



Good show by MRPL in the 04th ONGC Para Games

ONGC started the 01st edition of Para Games in 2017 with a vision to encourage & bring out the sporting talent of PwD (Persons with Disabilities) i.e. differently-abled employees of the organization. 02nd Para Games were conducted in 2018 and third Para Games were held in 2019. The fourth edition of the Para Games was held recently, after a gap of nearly two years due to Covid -19 pandemic. The fourth edition of the Para Games was conducted from 02-04th August 2022 at Thyagraj Sports Complex, New Delhi, and the same venue where Commonwealth Games (CWG) were conducted in 2010.

In a first, ONGC had invited other Oil PSUs to participate in the 03rd Para Games held at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat in 2019. This invite received a lukewarm response with only 03-04 PSUs along with ONGC participating in the sporting event.

In the opening remarks at the inauguration of the 3rd para games ONGC CMD Dr. Alka Mittal said that ONGC Para Games is a special HR Initiative to provide equal opportunity to PwDs in all walks of the corporate life. 04th Para Games inaugurated by Honourable Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing and Urban Affairs Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri. He said ONGC Para Games is a “wonderful platform to bring in inclusiveness and equity in the human resource of the public enterprises under the ministry of MoP & NG.” He also wished to have equal participation of men and women PWD employees in the next edition of ONGC Para Games.

04th Para Games started with an overwhelming response from 7 other Oil PSU's like MRPL (11), IOCL (21), BPCL (13), HPCL (6), EIL (9), GAIL (15), OIL (8) along with ONGC (192). A total of about 270 athletes representing the PSUs participated in this year's event. The theme of the event was “Fostering Inclusiveness”.



04th Para Games comprised a total of 70 events including Badminton, Table Tennis, and Track and Field events like 100 , 200 , 400 meters sprint events, 2.0 KM walk, Long Jump and Discus Throw. The event included categories like above 40 & below 40, with different PWD categories of OH Lower, OH Upper, HH, Low Vision, Wheel Chair, etc.

The MRPL Management encouraged its para athletes by interacting with them to boost their morale before they embarked on their journey to participate in the event. MRPL athletes lived up to the expectations by winning a total of 7 medals - 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze. MRPL's Ex-D (F) and current D (F)-ONGC Smt. Pomila Jaspal complimented the medal winning athletes for their stupendous achievements in the event.

Some glimpses of the sporting event and winners receiving medals



Mr. Sannamaresha (HR) won 2 gold medals - in 2.0 KM walk & 400 meters sprint event, 2 Silver medals - in 100 meter sprint & Long Jump. Mr. Baiju V (Materials) won gold in men's 100 meter race. Mr. Ranjan N (HSE) won 2 bronze medals in 400 & 200 meter track events.

Every athlete who was part of the MRPL contingent tried his/her best to win medals for their organisation. Many athletes who were first time participants in the sporting event missed medals in many closely fought events as they were

placed just behind the winners in 4th, 5th or 6th positions and some lost out in quarter finals and semi-finals. MRPL athletes put up an impressive show despite facing stiff competition from international/national para athletes representing other PSUs.



Closing ceremony of the 04th edition of ONGC Para Games was attended by Honourable Minister of State MoP&NG, Labour and Employment Shri. Rameswar Teli. He expressed his happiness about ONGC's special HR initiative for the differently-abled. He encouraged the athletes to "dream to achieve" and wished that this event will make way for many such events in the future. This event & ceremony saw the participation of CMD & D (HR)-ONGC along with other ONGC Directors and CMD – IOCL & Director (HR) – IOCL and other Directors & dignitaries.

