

Samajik Adhikarita Shivar witnesses three Guinness World Records in Navsari, Gujarat

Samajik Adhikarita Shivar and scheme of assistance to disabled Persons for Purchase/Fittings of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) camp witnessed three Guinness World Records at Sai Garba Maidan of Navsari, Gujarat on September 17, 2016. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The three world records were the part of ADIP camp conducted by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with disabilities [Divyangjan], Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and organised by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO).

The first record "highest number of oil lamps lit simultaneously at single location" was set on the eve (16th September, 2016) of the Mega camp. An incredible 989 Divyangs (Person with Disabilities) came together to set an all-new record- almost doubling the minimum of 500 participants they needed in order to achieve the title. The challenge was for each person to light the lamp exactly at the same time after a given signal within 30 seconds.

The second record 'Biggest Wheelchair Logo' was also broken on 17th September, 2016 in Navsari, Gujarat. The 1,000 participants in wheelchairs depicted a message saying 'Happy Birthday PM' in tri-colour. It bettered the previous record of 346 participants that was achieved by Hope Inc. in Moorhead, Minnesota, USA.

The third world record 'Most people fitted with Hearing Aid in 8 hours – Single location (600 Hearing Aid) - was also set on the same day. Free assistive devices kits were handed out to thousands of Divyangs throughout the weekend, in addition to the hearing aids distributed during the record attempt.

It is important to mention here, Navsari Camp is the 159th Mega ADIP camp and so far is the biggest one. The 11330 Divyangjan beneficiaries were benefitted in the camp. The scheme is in force since 1981. This has been revised and further adopted from April, 01, 2014.

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