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A special mention for our captain, Mr. Karhun Nanda and our de-facto coach Mr. Vijaybahadur Yadav, both of whom guided Team India in their resounding success.

Last, but by no means least, our deepest, heartfelt thanks to all the our athletes, who showed strength, commitment, and a dedication that left us all speechless and made the country proud.

Jai Hind.



INTRODUCTION

About the World Transplant Games

First held 1978 in Portsmouth, UK, the World Transplant Games have grown to become the world's largest awareness event for the gift of life and a beacon for transplant recipients, their families and supporters, donor families and living donors.

The Games have been held on the continents of North America, South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe. The 24th World Transplant Games were held in Perth, Australia, the third time the Games have been held in Australia, with successful events previously held in Sydney in 1997 and the Gold Coast in 2009.

The seven-day program of high exertion and low impact sports, along with many social and cultural events, caters to both elite and social athletes and attracts 2500 participants from over 60 nations.

The principal aim is to raise public awareness of the importance and benefits of organ donation by demonstrating the health and fitness that can be achieved post-transplant. Equally, the games aim to encourage all recipients to remain fit and healthy post-transplant.





About the World Transplant Games Federation

For over **40 years** the **World Transplant Games Federation** has been staging international sporting events and promoting education around transplantation to promote the **physical success of transplant surgery** and the need to raise public awareness and increase organ donation. Through various initiatives, the aim has been to highlight the importance of physical activity and healthy lifestyle in the long term management and well-being of transplant recipients.

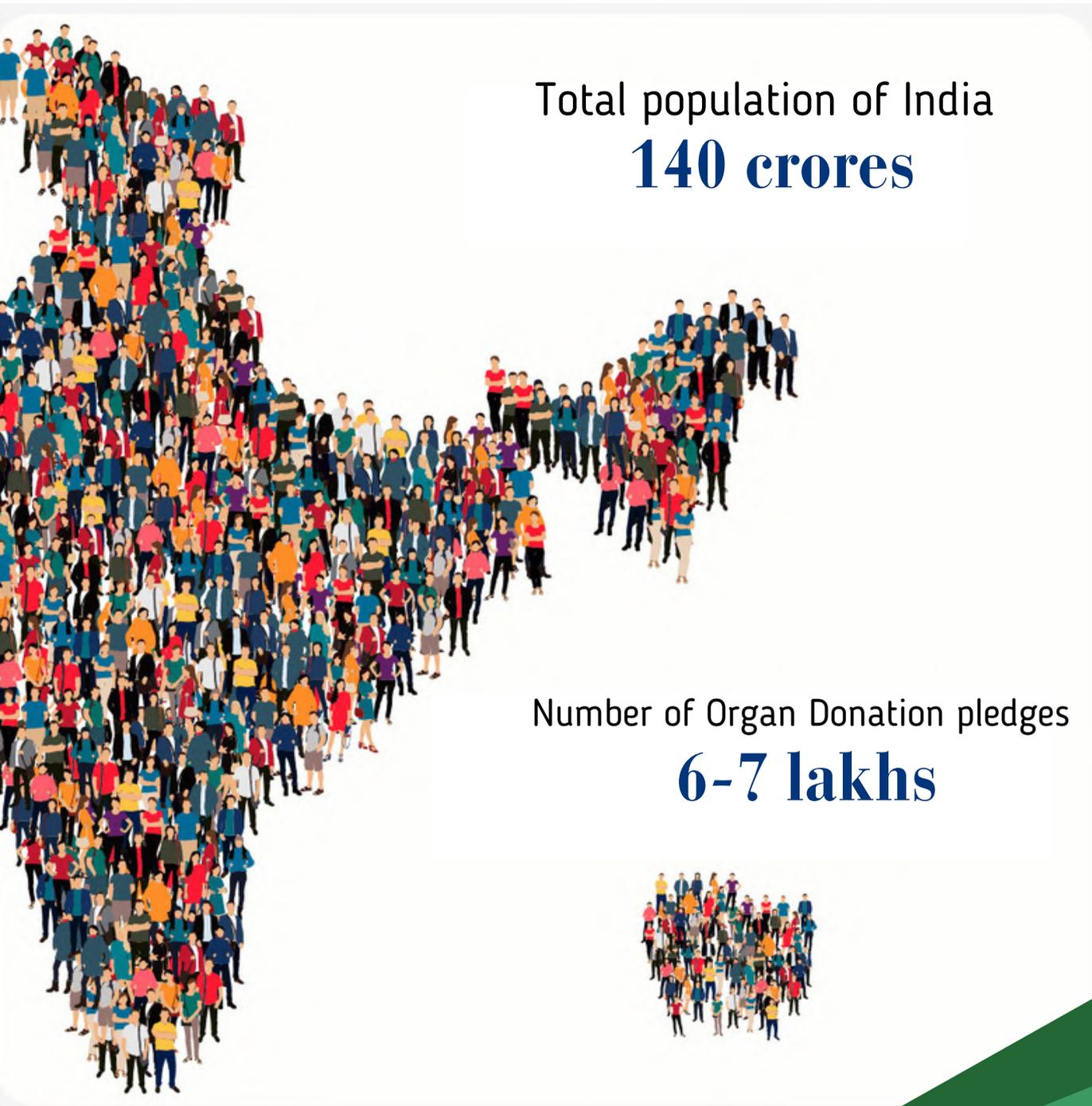
These objectives are achieved through the hosting of the Summer and Winter World Transplant Games, along with Education platforms (medical research, conferences and physical well-being culture) and a strong communications programme geared to network with medical professionals and engage the entire transplant community.



**World Transplant
Games Federation**

ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION IN INDIA

It is estimated that each year, nearly 5 lakh people suffer from organ failure and are waiting for transplants. Most will either need to find a family donor or will die waiting for a viable organ. While the number of people needing organs continues to increase, actual donation rates are declining. 2021 saw a donation rate of 0.52 per million population, one of the lowest organ donation rates in the world. This is due to a number of factors including lack of facilities, myths and fallacies surrounding organ donation, and a lack of awareness about the need for organ donation.



Total population of India
140 crores

Number of Organ Donation pledges
6-7 lakhs



About ORGAN India

ORGAN India is an initiative of Parashar Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Delhi, working for the last 10 years towards increasing awareness about organ donation in India through large scale information dissemination via radio, social media, films, and outreach through educational institutions, medical community, local district administrations, corporate campaigns and providing help to transplant recipients via 24/7 Helpline and online resources. ORGAN India has created a Pan-India presence and works under the aegis of the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).

After 10 years of working in the field, including extensive awareness activities throughout the country, we realized that people still view organ donation and transplant with some degree of uncertainty, and are largely unaware of the positive outcomes of organ donation and transplant. We felt India's successful and well-organized participation at the next World Transplant Games would demonstrate the country that not only is organ donation a wonderful gift to others, but that transplant recipients can go on to lead extremely healthy, fit, and happy lives. This aspect of organ donation needs to be highlighted and there was no better way than to do it through excellence in sports – an aspect of our lives which brings about feelings of patriotism, joy, and positivity.

In October 2021, ORGAN India applied for and was appointed the official member organization from India at the World Transplant Games Federation, with ORGAN India CEO Sunayana Singh as the country representative. For the past 18 months, our team has worked relentlessly to reach out to athletes across the country to form the Indian Contingent for the World Transplant Games, and organize, train as well as fundraise for the athletes. Our inspiration is and always will be the incredible spirit of these athletes.



ORGAN India Team



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Chairperson, Parashar Foundation



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COO, ORGAN India



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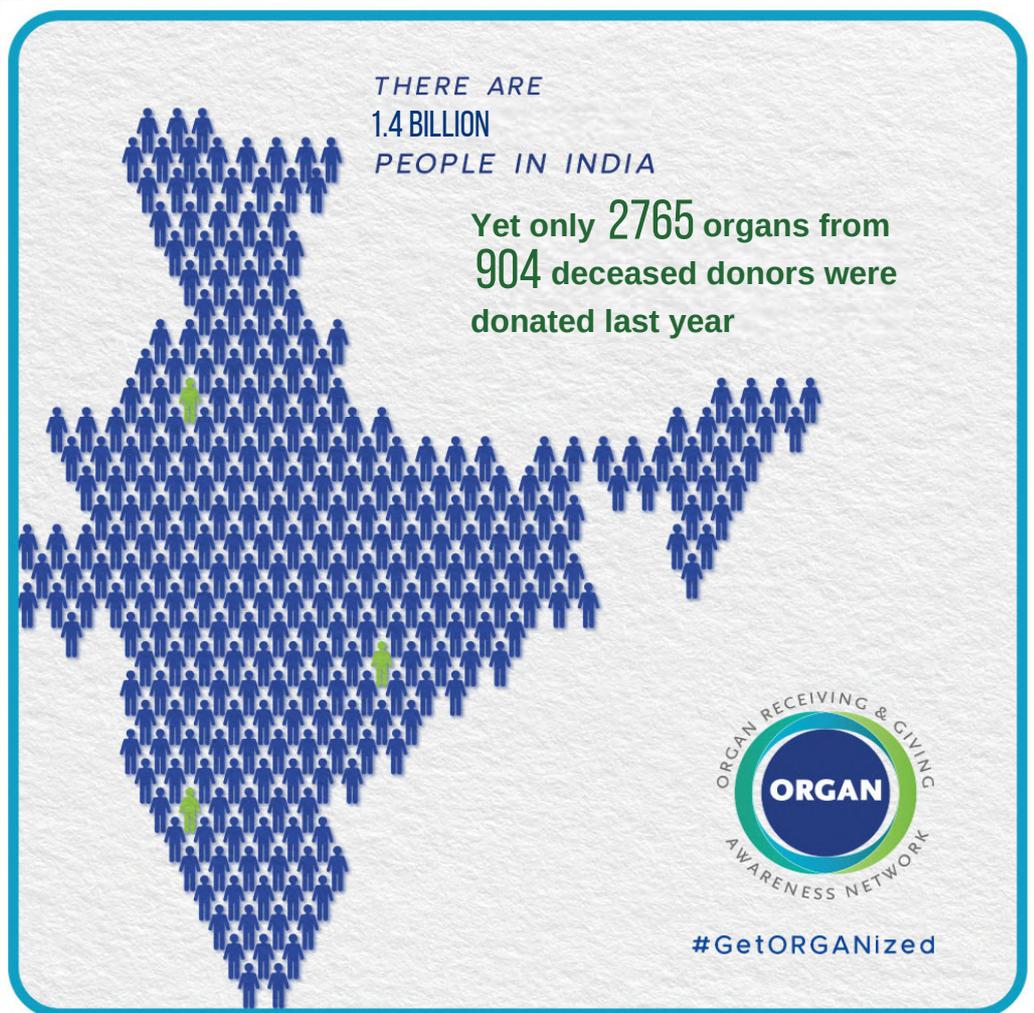
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Why are the Games important for India?

FOR ORGAN RECIPIENTS - many of the recipient athletes at the games have returned from the brink of death. Many will not have photographs of themselves in hospital as they didn't expect to survive. Their courage and perseverance are an inspiration to all organ recipients, that a better life is possible.

FOR LIVING DONORS - the donor athletes at the games are a living testament to the fact that a healthy and physically fit life is possible after a living organ donation. The visibility of these donors will go a long way towards removing organ donation hesitancy.

FOR FAMILIES OF DECEASED DONORS - the athletes at the games are an inspiration to those families making the difficult decision to donate their loved ones' organs. The athletes are living, breathing proof to donor families that their loved ones can live on after death. A part of them, and their hopes and dreams, lives on in others.

International sporting events allow for substantial engagement with the public and the Games provide a unique opportunity for mass outreach through sporting achievement.



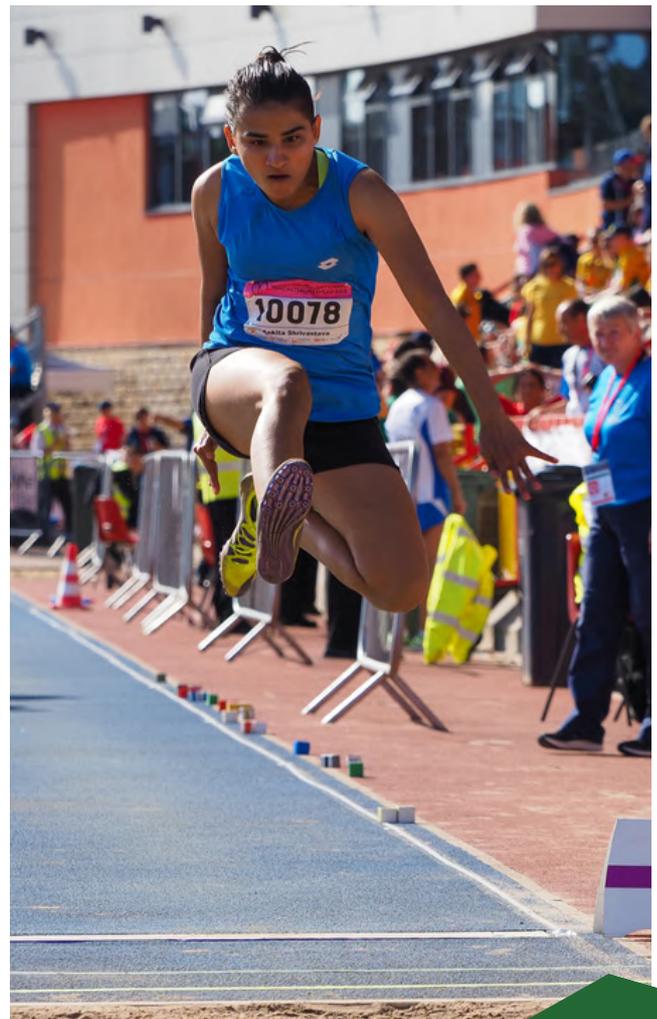
TEAM INDIA AT THE WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

Team India at previous World Transplant Games

For many years, India's participation at the Games was mostly driven by the athletes themselves. Teams of 2-3 athletes have been participating, and winning medals since at least 2011, but the official member organizations have adopted a laissez-faire approach to team management.

This tide turned in 2019, when **Light a Life – Reena Raju Foundation** took on the membership of the Federation and organized a team of 14 athletes, 11 organ recipients and 3 organ donors, with several athletes receiving sponsorship.

The 2021 Games, due to be held in the United States, were cancelled due to the pandemic. However, in 2021, ORGAN India was approached by several former athletes, who urged us to take on the membership of WTGF and management of Team India at the World Transplant Games. ORGAN India accordingly applied for membership and was appointed as the official member organization and team managers for India at the World Transplant Games in October 2021.



ORGAN India & Team India at the World Transplant Games 2023



ORGAN India began working on assembling a team for the World Transplant Games 2023 in Perth, Australia in November 2021. We set out with three clear objectives:

- 1.To increase the participation of athletes from India. Our target was to take a team of at least 30-35 athletes.
- 2.To provide financial, logistical and training support to the team.
- 3.To make a concerted public outreach to spread the word about the World Transplant Games, and by extension, organ donation in general.

Team Management

The priority was to appoint a Team Manager who would be exclusively dedicated to overseeing day-to-day operations. In November 2021, ORGAN India appointed Shankar Arora as Team Manager. The Team Manager's role covered several areas of responsibility:

- Coordination and liaison with event organizers
- Budgeting and planning
- Athlete recruitment
- Coordination of Initial publicity and outreach
- Coordination of identity design of Team India at the World Transplant Games
- Coordination of website and social media design
- Coordination with legal team



Shankar Arora
Team Manager, Team India
at the World Transplant Games 2023

- Counselling of potential athletes
- Overseeing registration of athletes
- Coordination of pre-departure team logistics (India)
- On-ground coordination of logistics (Australia)
- Assist ORGAN India team in fundraising.
- Coordination with PR and outreach in collaboration with PR Team
- Coordination of design and production of team kits
- Assist ORGAN India team with all compliance documentation.

Outreach and Public Relations

Building on the experience of athletes and team managers at previous games, ORGAN India observed that there was a substantial lack of awareness about the Games in India and that a concerted outreach would be required for any meaningful engagement with the public at large. Accordingly, the following steps were taken:

- Leveraging the considerable social media reach of ORGAN India to spread awareness about the Games.
- Creation of a dedicated social media handle for Team India
- Engaged the digital agency Amplify Media to design and create a Team India website.
- Appointment of dedicated PR company (PRable Global) to engage with print and digital media.
- Collaboration with Whistling Woods International to create a special team song, entitled 'Hissa Bann', sung by Raag Suri.
- Engaged filmmaker Ravi Kulshreshta to create several outreach videos, including a music video set to the team song, 'Hissa Bann'.



Outreach and Public Relations

PRESS OUTREACH EVENTS

Pre-departure and post arrival press events were held where athletes and team management engaged with media persons.

-The first event was held on 15th March 2023 at the Press Club of India at the conclusion of our training camp at Manav Rachna University. Mr. Ronjon Sodhi (Double Trap Shooter and Commonwealth/Asian Games medallist & Mentor, Manav Rachna Sports Science Centre) was the chief guest at the event. 15 athletes, along with principal sponsors from Dinesh Vyas Trust and GK Winding, and the ORGAN India team attended the event.

-The second event was held on 2nd May 2023. 20 athletes, along with principal sponsors Dinesh Vyas Trust, EXL Service, GK Winding, Manav Rachna University and the ORGAN India team attended the event.

Considerable press coverage was generated through the events in both English and Hindi language online and print media. A complete media outreach report is appended to this report.





Athlete Recruitment

ORGAN India embarked on an ambitious plan to take a team of 30 athletes to the World Transplant Games 2023. The following steps were taken to assemble the team:

-Online meetings with athletes who had participated in previous games to leverage their experience and ascertain what athletes on the ground required. The following was the consistent feedback that was received:

- Logistical support and management were required.
- Medical team and physiotherapy essential for athletes
- Assistance with fundraising

-Using existing social media and medical networks, ORGAN India reached out to the transplant community to recruit potential athletes for the Games.

-A dedicated online registration page was created for interested athletes to register.

-Regular online counselling sessions with interested athletes

-More than 110 athletes expressed interest in participation at the Games, out of which, approximately 85 were organ recipients and 25 were organ donors.

-Due to various reasons such as time commitments, inability to get leave, potential costs involved and health issues, many of those who registered were unable to participate.

-The final team tally was 32 athletes, including 26 organ recipients and 8 organ donors.

Fundraising

From early in the process, it became evident that considerable financial support would be required to send a competitive team to the Games. The estimated expenditure for the Games, including registration costs, airfare, accommodation, visas, insurance, and subsistence costs would be between Rs. 2.5-3 lakhs. Most interested athletes would not be able to cover these costs.

Accordingly, ORGAN India took the following steps:

- Major fundraising campaign with outreach to corporates, foundations, and other potential funding sources.
- The process was often painstaking, with minimal interest from corporate sponsors and the nature of the event making it difficult to get CSR funds. More than 75 proposals were shared with various entities and only 3-4 expressing interest.
- We were, however, able to raise a limited amount of CSR funds and other initiatives from through our network of contacts in several corporate organizations, including EXL Services, GK Winding and To the New. Priti & Samir Agarwal (Geekay Winding) and Satyajit Gupta (EXL Service) were committed to the cause and were instrumental in securing the funds.
- In December 2022, we were connected by our Resource Allocation Committee member, Dr. Ravi Mohanka and our Team Doctor, Dr. Deepak Bhatia to the Dinesh Vyas Trust. Kunti Jhaveri, Chairperson of the the trust, took on the cause, becoming a valued partner of Team India. Dinesh Vyas Trust provided substantial funding which contributed to the expenses of more than a dozen athletes.
- In addition, ORGAN India reached out to small donors through a crowdfunding campaign on the Give India portal. Our intern, Zoravar Singh, and several students undertook crowdfunding as well, and were able to raise a small amount of funds for specific athletes.
- 16 athletes were allocated varying levels of funding through our donors and supporters.

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Resource Allocation Committee

In order to ensure the best allocation of any funds received, ORGAN India created a **Resource Allocation Committee** to disburse funds. The allocation committee consisted of ORGAN India representatives, a former national level athlete, transplant doctors, a sports journalist, and the Team Captain.

1	Ms. Anika Parashar, Chairperson, Parashar Foundation	Ex-Officio Chairperson
2	Ms. Sunayana Singh CEO, ORGAN India	Convenor
3	Mr. Shankar Arora Team Manager, Team India at the World Transplant Games 2023	Secretary
4	Ms. Manisha Malhotra Head of Sports Excellence and Scouting, JSW Sports	Member
5	Dr. Bharat V. Shah Director, Institute of Renal Sciences, Global Hospital, Mumbai	Member
6	Dr. (Prof.) Ashish Sharma Head, Dept of Renal Transplant Surgery, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Member
7	Dr. Ravi Mohanka Director, Hepatobiliary Surgery & Liver Transplant, HN Reliance Hospital, Mumbai	Member
8	Ms. Neeru Bhatia Deputy Chief of Bureau, THE WEEK Magazine	Member
9	Dr. Deepak Bhatia Team Doctor	Member
10	Mr. Karhun Nanda Team Captain	Member
11	Ms. Aprajita Verma COO, ORGAN India	Member

The committee met several times over the course of 2022-2023 and allocated funding to 16 athletes, with varying degrees of funding for each athlete. The funding was allocated on an agreed-upon criteria including skill level, previous performance at the World Transplant Games, special categories, etc. Out of 16 athletes for whom funding was provided, 13 have come back from the Games with medals.

Assessment & Training

As part of the allocation exercise, there was a need for assessment of skill level of the athletes. In addition, based on feedback from athletes who had participated in previous games, the level of competition was exceedingly high, so it was felt that formal assessment and training was required.

We were fortunate enough to find a partner in this particular endeavour, in the form of Dr. OP Bhalla Foundation and Manav Rachna group of institutions, through their dedicated Sports Science Center in Faridabad. Manav Rachna hosted 2 separate camps in August 2022 and March 2023. Around 20 athletes attended the camps, which provided the following for the athletes:

- Assessment provided for all athletes in terms of Stamina and Injury Risk.
- Training sessions and exercise programs customized for individual athletes to develop their fitness, stamina and to reduce risk of injury. The programs were also customized as per their relevant sport.
- Psychological assessment and training to develop coping skills in high-pressure environments.



Assessment & Training

- Athletes were also given counselling on sports nutrition, specifically relevant to transplant patients to develop good nutrition habits to be able to compete at a higher level.
- Athletes received technical training in their respective sports through daily sessions on the court and field with professional coaches.
- The team was also given the opportunity to meet and interact with accomplished sportspersons and leaders in various fields such as Anjum Moudgil, (Indian Pistol shooter – Ranked No. 1 in the world) and Munkhbayar Dorjsuren (Mongolian-German Pistol Shooter and 2-time Olympic medallist as well as the coach for the Indian National Pistol Shooting Team).

The camps also provided a meeting ground for team members to meet and interact prior to the Games, which in turn allowed for a bond to develop between team members. The Team India which arrived in Perth was a more cohesive unit thanks to the opportunity for interaction the camps provided.

We are immensely grateful for the assistance provided by Dr. Amit Bhalla, Ronjon Sodhi and the rest of the team at Manav Rachna for their invaluable contribution to Team India.



Identity and Kit Design

There was need to create a distinctive and modern identity for the team, and ORGAN India undertook this exercise through our in-house designer, Kavita Puri Arora. The following work was undertaken:

- Design of the much-appreciated Team India logo
- Design and color scheme for Team Identity
- Design (in collaboration with T10 sports) of the team kits
- Team Kits, including t-shirts, track suits, sweatshirts and caps were customized through T10 Sports and provided free of cost to all 32 athletes.
- Costs of Team Kits were covered through grants from our corporate donors.



Appointment of Team Captain

It was felt that there was a need for the athletes to have a representative at a management level. Mr. Karhun Nanda, a heart transplant recipient, footballer and golfer who had participated in the 2019 Games was appointed by the team management as Team Captain and flag-bearer of the Team. Respected by the athletes, Mr. Nanda was an invaluable asset as Team Captain, both as a liaison between athletes and management, as well as a measured, thoughtful voice of experience.



Medical Team

Based on feedback from previous participants, team management was able to put together a medical team to travel with the athletes. The team consisted of 3 persons:



Dr. Deepak Bhatia
Orthopaedics,
Mumbai



Manjeet Kumar
Physiotherapist,
Haryana



Dr. Jo Joseph
Heart Transplant
Surgeon, Kerala

Dr. Jo Joseph & Mr. Manjeet Kumar travelled with the team and Dr. Deepak Bhatia was available for online consultations as he was unable to travel due to issues with his passport. The team provided substantial support to athletes with injuries and health issues during the course of the Games. Dr. Jo Joseph covered his own costs and Mr. Manjeet Kumar's costs were paid through a grant from the Dinesh Vyas Trust.

Logistics & Coordination

By far the largest exercise undertaken was the logistics and coordination for athletes' participation. This consisted of the following:

- **Registration** – The organizers provided a facility for individual online registration for athletes, which was supervised by the team management through a dedicated portal. Many athletes were able to register directly, but guidance was provided by team management regarding procedure, details, and sports entries. Once the athletes completed their entries, Team Management was responsible for verifying and approving the registration. However, many athletes were unable to do the registration directly and registration was done for them. More than 80 athletes registered on the Games portal.
- **Visas** – Visa applications was a cumbersome process, involving substantial documentation from the athletes, team management and organizers.
 - Team Management engaged an agency, Trip India Travels, to assist the athletes with their applications. Agency costs were borne partially by ORGAN India and partially by athletes themselves. Several athletes chose to undertake the visa application directly or through their own agency.
 - Team Management coordinated issue of letters of support as well as financial assistance (where applicable) from ORGAN India.
 - Team Management coordinated the issue of support letters from the organizers for the athletes as well.
 - All in all, 35 athletes applied for visas to travel for the Games.
 - 8 visas were refused, with the common reason that the applicant had failed to prove they would return to India once the Games were completed.
 - Out of these 8, two applicants withdrew from the team.
 - The remaining 6 athletes re-applied for visas. Team management provided further confirmation of support and urged the organizers to intervene with the Australian government. The organizers, on their part, were extremely helpful and coordinated with the local government to ensure that the athletes were given reasonable consideration in the re-application process. All 6 of the athletes who re-applied were granted visas.
 - All the athletes who re-applied and were able to travel have won medals for India at the Games. Sadly, one of the athletes who was granted a visa was unable to travel due to being involved in a terrible road accident.



Logistics & Coordination

- **Flights** – Team Management undertook flight bookings for athletes whose travel costs were paid through sponsorship, either through a travel agent or direct booking through the respective airline website. In addition, those athletes who booked their own travel were advised as to flight details and timings to travel in groups, rather than to travel unaccompanied. The largest group travelled from New Delhi – a group of 16. Thanks to ORGAN India Chairperson's requests to GMR and Singapore Airlines, the athletes travelling from Delhi were provided with considerable assistance to ease the departure process.
- **Pre-Departure Briefing** – As this trip would be the first trip abroad for many of the athletes, a pre-departure briefing document was prepared by Team Management in English and Hindi with advice on luggage requirements and restrictions, Australia's strict entry restrictions, etiquette, and athlete responsibilities.
- **Code of Conduct** – In coordination with an appointed legal team, Team Management prepared a code of conduct for athletes travelling to the Games. All athletes were required to sign the code of conduct prior to departure.
- **Airport Pickups and Drops (Australia)** – Team Management coordinated the arrival and departure airport pickups and drops with the local agency engaged by the organizers. All pickups and drops happened smoothly with no issues.
- **On-Ground Team** – A 5-member coordination team from ORGAN India travelled with the athletes to provide logistical and administrative support to the athletes, such as:
 - ORGAN India representative travelled with all athletes who were travelling for the first time.
 - Daily the transportation to and from venues for the athletes.
 - Team manager present at all venues for all events.
 - The team from ORGAN India included the following people:
 - Shankar Arora (Team Manager)
 - Sunayana Singh (CEO, ORGAN India & Country Representative for India at the World Transplant Games Federation)
 - Anika Parashar (Chairperson, Parashar Foundation)
 - Aprajita Verma (COO, ORGAN India)
 - Sourabh Sharma (Manager, Programmes & Outreach, ORGAN India)
 - ORGAN India covered the costs of travel for 4 members of the team through internal grants. Ms. Anika Parashar covered her own costs.
 - Volunteer Team – A volunteer team of 3 people travelled at their own cost to provide support in terms of social media, photography and logistics. The volunteers were:
 - Eeda Gujral Chopra (Trustee, Vijaya Gujral Foundation)
 - Inayat Puri, Class 10, Step By Step School
 - Zoravar Singh, Class 9, Step By Step School



MEET THE ATHLETES

Meet the Athletes



Abhinav Singh Pangtey
Kidney Recipient
Pitthoragarh, UK



Anil Srivatsa
Kidney Donor
Bengaluru, KA



Bhawani Singh
Kidney Recipient
Jaipur, RJ



Dinoy Thomas
Heart Recipient
Kochi, KL



Amit Prasada
Liver Recipient
New Delhi



Ankita Shrivastava
Liver Donor
Bhopal, MP



Deepa Savithri
Kidney Donor
Bengaluru, KA



Harsh Vardhan Singh
Kidney Recipient
Jaipur, RJ



Amit Kumar Sharma
Kidney Recipient
Jaipur, RJ



Arjun Srivatsa
Kidney Recipient
Bengaluru, KA



Dharmender Kumar Soti
Kidney Recipient
Lucknow, UP



Heera Singh Daspa
Kidney Recipient
Mohali, PB



Anand Anantharaman
Donor Family
Bengaluru, KA



Balveer Singh
Kidney Recipient
Barabanki, UP



Digvijay Singh Gujral
Kidney Recipient
Katni, MP



Hitesh Sharma
Kidney Recipient
Jaipur, RJ

Meet the Athletes



Karan Gaur
Kidney Recipient
Bikaner, RJ



Merlyn Paul
Kidney Recipient
Kottayam, KL



Rahul Kumar Prajapati
Heart Recipient
New Delhi



Souvik Sarkar
Kidney Recipient
Bengaluru, KA



Karhun Nanda
Heart Recipient
New Delhi



Mily Tony
Liver Donor
Malappuram, KL



Roy Tom
Liver Donor
Malappuram, KL



Sumeer K. Padmanabhan
Kidney Recipient
Chennai, TN



Kihisor Suryavanshi
Kidney Recipient
Jalgaon, MH



Nagaraj Raghavendra
Liver Recipient
Chennai, TN



Tauheed Ahamad
Kidney Recipient
Barabanki, UP



Varun Anand
Kidney Recipient
Bengaluru, KA



Maggie Paul
Liver Donor
Kottayam, KL



Parag Kamal Sharma
Kidney Recipient
New Delhi



Ramanaiah PV,
Liver Recipient
Visakhapatnam, AP



Vijaybahadur Yadav
Kidney Donor
Thane, MH

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OUTCOMES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Team India Participation Tally

ORGAN India was able to surpass its target of participating at the Games with a team of 30 athletes. In all, 32 athletes participated in the Games, consisting of 34 organ recipients and 8 organ donors/donor family. The following is a full list of athletes and the sport they participated in:

No.	Name	Events Participated
Recipients		
1	Merlyn Paul	5K Run, Badminton Mixed Doubles, Shot Put
2	Abhinav Singh Pangtey	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles , 100m, Javelin Throw, 4x100 Relay
3	Amit Prasada	Golf
4	Amit Kumar Sharma	Petanque Singles, Petanque Doubles, 5000m Racewalk
5	Arjun Srivatsa	Golf , Golf Pairs
6	Balveer Singh	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles
7	Bhawani Singh	Petanque Singles, Petanque Doubles, Lawn Bowls
8	Dharmendra Kumar Soti	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles
9	Digvijay Singh Gujral	Squash
10	Dinoy Thomas	5000m Racewalk
11	Harsh Vardhan Singh	Petanque Singles, Petanque Doubles, Darts Triple Mix, Lawn Bowls, 5000m Racewalk
12	Heera Singh Daspa	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles, 1500m, Javelin Throw, 400m
13	Hitesh Sharma	Petanque Singles, Petanque Doubles, Darts Triple Mix, 5000m Racewalk, Lawn Bowls
14	Karan Gaur	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles, Ball Throw, 5000m Racewalk, 4x100 Relay
15	Karhun Nanda	Golf , Golf Pairs
16	Kishor Suryavanshi	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles
17	Nagaraj Raghavendra	5K Run, Badminton Singles, Ball Throw
18	Parag Kamal Sharma	Table Tennis, Petanque Singles
19	Rahul Kumar Prajapati	Badminton Singles, 100m, Discus Throw
20	Souvik Sarkar	Tenpin Bowling, Darts, Darts Triple Mix
21	Sumeer K. Padmanabhan	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles, Tennis Doubles
22	Tauheed Ahmad	Badminton Singles, Badminton Doubles, 4x100 Relay
23	Varun Anand	Tennis Singles, Badminton Singles, Table Tennis
24	Venkata Ramanaiah Puli	Tennis Singles, Tennis Doubles
Living Donors/Donor Family		
1	Maggie Paul	5K Run, 100m
2	Mily Tony	5K Run, 100m , Long Jump
3	Ankita Shrivastava	3000m Racewalk, Long Jump, Ball Throw
4	Deepa Savithri	3000m Racewalk, Ball Throw
5	Roy Tom	5K Run, 100m, 5000m Racewalk, Long Jump
6	Vijaybahadur Yadav	5K Run, Petanque Singles, Ball Throw, Badminton Mixed Doubles, 100m
7	Anil Srivatsa	5000m Racewalk, Ball Throw
8	Anand Anantharaman	5000m Racewalk

Team India Consolidated Medal tally World Transplant Games 2023

The World Transplant Games calculates medals in 3 categories - Adult Competitors (Recipients), Junior Competitors (Recipients), and Living Donors/ Donor Families. Below are the totals for each of the categories.

Team India collectively won a staggering **35 medals** across the three categories at the World Transplant Games 2023.

Category	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Adult Competitors	4	5	8	17
Junior Competitors	3	-	-	3
Living Donors/ Donor Family	8	5	2	15
Total				35

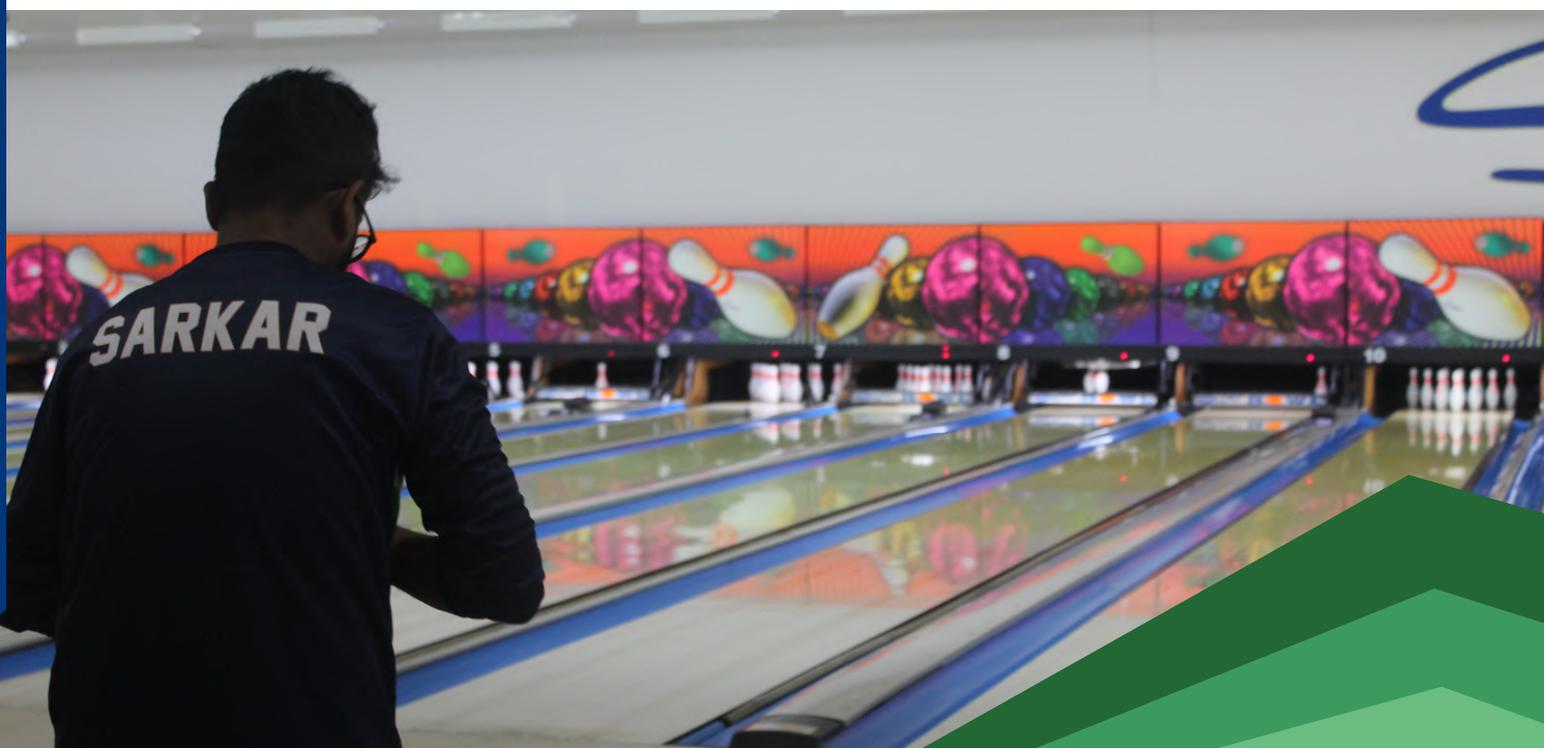


Adult Competitor Tally

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Gold Medals

#	Name	Sport	Event	Age Cat.
1	Dhamender Soti	Badminton	Singles	50-59
2	Souvik Sarkar	Tenpin Bowling	Individual	30-39
3	Souvik Sarkar	Darts	Singles	30-39
4	Heera Singh Daspa	Athletics	Javelin	3-39



Adult Competitor Tally

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Silver Medals

#	Name	Sport	Event	Age Cat.
1	Karhun Nanda	Golf	Individual	Band 3
2	Karhun Nanda & Arjun Srivatsa	Gold	Pairs	Band 2
3	Bhawani Singh	Petanque	Singles	30-39
4	Hitesh Sharma, Harsh Vardhan Singh & Souvik Sarkar	Darts	Triple Mixed	30-39
5	Abhinav Singh Pangtey	Athletics	Javelin	30-39



Adult Competitor Tally

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Bronze Medals

#	Name	Sport	Event	Age Cat.
1	Digvijay Singh Gujral	Squash	Singles	30-39
2	Tauheed Ahamad Abhinav Singh Pangtey	Badminton	Doubles	30-39
3	Rahul Kumar Prajapati	Athletics	Discus	18-29
4	Karan Gaur	Athletics	Racewalk	18-29
5	Merlyn Paul	Athletics	Shot Put	30-39
6	Amit Kumar Sharma	Athletics	Racewalk	30-39
7	Bhawani Singh	Lawn Bowls	Singles	30-39
8	Hitesh Sharma & Amit Kumar Sharma	Petanque	Doubles	30-39



Junior Competitor Tally

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Gold Medals

#	Name	Sport	Event	Age Cat.
1	Varun Anand	Badminton	Singles	12-14
2	Varun Anand	Tennis	Singles	12-14
3	Varun Anand	Table Tennis	Singles	12-14



Donor/Donor Family Tally

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Gold Medals

#	Name	Sport	Event	Age Cat.
1	Vijaybahadur Yadav	Athletics	5K Run	Under 50
2	Vijaybahadur Yadav	Athletics	Ball Throw	Under 50
3	Anil Srivatsa	Athletics	Ball Throw	50+
4	Anil Srivatsa	Athletics	Racewalk	50+
5	Roy Tom	Athletics	100m	Under 50
6	Roy Tom	Athletics	Long Jump	Under 50
7	Roy Tom	Athletics	Racewalk	Under 50
8	Ankita Shrivastava	Athletics	Long Jump	Under 50



Donor/Donor Family Tally

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Silver Medals

#	Name	Sport	Event	Age Cat.
1	Vijaybahadur Yadav	Petanque	Singles	Under 50
2	Ankita Shrivastava	Athletics	Ball Throw	Under 50
3	Ankita Shrivastava	Athletics	Racewalk	Under 50
4	Mily Tony	Athletics	Long Jump	Under 50
5	Anand Anantharaman	Athletics	Racewalk	Donor Family



Donor/Donor Family Tally

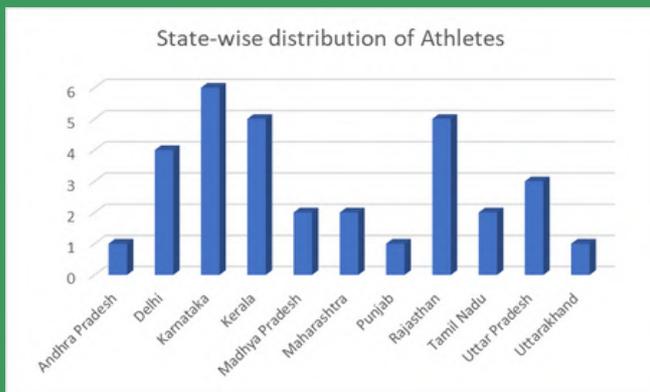
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Bronze Medals

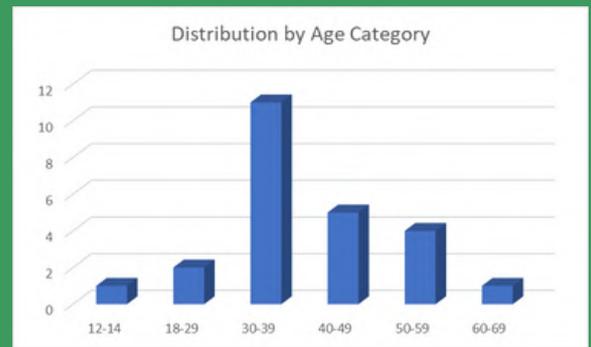
#	Name	Sport	Event	Age Cat.
1	Mily Tony	Athletics	100m	Under 50
2	Deepa Savithri	Athletics	Ball Throw	Under 50



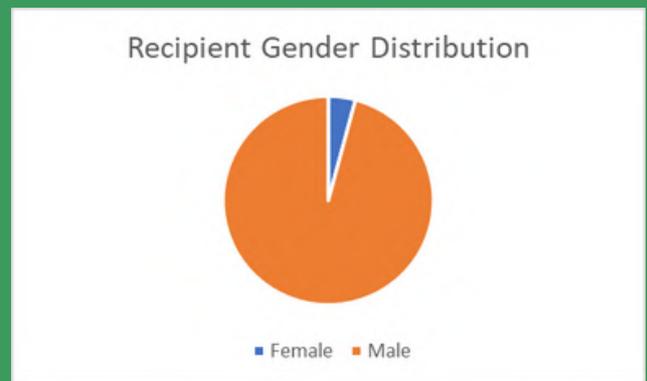
Team Distribution



Geographical Distribution – The athletes were from across India, but concentrated in large cities in the North as well as South India. Athletes from Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Delhi were represented in considerable numbers. Representation from Western states was less than was expected and there was no participation from Eastern States.



Age Distribution – The team was of varying ages, with maximum participation from the 30-39 age category.



Gender Distribution (Recipients) – There was considerable gender disparity between male and female athletes – with only 1 female recipient athlete. This highlights both the disparity between female recipients (Women account for less than 30% of transplant recipients in India) as well as the under-representation of women in sports in India. Considerable work needs to be done to address both issues.

Donor Gender Distribution



Gender Distribution (Donors) Conversely, women were considerably over-represented in the donor category. Women in India are massively over-represented when it comes to living donation. It is estimated that women make up just under 80% of the living donors in India, yet another gender disparity that needs to be addressed.



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