

Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India (WBFI)

Activities - 2014 - 2017

Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India, (WBFI) is a registered society based in Chennai with a mandate to promote the sport of Wheelchair Basketball (WCBB) in India. Affiliated to International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) and Paralympic Committee of India, (PCI), WBFI's vision is to enable extensive participation and following for wheelchair basketball as a means to empower persons with disabilities (PWDs) and also to change the societal perception of PwDs. WBFI actively advocates and supports players' grass root organization and coordinates with government and other stakeholders with the aim of developing a string contingent of wheelchair basketball players across States.

In less than 3 years, we have been able to develop 14 State level teams including 7 all-women teams reaching out to around 600 players. Four National Championships were conducted by us in 2014 in Chennai, 2015 in Delhi, 2016 in Chennai and in 2017 in Hyderabad.

Workshops for players were conducted in Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. We encourage children and women to take part in wheelchair basketball sport.

We organized the biggest first-of-its-kind National technical camp from 22-26 June 2016 in partnership with International Committee of the Red Cross and Sports Development Authority of Telengana State. On the technical side, WBFI partnered with two global disability sports organizations; the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation and the International Paralympic Committee's Agitos Foundation. This camp was conducted by - Ms Maureen Orchard (Canada), Secretary General, IWBF, Mr Norbert Kucera (Germany), Chairman, Technical Commission, IWBF, Mr Toufic Allouche (Lebanon), Classification Officer, IWBF Asia Oceania Zone (IWBF Classification Instructor) and Mr Maurice Hammerton (UK), Development Officer, IWBF, Europe. First International exhibition match between India and Thailand was conducted at the end of camp.

For the first time Under-23 Men's team played in World Championship qualifiers in Bangkok, Thailand. Again for the first time 10 women players and two coaches were sent to an International Training camp held in Thailand. WBFI men's and women's teams also participated in the 4th Bali Cup International Tournament. Both teams won bronze medals in the tournament, which is commendable. These were the first International medals won by Indian teams as far as wheelchair basketball is concerned. These were really proud moments for WBFI.

Sports Authority of India, SAI and Sports Development Authorities of Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Chhattisgarh State Governments have been a great support for all our activities. ICRC, Australian Counsel General, Chennai and Cognizant are our major supporters and well wishers.

Photo Gallery of our activities from 2014 to 2017



1st National Wheelchair Basketball Championship, Chennai, 21st December 2014. His Excellency, Dr. K. Rossaiah, Governor, Tamil Nadu giving away the prizes



Round Table conference on disability sports held in Delhi and Chennai in December 2014. Mr. Mohan Pyare, IAS, Secretary Sports and Youth affairs, Govt of TN chaired the session in Chennai.



Courses for coaches, classifiers and referees conducted by WBFI in partnership with ICRC in Chennai in Sep. 2015. 17 coach, 17 referee, 20 classification officers and 61 players benefitted from around 8 states.



P. Madhavi latha, President, & Kalyani Rajaraman, Secretary General, WBFI attended conference conducted by IWBF AOZ in June 2015, Japan.



Honourable Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri. Thawoor Gehlat, Govt of India giving away awards to the winner, Maharashtra, on 15th December, 2015, 2nd National Wheelchair Basketball Championship. Also present are IWBF President Mr Ulf Mehrens, Secretary General Ms Maureen Orchard, IWBF AOZ President Mr Saad Alazmaa, Ms Mary Werntz, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC.



Panel discussion on ***'Roadmap on how to promote Wheelchair Basketball sport discipline in a professional and scientific manner in India'***, 22nd June 2016, moderated by Ms Maureen Orchard, Secretary General, IWBF.



27 people participated in the National level course on classification conducted by Mr Toufic Allouche (Lebanon), Classification Officer, IWBF Asia Oceania Zone, IWBF Classification Instructor in June 2016.



20 basketball coaches participated in the National level course for wheelchair basketball coach conducted by Mr Maurice Hammerton (UK), Development Officer, IWBF, Europe in June 2016.



16 basketball Referees participated in the National level course for wheelchair basketball coach conducted by Mr Norbert Kucera (Germany), Chairman, Technical Commission, IWBF in June 2016.



First ever international WCBB match between India and Thailand, June 26, 2016, KVBR Indoor BB stadium, Hyderabad, Telangana. Mr B Venkatesham, IAS, Secretary to Government of Telangana Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture Department, Mr A Dinakar Babu, IAS, VC & MD, Sports Authority of Telangana State were the guest of honours.



U23, AOZ World Championship Qualifiers Training camp held in Oct.'16 & Jan.'17 with the help of Sathyabama University, Chennai.



U23 Men's team participated at World Championship AOZ qualifiers held in Bangkok in Jan.'17



Tamil Nadu women's team which won gold medal at 3rd National WCBB championship, Chennai, 2016. Mr. Nasimuddin, IAS Secretary, Sports and Youth affairs gave away the prizes.



First Indian Women team went for an International Development camp in wheelchair basketball organized by IWBF in Thailand in April 2017. Mr. Sean Kelly, Australian Consul general, for South India wishing the team good luck.



4th Bali Cup International Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, Training camp conducted by Bradley John Ness from Australia in Chennai from 17th to 22 June, 2017.



WBFI, Men and Women team won bronze medal at the 4th Bali Cup International WCBB Tournament, Bali, Indonesia from 27th to 31st Jul '17.



Ms. Saija Lukkarinen, Physical Rehabilitation Program Manager, International Committee of the Red Cross, giving away participation certificate to Jammu and Kashmir team during the 4th National WCBB Championship at Hyderabad, 9th Nov, 2017.



Kerala women's team won the 2nd place at the 4th National WCBB Championship at Hyderabad, Nov 9, 2017. Team receiving award from Virendra Sehwal.



Bihar WCBB team with Virendra Sehwal, Mr. B. Venkatesha, IAS, Secretary to Government, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture Department, Government of Telangana, Mr. A. Dinakar babu, IAS, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, SATS, Madhavi Latha, President, WBFI and Kalyani Rajaraman, Secretary General, WBFI.