



National Abilympic Association of India

Annual Report

Year 2009-2010

The National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI) was formed in May 2001 at the behest of the Government of India with Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust as its coordinating agency. The main aims and objectives of NAAI are:

- To formulate, initiate and implement policies to propagate Abilympics – the Olympics of vocational skills - in the country.
- To provide facilities for enhancement of skills in different vocations to persons with disabilities.
- To promote and organize Regional, National and International meets and competitions in vocational skills.
- To involve Central and State Governments & NGOs in the activities of NAAI.
- To empower persons with disabilities for economic independence.
- To provide exposure and opportunity to persons with disabilities to share and learn latest technological developments in various vocational fields.

The headquarters of NAAI was established at Amar Jyoti Rehabilitation & Research Centre, Delhi. The five zonal offices i.e. North, South, East, West & Centre were established for spreading the movement and facilitate ease of functioning. These were established in NGOs working in the disability sector with requisite infrastructure. Heads of these NGOs and some other well known persons in the field of disability sector were appointed as Vice President in each Zone. This helped to create a network amongst the NGOs, Government and different sections of the society to spread the message of Abilympics and provided a platform to persons with disability to showcase their abilities in different vocational skills.

After its inception in 2001, NAAI has conducted District, Sub-Regional and Regional Abilympics. The First National Abilympics was organized in 2002. The winners of the



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Nationals participated in the 6th International Abilympics organized in 2003 where India won a total of 31 medals. The Second Nationals were held in 2007 at Delhi. The gold medal winners participated in the 7th International Abilympics held in Japan in 2007. All the medal winners of the International Abilympics were given cash prizes by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. All these activities were possible with full support from the Government, NGOs, the private and public sectors as well as individuals.

The National Abilympic Association of India is in its 9th year of existence. During this period the Abilympic movement has become quite popular across the country. A large cross-section of society has become aware of the abilities of the differently-abled. Increasingly, a larger number of institutions and persons with disability are showing interest and keenness to participate in the vocational as well as leisure and living skills competitions at District, State, Regional and National levels.

The 3rd National Abilympics are scheduled to be held from October 22-24, 2010 at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The event is being organized by Samanvay Parivaar Trust under the leadership of Dr. Jitendra Jamdar. Efforts to raise funds to organize the Nationals have started in right earnest. The medal winners of the Regional Abilympics 2008-09 held in all the 5 zones will participate in the Nationals. In addition, a limited number of lateral entries will be allowed based on the recommendation of the respective Zonal Vice Presidents. These lateral entries will be restricted to individuals who either earn their livelihood from the respective vocational/ leisure skills events or for any reason could not participate in the Regionals. However, if anybody has participated in the Regional Abilympics 2008-09 but had not won a medal will not be allowed to participate under this category. It is proposed to formulate the task assignments for the Nationals based on the guidelines for the 8th IA. The broad parameters of the task assignments will be circulated in the next 2-3 months.

Progress Update

The second Inter-State Junior Abilympics to be organized by The Research Society for the Care, Treatment & Training of Children in Need of Special Care, Mumbai, during January 2009 under the aegis of NAAI. These were later postponed to April and, subsequently to October-November 2009 on the request of several participating organizations and because of



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the then impending State elections. These were subsequently postponed indefinitely following the terrorist attack on 26/11.

As decided in the last AGM, the Regional Vice Presidents were requested to organize District level competitions. Janarth, Aurangabad in collaboration with Marg and the Social Welfare Department of the Zila Parishad conducted District Abilympics in September 2009. The competitions organized included tailoring, computer events, and a few new competitions which have a potential to earn from the skills locally. These new competitions were gift wrapping, decorating a candle, mehendi, bridal make-up etc. It was very encouraging to note that intellectually challenged persons enjoyed participating in these events. A total of 239 participants belonging to all the four disabilities took part in the competitions. All the 29 institutions from Aurangabad participated. The city Mayor graced the Prize Distribution ceremony.

The Apparel Export Promotion Council, Gurgaon was approached to join hands with NAAI to co-sponsor some events in Abilympics and also to provide employment to the medal winners in their affiliates. Despite several reminders no positive response has been received from them. We will pursue the matter.

Participation in the Executive Committee Meeting of International Abilympic Federation (IAF)

Air Mshl S G Inamdar, Dr. (Mrs.) Uma Tuli and Dr. A K Datta attended the 25th EC Meeting of IAF held in Dubai on November 8, 2009. In the meeting, discussions were held to make future International Abilympics more effective events. A number of amendments to the rules for Abilympics were discussed and suggestions for changes deliberated and agreed. One of the important issues discussed was with reference to the description of task assignment. It was felt that in the task assignments which are made available before the events the detailed information on specifications including the charts and specific dimensions should not be provided. When all the details are given the contestants practice only that specific assignment which prevents them before acquiring widely applicable skills. The representatives of KEPAD has presented a summary of implementation plan for the 8th IA to be held from Sept. 25-30, 2011 in Seoul, South Korea. It is proposed to conduct a total of 33 vocational skills contests



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and 7 leisure and living skills contests. It was also confirmed that the scholarship programme for sponsorship for participants from developing countries will also be available for IA 2011 participants. The details for the same will be worked out and made known in the next few months.

Regional Abilympics

The process of conducting Regional Abilympics started in 2009 was concluded during the year. Regional Abilympics in the Central, North, East zone were completed by March 2009 with a large number of participants. The Abilympics in South Zone were conducted at Bangaluru in May 2009. The event was organized by KPAMRC and Parivaar. The events were



supported by Association for Persons with Disabilities, Vatsalya Dental Clinic, VRC, Vogue Fashion Institute, Gerizim Rehabilitation Trust and Association for Mentally Challenged. A total of 158 participants took part in 20 events. The highest number of contestants took part in English Text processing and the least in Dental Techniques.

Membership: The total membership of NAAI as on date is as under:

Institutional Members : 44

Individual Members : 48

Audit Report: The unaudited Accounts for the year 2009-10 have been compiled and will be audited by a firm of Chartered Accounts. The audited balance sheet of NAAI as on March 31, 2009 and also the Income & Expenditure Account for the year on that date has been



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forwarded to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The office of Director General of Audit Central Revenues, have audited the accounts for the year 2008-09 in January 2010 and have found the same to be satisfactory.

Conclusion: It is expected that the Abilympic movement will grow further with the support of the Government of India, State Governments, private and public sector, NGOs and philanthropists. It is expected to help create job opportunities including self employment. As at present, it will continue to provide a platform to persons with disabilities to demonstrate their vocational skills and enable their socio-economic development. The Abilympics have helped create awareness in the society about the abilities of persons with disabilities and demonstrate that given an opportunity they are second to none.