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REPORT of the 3rd ROLL BALL WORLD CUP

We all, the members of IRBF, RBF, Organizing Committee and the Reception Committee are filled with great sense of satisfaction and gratitude to submit the 3rd Roll Ball World Cup Report.

The preparations for this world cup truly began almost 12 months back and struck the first success note when the Logo for this championship was launched on 11th October 2015 by the auspicious hands of Hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of India, Shri Sarbananad Sonowal Ji at a grand ceremony held at the banquet hall of Hotel Marriot, S. B. Road, Pune.

The 3rd Roll Ball World Cup was inaugurated by the auspicious hands of the Mayor of Pune Mr. Dattatray Dhankawde in the presence of Mr. P. D. Patil, Vice Chancellor-DY Patil University; Mr. Sunil ji Deshpande-Social Worker, Ms. Penninah Kebange, President-International Roll Ball Federation; Mr. Satish Sarhaddi, Director-Sports Authority Of India; Adv. Abhay Chhajed, President-Roll Ball Federation of India, Mr. Vasant Rathi Chairman-3rd RBWC Organizing committee; Mr. Manik Thosare, Asst. Director-Sports Maharashtra State; Mr. N. B. Mote, Asst. Director-Sports Maharashtra State; Ms. Kavita Navande Asst. Director MH; Mr. Vineet Kuber, Director-IRBF & Mr Satish Gharpure, Member-3rd RBWC Organizing committee.

The Opening Ceremony started with the lighting of the lamp which represents the Indian Culture of progressing from darkness to light. This was followed by the March past by all the participants from different countries. A dance performance Ganesh Vandana by classical dancers of Sanskriti Kala Manch and also by the students of Bal Shikshan Mandir School, Mahesh Vidyalaya, Ryan International School, followed by a demonstration of Yoga for the new generation organized by Mrs. Sunanda Rathi. The dance performances were followed by singing performance of the students of Blind School Pune and were enjoyed a lot by the audience. The cherry on the cake was the pulsating performance of Dhol and Tasha by the Shivgarjana group. The guests were enthralled to hear the 100 year old Dhol-Tasha beats that set their legs tapping to the rhythm. The Opening Ceremony ended with the first league match of the Women's category. A very important aspect which the IRBF has begun; was to begin the Championship matches with the Women's match in respect to the Women Power. This was a gesture by the IRBF to give importance to Women empowerment.

Out of the 32 confirmed countries 26 countries participated in this championship viz, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, China, Denmark, Egypt, England, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Latvia, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, Senegal,

Singapore, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Zambia & host India. 6 countries viz. Guinea, Tanzania, Rwanda, Turkey, Pakistan and Sierra Leone could not participate due to some technical problems. The League matches continued on 16th, 17th & 18th December. The women's semifinal and men's quarterfinal matches were played on Saturday 19th December. In the first Women's semi - final India defeated Iran 2-1 while Kenya beat Uganda 2-1 to enter the finals. In the final match Kenya beat India 2-1 to clinch the title. The Prize distribution of the Women's event was done by in the presence of Mr. Swarn Singh Chhabda-Secretary Sports Authority of India; Mrs. Penninah Kabenge, President-International Roll Ball Federation; Mr. Vasant Rathi, Mr. Manohar Kant, and Mr. Vineet Kuber.

The men's semifinal matches were played on Sunday 20th December. In the first semi - final India beat Kenya 9-4 while Iran beat Latvia 11-6 in the second semi - final to enter the finals. In the final match India beat Iran 6-4 to clinch the title. The Prize distribution of the Men's event was done by Shri Anil Shirole MP



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Pune City in the presence of Mrs. Penninah Kabenge, President-International Roll Ball Federation, Mr. Vasant Rathi, Mr. Ramkumar Rathi, Mr. Vineet Kuber and Mr. Satish Gharpure.

Another important gesture by the IRBF was the Social Aspect brought to the Championship by giving an opportunity for the Blind Children to perform during the Opening Ceremony. A "Wheel Chair Roll Ball" Demonstration match by the Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre of the Indian Army at Pune; also added a flavor of social awareness and Salute to our Army personnel to the 3rd.RBWC.

This championship wouldn't have been possible without the support of Suviron, Saket Communications, Genius Systems, Rathi Group of Industries, Amar Builders, Air India, Hasmukh Travels, Bharat Petroleum, ONGC, Reliance, Indian Oil, Sanjay Ghodawat Group, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Shell, Ministry of Tourism Govt. of India, JNPT, Akashwani, DD Sports and Pune Municipal Corporation We are very thankful to our sponsors who have played a vital role in making this championship successful.

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