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Members of the swimming team "The Sea Hawks" pose after setting the world record of covering 490 km from Goa to Mumbai to support the "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" initiative in Mumbai on Thursday. – PTI



Team Sea Hawks at Dona Paula, Goa, at the start of the swim



Turbulent waves hitting swimmers hard

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Swimming at night



Team photo at Gateway of India - media persons wearing the BBBP caps



Team distributed BBBP caps at the reception-media event

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Caps with BBBP Logo distributed by the Seahawks



Invitation to the Swimmathon Event at the finish at Gateway of India

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Some of the news clippings published in various newspapers



— भारतीय तैराकों ने बनाया कीर्तिमान —

इजरायल का टूटा वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड



इजरायल के तैराकों ने खुले पानी में तैरकर 380 किमी की दूरी तय कर रिकॉर्ड बनाया था. टीम के सदस्यों का गुरुवार को गेट वे ऑफ इंडिया पर स्वीमिंग फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसएफआई) और शुभचिंतकों द्वारा भव्य स्वागत किया गया. सी हॉक्स टीम ने गोवा के डोना पाउला से 13 फरवरी को तैरना शुरू किया था और 18 फरवरी को अलीबाग में उनका मिशन पूरा हुआ.

120 घंटे में 433.11

किमी तय किया सफर

कार्यालय संवाददाता

मुंबई. भारतीय तैराकों ने इजरायल द्वारा तैराकी में बनाए गए वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड को ध्वस्त कर दिया है. बुधवार को 6 सदस्यीय सी हॉक्स टीम ने समुद्र में 119.59 घंटे में 433.11 किमी की दूरी तय कर नया वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड बनाया है. इस टीम की अगुवाई विंग कमांडर परमवीर सिंह ने की. इससे पहले यह रिकार्ड इजरायल के नाम था.

मिशन 'बेटी पढ़ाओ, बेटी बचाओ' को समर्पित

- इस टीम में विंग कमांडर परमवीर सिंह, गुलिपिल्ली नरहरि, अंकन कुमार पटेल, विष्ठी टोकस (चारों भारतीय वायुसेना में कार्यरत), गणेश पलाडे (मुंबई पुलिस) तथा मानव मेहता शामिल थे.
- सिंह ने बताया कि तैराकी के दौरान उन्हें सशक्त ज्वार, समुद्री बीमारी, जेलीफिश, दूषित जल और कई मछली पकड़ने वाली नौकाओं का सामना करना पड़ा, लेकिन नए वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड बनाने की जज्बा से निकले टीम के सदस्यों ने अपना मिशन पूरा करके ही दम लिया.
- हम इजरायल के वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड को तोड़ने का मिशन बनाकर ही निकले थे और इसे 119.59 घंटे में 433.11 किमी दूरी तय कर हासिल कर लिये. इस मिशन की निगरानी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नियमों के अनुसार एसएफआई द्वारा नियुक्त स्वतंत्र पर्यवेक्षक ने किया. टीम के सदस्यों ने इस वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड को राष्ट्रीय मिशन बेटी पढ़ाओ, बेटी बचाओ को समर्पित किया.

Team of six swim 433km, make relay world record

Pics: Rizwan Mithawala

Karan Bajaj

Mumbai: A team of six Indian open water swimmers have accomplished the world record for the longest open water relay swim. Their distance, over 433 km, covered in five days from Goa to Mumbai, is 53 km more than the record six Israelis made in October 2014.

The Indian team accomplished the feat to raise funds for the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao national mission. The team, Sea Hawks, was led by Wing Commander Paramvir Singh and comprised air force personnel Gullupilli Narhari, Anhan Kumar Patel and Vicky Tokas, Mumbai Police assistant sub-inspector Ganesh Palande and teenage civilian Manav Mehta. They set out from Dona Paula, Goa, at 4.30pm last Friday and touched Curtis Beach, Alibaug, at 3.29pm on Wednesday, taking 119.59 hours to complete the 433.11 km swim. The target of the team was to cover 490km till the Gateway of India in 156 hours, but due to bad weather, they had to change plans. In a symbolic gesture, they still swam till the Gateway.

The event was organized by the NGO Nanhi Kali, which works for underprivileged girl children. Crowds thronged the Gateway on Thursday to cheer on the team as they accomplished their finishing strokes. Wg Cdr Singh spoke strongly for the cause, urging people to get out of their comfort zones. "The main motive is to keep the passion alive for something good. The team had been preparing for this record attempt for over a year," he said.

The team fought changing tides 26 times, bad weather conditions, winds, contaminated waters, sea traffic (mainly cargoes, ferries and fishing boats) and extreme exhaustion. Shekhar Kale, an independent observer appointed by the Swimming Federation of India, validated the record.

Wg Cdr Singh, with three 'Sea Hawks' members, swam across the English Channel twice in the past. Last October, they set an Asian record, covering 286km in 49 hours and 42 minutes.



LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING

THE TEAM
SEA HAWKS
LEADER |
Wing Commander Paramvir Singh
MEMBERS
Air force Sergeant Gullupilli Narhari, Sergeant Anhan Kumar Patel and Vicky Tokas. Mumbai Police assistant sub-inspector Ganesh Palande. Civilian Manav Mehta

Duration of swim | **5 days**

Distance covered | **433.11 km**

Total time | **119.59 hours**

Last world record 380km, held by ISRAEL

Gateway of India

Finish | Curtis Beach, Alibaug. **3.29pm** Feb 18



Start | Dona Paula, Goa. **4.30pm** Feb 13

OPEN WATER SWIMMING

Takes place in outdoor bodies of water such as open oceans.

May 3, 1810, is considered to be the beginning of the modern age of open water swimming

On that day, Lord Byron swam several miles to cross the Hellespont (today called Dardanelles)

