

# International Robocon to be held on August 24

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**Pune:** Doordarshan has organised the International Robocon competition at Shiv Chhatrapati Krida Sankul, Balewadi on August 24. The event will be hosted by MIT Academy of Engineering. Students from 16 different countries are expected to compete in the contest.

Sunil Karad, Executive Director, MIT Group of Institutes and Chief Convener of ABU Robocon India, said that Indian students

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have never won International Robocon due to various reasons such as sourcing of parts, lack of robotic culture and industry-academia partnership. However, this year presents a glimmer of hope as Nirma Institute of Technology was the winner of National Robocon.

Being the host country, India will be allowed to field

two teams. Hence, both the winner and first runner-up (VJTI Mumbai) of National Robocon, held in March 2014, will represent India in International Robocon 2014.

Mukesh Sharma, Additional Director General, Doordarshan, Prasar Bharati India Chief Convener — ABU ROBOCON India 2014, said, "The idea is to inspire students, from IITs to rural engineering colleges, to embrace robotics, innovate, prepare to be competent at a global level and solve crucial problems faced by mankind."