

IIT-I's Brajesh Dwivedi part of Indian Divyang Cricket Team

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IIT-Indore's non-teaching staff, Brajesh Dwivedi, will be taking part as a member of the Indian Divyang cricket team in the Bangabandhu series T20 tournament organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Association for the physically challenged from March 27-31. This four-nation tournament is organised under the aegis of the Paralympic Committee of Bangladesh in the memory Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Teams from India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka are participating in this tournament.

Dwivedi, a senior assistant at IIT-Indore, is part of the Indian team and only player from Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier, Dwivedi had represented the Indian cricket team in the International Cricket Tournament for the physically challenged held in Kolkata



in November 2017. He has been a part of the Indian Divyang team since 2017 and has represented India in many international matches. He was captain of the Mumbai Idols team in the first Divyang Premier League held in Sharjah, UAE, in 2021. He was 'Man of the Match' in the first match of the series and led the team to the semi-finals.

Dwivedi said, "This is the first international trip of my life in which I'll be representing my country and it's no less than a dream. It's the result of my 22 years of hard work that,

today, I've been selected for such a big series. I'm grateful to the Divyang Cricket Control Board of India for considering worthy of this selection. I'll give my best performance to make my country win this series. IIT-Indore has always provided me with all kinds of facilities to fulfil my passion. I'm sure that my journey will motivate many other Divyang brothers and sisters to fulfil their dreams."

Dwivedi has been honoured with many awards, which include 'Madhya Pradesh Khel Ratna, 2019, Award' by the National Sports Times, Bhopal; 'India's Shining Star Award, 2019' by the Youth India Development Board, New Delhi; 'India Star Passion Award, 2019' by India Star Book of Records; 'Divyang Ratna, 2018' by Umaid Helpline Foundation, Jaipur. He was also nominated as 'Broad Ambassador' for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan of Satna City.