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Dear IOA Members and Colleagues,

On 23 June, millions of people around the world came together to celebrate the Olympic Day. This participation in sporting and cultural activities raises awareness of the power of sport to enact positive change.

This year the International Olympic Committee (IOC) also celebrated its 125th anniversary being founded on 23rd June 1894 by Pierre de Coubertin. On this occasion the IOC officially opened the Olympic House – one of the most sustainable buildings in the world, in Lausanne where India was very well represented.

Guided by Olympic Day's three pillars – 'move', 'learn' and 'discover' – 13 State Olympic Associations of IOA organized various sport, cultural and educational activities and inspired people to get active and discover new sports. I applaud the efforts made by all the IOA members in promoting Olympism and encourage other members to get involved next year.

The IOC lifted restrictions imposed relating to awarding and hosting any International sports events in India due to the joint efforts and cooperation between the IOA and Government of India. This breakthrough would not have been possible without the unconditional support and trust of the IOA Office Bearers, EB and all the members of IOA. Thank you all once again and look forward to the forthcoming International sporting events to be hosted in India.

Indian Shooters secured four Olympic quota places and the Archery Men's Recurve Team secured three Olympic quota places for India for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. I heartily congratulate all the athletes and hope that many more Olympic quota positions are secured this year by India. The preparations towards the participation of the Indian contingent at the





From the President's Desk

Olympic Games are on-going and IOA will make all efforts to ensure that the best possible support is available for athletes to give their optimum performance.

I am deeply humbled and overwhelmed by the wonderful wishes, support and affection showered by my colleagues, friends, athletes and well-wishers on my IOC membership. I welcome everyone to join me in embracing the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect and together develop the Olympic movement in India.

Jai Hind!

Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra
President



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Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualifications

Teenage shooter, Divyansh Singh Panwar secured an Olympic quota place for Team India in Shooting by winning a Silver in the 10m Air Rifle event at the ISSF World Cup held in Beijing from 21 to 29 April 2019. In the same World Cup, Pistol shooter Abhishek Verma also secured an Olympic quota for Team India in Shooting after he won Gold in the 10m Air Pistol finals.

Shooter Rahi Sarnobat won another Olympic quota for Team India in Shooting at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as she clinched a Gold medal at the 25m Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2019 held in Munich from 24 to 31 May, 2019. In the same World Cup, Manu Bhaker missed out on a medal, but secured a quota after finishing fourth in the 10m Air Pistol event.

Archery Men's Recurve team of Tarundeep Rai, Pravin Jadhav and Atanu Das booked three Olympic quotas for Team India in Archery for Tokyo 2020 Olympics after entering the quarterfinals of the Men's Recurve Team event at the 2019 Hyundai World Archery Championships held in Den Bosch, Netherlands from 10 to 16 June 2019.



Olympic Day 2019

The Indian Olympic Association along with its member units joined millions from around the world to celebrate the joy of sport on the occasion of Olympic Day and the 125th anniversary of the formation of the IOC, on 23 June 2019.

Joining the Olympic Day celebrations, Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Mr Kiren Rijiju urged people to stay active for good health and reminded athletes to stay committed to clean sports. 6-time World Champion and Olympic medallist boxer Ms M. C. Mary Kom and 20km Race Walking National Record holder Mr Irfan K. T. also joined Team India's digital campaign in spreading awareness about Olympic Day and its principles of Move, Learn and Discover.

This year, 13 State Olympic Associations in India including Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal organized various sports activities, competitions, educational seminars and Olympic Day Runs as a part of their celebrations for the day.

IOA President Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra and Secretary General, Mr Rajeev Mehta extended their greetings to all the members on the occasion of Olympic Day and the 125th anniversary of the Olympic Movement from Lausanne, where he was attending the inauguration of the Olympic House.



Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Olympic Association celebrated world Olympic Day in the State by organizing the Olympic Day Run for school children and general public in the capital city of Itanagar. The Run which saw participation of as many as 500 enthusiasts was flagged-off by the Director of Sports Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Mr Tadar Appa. Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr Mama Natung presided over as chief guest of the special programme held as part of the celebrations.

Arunachal Olympic Association, on the occasion of Olympic Day also honoured 17 coaches, under whose guidance athletes had won laurels for the State and Nation. Various other sports activities and competitions were conducted in the cities of Tirap, East Kameng and Lower Subansiri.



Bihar

Bihar Olympic Association observed the Olympic Week celebrations in 5 different cities in the State. Olympic Day Run and functions were organized at Darbhanga, Bhagalpur, Gaya, Motihari and Siwan.

Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh Olympic Association conducted a workshop on 'Sports Injuries' to mark the celebrations in the State on occasion of the world Olympic Day. Hundreds of young sports talents, coaches and enthusiasts reaped benefits of the workshop that was mainly focussed on sports injuries and its preventions. MLA Mr Kuldeep Juneja inaugurated the workshop in presence of IOA Joint Secretary Mr Vikram Singh Sisodia, who also extended Olympic Day greetings to all.

Jharkhand

The Jharkhand Olympic Association celebrated Olympic Day, organizing week-long activities in various districts in coordination with the District Olympic Associations. At the capital in Ranchi, the Jharkhand Olympic Association organized a 2-day workshop on 'Sports Marketing', seminar on 'Anti-Doping', awareness programme against 'Women Harassment in Sports', a session on 'Career in Sports' and the Olympic Day Run on 23 June. In Dhanbad, the Olympic Day Run saw participation by hundreds of enthusiasts, marking the beginning of the week-long Olympic Day celebrations in the city which also included sporting events like Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Archery and Volleyball.



Karnataka

Karnataka Olympic Association marked Olympic Day celebrations in the State by organizing the Olympic Day Run in the city of Mandya with as many as 3000 participants joining in for the celebrations.

Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh Olympic Association observed Olympic Day celebrations from 23 to 26 June in the State. The festivities began with the Olympic Day Run being conducted on 23 June with close to 3000 participants joining in at Jabalpur and Bhopal. City Mayor, Dr Swati Godbole presided over as chief guest of the Olympic Day Run at the Wright Town Stadium. Madhya Pradesh Olympic Association also organized seminars on 'Sports Psychology' and 'Sports Injury' for the young athletes, sports trainers and coaches etc.

Celebrations in the State came to end with Canoe, Table Tennis and Badminton competitions being organized in Indore and Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh Olympic Association Secretary, Mr Digvijay Singh spoke on the significance of the Olympic movement, Olympic Games and the principles of the Olympic Day. Mr Digvijay Singh and IOA Executive Council Member Mr Balbir Singh Kushwaha also actively participated in the activities.



Maharashtra

Maharashtra Olympic Association observed Olympic week celebrations in the State from 23 to 29 June, conducting Olympic Day Run and other activities in the city of Pune. The State Olympic Association also organized cultural events, competitions and demonstration of sports.



Meghalaya

Meghalaya State Olympic Association conducted their annual Olympic Day Run 'Run Shillong 10k', Inter-College Sports quiz competition, a non-competitive 'Run for Fun' race and exhibition events in Kho Kho and Football as a part of the State's Olympic Day celebrations. Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr Banteidor Lyngdoh, joined the festivities to flag-off the races and distribute the awards. More than 300 athletes including youngsters and senior citizens participated in the Olympic Day celebrations in Meghalaya.



Uttar Pradesh

The Olympic Day celebrations in the State of Uttar Pradesh was marked with Olympic Day Runs being conducted in as many as 9 cities. Runs were organized in Ghaziabad, Jhansi, Varanasi, Meerut, Mirzapur, Lucknow, Aligarh, Saharanpur, Kanpur and Fatehpur. 'Importance of Sports in life' was promoted at the events and approximately 1500 participants joined in the celebrations with their families.

IOA Treasurer and Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association General Secretary Mr Anandeshwar Panday joined Director of Sports Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr R. P. Singh to flag-off the Olympic Day Run in Lucknow. Mr Panday delivered the message about the importance of Olympic Day.



Uttarakhand

Olympic Day celebrations in the State of Uttarakhand were marked by Olympic Day Run being organized in the city of Rudrapur by the Uttaranchal Olympic Association. Secretary General, Dr D. K. Singh actively took part in the celebrations in the State and flagged-off the Olympic Day Run. Participation was at an all-time high this edition.



Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Olympic Association conducted Olympic Day Run in Shimla to celebrate Olympic Day in the State. The State unit also conducted demonstration of Martial Art as a part of the celebrations. Chief Guests at the function included the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education & Law, Mr Suresh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development Mr Kanwar Virender Singh. Also in attendance were Himachal Pradesh State Secretary for Sports, Director of Sports and Secretary of Himachal Pradesh Olympic Association Mr Rajesh Bhandari.



Manipur

Manipur Olympic Association observed Olympic Day celebrations in the State by conducting Olympic Day Runs in the capital city of Imphal and at Jiribam. The celebration in Imphal was graced by the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sport, Mr Letpao Haokip who also flagged-off the run and addressed the more than 1500 participants who had gathered to celebrate the spirit of sport. The programme was also attended by the Commissioner Youth Affairs and Sport Government of Manipur, Mr Bobby Waikom, officials of the Manipur Olympic Association Senior Vice President Mr G A Ibopishak Sharma, Vice President Mr Th Joykumar and Secretary Mr Sunil Elangbam.



Special Acknowledgement

Sponsor of the Indian Olympic Association, Li Ning provided Olympic Day T-shirts. The IOA extends its gratitude to Sunlight Sports-Li Ning for the kind gesture.



Hockey Expert Training camp, Bengaluru

In preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic qualifiers, strikers and forward players of the Indian Men's Hockey team participated in an Expert Training camp, held alongside the national camp from 8 to 15 April 2019. The expert camp was led by former Australian forward, Kieran Govers.

Kieran Govers, who was part of the Australian team that won the Men's Hockey World Cup in 2010 and 2014, joined the national training camp, being organized by Hockey India in Bengaluru. The expert preparatory camp for the forward players was supported by Olympic Solidarity.



ICECP, USA and Switzerland

Athletics Federation of India Dy. Chief National Coach, Mr Prabhakaran Radhakrishnan successfully completed the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Program (ICECP), conducted by the United States Olympic Committee in partnership with Olympic Solidarity and the University of Delaware.

The ICECP, an intensive coaches' education programme consisting of lectures, projects, guest speakers, candidate presentations, group work, field trips, project planning and implementation, is divided into 4 modules and scheduled over an academic year. Mr Radhakrishnan presented his final paper in Lausanne, Switzerland and graduated with Honour.



59th International Session for Young Participants, Greece

Dr Minu Tadang, nominee of Boxing Federation of India and Mr Chetan Gulati, nominee of Athletics Federation of India participated and successfully completed the 59th International Session for Young Participants of the International Olympic Academy in Ancient Olympia, Greece.



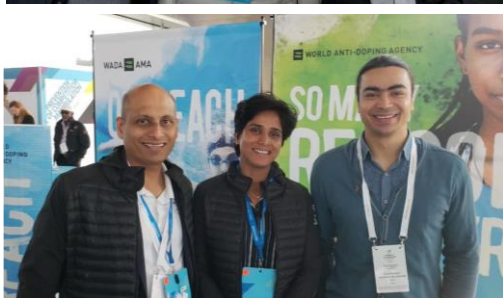
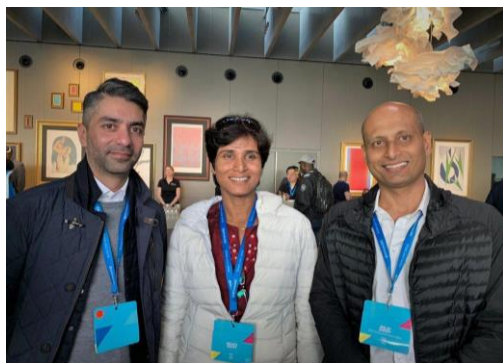
International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

The Indian Olympic Association joined worldwide celebration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace on 6 April 2019. IOA Secretary General, Mr Rajeev Mehta raised the celebratory 'WhiteCard', committing to spread the message of peace, hope, solidarity and development through sports.

9th International Athletes' Forum, Lausanne

The International Olympic Committee and the Athletes' Commission held the 9th International Athletes' Forum from 13 to 15 April 2019 in Lausanne. This was the biggest ever gathering of almost 350 Athletes' representatives from National Olympic Committees, International Federations, Continental Athletes' Commissions, Athletes Commissions of the Organising Committees of the upcoming Olympic Games, International Paralympic Committee, World Anti-Doping Agency and the World Olympians Associations.

Representing the Indian Olympic Association, Olympian and IOA Athletes Commission Member, Ms Rachita Mistry attended the Forum in Lausanne. Also attending the Forum were Beijing 2008 Olympic Champion and IOC AC Member, Mr Abhinav Bindra, Olympians and IOA Athletes Commission Chairman Dr Malava Shroff and Member, Mr Shiva Keshavan. The International Athletes Forum ended with concrete proposals to further increase the support to athletes at all levels.

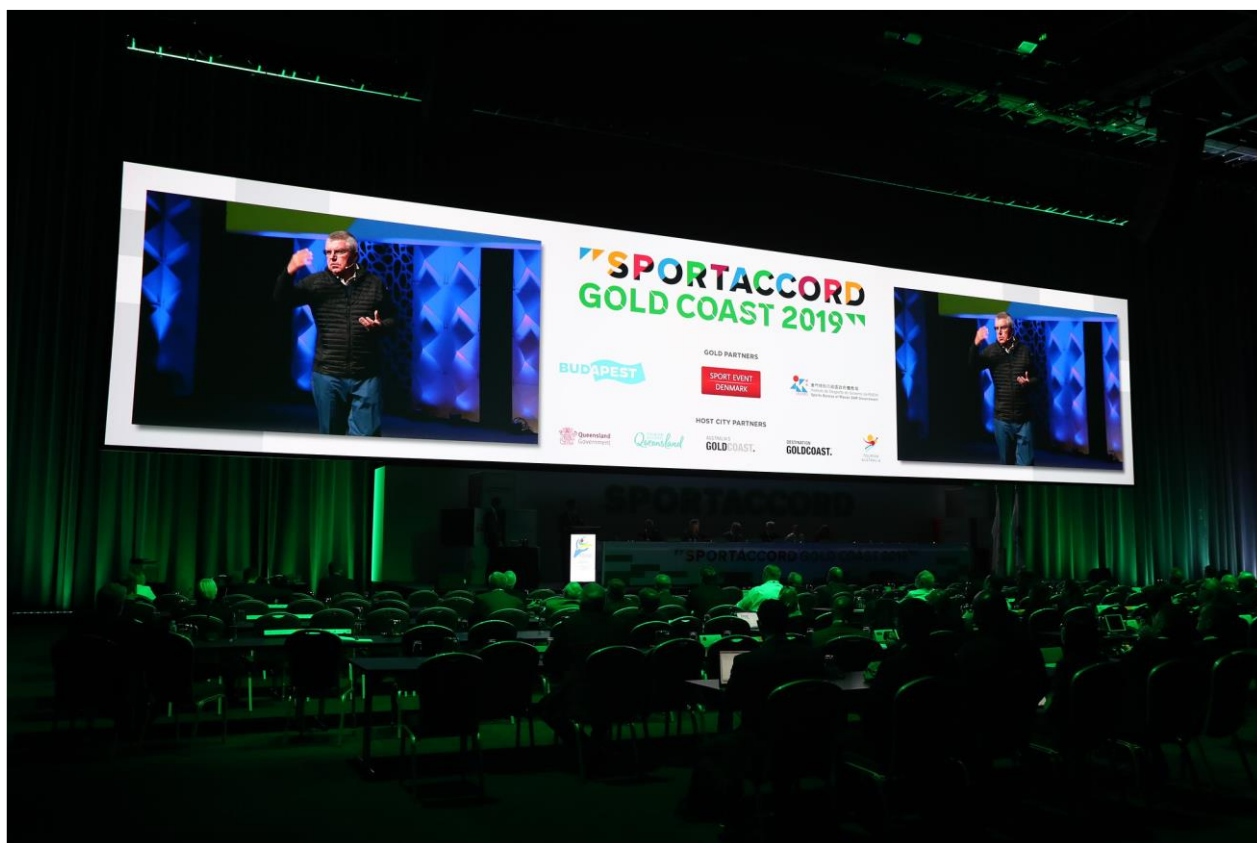


CGF Asia Regional Meeting, Singapore

The Commonwealth Games Federation Asia Regional Meeting was held in Singapore between 1 to 4 May 2019. Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta attended the meeting, which held reviews on the progress of preparations of Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

SportAccord 2019, Gold Coast

The 17th edition of the SportAccord was held in Gold Coast, Queensland from 5 to 10 May 2019. The week long programme attracted hundreds of decision-makers, delegates, speakers, partners and exhibitors for six days of high-level meetings and discussions. IOA President Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra and Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta attended the SportAccord. Secretary General, Mr Rajeev Mehta held meetings with JTA, Olympic Channel, International Golf Federation, World Taekwondo and International Gymnastics Federation.



Meeting with the King of Malaysia

IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra met the King of Malaysia, HM Al Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah at the Royal Palace in Kuala Lumpur on 15 May 2019, where Dr Batra presented His Majesty with a memento as a token of appreciation.



Inauguration of the Olympic House and 125th anniversary of IOC

New headquarters of the International Olympic Committee was officially inaugurated on 23 June 2019, on occasion of the 125th anniversary of the formation of the IOC and Olympic Day celebrations in Lausanne. The inauguration ceremony of the Olympic House, one of the most sustainable buildings in the world was attended by thousands of dignitaries, including representatives from the Swiss Confederation, IOC Members, National Olympic Committees, International Sport Federations and Olympians.



IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra and Secretary General, Mr Rajeev Mehta, IOC Honorary member and IOA Life President, Raja Randhir Singh, IOC Member Ms Nita Ambani, IOC Athletes Commission Member and Olympic Champion Mr Abhinav Bindra were also present at the inauguration of the Olympic House.

On the eve of Olympic Day, the International Olympic Committee also hosted the first edition of Golden Rings Awards, honouring broadcasters of the Olympic Games.



IOC EB lifts ban imposed on India

The IOC Executive Board in its meeting on 20 June 2019 lifted the provisional restrictions imposed on India to host international sports events. The welcome decision came after the Government of India guaranteed necessary compliances.

IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta and Associate Vice President Mr Ajay Singh had earlier expressed concerns in this matter when they met the Hon'ble Minister of Sports Mr Kiren Rijiju. The Minister had assured quick resolution and the letter of assurance by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was received on 18 June 2019.

Host offer presented to IOC President for 2023 IOC Session, Mumbai

Indian delegation comprising of IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra and IOC Member Ms Nita Ambani met with IOC President Thomas Bach on 25 June 2019 and offered to host the 2023 IOC Session in Mumbai, India.



134th IOC Session, Lausanne

IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra was elected as Member of the International Olympic Committee at the 134th IOC Session held in Lausanne on 26 June 2019. His nomination was linked to 'function with NOC India'. Dr Batra was among the 10 members who were proposed to be elected by the IOC as its Member in a decision taken by the IOC Executive Board.

Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra secured 58 votes out of the 62 votes casted in the election and was announced member of the IOC at the session. At the end of the Session Dr Batra took oath with the other newly elected members before the Executive Board and was congratulated by IOC President Thomas Bach.



Felicitation to the new Minister of State, MYAS

IOA President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra and Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta felicitated the newly appointed Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi.

IOA President Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra and BFI President Mr Ajay Singh met with the Hon'ble Minister at his residence office on 5 June and briefed him on the ban imposed by IOC in relation to hosting of International Sports Events in India since February 2019. Hon'ble Minister understood the issue and assured all his support for an early resolution.

IOA Secretary General Mr Rajeev Mehta met the Hon'ble Minister on 7 June and held discussions on the support needed for National Sports Federations, increased assistance for athletes, preparations for Tokyo 2020 and governance matters including IOC's decision.



Appointment in the Judo Union of Asia

IOA Games Technical Conduct Committee Chairman for Goa National Games, Mr Mukesh Kumar was re-elected as General Secretary of the Judo Union of Asia at its Ordinary Congress convened in Fujairah, UAE.



Appointment in the Asian Triathlon Confederation

IOA Joint Secretary Mr Rakesh Gupta was elected to the post of Vice President of the Asian Triathlon Confederation at its 28th ASTC Congress convened in Gyeongju, Korea.



Appointment in FIBA Asia Central Board

IOA Vice President and Basketball Federation of India President, Mr K. Govindaraj was elected as a Member of the FIBA Asia Central Board at the FIBA Asia Zone Assembly which was held in Bengaluru from 8 to 9 June 2019.



Appointment in the IOA Medical Commission

Head of Psychological Services at the Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Ms Divya Jain was appointed as Member of the IOA Medical Commission on 30 May 2019. The services and experience of Ms Divya Jain will be an asset to the Indian Olympic Association in helping athletes prepare for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

IOC Young Reporter for Lausanne 2020

Ms Annesha Ghosh was announced by the IOC as a part of the 16 Young Reporters selected to cover the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020, next January. Ms Ghosh was nominated by the Indian Olympic Association to take part in the IOC Young Reporters Programme held during the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 and will now continue training under the supervision of highly experienced Olympic Media mentors.



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