

West Bengal Student Honored with International Award

Arlington, Va., February [XX], 2024 – Korok Biswas of Kolkata, West Bengal, India, received the 2024 Yes I Can Award for Art from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Willow will be honored this March along with other Yes I Can recipients at the CEC Convention and Expo in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

The Yes I Can Awards celebrate the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities, encouraging these individuals to seek their highest potential and increasing public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of those with disabilities.

Korok was born with Down Syndrome and intellectual disabilities. Despite a lack of family and community support, his parents worked tirelessly to ensure that their son had opportunities to grow and succeed. With the help of his parents, school, and teachers, Korok found his passion in dance and music.

After pursuing formal dance training, Korok has won many awards and accolades, nationally and internationally. Notably, he received the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Shakti Award under the National Child Awards, awarded by India's president and prime minister, and was recognized by UNESCO's International Dance Council.

Korok plans to continue his dance career and open a dance school for persons with special needs. "You need to keep practicing and be attentive to the music playing during a show rather than at the judges or the audiences present," says Biswas.

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Learn more about CEC at <https://exceptionalchildren.org/>.