

## 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)**. Upcoming event for the year 2021-22 will be held in **Moscow, Russia**.

### 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 Hero for the month of August



The image shows a YouTube video player thumbnail. At the top left is the Sarthak Educational Trust logo. At the top right is the National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI) logo. The title of the video is "Ace of Abilympics". Below the title, it says "National Abilympics Association of India Presents". The main text on the thumbnail reads "ACES OF ABILYMPICS" in large white letters on a purple background, with a play button icon. Below this, it says "Our Skills- Our Will". The name "Mr. Mukesh" and "Episode 8" are displayed. At the bottom, it says "Watch on YouTube" and "a Processing". To the right of the text is a photograph of Mr. Mukesh, a man in a wheelchair, sitting outdoors. Below the video player, the text "Aces of Abilympics (AOA) Mukesh- Episode 8" is centered.

Watch his full story on - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAscjDT6XV4&t=101s>

“Teaching is the greatest act of optimism and disability is just a matter of perception”

This time we bring you the story of Mr. Mukesh, who did not let his locomotor disability restrict his dreams. Our OH candidate, Mr. Mukesh has won numerous Regional & National abilympic events and is now all set to represent India in the upcoming International Abilympic Event at Russia. Currently, he teaches UPSC aspirants via his youtube channel- @Bullu IAS. He extends his deepest regards for Sarthak NAAI for elevating his confidence to another level.

## 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 Abilitympics Association of India is an opportunity for young people with disabilities and learning difficulties to showcase their skills.

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