## **GRIID special students featured in Special Olympics Bharat Bulletin**

GRIID special students were featured in Special Olympics Bharat bulletin January – April, 2024. Students who participated in recreational games, cultural program and other events organised by Special Olympics Bharat were shown in this bulletin.





Special Olympics Bharat- Chandigarh conducted the table tennis (male) nationals from 4-8 March 2024 drawing support from the Sports Department Chandigarh, Verka Plant Chandigarh, also ensuring to engage their diverse stakeholders like NGOs, NSS Volunțeers from DAV college and more. Having conducted its very first national level event called for a celebration later, that was done at the behest of the youth leaders.

"I am grateful to all our supporters. A very meaningful lesson emerged out of this event, telling us the willingness of the society to support us in bringing about Inclusion. It feels that the positive world that we are striving for is shaping up. We will keep showcasing the abilities of our Athletes to bring about acceptance"- Ms Sheetal Neg Area Director SO Bharat Chandigarh.

National Championship - Table Tennis (Female) held in Hoshiarpur Punjab



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Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai & Dr Nadda besides other guests and athletes, lighting of the Lamp at the Puprle Fest

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Dr Mallika Nadda, President , SO Bharat graced the occasion , reaching out to the Athletes as much as to the highest state authorities to map a unified future for the state. Dr Nadda met Dr Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of the State for strategic deliberations. The Athletes from all the states were overjoyed with the experience that brought them once again on to the sports field amidst much festivities and fun. 18 Athletes who , just a few months back, experienced the phenomenal world games at Berlin Germany, were thrilled to re-enter an arena of sports celebration.





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## Sports and celebration in Chandigarh



Participants at the event enjoying a photo op with Dr Nadda



Cultural Program at the Mega Sports event

Special Olympics Bharat Chandigarh, Special Olympics Himachal Pradesh, Rotary members, and the Social Welfare Department of Chandigarh jointly organised the North Zone Mega Sports event, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at the Punjab University from 11-13 December 2023. A total of 177 athletes and coaches from 6 states, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh, participated in a multitude of games including badminton, bocce and

athletics. Dental and Eye check-ups were conducted on the sidelines of the event.

The grand event was inaugurated by esteemed dignitaries including Sh. Ojaswee Sharma, a renowned film director, producer, and screenwriter of India, Mr. Nalin, International Gold Medallist and Special Athlete, and Mr. Navin Kumar, Joint Director SDM South with the closing ceremony presided by, Dr Malika Nadda, the President of Special Olympics Bharat.