

## **Sarthak NAAI May Bulletin**



**Excellence in Skilling through  
Abilympics**

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## **Sarthak NAAI West Zone Regional Abilympics, 2018- Pune**



National Abilympics Association of India and Sarthak Educational trust in collaboration with The Hans Foundation and All India Institute of technical Education (AICTE) hosted West Zone Regional Abilympic competitions for PwDs in Pune, at Queen Mary's Technical Institute for Disabled Soldiers, Pune on 25th and 26th May, 2018.

PwD participants from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra competed in 10 skill trades under three categories namely –

- ICT/Computers – Data Processing (Basic & Advanced); Word Processing/English Text Processing; Creating Web Pages; Poster Designing; Computer Programming and Photography (Studio/Outdoor).
- Crafts – Embroidery; Waste Reuse and Painting (Colours).
- Food – Restaurant Service.

More than 200 attendees graced the two day event, of which 130 were participants, 15 escorts, 10 officials, 13 volunteers, 13 judges and about 40 Guests. The program started with the 'lighting of the lamp' by Mrs MuktaTilak, Hon'ble Mayor of Pune and other dignitaries from Pune.

The entire two day event comprised of four different sets of activities –





1. Inaugural Ceremony and Regional conference on 'Excellence in Skilling of PwDs through Abilympics.
2. Vocational skill competitions in 10 skill trades
3. Job Fair for PwD participants
4. Valedictory session and Awards ceremony.



The Regional Conference witnessed the presence of leading CSR heads from Eaton, Thermax, Credit Suisse, Vodafone and corporate heads from Reliance, Holiday Inn, Aegis and Hotel Hilton-Concord. Followed by NAAI event where 115 PwD showcased their talent in various trades of ICT, Crafts and Food. Next Day, 250+ Pwd's from Pune participated in Job fair where leading corporate like Tech Mahindra, Equitas Bank, Shaw Toyota, Hinduja Global Solutions etc participated for hiring persons with disabilities.

Two event was concluded by the valedictory session by Dr. Sudhir Gupta, National Vice president of NAAI highlighted the importance of participation in such events which helps build confidence and inculcates the habit of competing and doing well in life. The best performers were awarded with Gold, Silver and Bronze medal along with certificates. 29 PwDs won Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal in different trades. All the participants who failed to make it to the top three were presented with certificates of participation.

The event was successfully concluded under the guidance and support of Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Sh. Supriyo Gupta, Sh Sandeep Bhargava, General Vijay P Pawar, Dr. Shakti Vardhan, Sh. Firoze Bachha, Smt. Minetta Patil , Sh. CP Kapur, Col. Gupta and all other dignitaries.

Team Sarthak would also like to welcome Ms. Astha Raina, Adventures beyond barriers and Vinod Jain, Rotary Club Mumbai for joining Sarthak- Pune Advisory Board members



## Sarthak Events across locations

### 1. Inauguration of Kolkata Skill Building Center



Sarthak Educational Trust inaugurated skill building center in Kolkata supported by Cognizant Foundation in the presence of Sh. Arun Baid, Vice President, Sh Syed Tanvir Hussain, Senior Manager, Sh Mrunal Sharma,



Director and other head officials. Team Sarthak extends heartfelt thanks to Cognizant Foundation for stepping forward and building mainstreamed nation for persons with disabilities.

### 2. Sensitization workshop at Flipkart



Sarthak continuously organize sensitization workshops with stakeholders to generate awareness about disability and eradicate myths and misconceptions. This month Sarthak Educational Trust organized a sensitization workshop at Flipkart warehouse in Binola,



Gurugram. The recruitment team and the line managers along with the Hearing impaired candidates were present and actively participated in the discussion. The aim of the sensitization workshop is to bring awareness





and promote Inclusion at Workplace through discussion and various activities.

### 3. Offer Letter Distribution ceremony in Delhi with Powerlinks and Tata group.



Sarthak Delhi center organized offer letter distribution ceremony for the candidates who successfully completed the training program and now are successfully placed. Mr. Ajit Chawdhary, CSR Head, Tata sons and Ms.



Deeksha Singh, CSR Head from Powerlinks distributed the certificates to the candidates and visited Sarthak center to understand its operations in depth.

### 4. Exposure visit in Wow Momos



Allied Activities are the part of Sarthak Curriculum. This month, Sarthak Gurugram centre organized an exposure visit for person with disabilities at Wow Momos to provide them a glimpse of the roles and



responsibilities that comes while working in the hospitality sector. Sarthak Trainees received a wide exposure as practical knowledge always helps a students to grow and nurture as compared to theory.



## Turning Dreams into Realities!

For me, Sarthak is my lamp of hope and success. Today, my job in Wipro as an Associate is only due to tireless and zealous efforts of sarthak Hyderabad team. Sometimes, I feel depressed when my skills and ability is overlooked due to the absence of my right hand. Being a Mtech student, grabbing a job was not tough for me, but being an orthopedically handicapped it was. But, I always believed in the power of optimism and hard work and that showed up very well as sarthak gave me an opportunity to showcase my talent before employers who were sensitized and interested to build a mainstreamed nation. As a result, today with a pounding heart and chattering teeth, I would like to acknowledge sarthak and its team for taking such an

initiative for building inclusive workplace -says Chaitanya, OH trainee, Capgemini supported Sarthak Skill Building Center, Hyderabad.



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“One should dream big to accomplish his goals”- This statement is well justified by the story of Shankar Jadeya, OH trainee from NSDC supported Jaipur center. Shankar, a name among many who was struggling to get a decent job to support his family, whose only source of income is farming. Convincing his parents for breaking the barriers and allowing him to work in private firm was a challenge for Shankar. But this struggle was not so long as Shankar soon after convincing his parents opted sarthak skill building training program in Jaipur. Each day of Shankar in the center was passing with immense learning.

And, today, he is satisfied and working well as a CRM domestic profile in vertex.





## Media Coverages of the Month

Hindustan Times

### 'Abilympics' empowers specially abled

**PUNE:** The west zone regional 'Abilympics', (Olympics of abilities), was inaugurated by Mukta Tilak, mayor, at the Queen Mary's technical institute, Range hills, Khadki on Friday. The Kargil hall was abuzz with excitement as 250 differently abled people from the age groups of 18 to 35 gathered to express their skill sets at this Abilympics. Participants from across the country took part in 10 vocational-skill contests. Jitender Aggrawal, founder of Sarthak Educational Trust, said, "This event is held every four years and 30 candidates will be selected in each event and gold medal winners will then be selected for the nationals which will be held on July 15. Those who win at the nationals will represent India at the international Abilympics in China."

Sakal Times

### West zone regional Abilympics from today

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**Pune:** The city will be hosting the west zone regional Abilympics (Olympics of abilities) organised by National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI) and Sarthak educational trust this year.

The two-day event was supported by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (World Skills India), All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), and the Hans Foundation.

Participants from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh will be participating in 10 vocational skill contests which include competition in computer programming, Creating Web Pages, Data Processing, Word Processing, Photography, Poster Designing,

Embroidery, Waste Reuse, Painting and Restaurant Service categories.

The two-day event will comprise a regional conference on excellence in the skill of persons with disability (PwDs) through Abilympics in which corporate firms, government officials and NGOs working for welfare of PwDs will discuss the prospects and scope of empowering and providing sustainable economic stability to them.

The event will feature a job fair for the participants,

under which 20 corporate firms from the region will be conducting a hiring drive of the PwDs.

Jitender Aggrawal, founder of Sarthak Educational Trust, said, "Regional Abilympics is a focused effort for promoting vocational skills that are essential for PwDs to contribute to the society. At the same time, it is a moment of pride when you see corporate entities welcoming the skillful employees and get accustomed to a working environment."

Times of India

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Abilympics set to begin today

Sarthak Educational Trust and National Abilympics Association of India (NAAI) will kick off the West Zone Regional Abilympics — a two-day vocational skills contest — at Queen Mary's Technical Institute on Friday.

#### Over 100 participate in Abilympics

Abilympics, a vocational skills competition, was held at the Queen Mary's Technical Institute. More than 100 specially-abled people participated in the west zone regional competition, organized jointly by the National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI) and Sarthak Educational Trust.

Navbharat

### वेस्ट जोन रिजनल

संवाददाता पुणे. क्वीन मेरीज टेक्निकल इंस्टीट्यूट में नेशनल एबिलिंपिक्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया व सार्थक एजुकेशनल ट्रस्ट द्वारा आयोजित वेस्ट जोन रिजनल एबिलिंपिक्स दिव्यांगों के लिए व्यावसायिक कौशल प्रतियोगिता का उद्घाटन किया गया. इस प्रतियोगिता के उद्घाटन के अवसर पर पुणे की महापौर मुक्ता तिलक, सार्थक एजुकेशनल ट्रस्ट के संस्थापक व मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी डॉ. जितेंद्र अग्रवाल, साइन्स एन्ड टेक्नोलॉजी पार्क के सर संचालक राजेंद्र जगदाले, नेशनल एबिलिंपिक्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया के सदस्य मेजर जनरल विजय पवार, एनएएआय के उपाध्यक्ष व मोबाइल के कार्यकारी उपाध्यक्ष संदीप भागव, सार्थक सलाहकार समिति के सदस्य सुधीर गुप्ता, एनएएआय की राष्ट्रीय सचिव मिनेता पाटिल और सार्थक एजुकेशनल ट्रस्ट सलाहकार समिति के सदस्य फिरोज बाचा आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित थे.

### एबिलांपिक्स उद्घाटित



#### दिव्यांगों को मिलेगा लाभ

उद्घाटन के बाद विविध कंपनियों के सीएसआर प्रमुखों का चर्चासत्र संपन्न हुए. इस चर्चासत्र में थर्मैक्स के सीएसआर प्रमुख सुजाता देशपांडे, मोबाइल के कार्यकारी उपाध्यक्ष संदीप भागव आदी सहभागी हुए थे. इस प्रतियोगिता में महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात व मध्यप्रदेश के 100 से भी अधिक प्रतियोगी, 10 से अधिक व्यावसायिक कौशल सहभागी हुए

थे. इस दौरान कंप्यूटर, प्रोग्रामिंग, क्रिएटिंग वेब पेजेस, डाटा प्रोसेसिंग, फोटोग्राफी, पोस्टर डिजाइनिंग, एम्ब्रॉयडरी, वेस्ट रियुज, पेंटिंग व रेस्टोरेंट सर्विस की प्रतियोगिताएं संपन्न हुईं. इस प्रतियोगिता में विजेता स्पर्धक 15 जुलाई से 18 जुलाई 2018 दौरान दिल्ली में होनेवाले राष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिता के लिए पात्र होंगे.





## Employee & Employers' Speak

" We have hired 3 PwD trainees for our outlets in Gurugram and really amazed to see their dedication and commitment to work, we would love to hire more in future".

~ Jayant Jha- Operations Manager,Wow Momo- Gurugram

" I hired candidates from SARTHAK for housekeeping and Labeling Purpose. Candidates are really good and they are working hard. Best of luck for their future, best wishes".

~ Priyanka, Bazar Kolkata, Kolkata

"We have started hiring PwDs from Sarthak and these candidates are really enthusiastic about their work and very dedicated. Looking forward to hiring more in upcoming months."

~ Avinash Ambrose, Regional Manager, Compass Group

"Being a part of Sarthak-NAAI, its a great honour to me because they work for empowering the PwDs. I got good opportunity of learning new things and improve my social skills. Working for PwDs is satisfactory for me. NAAI is a great medium to provide a constructive platform for person with disability to improve their Vocational Skills through Abilympics competition. Proud to be part of this Abilympics event"

~ Rishab Parasher,ICT Trainer, Sarthak –NAAI

"I have been working in sarthak from last four month and it is a very good experience for me. Everyday in sarthak is full with new opportunity and new challenges, I have learnt a lot in last four months, it is also helping me in refining my skills and knowledge"

~ Ruby Solanki,ICT Trainer, Sarthak-NAAI

## New Employers of the Month



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