sports Authority of Goa.



Sports Minister Govind Gaude lighting the traditional lamp to mark the opening of 24th National Para-Swimming Championships in the presence of Minister for the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) Subhash Phal Dessai, DEPwD Secretary E Vallavan, former chief Minister and Margao MLA Digambar Kamat, Sports Authority of Goa Executive Director Dr Geeta Nagrekar, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs Director Arvind Khutkar, Department of Empowerment Director Varsha Naik, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Secretary Taha Haaziq, Paralympic Committee of India President Devendra Jhajharia, General Secretary Jaywant Singh and Dr V K Dabas, at the swimming pool, Campal-Panjim, on Sunday



"You just have to get out of the house and explore what you want just once to understand the path ahead" – Melvin Mendes



"The journey has not been easy, but determination and self-learning have brought me this far" – Mangesh Kuttikar



"There is greater awareness about para-swimming now. My goal is to qualify for international events" – Sheron Figarado



"I enjoy competing in various events, and swimming has provided me with an opportunity to excel in sports" – Harshad Sawant

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२४ व्या राष्ट्रीय पॅरास्विमिंग स्पर्धांना गोव्यातल्या साग स्टेडियमवर शानदारपणे सुरुवात झाली. क्रीडामंत्री गोविंद गावडे यांच्या हस्ते सुरुवात झालेल्या या राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धेत पहिल्याच दिवशी कर्नाटक संघाने ३९, तर महाराष्ट्र संघाने ३३ पदके मिळवून अव्वल स्थानासाठी चुरस निर्माण केली आहे. या स्पर्धेत काही राष्ट्रीय विक्रम झाले असून, देशभरातील सुमारे ५१८ खेळाडू सहभागी झाले आहेत.

यावेळी दिव्यांगजन मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई, राज्य दिव्यांगजन सक्षमीकरण विभागाचे सचिव ई. वल्लावन, गुरुप्रसाद पावसकर, वर्षा नाईक, ताहा हाजिक, गोवा पॅरालिम्पिक असोसिएशनचे सचिव सुदेश ठाकूर, पॅरा जलतरण अध्यक्ष डॉ. व्ही. के. दवास, प्रवीण कुमार, नवदीप सिंह, देवेंद्र झांझरिया तसेच इतर मान्यवर उपस्थित होते.

पुरुषांच्या स्पर्धेत राजस्थानच्या लखन सिंगने एस-४ मधील १०० मी. फ्रीस्टाईलमध्ये प्रभावी वेळ पूर्ण करत सुवर्णपदक पटकावले. ओडिशाच्या नरहरीने एस-५ मधील १०० मी. फ्रीस्टाईलमध्ये विजयाला गवसणी घातली. महिलांच्या स्पर्धेत एस-६ मधील १०० मी. पान २ वर



पणजी : २४ व्या राष्ट्रीय पॅरा जलतरण स्पर्धेचे उद्घाटन करताना क्रीडामंत्री गोविंद गावडे. वाजूला मंत्री सुभाष फळदेसाई व अन्य मान्यवर.

दिव्यांगजनांना गोव्याची सर्वतोपरी मदत : मंत्री गावडे

देशाचे नाव उज्ज्वल करण्यासाठी कला आणि क्रीडा या दोन गोष्टी अतिशय महत्त्वाची भूमिका बजावतात. राष्ट्रीय क्रीडास्पर्धा आयोजनानंतर आता मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. प्रमोद सावंत यांच्या नेतृत्वाखाली आणि दिव्यांगजन सक्षमीकरण विभागाच्या प्रयत्नांनी पॅरा जलतरण स्पर्धा सुरू होत आहेत. दिव्यांगांना मदतीचा हात देण्यासाठी गोवा सरकार सर्वतोपरी सज्ज आहे, असे मंत्री गोविंद गावडे यांनी सांगितले.

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STAR PARA-ATHLETES

1.1. Navdeep Singh

At the 24th National Para Swimming Championship 2024, we were honored to felicitate Navdeep Singh, India's star para-athlete and celebrated javelin thrower. Navdeep achieved a historic victory by winning the gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, solidifying his place among the nation's most accomplished athletes. His impressive track record also includes a bronze medal at the World Championships, showcasing his dedication, skill, and resilience on the world stage. His presence at the championship was an inspiration to all, embodying the spirit of excellence and determination that defines Indian para-athletics.



STAR PARA-ATHLETES

1.2. Ankur Dhama

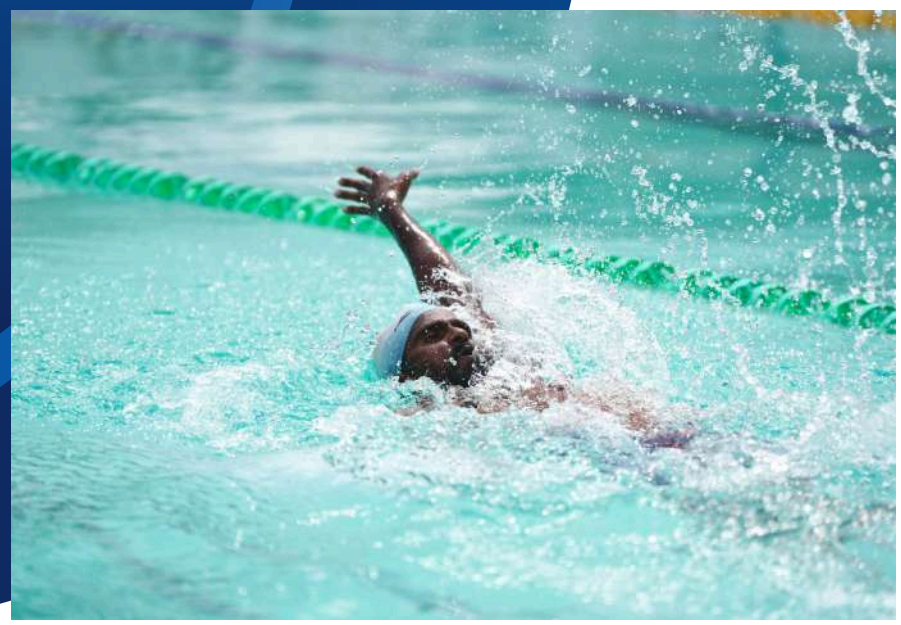
Ankur Dhama, an esteemed Arjuna Awardee, was honored during the 24th National Para Swimming Championship for his exceptional achievements in para athletics. Renowned for his dedication and resilience, Ankur's accomplishments have set a high standard within the para-athlete community, serving as a beacon of inspiration for all. His recognition at the championship celebrated his unwavering spirit and commitment to excellence in sports.



STAR PARA-ATHLETES

1.3. Praveen Kumar,
India's celebrated para-athlete and gold medalist at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, was honored for his remarkable achievements at the 24th National Para Swimming Championship. Setting an Asian record with a high jump of 2.08m, Praveen secured India's sixth gold medal in a single Paralympic Games, marking a historic achievement. Previously, he earned a silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics with an Asian record of 2.07m. His presence at the championship was a true inspiration, symbolizing excellence and the heights of dedication in para sports.





BACKSTROKE

Para athletes raced in the backstroke at the 24th National Para Swimming Championship, demonstrating remarkable speed, skill, and unwavering determination. Their performances in this exciting event highlighted the incredible resilience and talent of athletes with disabilities, inspiring all who witnessed the competition.



BUTTERFLY STROKE

Para athletes showcased their strength and skill in the butterfly stroke at the 24th National Para Swimming Championship, demonstrating both power and precision in this challenging and dynamic event. With each stroke, they exemplified incredible resilience, pushing their limits and inspiring others with their determination and athleticism. Their performances highlighted the beauty of the butterfly stroke, a true testament to their dedication and hard work.

PHOTO BOOTH

Smiles and memories were captured at the photo booth during the 24th National Para Swimming Championship, where para athletes took a break from the competition to create fun and lasting moments. The photo booth provided a lighthearted space for athletes to celebrate their achievements and bond, adding an extra layer of joy and camaraderie to this unforgettable event.



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MEDAL CEREMONY

Honoring the champions at the 24th National Para Swimming Championship, the medal ceremony was a moment of pride and celebration. Winners were proudly presented with their medals, a testament to their extraordinary talent, dedication, and hard work. This heartfelt ceremony not only recognized their athletic achievements but also celebrated their perseverance and the spirit of inclusivity in para sports.



FELICITATION OF THE TEAM

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant felicitated the dedicated team behind the successful organization of the 24th National Para Swimming Championship, acknowledging their hard work, commitment, and tireless efforts. Their contributions were instrumental in ensuring the success of this prestigious event, furthering the spirit of inclusivity and excellence in para sports.



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER FELICITATING THE WINNERS

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant presented awards to the winners of the 24th National Para Swimming Championship, celebrating their remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication. His presence at the ceremony highlighted the significance of their accomplishments, honoring their hard work and perseverance in the pursuit of excellence.



CRUISE RIDE

Participants enjoyed a delightful cruise ride after the event, celebrating their achievements in style. With music, dancing, and camaraderie, the celebration was a joyous occasion, allowing everyone to relax and revel in the spirit of unity and success at the 24th National Para Swimming Championship.



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TEAM BEHIND THE 24TH NATIONAL PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

The incredible team behind the 24th National Para Swimming Championship deserves special recognition for their exceptional efforts in making the event a tremendous success. Special mention goes to Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, and Shri Taha Haziq, Secretary of the Office of the State Commissioner for PWDs, along with all the esteemed members of the organizing team. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment were integral in delivering a seamless and inspiring championship.



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TESTIMONIAL

DR SATENDRA SINGH LOHIYA

I am delighted to share the wonderful experience of the 24th National Para Swimming Championships, held in Goa from October 19 to 22, 2024. This event brought together 518 incredible Divyang Swimmers from across India, creating a platform for showcasing talent, resilience and their passion for sports. With the support of the Government of Goa, @discommgoa Sh. Guruprasad Pawaskar and Sh. @Govind_Gaude sir
Sports Authority of Goa and the @ParalympicIndia and Para, Swimming Chairman Dr. @drvkdabas Sir the championship was executed flawlessly.
Special thanks to the Goa Paralympic Association and the Department of Persons with Disabilities, along with the Honorable Sh. @DrPramodPSawant Sir Chief Minister of Goa, for their unwavering support. Their commitment to empowering Divyang Athletes through exceptional facilities, including accessible transportation, meals, and world-class pool arrangements, truly enhanced the championship experience. This championship is a stepping stone for Divyang players, providing them with opportunities to shine on the international stage.
I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved for their dedication and encouragement, and to the Honorable Chief Minister sir for his inspiring presence, which uplifted and motivated all of us. This event stands as a beacon of hope and empowerment, showcasing the transformative power of sports for Divyang athletes. Thank you all and see you in Hyderabad next year.🏊‍♂️🇮🇳
@Drvirendrakum13 Sir ji @IndiaSports

TESTIMONIAL

SWAPNIL PATIL

Heartiest congratulations to the organizers of the 24th National Para Swimming Championships, held in Goa from Oct. 19-22, 2024. Special thanks to Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, for the excellent arrangements. Our gratitude also to @paralympicsindia_official, the Goa Para Sports Association, and Dr. @virenderkumardabas Sir for their tremendous efforts in making this event a grand success.

This was truly one of the best national championships for para swimming. The food and event management were outstanding, and the technical officials, volunteers, and event organizers were extremely kind and helpful. The competition adhered to schedule and maintained high standards. Accessible ramps were provided for wheelchair users, and shades were set up on both sides of the pool for spectators, swimmers, and team members.

Thanks to the Goa Federation, Paralympic Swimming Federation, Paralympic Committee of India, and all organizers for the successful conduct of this championship. Overall, it was a wonderful event, and we look forward to more such events in Goa. @dptofsportsgoi @media.iccsai

TESTIMONIAL

KANWALJEET SINGH

Dear swimmers, parents and technical officials of 24th National Swimming Championship held at Panjim, Goa from 20th to 22nd October 2024 under the flag of Paralympic Committee of India.

I am, being a technical official, very thankful to Shri Pramod Sawant ji (Chief Minister of Goa), Paralympic Committee of India, for the empowerment of persons with disability, Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar, Shri E Vallavan Ias, Dr Virender Kumar Dabas sir (Chairman Para Swimming PCI) and all the members of organizing committee of championship.

This championship was so much organized and everything was running so smoothly without any interruption. Food and other facilities to swimmers and officials was so nice.

I'm very proud to be a part of this championship as technical official. It was a wonderful experience.

Regards,

KANWALJEET SINGH

TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

TESTIMONIAL

DR. VK DABAS

I am indebted and deeply grateful for your tireless efforts and unwavering dedication to ensuring the successful conduct of the 24th National Para Swimming Championship. Your selfless commitment, day and night, has been instrumental in making this event a resounding success.

Your leadership, guidance, and support have been invaluable to the team. Your presence and involvement have lifted the spirits of our athletes, officials, and volunteers.

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your contributions.



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