



National Abilympic Association of India

Annual Report

Year 2010-2011

The National Abilympic Association of India (NAAI) was formed in May 2001 at the behest of the Ministries of Human Resource Development and Social Justice & Empowerment, 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.



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After its inception in 2001, NAAI has been conducting District, Sub-Regional, Regional and National Abilympics. The First and Second National Abilympics were organized at Delhi in 2002 & 2007 respectively. 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 10th year of existence. During this period a large cross-section of society in the country 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 were held from October 22-24, 2010 at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The event was organized by Indian Red Cross Society Jabalpur and Samanvay Kendra Jabalpur under the leadership of Dr. Jitendra Jamdar. He along with the Collector of Jabalpur was able to mobilize all the necessary resources for 3rd Nationals. A total of 434 participants (including those who took part in 2 contests) took part in 33 events. In 4 events the number of participants was less than 5 and as such no gold medal was awarded. The Governing Body expressed their happiness at the convergence of resources at Jabalpur.

Progress Update

As a part of the preparations for the 3rd National Abilympics the collector and other senior Officials at Jabalpur were fully involved in making arrangements of the Nationals. A number of committees constituted to oversee the progress made sure that all necessary arrangements for holding the contests and for stay of the officials and contestants were in place. Seed money was received from the local





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MP, the Mayor of Jabalpur and other district authorities. The officials and contestants were put up in specially erected Swiss Cottages which was a unique experience for all.

It was for the first time that NAAI decided to organize the event outside the National Capital. The event was financially supported by Madhya Pradesh Government. The venue for the event Ranital Satdium and Babu Rao Paranjpe Stadium were made fully barrier-free with the help of Government and the Local Administration. The event was inaugurated by Shri Ishwar Das Rohani, Honorable Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly. A total of 470 participants (370 contestants [252 male and 118 females] including 100 officials and escorts) participated.





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It was observed and pointed out by some of the Judges that the level of skills of gold medal winners in some of the events was not upto the International Standard. It was decided that only those Gold medal winners of the 3rd Nationals be included in the Indian contingent to be sent to Korea for participation in the 8th International Abilympics during September 2011, who qualify the skill assessment and selections to be subsequently organized in Delhi. The Skill evaluation trials were conducted at Delhi on February 24-25, 2011. The tentative task assignments received from the organizers in Korea were circulated to the gold medal winners and used for the evaluation. The expenses for travel by train, board and lodging in Delhi for the assessment were borne by NAAI. As a result of the assessment, and based on the recommendations of the Judges, the final selection of participants for the 8th International Abilympics will be finalized. It was also decided that the names of 3-4 experts to act as Judges in the International event be forwarded to the organizers in Korea. However, the eventual participation in the 8th International Abilympics, will as in the past, depend entirely on the availability of the sufficient funds to support the trip. The Secretary General was requested to pursue this with the Ministry for release of funds to enable participation in the International Abilympics.

It was stressed that efforts be made to plan and organize an intensive training programme including exposure the equipment to be used during the internationals in the training at the respective places of participants. The regional vice presidents, members of the GB were requested to constantly review the training.

It was decided that with the spread of abilympic movement in the country it has now become necessary to have a second look on the objectives of the NAAI. It may now be necessary to de-link the Nationals from selection of contestants for the International event. It was also felt that efforts should now be concentrated to holding abilympics on district level to increase awareness amongst the society of the potential of persons with disability.

An offer has been received from Bhubaneshwar to hold the next Regional Abilympics there. This is welcome move and more such offers to organise the district and state level abilympics in different parts of the country will enable the movement to reach the yet unreached. .



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8th International Abilympics 2011

The 8th International Abilympics will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from September 25-30, 2011. The venue of Abilympics is aT Centre and Olympic Hall. The mascot for the 8th International Abilympics is Bangwoori which means “A Drop of Sweat” and the slogan for the same is “Unlimited Challenge to the World”. The drop of sweat, Bangwoori, supports the strong passion of the contestants who believe in the unlimited challenge to the world. The International Abilympics is the start of a better future beyond. The organizers expect approx. 1500 participants from 50 nations. An exhibition and demonstration of assistive devices/technology, handmade crafts and demonstrations of culture etc. of each participation will be held during this period. It is also proposed to organize an International Symposium on September 28, 2011 as a part of the event where approx. 400 participants are expected to take part. Subject to the availability of funds and based on the assessments the Indian contingent for participation in the International event will be finalized.

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

Institutional Members : 40

Individual Members : 51

Audit Report: Since no major event was planned during the year the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment was requested to release funds for the National Headquarters, the Regional offices and the Skills Assessment trials. The Accounts for the year 2009-10 have been audited by a firm of Chartered Accounts. The audited balance sheet of NAAI as on March 31, 2010 and also the Income & Expenditure Account for the year on that date has been 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: The Abilympics have helped create awareness in the society about the abilities of persons with disabilities and demonstrate their potential. It is expected that the Abilympic movement will grow further with the support of the Government of India, State



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Governments, private and public sector, NGOs and philanthropists. The future direction of growth of NAAI, its role and means to reach the unreached will be discussed at length. The main focus will, as at present continue to provide a platform to persons with disabilities to enhance their vocational skills by providing them an exposure to latest development and technologies which will enable their socio-economic development and self-reliance.