

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

**(Progress Report- September 2021)**

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 September



**National Abilympics Association of India Presents**



**ACES OF ABILYMPICS**  
Our Skills- Our Will

**Mrs. Bhagyashri Nadimetala**  
Episode 8  
Dress Making ●●●



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

“I don’t need easy; I just need Possible!!”

This time we bring you the story of the story of a teacher- Bhagyashree, who wore her tragedy as an armour not shackles & continue to teach her way through hearing impairment. She not just mastered her career aspirations but also her optimism could beat her disability and take her to the success she desired for.

## September 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 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.
- NAAI has started planning the roadmap to upscale the skills of selected candidates, as per international standard competitions through Academic Experts.
- Activities are underway to assess National winners (2018-2019) and New entries as well in 16 skill categories.
- Participants will be jointly assessed by Experts identified from Academic institutes by NAAI.

- The Process of assessment has started wherein assessment tasks are being prepared by team of Experts.
- Contacting the participants and registration of new entries is also in progress.

## 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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