

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

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Abilympic (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 Abilympic 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 Abilympic 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 October



National Abilympics Association of India Presents

ACES OF ABILYMPICS

Our Skills- Our Will

Mr. Shivam Kumar
Episode 9
Computer Programming ●●●



Watch his full story on - <https://youtu.be/ofoFe4z4atw>

“Less Can’t and More Can!!”

If you have discipline, drive & determination, nothing is impossible. Proves our OH candidate- Shivam Kumar who didn’t let polio steal his abilities and won numerous medals in Computer Programming at Regional and National Abilympics.

October 2021 Developments

- The upcoming Abilympics event will be held in Moscow, Russia. Finalized dates of the event have been received from Russian Abilympics Federation. It is scheduled to take place from 23rd to 29th May, 2022.
- NAAI has started planning the roadmap to upscale the skills of selected candidates, as per international standard competitions through Academic Experts.
- Assessments in 13 skill categories have been done in October to select best candidates from National winners and new entries from corporate and Premier institutes. Participants are jointly assessed by Experts identified from Academic institutes by NAAI.

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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