



National Ability Association of India

Annual Report

Year 2011 - 2012

The National Ability 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 discover and nurture the talent of persons with disabilities and propagate abilitympics in the country.
- To provide training in different vocations for enhancement of skills of 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 forge friendship, 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 Abilitympics and provided a platform to persons with disability to showcase their abilities in different vocational skills.

The National Ability Association of India is in its 11th year of existence. Since its inception in 2001, NAAI has been conducting District, Sub-Regional, Regional and National



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Abilympics. NAAI is a member of International Abilympic Federation and India has been participating in the International Abilympics regularly. All the medal winners of the International Abilympics were given cash prizes by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

While the 1st and 2nd National Abilympics held in Delhi, it was the first time the 3rd National Abilympics were held outside Delhi. The event was organized at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh by Indian Red Cross Society Jabalpur and Samanvaya Kendra Jabalpur with financial support from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, private sector and philanthropists. Skill Evaluation trials for all the gold medal winners of the 3rd Nationals were conducted at Delhi during February 2011. Based on the recommendations of Judges 16 contestants were selected for inclusion in the Indian contingent to participate in the 8th International Abilympics to be held in Korea during September 2011. One of the members could not be included in the final contingent because all the necessary documents were not submitted in time.

Progress Update: From past experience it was noticed that it is necessary 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 participants began their training at their respective places of residence/work to improve their skills. The regional vice presidents, members of the GB periodically reviewed the training. The officials of NAAI selected a number of institutes and mentors for a three week training programme in Delhi.

An official kit including blazer with NAAI emblem embroidered on the pocket, trouser, and sarees for the ladies was given to each participant. ONGC was kind enough to sponsor some items for the kit including 2 shirts, sweater, 2 pairs of socks, track suit, suitcase and a shoulder bag.

Shri Mukul Wasnik, Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India invited the team on September 21, 2011 to wish them Good Luck and Safe Journey. The Hon'ble Minister interacted with the participants and advised them to make the country proud both by their performance in the contest and behaviour in Korea.



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8th International Abilympics 2011

An Indian contingent of 25 persons including 15 contestants, 3 Judges, 7 Officials and escorts participated in the 8th International Abilympics held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from September 25-30, 2011. Out of a total of 40 contests Indian contestants took part in 18 events and 4 of them took part in more than one event. A copy of the task assignment and, in some cases, sample of the task was displayed at the contests site for reference. A total of 436 contestants (487 skill category



wise) from 35 countries participated in the contests. In addition delegations from large number of countries were present during the contests. The abilities displayed by the participants in all the contests and computer events in particular were highly impressive. India won one bronze medal in embroidery and 3 special prizes in computer programming, computer assembly and dress making – basic course.



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A meeting of the Executive Committee of IAF was held during the above period. Mr. Taro Muraki took over as the new President of IAF. Election of office bearers for the term 2011 - 2015 was held. Dr. Uma Tuli was amongst the new members elected to the Executive Committee.

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

Institutional Members : 38

Individual Members : 53

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 a large cross section of the society in the country has become aware of the abilities of persons with different disabilities. A larger number of institutions and persons with disabilities are showing interest and keenness to participate in



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the vocational as well as leisure and living skills competitions at State and Regional level. The exposure in the International event has made the contestants more determined to work harder and improve their professional skills. It is expected that the Ability Olympiad movement will grow further with the support of the Government of India, State Governments, private and public sector, NGOs and philanthropists.