

Mphasis and NCPEDP extend support to athletes representing India in Para-Sports at the Commonwealth Games 2010

Extend support to top Karnataka athletes - Farman Basha, Sharath Gayakwad and Prasanta Karmakar

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Mphasis, a leading IT services and BPO Company, and the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) today announced the extension of support to top athletes from Karnataka representing India in the Para-Sports category at the Commonwealth Games being held in Delhi in October 2010.

Leading elite athletes from Karnataka - Farman Basha (international level power lifter and Arjuna Awardee), Prasanta Karmakar (winner of four gold medals in International World Swimming Championships) and Sharath Gayakwad (international level swimmer and Eklavya awardee) and are being provided with financial support, amenities and training to help in their preparation for the Games.

At the Delhi Commonwealth Games, there will be 15 events contested across 4 Para-Sports for elite athletes with a disability covering Athletics, Swimming, Power Lifting and Table Tennis. These events will account for 45 medals that will add to the final tally of medals won at the Commonwealth Games.

“The Commonwealth Games celebrates the spirit of humanity and equality. It offers an opportunity to take human performance to new heights in the field of sports. However, people with disabilities experience various financial, physical and physiological barriers to participate at platforms such as these,” said Meenu Bhambhani, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Mphasis. “We hope that this initiative will serve as an example for others to extend similar support to other such players who have limited opportunities and are denied access and encouragement to perform for their country.”

“NCPEDP is focused on creating awareness for the rights of people with disabilities. We believe that it is essential to provide an inclusive society with equal opportunities for them in the area of sports. India, despite various policies for the disabled, has been unable to empower them due to corruption and red-tapism in the system,” said Javed Abidi, Honorary Director, NCPEDP. “However, with support from Mphasis, we are able to help these athletes realize their dreams and reach great heights.”

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National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (N.C.P.E.D.P.) was registered as a Trust in 1996, with a Board of Management which has representation from industry, N.G.O.s, disabled people and international agencies. N.C.P.E.D.P. stresses the need to move away from traditionally held views of charity and welfare to those of productivity and empowerment of disabled people.

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