

2nd Annual Report

Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India, WBF

April 2015 to March 2016

Recognised by International Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India on June 20, 2015 IWBF and Paralympic Committee of India.

PCI Meetings

Government of India cancelled PCI recognition and hence PCI split into two. WBF EC members decided to attend both faction's meetings as we were not aware who the real PCI was. Madhavi Latha and Kalyani participated in PCI AGM conducted at Raaj Kund Hotel, New Delhi on 15th May 2015. Mr. Rajshekhar and Ananda Jothi, attended PCI, AGM held at Bangalore on 17.05. 2015.

Tamil Nadu State Championship

In May 2015, we partnered with Join Hands Social Welfare Trust, Arakkonam and organised "Tamil Nadu State League Championship" at Arakkonam from May 22 to 24, 2015. Six teams, 70 wheelchair basketball players from Tamil Nadu participated in this match and prior to that all players were given 3 days coaching at Thiruvannamalai with support from the Leprosy Missionaries Trust of India, Thiruvannamalai.

WBF website

WBF website started functioning from Chennai with the support of Enabled.in. www.wbfi.org.in.

IWBF recognition

WBF is recognised by International Wheelchair Basketball Federation, IWBF and placed in Asia Oceanic Zone in June 2015.

Clinics for Classifiers, Coaches, Referees and Players in Chennai

From September 4th to 13th, 2015, we organised first of its kind technical course for Classifiers, Coach and Referee in wheelchair basketball by bringing in Mr. Jess Markt from USA with support from the ICRC, New Delhi, Vels University and YWTC Charitable Trust.



Each course was organised for two days with theory and practical sessions. 18 Classifiers, 16 Coaches and 18 Referees participated from Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi, Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat, Chatisgarh and Andhra Pradesh and from neighbouring country, Nepal.

We feel proud that **Mr. I. Srinivas, IAS, Director General, SAI** honoured us by his esteemed

presence to our Chennai clinic and interacted with the participants. These clinics were followed by 4 days workshop for experienced and new players. 20 experienced players and 45 new players got training from Jess. The event was inaugurated by **Mr. Mohd. Nasimuddin, IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept for Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons, Government of Tamil Nadu** in the august presence of **Mr Bharat Joshi, British Dy High Commissioner, Chennai, Dr Ishari Ganesh, Chencellor, Vels University and Mr Robertangelo Ciccone, Physical Rehabilitation Manager, the ICRC**. With this workshop, we hope to reach out to more states with the support of participants.

First time, players, coach, classifier and referee from Jammu and Kashmir attended the clinics. ICRC donated 11 sports WCs to J&K team.

PCI, Nepal sent in their representative for coach, referee and classifier course.

Kerala team purchased 5 new WC's from Motivation UK.

12 AA registration

WBFI is now registered under section 12AA of Income Tax Act.

Asia oceanic Zone congress in Chiba, Japan



IWBF invited, WBFI to participate in Asia Oceania Zone Congress to be held in Chiba, Japan on 14th October, 2015. With the support of YWTC funding, President Ms. Madhavi Latha and Secretary General, Ms. Kalyani Rajaraman attended the congress. Had a good discussion with IWBF President, Mr. UIF and Secretary General, Ms. Maureen Orchard, Mr. Don and many other

officials from IWBF and Asia Oceanic Zone. Election was held for AoZ and India is placed in AoZ. Invited IWBF President, Secretary General for our 2nd National WCBB championship which is likely to be held in Delhi during December 2015.

2nd National Championship

The 2nd National Wheelchair Basketball Championship was organized by the Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India (WBFI) in partnership with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Government of India and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) from 2nd December to 6th December 2015 at Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex, ITO, New Delhi. As we are striving to promote wheelchair basketball sport for the benefit of persons with disabilities, we feel happy for planning this on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd Dec.).

Mr. Injeti Srinivasan, IAS, DG, SAI released our first souvenir.



The 1st National Championship that was held in Chennai last year was won by Maharashtra team. This year, 9 State teams competed for the trophy in this Championship. They are: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttar Pradesh. A special Women's Championship (3 on 3 matches) was also held during this period and 4 women teams (mixed teams from various states – Sky Birds, Wood Peckers, Golden Bees and Dragon Warriors) competed for the Women's Championship. **Sky Birds team won the Women's Championship.**

A high powered delegation from the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) led by its President, Mr. Ulf Mehrens (Germany), IWBF Secretary General Ms. Maureen Orchard (Canada), IWBF Asia Oceania Zone (AOZ), President Mr. Saad Alazmaa (Kuwait), Mr Toufic Allouche, IWBF Classification Instructor, AOZ, and IWBF AOZ – Vice President for West Asia Region Ms Anisa Ibrahim Abbas Al Hooti attended this Championship and also offered technical support.

Our 2nd National Wheelchair Basketball Championship was inaugurated by Mr Injeti Srinivas, IAS, Director General, Sports Authority of India on 2nd Dec.'15 at 11AM in the presence of H.E. Mr Bharat Joshi, British Dy High Commissioner, Ms Maureen, Secretary General, IWBF, Mr Saad Alazmaa, president, IWBF AOZ, Mr Toufic Allouche, IWBF Classification Instructor, Mr Rene Boeckli, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC and Mr Roberto Ciccone, Physical Rehabilitation Manager, ICRC, Mr Richard Frost, CEO, Motivation UK. Mr Injeti Srinivas released the Souvenir on this event. An Exhibition match was organised by us with the Children from Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, New Delhi.

We organised an introductory course on Wheelchair Basketball classification by Mr Toufic Allouche, IWBF Classification Instructor from 2nd to 4th Dec.'15. Fifteen candidates with the academic background in physiotherapy and physical education participated in this course. Closing ceremony for this course (4th Dec.'15 at 4pm) was graced by Ms Stuti Cacker, IAS, Chair Person for National Commission for the protection of Child Rights and Mr C K Khetan IAS, CEO, National Trust. Both the officials presented the certificates to the participants of this course.



Closing ceremony of our 2nd National Wheelchair Basketball Championship (6th Dec.'15 at 4pm) was graced by Honourable Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri. Thawoor Gehlat, Govt of India, Ms Indira Murthy

IAS, Joint Secy, MOSJ, IWBF President Mr Ulf Mehrens, Secretary General Ms Maureen Orchard, IWBF AOZ President Mr Saad Alazmaa, IWBF AOZ Classification Officer Mr Toufic Allouche, IWBF AOZ West Asia Region Vice President Ms Anisa Alhooti, Ms Mary Werntz, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC, Mr Roberto Ciccone, Physical Rehabilitation Manager, ICRC, Mr Javed Abidi,

Global Chair, Disabled People's International, Ms Sminu Jindal, MD, Jindal Saw Pvt Ltd and officials from Amarjyoti and ISIC. **Maharashtra team won the Championship. Punjab and Tamil Nadu teams stood in second and third positions respectively.** We congratulate all the participants for their enthusiastic participation in this Championship.

This year's championship was supported by Murugappa Group, Delhi Metro Rail Corpn., L&T Construction, Cognizant, YWTC Charitable Trust, The Leprosy Mission Trust India, Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust and Indian Spinal Injuries Centre.