

**PROMOTING ACCESSIBILITY IN  
GENERAL ELECTION 2019**



**ENVISION  
Accessibility  
2030**

## **CHANDIGARH WHEELCHAIR CRICKET**

**ON 14TH MAY, 2019 AT 6.00 P.M. AT CRICKET STADIUM, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH**



## **CHANDIGARH WHEELCHAIR WALKATHON**

**FROM PLAZA, SECTOR 17 TO CRICKET STADIUM, SECTOR 16**

*Conceived By:*  
Wheelchair Cricket  
Federation of India (WCFI)

*Organized By:*  
**Chandigarh Electoral Office,  
U. T. Chandigarh**

*Supported and Promoted By:*  
Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh  
Association of Professional Social Workers and  
Development Practitioners (APSWDP)

An innovative event  
under the aegis of



Election Commission of India



**Chief Guest**

(Opening Ceremony)

**Shri. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, I.A.S.**

Finance Secretary -cum-Chief Electoral Officer, U.T. Chandigarh

**Guest of Honor**

**Shri. K. K. Yadav, I.A.S.**

Commissioner Municipal Corporation Chandigarh-cum-Accessibility Observer.  
General Elections, U.T. Chandigarh

**Guest of Honour**

**Shri. Mandeep Singh Brar, I.A.S.**

Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer, U.T. Chandigarh

**Special Guest**

**Shri. J. S. Jayara**

Principal, Institute of Blind-cum-Chandigarh  
State Brand Ambassador

**Chief Guest**

(Closing Ceremony)

**Shri. B. L. Sharma, I.A.S.**

Secretary Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration





**Principal Convener**

**Er. Sandeep Kumar, P.C.S. (Allied)**

Nodal Officer-cum-State Disability Coordinator

**Vivek Trivedi**

Social Development Officer  
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

**Co-convener**

**Shri Sanjeev Sharma**

Asstt. Public Relations Officer  
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

**Rekha Trivedi**

Founder, Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India

**Amit Joshi**

Promoter, Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India

**Organizing Team Members**

**Dr. Sumit Arora**

Member, APSWDP

**Shri. Karmaver Singh**

APSWDP

**Master Rohit Kumar**

Founder, Swarmani Youth Welfare Association

**Shri. Tejinder Singh**

Consultant, Mass-media Team

**Shri. Balbir Singh**

Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

**Shri. Rajeev Kumar**

Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

**Shri. Rajiv Bishnoi, Member, RCI**





## 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): Chandigarh Electoral Office U.T. Chandigarh under the Election Commission of India has organised Wheelchair Cricket Match and Wheelchair Walkathon for Accessible Elections with support from State Urban Poverty Alleviation Cell, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) and Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India and voluntary organizations.

## DISABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Envision 2030 will work to promote the main streaming 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.

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA AND DISABILITY

The Election Commission of India is on a mission to ensure wider participation by people with disabilities after having found that many of them couldn't – or didn't – exercise their fundamental right to vote. When the ECI asked a civil society organisation to conduct an 'access audit' of polling stations in RK Nagar in Tamil Nadu to assess if they were disabled-friendly, it had no idea what was coming. The findings showed that most wheelchair ramps were ill-placed, too steep or punctuated with bumps and uneven surfaces that made movement tortuous. Toilets at polling stations could hardly be reached – even with ramps. The survey threw up other glaring deficiencies. Short-statured people pointed out that voting machines at most polling stations were placed on tables that were too high for them to reach. Those with locomotor disabilities were unable to press the buttons on the machine. Often, the polling staff were unaware, unconcerned or insensitive to these problems, which could be fixed by simply changing the position and incline of the voting machine and stretching out its 5-metre long cable. The cable is typically taped up at polling stations, which clearly are not geared to address the needs of the differently abled. While there are Braille ballot reference sheets at polling stations on political parties, candidates and party symbols, they are not available in regional languages and this leaves the visually disabled very disoriented at voting time. Still other persons with disabilities did not even want to be enrolled as voters because they thought the process of polling would be long and difficult to navigate. Add to that the general sense of nervousness and pressure that they feel when the polling staff hurries them up and it is an experience that many of them would rather avoid. Then there are persons with disabilities who haven't even been touched by the electoral process, especially those with mental disabilities but not of unsound mind. These are over and above the more mundane difficulties in the voter registration process and inaccessible registration material.

With these disconcerting factors in mind, the ECI has developed a full-fledged 'Strategic Framework on Accessible Elections' going into this present Lok Sabha polls.

## OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of the innovative, promotional and awareness event by involving wheelchair sports event during General Elections are:-

1. Promoting inclusion in General Elections and motivate Persons with Disabilities about the 'Strategic Framework on Accessible Elections' so that No Voters to Be Left Behind.
2. Create awareness and sensitization on General Elections and casting vote among Persons with Disabilities.
3. To strengthen the belief and faith in democracy with Right to Vote.
4. To give confidence among Persons with Disabilities that they are key part of the elections and they will be provided hand holding while casting their vote.
5. Wheelchair sports persons can ignite spark among their fellow PWDs community that if they can come out of their homes to play and cast their vote then why can not they.



## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

For this innovative special event towards promotion of accessibility in elections, 30 wheelchair cricketers were invited from seven states namely Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, who have overcome their disability and chosen to play cricket in professional manner. This year many players have casted their vote in their respective states and received admiration in Uttar Pradesh for promoting accessible elections in Uttar Pradesh by way of walkathon and wheelchair cricket under Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India and respective state association i.e. Wheelchair Cricket Association Uttar Pradesh..

### FIRST WHEELCHAIR WALKATHON

A first Wheelchair Walkathon was organized by the Chief Electoral Office U.T. Chandigarh under the aegis of Election Commission of India and its Strategic Framework on Accessible Elections with support from Chandigarh Administration, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, Civil Society organizations including Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India (WCFI), Nav Sankalp, City Level Federation Chandigarh under DAY NULM and Swarmani Youth Welfare Association.

The Wheelchair Walkathon was flagged-off by Chief Guest Shri. J. S. Jayara, Brand Ambassador, Accessible Election Chandigarh –cum- Principal Institute of Blind Chandigarh on 14th May 2019 at 4.00 PM in presence of Er. Sandeep Kumar, Nodal Officer-cum- State Disability Coordinator Chandigarh from Plaza, Sector 17 Chandigarh to International Cricket Stadium, Sector -16 Chandigarh.

In the Wheelchair Walkathon, volunteers from Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP), Nav Sankalp, City Level Federation Chandigarh under DAY NULM and Swarmani Youth Welfare Association, Chandigarh assisted wheelchair cricketers during walkathon by managing traffic with Chandigarh Police and Traffic Department.

The Walkathon witnessed participation of more than 500 youth undergoing skill training under DAY NULM too, who shouted slogans and displayed placards depicting messages, slogans to inspire others for casting their vote so as to strengthen the democracy.

The Walkathon was concluded at 4.30 PM at International Cricket Stadium, Sector -16 Chandigarh and was warmly welcomed by Shri. Vivek Trivedi Social Development Officer, Shri. Sanjiv Sharma, APRO Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, Dr Sumit Arora, APSWDP, Shri. Amit Joshi, WCFI and Shri. Sanjay Ji, Manager, Stadium.

### WHEELCHAIR CRICKET MATCH

A first of its kind Wheelchair Day Night Cricket Match was played at International Cricket Stadium Sector 16 Chandigarh to promote Accessible Elections between two team comprising of players from seven states i.e. North West India XI and Central India XI.

### FLORAL WELCOME



The Promoter and Founder of Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India (WCFI) Mrs. Rekha Trivedi and Mr. Mukesh Yogi welcomed the Chief Guest Shri. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, I.A.S. Chief Electoral Officer-cum-Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration by presenting a bouquet of flowers



Mr. Amit Joshi (WCFI) and Mr. Manish Nagar Bhai Patel (GWCA) welcomed Guest Of Honor, Shri. K. K. Yadav I.A.S. Accessibility Observer, General Elections 2019 - cum- Commissioner Municipal Corporation Chandigarh by presenting bouquet of flowers



## FLORAL WELCOME



Mr. Laxman Yadav (CPWCA) and Mr. Sanjiv Sharma (Municipal Corporation Chandigarh) welcomed Guest of Honor Shri. Mandip Singh Brar, I.A.S. District Electoral Officer -cum- Deputy Commissioner Chandigarh U.T Chandigarh by presenting bouquet of flowers.



Mr. Rahul John (CPWCA) and Mrs. Sarojini (CPWCA) welcomed Special Guest Shri. J. S. Jayara, Brand Ambassador, Accessible Election Chandigarh -cum- Principal Institute of Blind Chandigarh by presenting bouquet of flowers.

## INAUGURAL AND LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY



In the Inaugural ceremony, Chief Guest Shri. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, I.A.S. Chief Electoral Officer -cum- Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration inaugurated the event by lighting lamp and handshaking vis-à-vis introduction with wheelchair cricketers from both the teams and organizers in presence of Guest Of Honor, Shri. K. K. Yadav I.A.S. Accessibility Observer, General Elections 2019 -cum- Commissioner Municipal

Corporation Chandigarh, Guest of Honor Shri. Mandip Singh Brar, I.A.S. District Electoral Officer -cum- Deputy Commissioner Chandigarh U.T. and Special Guest Shri. J. S. Jayara, Brand Ambassador, Accessible Election Chandigarh -cum- Principal Institute of Blind Chandigarh. During the interaction and introduction with the Chief Guest, wheelchair cricket players showed their inked fingers regarding their participation in the elections.

## TOSS BETWEEN THE TEAMS



The toss between the two teams headed by Captains Mukesh Yogi and Bipin Rana was conducted in the field in the presence of Er. Sandeep Kumar, Nodal Officer-cum-



State Disability Coordinator Chandigarh and Mrs. Rekha Trivedi, WCFI Promoter and Founder. The toss was won North West India XI and elected to bat first.



## FIRST INNING

In the first inning, the North West India XI scored 149 runs in 12 overs and gave target of 150 to the Central India.

The score card is as under:

**Umpires-** Saurav Vij A. P. Singh  
**Scorer-** Sushil Diwan



## BATTING RECORD

| S. No.  | Batsman                     | How Out | 4s | 6s | Balls | Runs |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|----|----|-------|------|
| 1   | Yudhister Bhoi              | Not Out | 14 | -  | 40    | 68   |
| 2   | Kishor Navrange             | Bold    | 10 | 2  | 29    | 63   |
| 3   | Luxman Yadav (Vice Captain) | Not Out | 2  | -  | 3     | 09   |
| 4   | Bipin Rana (Captain)        | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
| 5   | Arjun                       | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
| 6   | Randeep                     | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
| 7   | Rahul John                  | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
| 8   | Vikkar Singh                | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
| 9   | Navdeep Singh               | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
| 10  | Ved Prakash                 | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
| 11  | Sunil                       | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -    |
|   |                             |         |    |    |       | 140  |
| <b>Bowling Extras- { No Balls · 0 Wides· 7 Fielding Extras- Byes· 2 Leg Byes· 0 } = 9</b> |                             |         |    |    |       | 9    |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  |                             |         |    |    |       | 149  |

## BOWLING

| S. No.        | Bowler          | Over | Runs | Wickets | No Ball | Wide |
|---------------|-----------------|------|------|---------|---------|------|
| 1             | Anil Singhania  | 2    | 29   | -       | -       | -    |
| 2             | Ram Kumar       | 3    | 47   | -       | -       | 2(3) |
| 3             | Ram Kumar Patel | 3    | 19   | -       | -       | -    |
| 4             | Brij Mohan      | 3    | 43   | 1       | -       | 4    |
| 5             | Vibhishan       | 1    | 09   | -       | -       | -    |
| Total         |                 | 12   | 147  | 1       | =       | 6(7) |
| Byes+ Leg bye |                 |      | 2    |         |         |      |
|               |                 |      | 149  |         |         |      |





## Glimpses of 1st Inning



## SECOND INNING

In the second inning, the Central India XI chased the target set by the North West India XI but could not be able to score and lost the match.

The score card is as under:

Umpires- Saurav Vij A. P. Singh  
Scorer- Sushil Diwan



## BATTING RECORD

| S. No.   | Batsman           | How Out | 4s | 6s | Balls | Runs       |
|--|-------------------|---------|----|----|-------|------------|
| 1  | Anil Singhania    | Run Out | 10 | -  | 27    | 46         |
| 2  | Davinder Sahu     | Bold    | 10 | 2  | 1     | 0          |
| 3  | Harichand Patel   | Retd    | 3  | -  | 20    | 19         |
| 4  | Ram Kumar Patel   | Bold    | 1  | -  | 4     | 4          |
| 5  | Mukesh Yogi       | Not Out | 2  | -  | 9     | 13         |
| 6  | Brij Mohan        | Bold    | -  | -  | 1     | 0          |
| 7  | Inder Prasad Sahu | Run Out | -  | -  | 1     | 1          |
| 8  | Ram Kumar         | Bold    | -  | -  | 5     | 1          |
| 9  | Tameshwar Nishad  | Not Out | 1  | -  | 4     | 5          |
| 10   | P N Pandey        | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -          |
| 11   | Vibhishan Nishad  | DNB     | -  | -  | -     | -          |
|  |                   |         |    |    |       | 89         |
| Bowling Extras- { No Balls • 0 Wides• 16 Fielding Extras- Byes• 1 Leg Byes• 3 } = 20 |                   |         |    |    |       | 20         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   |                   |         |    |    |       | <b>109</b> |

## BOWLING

| S. No.        | Bowler          | Over | Runs | Wickets | No Ball | Wide  |
|---------------|-----------------|------|------|---------|---------|-------|
| 1             | Bipin Rana      | 2    | 22   | 1       | -       | 2(3)  |
| 2             | Kishor Navrange | 2    | 17   | -       | -       | -     |
| 3             | Yudhister Bhoi  | 2    | 20   | 2       | -       | 4(5)  |
| 4             | Sunil           | 2    | 15   | -       | -       | -     |
| 5             | Randeep         | 2    | 18   | -       | -       | -     |
| 6             | Luxman Yadav    | 1    | 15   | 1       | -       | 3(7)  |
| Total         |                 | 12   | 105  | 6       | -       | 9(16) |
| Byes+ Leg bye |                 |      | 4    |         |         |       |
|               |                 |      | 109  |         |         |       |



Glimpses  
of 2nd Inning



## RESULT

The historic match played in flood lights was won by the North West XI under the captaincy and vice-captaincy of Mr. Bipin Rana and Mr. Laxman Yadav respectively, who made their first debut as captain and vice-captain at Chandigarh in any wheelchair cricket match.

## CLOSING CEREMONY



The award ceremony was presided over by the Chief Guest Shri. B. L. Sharma, I.A.S. Secretary Higher Education and Social Welfare Chandigarh Administration in presence of Guest of Honor Er. Sandeep Kumar P.C.S. Allied. The Chief Guest was welcomed by Mrs. Rekha Trivedi and Mr. Manish Nagar Bhai Patel by presenting a bouquet of flowers. The Chief Guest interacted with wheelchair players in the field and made a round of the whole ground.

## AWARD CEREMONY



The award of Best Batsman and Best Bowler was given to Mr. Yudhister Bhoi from winning team North West India XI who displayed his remarkable game to the spectators to believe that Wheelchair Cricketers can also play thrilling, neck to neck and adventure sport



The Runner trophy was received by Mr. Mukesh Yogi, Captain of Central India XI from Shri. B.L.Sharma, Chief Guest. He shared during the award ceremony that this game has developed leadership team building, cohesion, decision making and independence in him and he is developing the same skills in the team too.



## AWARD CEREMONY



The Winner trophy was received by the Mr. Bipin Rana, Captain of winning team from the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor in presence of WCFLI functionaries including Mrs. Rekha Trivedi and Mr. Amit Joshi amid loud slogans from spectators. Mr. Rana, the winning captain said that winning and losing in the game is not our concern and nor even priority. He added that both the team played well to their full sporting spirit and crossed 110 runs which is actually a landmark achievement by playing neck to neck.



In the last, the Chief Guest awarded individual medal to each players and other team members of both the teams.

## GROUP PICTURE DURING AWARD CEREMONY





# FIRST CHANDIGARH WHEELCHAIR WALKATHON





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FLAGGING OFF BY CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER CHANDIGARH, U.T.,  
DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER & ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER, CHANDIGARH**





## INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS WITH CHIEF GUEST SHRI AJOY KUMAR SINHA (IAS)







# INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS WITH GUEST OF HONOUR SHRI K. K. YADAV (IAS)





## INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS WITH CHIEF GUEST (CLOSING) SHRI B. L. SHARMA (IAS)





## FELICITATION OF CHIEF GUEST, GUEST OF HONOUR, AND SPL GUEST





## GLIMPSES OF CRICKET MATCH





# MEMORABLE MOMENTS





# NEWS COVERAGE

## From the cricket ground, they have a message for voters

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"We want to encourage not only disabled voters but also encourage young men and women to get out and exercise their voting rights," shares Mukesh Kumar Vaid, a resident with disability from Udaipur.

In a view to encourage and promote awareness of disabled voters in the Lok Sabha election this year, the Election Commission of India has

developed a full-fledged "Strategic Framework on Accessible Elections to ensure wider participation by people with disabilities in other facets found that many of them could not or did not exercise their fundamental right to vote.

On Tuesday, the Chandigarh Electoral Office under the Election Commission of India organised a Workshop on "Match and Schedule" with an aim to give confidence among



Persons with Disabilities that they are a key part of the elections and they will be provided hand holding while casting their vote.

A group of disabled persons from various parts of the country including Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh etc. participated in the Workshop. Workshop kick-off by Deputy Section Officer of the Sector 17 Plaza of the Sector 5 Cricket Stadium where the Workshop's Cricket

Match was played to spread awareness and motivation among city residents, especially persons with disabilities to cast their votes in the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

Sharing the idea behind the wheelchair cricket match, Raj Mohan Tiwari, another disabled person said, "In wheelchair sports, we can come out of our homes to play and cast our vote than why can't they?"

he had mentioned that they are also equally important in deciding the future of country and its people, and shall cast their votes."

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### नॉर्थ वेस्ट-11 से हारा सेंट्रल इंडिया, सुविधितार बने प्लेयर ऑफ द मैच



सुविधितार, उत्तर प्रदेश-11 के खिलाड़ी सुविधितार के रूप में चुने गए। वे सेंट्रल इंडिया के खिलाड़ी को हराकर जीते।



सुविधितारों के साथ एक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। सुविधितारों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया।

### दिवांगों ने वॉल चेंबर दाकाधन राशी वोटिंग करन संघर्षी बोडा साबारुक



सुविधितारों ने वोटिंग करन संघर्षी बोडा साबारुक के माध्यम से अपना मत व्यक्त किया।



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### मतदान के प्रति जागरूक किया

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### भास नेव सा सं- 2019: वोटिंग दौरे सुविधितारों नुं सुविधितार करन लशी वॉल चेंबर दाकाधन

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