

## National Abilympics 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

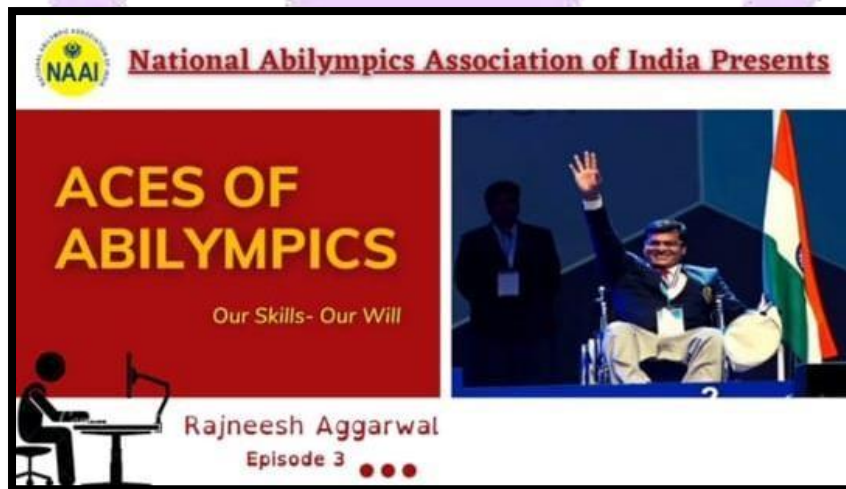
NAAI was launched basically to organize India's participation in the 6th Abilympics to be held in New Delhi and in the subsequent international events. The association originated at **Amar Jyoti, Charitable Trust** in **Delhi** and has since then expanded to five zones across India. All five zones are associated with local NGOs connected to the disability sector. They work together with the help of NGOs and district administrations to arrange and host regional level Abilympics prior to the national & international competitions to assist in spreading the Abilympics movement around the country. **On December 12, 2016, SARTHAK EDUCATIONAL TRUST**, engaged in mainstreaming of Persons with Disability through **VOCATIONAL SKILLING AND PLACEMENT** since 2008 officially took over National Abilympic

Association of India. Sarthak is serving its beneficiary groups through 17 centers throughout India with the support of [The Hans Foundation](#), and various other agencies.

## Categories of Competition – Bakery, CAD architecture, Jewelry making, flower Making, tailoring

Aces of Abilympics is a new series started by Sarthak Educational Trust where it highlights the achievements of the Abilympic heroes

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*“Hello, My name’s **Rajneesh Aggarwal**. There was no awareness of polio in the place I was born as a result of which I got diagnosed with Polio. My parents have always been determined for me to do something great. It wasn’t just me who dreamt of making it big, my parents dreamt alongside of me and left no stone unturned. My disability has never affected the behavior of my friends and family towards me. The turning point in my life was brought through NAAI in 2005. It gave me a lens to hone my capabilities and became the biggest platform for me. I visited **Japan in 2007** through NAAI and represented India where I **operated a robot with the help of a computer**. I also got an opportunity to go to **South Korea in 2011** where I participated in **Unique programming** where I, as an international candidate from India, bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> position. I love the idea of what NAAI is based on. It imbues confidence in the lives of the differently abled.”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jISWEw-4eCw>

## 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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