



## International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2018 'Empowering Persons with Disabilities and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality'



**Special Event from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018**

**Ground Event:** Punjab Engineering College– 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018

**Training:** Conference Hall, Regional Center, RGNIYD -3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018  
PEC Campus, Sector 12, Chandigarh

**Trial, Selection, Training, Mentoring and Leadership Building Camp for Aspiring Wheelchair Cricketers from Chandigarh/Punjab & Himachal Pradesh**

### **Programme Highlights**

- Friendly & Display Wheelchair Cricket Match
- Inclusive Wheelchair Cricket Match (With and Without Persons with Disabilities)
- Capacity Building and Leadership Training

#### **Organized By**

Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Chandigarh, India

#### **Institutional Support By**

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD),  
Regional Center, Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS)

#### **Organizing Partners**

Wheelchair Cricket Association Himachal Pradesh, (WCAHP)  
Chandigarh & Punjab Wheelchair Cricket Association (CPWCA)

#### **Under the aegis of**

Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India (WCFI)

#### **Financial Support**

Punjab National Bank, Circle Office, Chandigarh  
Society for Women Empowerment & Rural Advancement (SWERA)

#### **Voluntary Support**

Swarmani Youth Welfare Association, Chandigarh



**Background:** Inspired by the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SDP IWG) hosted by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP); Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) in principal partnership with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Regional Center under Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has initiated an innovative step to host a Workshop on Empowerment and Capacity Building of Persons with Disabilities through Sports for youth.

### Imagine the world in 2030, fully inclusive of persons with disabilities

In September 2015, the General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Building on the principle of “leaving no one behind”, the new Agenda emphasizes a holistic approach to achieving sustainable development for all. Although, the word “disability” is not cited directly in all goals, the goals are indeed relevant to ensure the inclusion and development of persons with disabilities. The newly implemented 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development holds a deep promise for persons with disabilities everywhere.

Envision 2030 will work to promote the mainstreaming of disability and the implementation of the SDGs throughout its 15-year lifespan with objectives to.

- Raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs for persons with disabilities;
- Promote an active dialogue among stakeholders on the SDGs with a view to create a better world for persons with disabilities; and
- Establish an ongoing live web resource on each SDG and disability.

### Sports and Sustainable Development Goals

With the overarching aspiration of bringing people and the planet closer together and leaving no one behind, the 2030 Agenda is a unique opportunity to inspire global action for development worldwide, including in the field of Sport for Development and Peace. Sport has proven to

be a cost-effective and flexible tool for promoting peace and development objectives. Since the inception of the MDGs in 2000, sport has played a vital role in enhancing each of the eight Goals, a fact that has been recognized in numerous resolutions of the General Assembly. In resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, adopted in 2015, sport's role in advancing social progress is further acknowledged:

Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives.

Harnessing this tremendous potential of sport, the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) has long been bringing people together through sport and supporting sport for peace initiatives, from mega sport events to grass-roots

activities. These initiatives help sport achieve its fullest potential in realizing the Goals.

Regular participation in sport and physical activities provides various social and health benefits. Not only does it have a direct impact on physical fitness, but it also instills healthy lifestyle choices among children and young people, helping them remain active and combat non-communicable diseases. A number of studies conducted by the World Health Organization have also highlighted that physical exercise can stimulate positive mental health and cognitive development.

Despite these challenges, the vast positive power and passion of sport will continue to bring people together, promoting a more inclusive and peaceful world through its universal values and principles. Historically, sport has played an important role in all societies and acted as a strong communication platform that can be used to promote a culture of peace.

### Disability and Sports

The unique ability of sports to transcend linguistic, cultural and social barriers makes it an excellent platform for strategies of inclusion and adaptation. Furthermore, the universal popularity of sport and its physical, social and economic development benefits make it an ideal tool for





fostering the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities often face societal barriers and disability evokes negative perceptions and discrimination in many societies. As a result of the stigma associated with disability, persons with disabilities are generally excluded from education, employment and community life which deprives them of opportunities essential to their social development, health and well-being. In some societies persons with disabilities are considered dependent and seen as incapable, thus fostering inactivity which often causes individuals with physical disabilities to experience restricted mobility beyond the cause of their disability.

Sport can help reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with disability because it can transform community attitudes about persons with disabilities by highlighting their skills and

reducing the tendency to see the disability instead of the person. Through sport, persons without disabilities interact with persons with disabilities in a positive context forcing them to reshape assumptions about what persons with disabilities can and cannot do.

Sport changes the person with disability in an equally profound way by empowering persons with disabilities to realize their full potential and advocate for changes in society. Through sport, persons with disabilities acquire vital social skills, develop independence, and become empowered to act as agents of change.

### The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is the first legally binding international instrument to address the rights of persons with disabilities and sport. Article 30 of the Convention addresses both mainstream and disability-specific sport and stipulates that “States Parties shall take appropriate measures to encourage and promote the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels”. It also calls upon Governments, States party to the Convention, to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sport and recreational venues — as spectators and as active participants. This also requires that children with disabilities be included in physical education within the school system “to the fullest extent possible” and enjoy equal access to “play, recreation, leisure and sporting activities”.



### Wheelchair Sports -Cricket:

Cricket in India is the nation's most popular sport by far. For some, Cricket is Life, Cricket is soul! What a life without this popular sport! The spirit of Patriotism is what we bleed when India is on the stadium. United our nation stands whenever there is a match! The heart pumps out the words 'India', the blood inside runs at a higher pace, the pulse rate reaches its maximum and the body jumps out cheering for our mother country! What a spirit! What an enthusiasm! The feeling is supreme, unfathomable! An exquisite scene to watch Indians at the time of Match.

India is a country of diverse cultures and religions but the patriotism of cricket is what brings them as one. The bond of Indians with cricket is totally unique. The relationship which people share with this sport is truly astounding. The number of balls being hit by the team is at par as sending amazeballs to every Indian! Be it kids, youth or even the old, cricket is enjoyed with all the fervour around.

It is played almost everywhere in India and is with Persons with Disabilities. Persons on play cricket. In India, over the years the teams in isolation have evolved segregated efforts taken by social APSWDP has taken a lead in as to inspire persons with disabilities areas. In past, two mega events were government and non government involves more than 11 persons at a time and it APSWDP has given support in evolving teams in various states in themselves in group and team to overcome their disabilities.



every child's dream to be cricketer, so is the case wheelchair also have desire and dream to momentum has begun and gradually leading to organized team now by organizations. In Chandigarh region, developing and evolving this game so living in stress in rural and remote organized with support from organizations. Since, it is a team game and require team building and spirit. Therefore, organized manner, so that Persons with Disabled can organize

**Inclusive Cricket:** In past, two times APSWDP has organized exclusive cricket matches by inviting more than 100 players from the country at Chandigarh in 2017-18, which was widely appreciated and encouraged by media, citizens and youth. On the occasion of International Day of the Persons with Disabled in 2018, a thought has been given by the APSWDP for the first time in Chandigarh region that an Inclusive Cricket be organized between two cricket teams having both able-bodied and persons with disabled to promote inclusion by way of working more closely on patience, understanding, respect and building peace and harmony in the world.



# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DATE	PROGRAMME DETAILS
01-12-2018	Registration of Players from Chandigarh/Punjab and Himachal Pradesh at Camp, PEC Cricket Ground Trial of each registered players in all the sections including bowling, Batting, Wicket keeping, Fielding and Team Building. Grading of Players, Team Formation, Coaching and Mentorship Sessions by Wheelchair Cricketers and able-bodied cricketers
02-12-2018	Friendly Match between Punjab and Himachal Pradesh organized with support from Chandigarh & Punjab Wheelchair Cricket Association (CPWCA) and Wheelchair Cricket Association Himachal Pradesh (WCAHP) Inclusive Cricket Match between two teams comprising of with and without Disabilities Players from Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh/Punjab.
03-12-2018	Capacity Building and Training Programme for Wheelchair Cricket Players on Leadership, Team-building, decision making, motivation, stress management, life-skills, Govt. Schemes for Persons with Disabilities and PWD Act etc.



## ORGANIZING TEAM

**Principal Convener:** Rekha Trivedi, Secretary General, APSWDP, Founder President, Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India (WCFI)

**Convener:** Balbir Singh & Rahul, Promoter, Chandigarh and Punjab Wheelchair Cricket Association (CPWCA)

**Convener:** Sonia Sharma, Promoter, Wheelchair Cricket Association Himachal Pradesh (WCAHP)

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