



FRIENDS SOCIETY

SHAURYA - A FEAT OF COURAGE

DISTRICT LEVEL SPORTS MEET FOR SPECIALLY ABLED

DATE: 21.01.24

TIME: 9:00am - 4:00 pm

VENUE: HAND BALL GROUND, MSU PAVILION.

Shaurya (“A feat of courage”) is a city level sports meet for Specially abled Individuals covering 7 broad categories of disability, it aims at helping the participants discover their potential and infuse them with a spirit of fair and healthy competition. In keeping with Friends Society's annual commitment to this event, the sporting occasion commenced on January 21, 2024, marking the 29th successful year of its beginning.

On the day, our group of volunteers arrived at the pavilion early at 6:00 am and got to work organizing the area for the welcome of our participants, visitors, parents, and school personnel. The ceremony began with the charming and spirited comments given by the hosts, Princy Bhavasar and Dhruv Karangiya. Moving forward, our anchors, Dhruv and Princy, initiated the proceedings by welcoming **our esteemed chief guest, Mr. Vishnukumar Jamunadas Rajput (IAS). He is currently discharging his duties as Commissioner for persons with disabilities, Gandhinagar. During his keynote address, he extended an invitation to participants to seek support from him at any time as the commissioner of persons with disabilities. Also, our Guest of Honor, Mr. Mohan Patel. During his speech, he complimented the participants for embracing sports despite their physical constraints. He discussed his personal experience as a young competitor who competed in and won at the national level for NASEOH (National Society for Equal Opportunities to Handicapped).**

Soon after, the Shaurya opening ceremony was held. It featured greetings from our chief guest and guest of honor, a briefing from the Shaurya in-charges -Punita Aggrawal and Pragati Kathayat, lighting of the diya and mashaal, and finally, the release of balloons. After that, we moved on to the sports event, which featured 14 different games. Meanwhile the registration crew and food committee completed their portion of taking attendance and distributing the food in the backend. The game coordinator was able to determine the sequence with the support of attendance data, and shortly the games began.

With the assistance of our kind supporters, we were able to provide meals that had everything the kids would love, such as cookies from Super Bakery, wafers from Blue Sky Travelers, flavored milk from Baroda Dairy, and puffs from Goodies. All the attendees, including parents and school staff, received lunch prepared by Jagdish Farsan, which included theplas and Frooti. We awarded participation certificates to all the participants, While the winners were awarded with winning certificates, medals, and bags by the Chief guest. He also lauded the efforts of the participant kids and encouraged them to continue their efforts to excel in sports. Ruzan Contractor, our joint secretary, offered vote of thanks to all who graced the occasion with their presence, in particular chief guest and guest of honor, sponsors and donors for the event, University authorities for permission to use their ground, transportation providers, schools, and participants.

The event concluded with a joyful note, underlining the idea that getting an opportunity to play is the best aspect of the game.

PARTICIPATION:

Total no of registrations: 698

<i>2023-24 Shaurya- 21st January</i>				
Sr. No.	Category	Male	Female	Total
1	INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED	173	73	246
2	DEAF & DUMB - HEARING IMPAIRED	66	32	98
3	PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED BY LEG	19	0	19
4	LEARNING DISABILITY	25	4	29
5	PARTIALLY VISUALLY IMPAIRED- SEMI BLIND	3	1	4
6	VISUALLY IMPAIRED- BLIND	19	10	29
7	PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED BY HAND	7	2	9
	Total Count	Male: 312	Female: 122	Participants: 434
Total Schools Present: 25				
Total games played based on categories and age group: 78				

OUR SPONSORS:



We want to express our sincere gratitude to MSU Pavilion for allowing us to use their premises.

TESTIMONIALS:

We are pleased to provide a comprehensive compilation of the feedback we've received from the schools that took part in the program.

SAMAJH SURAKSHA SANKUL:

“Yesterday's event was a delightful experience; all the students had a great time, fostering positive thoughts about their capabilities and aspirations. Gratitude extends to your team, leaders, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone involved for making it a success.”

SEVATIRTH:

“Thanks to all the Shaurya team for excellent work.”

R.K SPORTS & KILLOL SPECIAL SCHOOL:

“Really Excellent work, everything is well arranged,

On behalf of our all-Intellectual Disability School, we are thanks to the Shaurya team with our bottom of Heart.”

ARPAN CHARITABLE TRUST:

“A very good "Annual "Shaurya" program was held. The "volunteers" of your organization used to take the children to every game by asking from the front, asking if there is any problem and have seen them guide children well. Overall, the program was very good, thank you very much to the entire team of Shaurya for that.”

URMI SCHOOL:

“This year the team of Friends Society organized for the special children which was well planned, food was nutritious, the service of the volunteer was very much appreciated. Arrangement of mobile toilets for children was good. The organization of the game competition was easy. Thanks to the whole team.”

GLIMPSES FROM THE DAY:

