

## National Abilympic Association of India –Vocational Skill Competition for the persons with Disability

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Abilympics (Olympics of Abilities) are vocational skill competitions specifically designed for persons with disabilities to enable them to expose their unique talents. Japan Organization for Employment of the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities and Job Seekers (JEED) has held Abilympics competitions since 1972 to enrich lives of persons with disability by training and encouraging them to pursue their utmost potential.

The first Abilympics competition was held in **Tokyo** in **1981** to commemorate the **United Nations' International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP)**. Abilympics now takes place every four years, governed under the **International Abilympic Federation, Japan**, and has been internationally held in **Tokyo, Japan (1981); Colombia (1985); Hong Kong (1989); Perth, Australia (1995); Prague, The Czech Republic (2000); New Delhi, India (2003); Shizuoka, Japan (2007); Seoul, South Korea (2011); Bordeaux, France (2016)**.

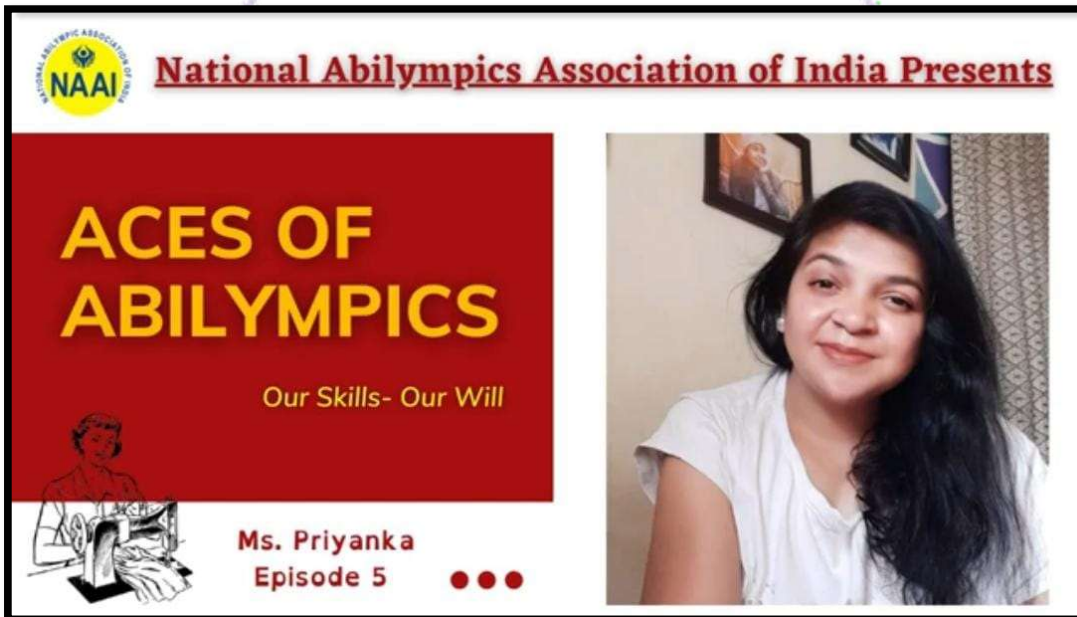
### Overview of National Abilympics Association of India

NAAI was launched basically to organize India's participation in the 6th Abilympics to be held in New Delhi and in the subsequent international events. The association originated at Amar Jyoti, Charitable Trust in Delhi and has since then expanded to five zones across India.

### The primary objectives of NAAI are:

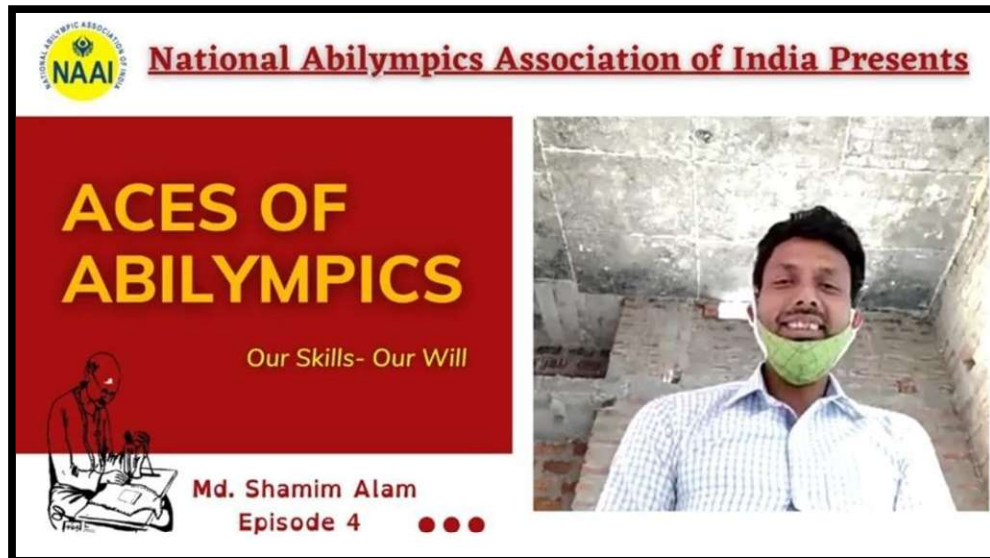
- To develop, initiate and implement strategies to promote Abilympics in the country.
- To advocate, organize, and participate in regional, national, and international competitions to empower disabled persons.
- To provide exposure and equal opportunities to disabled persons to advanced technologies in various vocational, leisure and living skills.
- To help increase the confidence of those competing and provide memorable occasions for all persons involved.

### Presenting our Abilympic Heros of April 21



*"Hello, my name is Priyanka. I hail from Mumbai. I have always had a keen eye on fashion and the things that goes around latest trends. Being an HI did bar me from a lot of things but my passion for learning has always been bigger. I came to know about Abilympics and decided to participate in west zone in embroidery skill category. I won a gold medal in Pune in 2018 which is when I became even more enthusiastic to make it big. The next round of competitions was in Delhi, fortunately with the full support of Abilympics team and my family I won a gold medal there as well. My journey with Abilympics has been fantastic and I have grown both professionally and emotionally. Currently, I am focused on winning a gold at the international competition to be held in Moscow in 2022."*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3p\\_8GJClqy8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3p_8GJClqy8)



*"Hello My name is Md. Shamim Alam. I hail from Gaya, Bihar. I am an OH candidate with disability in the left leg. I am happily married. Owing to my disabilities could only complete my 10th standard and had to give up on my education for my other brothers and sisters. Life with disability was very hard for me, but my father has been my mentor and inspired me to make it big. My father gave me training for tailoring. I Came to know about abilympics in Bihar and probed the way to the competition on regional level in Kolkata. Combined efforts of Abilympics team and my father motivated me and I won a gold medal in Kolkata 2018. It's been 7 years of me working as a tailor in Gaya. I have worked day in and day out to train myself. My only message to my other disabled brothers and sisters would be that, please count your abilities, it's your abilities that define you, not your disabilities."*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NyMDO4BkfU>

## CALL FOR ACTION

All individuals, regardless of disability, deserve the opportunity to be full members of their community where they can live, learn, work and play through all stages of life. National Abilympics Association of India is an opportunity for young people with disabilities and learning difficulties to showcase their skills.

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