



National Ability Association of India

Annual Report

Year 2012 - 2013

The National Ability 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 to serve as a nodal agency to formulate, initiate and implement policies to propagate Abilitympics – the Olympics of vocational skills - in the country. The broad objectives of NAAI are:

- 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.

To begin with, the country was categorized into five zones i.e. North, South, East, West & Central for ease of functioning. Two to three persons who were associated with local NGOs with requisite infrastructure in the disability sector were appointed as Vice President in each Zone. This helped to spread the message of Abilitympics and provided a platform for persons with disability to showcase their abilities in different vocational skills.

Since its inception, NAAI has enabled the participation of Indian Contingent in the 6th and 7th International Abilitympics. In addition, Sub-Regional, Regional, the First and Second Nationals and the 6th International Abilitympics were organized. All this was possible with full support from the Government, NGOs, the private and public sectors as well as individuals.



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The National Ability Association of India is in its 13th year of existence. During this period the Ability scene has changed and the movement has become quite popular and is gaining momentum 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 level.

In order to plan Regional Ability budget for conducting the same in different zones was formulated and submitted to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for approval. Sanction of the budget is awaited. A copy of the independent auditor's report as on March 31, 2013 including the Income & Expenditure and the Receipt & Payment for the year is attached.

Efforts were also made to spread the Ability movement outside the country. A team of three members went to Mauritius and made presentation to NGOs and institutions working in the disability sector. Subsequently at the initiative of NAAI, Global Rainbow Foundation, Mauritius applied for membership to International Ability Federation. Their membership was strongly supported by the Secretary General in the meeting of the Executive Committee of IAF. GRF, Mauritius has since become a member of the IAF. Presentations on holding the First Ability in Mauritius were also made and GRF was planning to hold the First Ability in August 2013.