

Press Release from Special Olympics Bharat – Sikkim Chapter

Special Olympics Bharat – Sikkim Chapter in Collaboration with Inclusive Education, Samagra Shiksha, Department of Education, Organises Training on Inclusive Games & Sports for Children with Special Needs Jorethang Sikkim | 12th October 2026

Special Olympics Bharat – Sikkim Chapter in Collaboration with Inclusive Education, Samagra Shiksha, Department of Education successfully organised a one-day training programme titled “Training of Physical Education Teachers, Physical Education Instructors and Special Educators: On Inclusive Games and Sports for Children with Special Needs (CWSN)” on 12th October 2026. The programme was held at PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Jorethang .

Special Olympics plays a vital role in the state of Sikkim by providing equal opportunities for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in sports and physical activities. Through structured training and competitive platforms, Special Olympics Bharat – Sikkim Chapter has been instrumental in promoting physical fitness, building self-confidence, and fostering social inclusion among children with special needs across the state.

The organisation plays a major role in strengthening inclusive education in Sikkim. By training Physical Education teachers, instructors and special educators in inclusive games and sports, Special Olympics bridges the gap between classroom learning and physical development. Inclusive sports activities help children with special needs develop motor skills, teamwork, discipline and emotional well-being, while also sensitising mainstream educators to the principles of inclusion. This synergy between sports and education contributes significantly to the overall goal of inclusive education in the state.

The training programme commenced with a Welcome Address by Shri G. C. Khanal, Area Director, Special Olympics Bharat, Sikkim Chapter. He underlined the importance of creating an enabling environment for children with special needs through sports. Shri Ekalavya Chettri, Event Manager, Sports & Youth Affairs Department, presented an introduction to the vision and ongoing initiatives of Special Olympics Bharat in Sikkim and highlighted the collaborative efforts of the Sports Department.

Technical sessions on various inclusive sports disciplines formed the core of the training. Bocce was introduced by Madam Chandra Maya Das, Physical Education Instructor. Football and Athletics were covered by Shri Mahesh Phokrel, Physical Education Teacher, PM Shri Rangpo Senior Secondary School. A session on Badminton was conducted by Shri Ekalavya Chettri. Participants also engaged in an open discussion on District Games, followed by valuable comments and suggestions from members of the District Committee emphasizing the need for stronger coordination between inclusive education initiatives and sports programmes at the district level.

The training witnessed active participation from Physical Education teachers, instructors and special educators from Namchi, Soreng and Geyzing Districts. Special Olympics Bharat – Sikkim Chapter reaffirmed its commitment to creating equal opportunities for children with special needs through sports, inclusive education and community engagement across Sikkim.