

Indore's 'special' cricketer in India squad for tri-nation T20 tourney

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Indore: A physically challenged cricket player from Indore will be donning the Team India T-shirt in the tri-nation tournament for physically challenged to be played in Kolkata. He has been selected as an all-rounder.

The three countries that are participating in the tournament are Nepal, Bangladesh and India. The tournament will be held in Kolkata from April 25.

Matches will be played in T20 format. Three matches will be held in Kolkata on



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April 25, 26 and 27 as the players are camping and practising for four days between April 21 and April 24. The first match will be played between India and Bangladesh.

It is being organized by Disabled Sporting Society of

Agra, which has also organized world cup of physically challenged cricket players in Agra. "The disabled cricket team has all players with over 40 per cent disability. The players are from all over the country including MP, Punjab, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, UP, Haryana and Karnataka," said Brajesh Dwivedi, who has 60 per cent disability due to polio.

Brajesh Dwivedi, who is working as deputy manager at IIT-Indore, had been selected for the tournament on April 6 as an all-rounder. This will be Dwivedi's third

international tournament after having played for the state multiple times. With the help of special coaches, Dwivedi was able to hone his batting and bowling skills. While he has polished his bowling technique as a spinner, he has to rely on runners during batting.

The 36-year-old cricket player had been a victim of polio since birth. However, he kept playing cricket despite all odds. "I would like to thank IIT-Indore director for encouraging me to participate in the tournament," Dwivedi added.