

# The Indian Mathematics Wizard Who Is 'Quicker Than The Calculator'



**Neelkantha Bhanu Prakash**, 20, from Hyderabad has won the first gold medal for India at the **Mental Calculation World Championship** at Mind Sports Olympiad held in London recently.

"Beating 29 competitors, up to 57 years of age, from 13 countries, I won the gold medal with a clear margin of 65 points. The judges were spellbound by my speed; they required me to perform more calculations to confirm my accuracy," Neelkantha Bhanu Prakash said.

The Mind Sport Olympiad was held virtually with 30 participants from the UK, Germany, UAE, France, Greece and Lebanon. The math event was first held in 1998.

He holds four world records and 50 Limca records for being the 'fastest human calculator' in the world. His brain calculates quicker than the speed of a calculator.

This is the first time that India has won a gold medal. It is the most prestigious international competition for games of mental skill and mind sports...This is equivalent to any other Olympic event.